

THE GYROLOG



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OUR LAST MEETING was held on Tuesday evening April 10th at Kelly's Saloon in Fort Edmonton Park. As this is my first bulletin since 2 January - any errors or omissions will be readily accepted!

First, my sincere thanks to Padre Bill Graham for editing the Gyrolog in my absence, which he did in his own informative and humorous manner, under the pen name of Holy Willie. I had hoped that he would continue as Editor and I would act as assistant, but now he has been elected First Vice President of our club it is too much to expect.

While our attendance on 10 April was not "up to par" especially as it was Election Night, it was a good evening despite the fact that we did not have a Mr. Russell Roger running for President this time.

Chairman of the Elections Committee John Pedden, made sure that each nominee for office was properly introduced by their nominators.

As the respective merits and unlimited capabilities of the candidates were extolled it became obvious that they are highly qualified group. Once the malarky was finished and the votes cast the following were elected as follows; PRESIDENT MERRILL MORSTAD: FIRST V/PRES REV. BILL GRAHAM: SECOND V/PRESIDENT JOHN ROSS: SECRETARY DICK OGILVIE: TREASURER BARRY WALKER.

We thank these good men for accepting these leadership roles. Our congratulations and best wishes for a terrific year in Gyro 1991-92.

A Primary Ballot for Club Directors followed with the following qualifying as candidates for election:- Gunnar Anderson: Larry Dobson: Jack Ellis: John Simpson & Rick Newcombe. The final ballot for Directors will take place at our Annual Meeting on 23 April, when the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected Club Directors for a two year term.

Our thanks to John Pedden for his job as Returning Officer..

BIRTHDAYS - greetings and best wishes to two Gyros born under the sign of Aries - but a few years apart. Mel Snihurowych on 2 April and to our Honorary Member Wes Van Dusen who added to his longevity on 12 April. Happy days and many more!

HEALTH & WELFARE: Neil Sheidow reported that Howard Wilson was in hospital receiving further treatment for an eye problem. He is expected home soon and we hope things will be improved.

Tommy Douglas was hospitalized because of a heart attack caused by a blockage of a blood vessel. However he was discharged on 12 April and said he is coming along OK.

Don Popowich is looking and feeling much better after spending some time in hospital, where his problem was at first incorrectly diagnosed. However all's well that ends well.

IN REVIEW - It was reported that the District VIII Interim Meeting held at Fairmont Hot Springs 15-17 March was a great success, with good representation from our Club.

The Ski week-end at Jasper on 5-7 April was very well attended with fun for all. Our thanks to Merrill Morstad for his good work in organizing this family oriented event.

MAIL CALL - we received two postcards from our perennial travellers, Andy & Blanche Friderichsen, who are currently on a round the world cruise. The first card shows a picture of the Cruise Ship Canberra - 45,000 tons, with 800 officers & crew, with 1082 passengers aboard. The second PC was mailed from Mombasa, Kenya, where the temperature was 31° C. Sounds like they are having a wonderful trip.

They send greetings to all and Andy provided the following "thoughts for the day".

(a) Nothing gives a man indigestion like eating his own words! and (b) Two heads are better than one, but they can confuse a driver if they are both in the back seat!"

COMING EVENTS - Annual Bridge wind-up. John Pedden reported that this will take place on Thursday 18 April at the Victoria (Municipal) Golf Course Clubhouse, where you will enjoy barbecued steaks and play bridge. Non-bridge players are welcome. Cost \$15.00 per person with activities getting underway at 6.30 p.m.

TRI-CLUB INSTALLATION - this all important annual event to which each of us is obligated, will be held on Saturday 11 May 1991 at the Regency Hotel, East Ballroom, Argyll Road and 75th Street. Cocktails 6-7 p.m. Dinner 7-8 p.m. Installation of Officers 8-9 followed with dancing to 1.00 a.m. Cost \$60.00 per couple.

Having elected our club leaders for the coming year, we now have the obligation to support them beginning with our attendance at their Installation. Let us all fulfill this obligation with a good turnout on May 11th and enjoy the party with our Crossroads and Sherwood Park friends. Good attendance at our various club functions is every Gyros responsibility - don't be counted among the missing!!

Annual Golf Tournament - Red Deer. This popular event has been arranged for Thursday 6 June at the Riverbend Golf Course in Red Deer, with the Crossroads Gyro Club in charge of arrangements. More information to follow - but mark it on your calendar now!

GYROETTE GOLF SCRAMBLE - Ernie Siegel announced this annual mixed event will take place on Thursday August 8th at the Indian Lakes Golf Course. Further information to follow but mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

GYRO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION will be held on 17-23 June 1991 at Niagara Falls. Check the Gyroscope for total information.

GYRO DISTRICT 8 CONVENTION - July 18-21 1991 at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, Regina, Sask. We need a good turnout from our club in support of our new President Merrill Morstad and company. Start making plans now!

EXTERNAL EXTENSION - President Roger reported that a new Gyro Club has been formed in Bedford, Nova Scotia. Our congratulations and best wishes to the newest members of our Gyro organization.

OBITUARY - we were saddened to learn of the death on 2 April 1991 of the Honourable Mr. Justice Jack L. McPherson, a long time member and Past President of the Gyro Club of Calgary. He will be sadly missed by all. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Hazel and family.

TELEPHONE CHANGE Howard Wilson's new telephone number is 488-4351 - please amend your club roster accordingly.

SCIENCE & MEDICINE - In the Sunday edition of the Edmonton Journal dated 14 April 1991, is a story about Dr. Larry Wang, Zoologist at the University of Alberta, who after many years of research, has produced a product called the Canadian Cold Buster, which looks and tastes like a chocolate bar. This product made up of entirely of natural ingredients, no drugs, no refined sugars and very little fat; can be used to prevent or slow the onset of hypothermia in humans. Hypothermia, which afflicts people who are subjected to prolonged periods of cold, can sometimes result in death.

You may recall that Dr. Wang was a guest speaker at our club on 20 November 1990 when he spoke on the subject of Winter Survival and apprised us of his research in this field. Dr. Wang's brainchild, the Cold Buster is being produced by an Edmonton Company and will be available to the public in the fall.

You will no doubt recall Dr. Wang's visit with us and his excellent talk and keen sense of humour. It is very pleasing to learn that his years of hard work have met with success. Our congratulations to Dr. Wang and our thanks to John Ross for bringing this editorial to our attention.

HOCKEY POOL - the last game of the year, covered by our hockey pool, was played on the 6th of April. The lucky winners were: \$10.00 Wayne Lawton; Dale Christensen; Jeanne Ellis \$15.00 & \$25.00 (2&3rd periods) D.B. Mitchell; D. Paulecu; Bill Lord. Our congratulations to the seasons winners - and to the non-winners, it's a great next years country! Our sincere thanks to Harry & Ruby Mills for all their hard work in running the pool.

IN APPRECIATION - Ye Olde Editor wishes to thank Bryan McMullen, Editor of the Signpost, The Crossroads Gyro Club Newsletter; for his kind remarks about Gyro Historical Records, which have been my privilege to compile over the years. As Bryan reported these records are now housed in the City of Edmonton Archives, but can be made available to any Edmonton area Gyro who would like to take some home for a limited period of time, to peruse at their pleasure. Thanks Bryan - I owe you one!

SMILES & CHUCKLES - Q. In Italy how do they describe a bigamist?
A. It's a heavy fog in Rome.

Public speaking is like taking a vacation. It helps to know the right place to stop.

VOX POP Old accountants never die they just lose their balance. (Barry Walker)
Old age is not for sissies. (Jim Little - Crossroads)
Picking the right person for the right job, is almost as tough as picking the right bacon by peeking at that little window in the package. (Roy Bennett)
Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves. (Gunnar Anderson)
Many people don't believe they are having a good time unless they are doing something they can't afford. (Ian McIntyre).

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - You can multiply happiness by dividing it. (Keith Bradley, S/Park)

SMILE!
YOU'RE A GYRO!

OUR NEXT MEETING: will be held at the Mayfair Golf Club on Tuesday 23 April at 12.00 noon. THIS IS OUR ANNUAL MEETING which includes (written) reports of Committees: Reports of Officers Unfinished Business & New Business; and the FINAL BALLOT for Directors .
Your vote for Directors is important - so a good attendance is requested - starting with YOU!!

See you there.
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