



# ***THE GYROLOG***

**THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON**

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## **SEPTEMBER 2019**

Those celebrating their birthdays are **Gerry Glassford, 85** on the 5<sup>th</sup>; **Bill Donnelly** and **Bruce Swanson** on the 8<sup>th</sup>, **Michael Mant** on the 18<sup>th</sup> and **Peter Carter, 70** on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Doug and Maryella Armstrong, 63** years on the 1<sup>st</sup>; **Bill Taylor and Marie Losier, 36** years on the 1<sup>st</sup>; **David and Marlene Burnett, 53** years on the 3<sup>rd</sup>; **Warren and Vickie Garbutt, 60** years on the 5<sup>th</sup>; **Ron and Theresa Trant, 31** years on the 9<sup>th</sup>; **John and Marion Boyd, 51** years on the 21<sup>st</sup> and **Bruce and Margaret Foy, 59** years on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **SECOND POSTING**

**Danny (Dan) McGuigan** has applied for membership in our club. **Dan** and his wife **Christine**, live at **805 Massey Landing NW, Edmonton, AB, T6R 3S8**. Their telephone number is **780-430-4115** and email address [m McGuigandan@gmail.com](mailto:m McGuigandan@gmail.com) **Dan** is retired and **Ray Dallaire** and **Ron Trant** propose him.

**President David Winfield** welcomed 58 Gyros and Gyrettes and two guests to the **Annual Bocce Tournament and Corn Roast** held at Kinsmen River Valley Club House on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A large group of bocce players and bystanders assembled on the south lawn of the clubhouse and played on one of the most level bocce courts ever experienced. Numerous bocce games were played between 4 and 6 pm.

The final two teams consisting of **Chuck Gerhart, Marty Larson, Ron Trant** and **Cathy Johnson** battled it out with **Leon Lubin, Myrna Slobodan, Dunc Mills** and **Gayl Lepp**.

**The first-place winner was Team Gerhart.**



**Chuck Gerhart**

**Cathy Johnson**

**Ron Trant**

**Marty Larson**

**Photo Peter  
Carter**

The Bocce Tourney was followed by a feast provided by **Buttercup Bistro** which included Baby Back Ribs, Chicken Breasts, Baked Potatoes, Home-made Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Creamy Coleslaw, Greek Salad, Buns and Garlic Bread, Coffee and Bumble Berry Crisp with Whipped Cream. **Thanks to Darlene, Owner of Buttercup Bistro and her staff for a wonderful meal!**

Thanks to **Bruce Foy and Sam Gruden** for organizing the Bocce and **Peter Carter, Val Pohl and Dick Nichols** for arranging the venue and meal!



"I'll only give you the paper if you promise not to let the news upset you."

**President David Winfield** welcomed 39 Gyros and three guests to the September 17<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting held at the Faculty Club. **David Burnett** led the singing of Cheerio and **Ari “Dutch” Hoeksema** presented the Grace.

“Dutch” introduced his guest **Leo Valliere**, **Taras Chmil** introduced **Hank Mottl** and **Ray Dallaire**, his guest **Joel Butlin**.

**Leon Lubin** introduced our own Gyro, **Dr. John Jamieson Boyd** who shares the same birthday with **Wayne Gretsky**. John received his medical degree from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland and travelled to Winnipeg, Manitoba, the West Indies and back to Birmingham, England pursuing various medical experiences.

In 1971, Dr. Boyd moved to Edmonton and the University of Alberta to undertake **high-risk obstetrics**.

John began his presentation with the statement that “**Obstetrics was a bloody hazardous business**” before anesthetic’s, blood transfusions and antibiotics.

## **ORIGINS OF OBSTETRICS**

*The earliest birth attendants were women. In ancient mythology, goddesses (but not gods) were present at deliveries. In “primitive” tribes studied by anthropologists in the last century, the labouring woman would be accompanied by her mother or other female relative. Prehistoric figures and ancient Egyptian drawings show women giving birth in the sitting or squatting position. Birthing stools and midwives are also mentioned in the Old Testament.*

*The history of obstetrics is inextricably linked with the history of **midwifery**. Indeed, the first successful caesarean section in the British Isles was performed by an Irish midwife, Mary Donally, in 1738. **Obstetrix** was the Latin word for midwife: it is thought to derive from obstare (to “stand before”), because the attendant stood in front of the woman to receive the baby. Only in the 20th century did the subject taught in medical schools change its name from “midwifery” to*

*“obstetrics”, perhaps because a Latin name seemed more academic than the Anglo-Saxon, derived from mid, “with”, and wyf, “woman”.*

*The writings of Hippocrates in the fifth century BC include a description of normal birth. Instrumental delivery was restricted to stillborn babies and involved the use of hooks, destructive instruments, or compressive forceps. Such instruments were described in Sanskrit texts and were known in Arabia, Mesopotamia, and Tibet. Instrumental intervention in obstructed labour probably carried a high cost in terms of maternal mortality.*

*For well over 1000 years, obstetricians had managed obstructed labour by converting the presentation to a footling breech and delivering the baby by traction. Delivery of the aftercoming head, Rueff wrote, could be facilitated by pressure on the maternal abdomen. If this seems crude to us nowadays, we should remember that in the long era before caesarean section the main risk of obstructed labour was death of the mother. The obstetrician would only be summoned once the midwife realized that problems were developing, and often by that stage the baby would be dead. (The stethoscope was not invented until the 19th century, so the fetal condition could not be monitored.)*

(This information was taken from the web by the Editor)

Dr. Boyd then presented information about **THREE FAMOUS BIRTHS:**

**Jane Seymour** was born around 1508 to Sir John Seymour and Marjorie Wentworth. She was the eldest of eight children. In 1536, she followed in the footsteps of Catherine of Aragon and Anne Boleyn and **became the third wife of King Henry VIII, gaining the title of Queen of England.** She was the wife who finally gave Henry what he wanted—a son—but she only reigned for just 18 months. She died from a crude hysterectomy eleven days after giving birth.

**Princess Charlotte, George IV's only child** went into labour with her first baby in 1817 at the age of 21. Labour began more than two weeks after the due date and lasted for 50 hours. The baby, a nine lb. boy was stillborn, the placenta was removed with difficulty and six hours later Charlotte died. Forceps had been kept in readiness but were never used and indeed may not have helped. Nevertheless, the obstetrician, Sir Richard Croft, was widely criticized. He shot himself a few days later and was buried near William Hunter. **King George was left without an heir**, and the throne passed first to his brother and then **to his niece**, who became **Queen Victoria**.

**Kaiser Wilhelm II** was born in Berlin, Germany at the Crown Prince's Palace on January 27, 1859. His father was Prince Frederick William (who would later become Emperor Frederick III) and his mother was Princess Victoria (**daughter of Queen Victoria of England**). This made young Wilhelm heir to the German throne and grandson of the Queen.

Wilhelm's 18-year-old mother endured a complicated and unexpected breach birth. The attendant physicians Sir James Clarke and Professor Martin's struggle to save the baby's life was made more difficult by the fact that the royal etiquette forced them to work under the skirts of the princess. The young mother has been heavily sedated with chloroform, a recent medical discovery whose risks were yet unknown. It was an invention that Queen Victoria has found to be so useful herself that she personally ensured that her eldest daughter Vicky received it for her first birth.

The baby Wilhelm survived but with a shorter arm because both arms were in the wrong place in the uterus. Wilhelm grew up to be a troubled, hyperactive and difficult child and later a disturbed, cruel and sometimes dangerous man. Wilhelm became **German Emperor (Kaiser) and King of Prussia from 1898 to the end of World War I in 1918**. He was known for his frequently militaristic manner as well as his vacillating policies.

John brought a large collection of obstetric instruments both modern and many quite old to demonstrate both their ingenuity and cruelty when used at birth. His final comment was **“The respect for mothers should be huge”**.

**Bill Donnelly** was the winner of the Free Lunch draw.



**"My life philosophy can be expressed thusly:  
I like naps, and don't share laps."**

**“Fast Fred”**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Joint Men's Bocce Tourney-Sherwood Park/ Edmonton Gyro Club  
Lead, ITAL-CANADIAN SENIORS ASSOCIATION, 9111-110 Ave. adjacent  
to Commonwealth Stadium, Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Cocktails: 5:00 pm, Bocce: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 7:00 pm, Bocce: 8:00

Cost \$50 each, Payable to the Edmonton Gyro Club.

Team Leaders: Mike Matei and Augie Annicchiarico

**Gyrette Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club,  
Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Time: Registration 11:30 am, Luncheon 12:00 noon

Speaker: Marg Jeffery, Family Services Consultant, Connelly-McKinley

Topic: "Are all your Ducks in a Row?"

Team Leaders: Gayle Houston, Myrna Gerhart, Barb Willan

**Joint Mixed Founders Night-Edmonton, Edmonton Crossroads and  
Sherwood Park Gyro Clubs, Belvedere Golf and Country Club,  
Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Team Leaders: Fred Schulte and Dunc Mills

**CURLARAMA, Canmore, November 1-3.**

**Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Faculty Club, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Speaker: Chuck Gerhart

Topic: Lest We Forget-Belgium and France

Team Leaders: Chuck Gerhart and Jim Lepp

**Annual GYRO/GYRETTE Christmas Party, Riverview Room, Edmonton  
Convention Centre, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**



## Gyro Clubs of Sherwood Park, Edmonton, & Edmonton Crossroads

You are cordially invited to attend the  
*Sherwood Park Founder's Night*

*Where: Belvedere Golf and Country Club*

*When: October 16th, 2019*

*Time: Reception — 6:00pm, Dinner—  
7:00 pm Price: \$50.00 per person*

### *Other Details*

- ◇ **This is a mixed event, so please invite your spouse or significant other**
- ◇ *Invite your Gyrettes and Guests*
- ◇ *There will be a short program including a Founder's presentation*
- ◇ *This event is a "No Host Bar"*
- ◇ *Wine, beer, or spirits, can be purchased by the glass or bottle*

### **Guest Speaker: Dr. Jasmeet Parmar, MBBS, Associate**

**Professor, UofA Topic: Caregivers Alberta**, which is an essential service within society, involving more than eight million caregivers in Canada. As the population ages and life becomes more challenging, people are faced with burn-out, physical and social disabilities increased living costs, and family stress. Dr. Parmar will address and provide information and advice on these important issues and answer questions.

**Gyro Fellowship** - *Founder's Night provides us with another great opportunity*

to renew and create new friendships with our Gyro friends.

**RSVP**— *As we must guarantee our attendance numbers, **would each Club please RSVP their attendance** to Ted Ewanchuk at [tewan chu@shaw.ca](mailto:tewan chu@shaw.ca), or Ken Lesniak at [kencarol@telusplanet.com](mailto:kencarol@telusplanet.com) on or before October 10th, 2019. Thank you.*

## **GYRO DISTRICT VIII – 2019 CURLARAMA**

**The Best Deal and Most Fun You Can Have in a Weekend**  
(A Great Event For Inviting Non-Gyros)

HOST: GYRO CLUB OF CALGARY

DATES: NOVEMBER 1 TO 3, 2019 (hospitality starting at 5:30 PM  
on Nov 1; curling prizes & wrap-up at noon on Nov 3)

PLACE: CANMORE, ALBERTA

HOTEL: CANMORE INN & SUITES, 1402 BOW VALLEY TRAIL

CURLING: CANMORE CURLING CLUB, 2000 8<sup>th</sup> AVE.

PRICE: **\$275.00** Cdn. per Curler, **\$215.00** Cdn. per Non-Curler  
Prices based on 2 per room - **\$110.00** Single Room Supplement  
Price Includes:

- CURLING (minimum of 3 games – 6 ends per game)
- 2 NIGHTS HOTEL
- 2 BREAKFASTS
- GYRO HOSPITALITY FRIDAY EVENING  
- Including food and host bar
- SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET
- SATURDAY EVENING POKER TOURNAMENT

PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded to the winning & runner up  
teams in each of four curling divisions.

TROPHIES: Last years winners please bring the engraved trophies

DEADLINE: ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY FRI, OCT 11, 2019.  
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