



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

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Those celebrating their birthdays in October are **Gordon Robertson** on the 2nd, **Roger Russell** on the 5th, **Jamie Fleming** on the 8th and **Mike Matei** on the 28th. Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Jamie and Nancy Fleming**, 37 years on the 4th; **Marty and Shirley Larson**, 52 years on the 8th; **Tony and Care Mazzuca**, 42 years on the 10th and **Gerry and Alice Glassford**, 55 years on the 12th.

John and Marion Boyd were married **44** years ago on September 21st.

John wrote the following on this year's special day: *There are days in one's life that should never be forgotten. Today was our 44th wedding anniversary. Neither Marion nor I remembered until lunchtime. It was also the day that for the 20th time in the last year we tried to start the engine of my 1929 Oldsmobile.... AND SHE STARTED ! It lives It lives !*

We have struggled with leaking fuel lines, non working fuel pumps and the flooding carburetors only to discover that we had the wrong firing sequence..Phil Fischer from the States corrected that...Thanks. Then we battled with getting the timing right...we were 180 degrees out !

The garage filled with smoke though we had a long pipe to the outside. I think the manifold gasket is leaking or the original exhaust silencer is obstructed... But these are wee worries now.

Wont bore you anymore but it was like my first beer, cigarette or...

Anyway we now have a tag for the Wedding Anniversary JJ

The 2012 Annual Men's Bocce Night along with our friends from the **St. Albert Gyro Club** was held at the Italian Cultural Centre on Tuesday evening October 2nd. Twenty-one Gyros from the Edmonton Club were joined by **Duane Clayton, Larry Duchesne, Eric Haak, David Jones and Larry Waye** from the St. Albert Club and three guests, **Rob Burnett, Tim Cartnell and Dieter Fester**.

The bocce started at 5:00 pm and most players were able to complete two games before the tournament was adjourned at 6:30 pm for dinner. The games resumed at 8:00 pm and when the court dust had settled, the team of **Barry Walker, Duane Clayton, Dick Nichols and Tony Mazzuca** won the **Gord Rennie Memorial Trophy**.

Thanks to the team of **Mike Matei and Eric Spink** for organizing this special event.



Barry Walker

Dick Nichols

Tony Mazzuca

Duane Clayton

Our hosts at the Italian Cultural Centre display a number of pictures and trophy's and one of the displays entitled Italian Proverbs caught the Editor's eye.

Proverbi Italiani

Italian Proverbs

Chi rispettea sarà rispettato

Respect others and you will be respected

A tavola non s' invecchia

We do not age at the dinner table

Uva cattiva non fa buon vino!

You can't make good wine from bad grapes!

La aritmetica non è opinione!

Arithmetic is not an opinion!

Amicizie e maccheroni, sono meglio caldi

Friendship and macaroni are best when warm

Nulla si fa senza volontà!

Without commitment, nothing gets done!

L'amicizia rimane un ancora fedele

Friendship remains a faithful anchor

Il riso è la migliore medicina

Laughter is the best medicine

Chi mangia bene, vive bene

Who eats well, lives well

Come semini, così raccogli

As ye sow, so shall ye reap

Buona salute e la vera ricchezza

Good health is true wealth

Amici e vini sono meglio vecchie

Old friends and old wine are best

FIRST POSTING

Bruce Swanson (nickname **Swannie**) has applied for membership in our club. **Bruce** and his wife **Bronwyn** reside at **196 Quesnell Crescent**. Their postal code is **T5R 5P3**. Their telephone number is **780-413-6301** and their email address is brswanson@shaw.ca **Bruce** is an accountant/consultant/professional photographer and is President of BizAssist Ltd. He is proposed by **Larry Dobson** and **John Ross**.

The **Stampede City Gyro Club** celebrated their **Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration** on **October 13/14th** at the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club in Calgary. One hundred Gyros, Gyrettes and guests attended the anniversary celebration, Executive Installation and Founder's Night on Saturday evening, October 13th. In addition to the large turnout from the Stampede City and Calgary clubs, there were also Gyros and Gyrettes from the Lethbridge, Sherwood Park, Edmonton and Albernis clubs.

The Stampede City GYRO Club was sponsored by the Calgary and Lethbridge clubs and received their charter with 24 members on November 3, 1962.

Five charter members, **Bill Atchison**, **David Crowe**, **Jim Duncan**, **Richard Duncan**, **Nigel Way** and **Bev Clarke (widow of Wib Clarke)**, were in attendance for the 50th Anniversary celebrations. **Jim Duncan**, **Richard Duncan** and **Nigel Way** were each honoured for their 50 years of membership in the club. **Well done gentlemen!** There were also 14 Past Presidents in attendance.

Thanks to the Stampede City and Calgary Gyro Clubs for organizing a first-class celebration!

President John Boyd welcomed 37 Gyros and three guests to the October 16th luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. New members, **Laurie Dennis** and **Tracy Deslaurier** were formally welcomed. **Jack Slobodan** led the group in the singing of Cheerio and **Jim Lochhead** presented the Grace.

President John welcomed our guest speaker **Dr. Gail Andrew**, **Ari Hoeksema** introduced his guest **Dennis Turner** and **Larry Dobson** introduced his guest and new member applicant, **Bruce Swanson**.

President John introduced our guest speaker, **Dr. Gail Andrew**, who received her BSc. and MD.CM from McGill University in Montreal. She holds a FRCP(C) in Pediatrics, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Canada with training in Perinatal and Neonatal medicine and Developmental Pediatrics. She is affiliated with the University of Alberta as an Assistant Clinical Professor. She is currently the **Medical Director of Preschool Services and FASD Clinical Services** at Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital, Edmonton.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) refers to a complex range of brain injuries that can result from prenatal exposure to alcohol. It is an umbrella term that has evolved over time and is used to denote an array of developmental, physical, learning and behavioural conditions. Prenatal exposure to alcohol, in combination with other risk factors, may cause brain injuries, which are expressed in unique and individual ways. FASD can occur in all segments of society. Poverty, genetics, maternal stress, poor nutrition and other prenatal exposures can influence the severity of FASD. Prenatal exposure to alcohol, while not the sole component contributing to FASD, is the primary cause and therefore FASD is preventable.

For many years it had been assumed that Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder was a "new" malady. Although the causation of the disorder was first mentioned in a paper by Dr. Paul Lemoine of France in 1968, it does not mean that the symptoms were not recognized years if not centuries before. There is even a reference in Judges 13:7 of the Holy Bible.

But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing; for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

Even with over 40 years of modern knowledge the disorder has been underestimated due to a lack of screening tools and diagnostic capacity.

Approximately 23,000 Albertans are living with FASD, and each year, an estimated 360 children are born with the disorder. There is a huge economic impact of \$6.2 billion per year in Canada. The FASD lifetime cost is \$1.8 million per person. The Government of Alberta has invested nearly \$37 million since 2007 for FASD

programs and services through the Alberta FASD Cross Ministry Committee. These funds support FASD-related initiatives across Alberta, including awareness and prevention; assessment and diagnosis; research and support for individuals and caregivers.

Michael Mant thanked Dr. Andrew for an excellent presentation on an extremely complex topic.

The winner of the Free Lunch Draw was **Walter Yakimets**.

President John Boyd welcomed 39 members of the Sherwood Park, Edmonton Crossroads and Edmonton Gyro Clubs and one guest to **Founders Night** held at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club on October 26th. **President Don Greig** of the Sherwood Park Club introduced the Gyros from his club including six charter members.

Our **1st Lt. Governor of District VIII, Jim Malott** reminded us that our organization was started by three college friends who after graduation found their friendship was being lost because of the busy life each led. Consequently, they began to meet for lunches and dinners to keep their friendship alive. From that humble beginning in 1912 they expanded their network of friends and Gyro clubs began to be formed. Over the years there has been 250 clubs chartered and today in North America there are 93 active clubs. The future of Gyro, just as with everything else, will be in the hands of our young people. After all, Ed, Gus and Paul were young men when they founded Gyro.

Jim has identified a need to encourage younger men in the 30 to 40 age range to establish their own club to sustain their friendships as they grow older. He is working to get such a new club going and any Gyro who knows a man in that age group who might be interested in a new club should provide the name and contact information to Jim.

Jim then proceeded to install our two newest members, **Laurie Dennis** and **Tracy DesLaurier**.

Ari (Dutch) Hoeksema and his sidekick, **Sigmund Fraud** brought the evening to a delightful conclusion with a combination of magic tricks and ventriloquism. It was a very humorous performance that was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Thanks to **Allan Douglas** and **Jim Malott** for providing notes for this portion of the Gyrolog while the editor was out of province.



Jim Malott

sponsor Roger Russell

photo by Allan Douglas
Laurie Dennis



Allan Douglas
Sigmund Fraud and Ari (Dutch) Hoeksema



sponsor Jack Little

Tracy DesLaurier

Allan Douglas

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, November 6th

Speakers: Dr. Marilyn Langevin, Director of Research, Institute for Stuttering Treatment and Research (ISTAR) and Dr. Deryk Beal, Executive Director for ISTAR

Speaker Topic: Stuttering

Contacts: Walter Yakimets and Jamie Fleming

GYRETTE Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, November 13th

Time: 6:00 pm Cocktails, Dinner 6:30

Speaker: Debbie Elliot, Director of Surgical Services, Misericordia Hospital- an evening of humour.

Cost: \$26

Contact: Vi Moskalyk

Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, November 20th

Speaker: Sharon Read, President Excel Society. The Excel Society is a not for profit organization that provides both support and advocacy for people with mental, physical and developmental disabilities in Edmonton and Calgary.

Contacts: Bruce Foy and Larry George

Gyro/Gyrette Christmas Party, Riverview Room, Shaw Conference Centre, Tuesday Evening, December 4th.

Champagne and socializing: 6:00 pm

Carved Roast Turkey Dinner: 6:30 pm

Cost: \$70 per person with wine and \$60 without wine

Guests welcome!

Contacts: Fred Schulte and Sam Gruden

Gyro/Gyrette Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday, Dec. 18th

Speaker: Jim Lochhead, who will present a Christmas message.

Contacts: Jack Brown and John Ross