

# THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
— EDMONTON — ALBERTA

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Our last meeting on December 7th was another well attended lively gathering, with Barry Walker handling the gavel.

Our guests included Stewart Graham's son Ian, and Keith Bradley from the Sherwood Park Gyro Club, as well as our guest speaker, Ari Hoeksema.

Keith Bradley extended an invitation for us to join the S/Park club to go on a ski trip to Jasper, Alberta on February 25, 26 & 27th, 1994. They are travelling by bus and accomodation will be at the Jasper Inn. Cost is \$370.00 per couple, which includes transportation, accomodation, ski lifts as well as special sustenance enroute. This should be a fun trip and anyone interested please get in touch with Keith ASAP at 467-2786; with a \$100.00 deposit to confirm attendance.

Birthdays - best wishes go out to Pat Millard and Larry Dobson, who share the same birth date of December 16th. Have a happy day!

Health & Welfare - Bert Boren our sick & visiting chairman, was not at our last meeting and it was reported that his wife Ellen was in hospital. We later learned from Bert that she was undergoing some tests but expected to be back home again soon. Our best wishes to Ellen.

Dan Lawton advised that his wife Edna is in the University hospital to receive open heart surgery. We trust that all will be well and that the operation will be a complete success.

Ivy Rennie has just started on a course of physio-therapy treatments, which we hope will help to resolve her problems.

When in Calgary recently, Morgan Partridge, Don Greig and Gord Rennie visited Bob Rowan, of the Stampede City Gyro Club in the General Hospital, where he is recovering from a very serious accident during Curlarama in Banff. We are pleased to report that Bob is making a good recovery from his recent surgery. He is up and moving around well and looking and sounding like the Bob we all know, except for a slight voice impediment. We enjoyed our visit with him, and hope he will soon be back home.

Obituary - We report with deep regret, the untimely death of Ed McCallion on 2 December 1993 in Calgary, Alberta at age 51. Ed was a former member of the Sherwood Park Gyro Club; moved to Calgary a few years ago and became President of the Stampede City Gyro Club this year. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Jane and family. The large gathering of family and friends at the funeral gave due testimony to the high regard in which Ed was held by all.

Mail Call - We received a card from President John Stroppa & Yvette, from Egypt, where they were most impressed by the Sphinx and the various temples. They also described their visit to Jerusalem and Bethlehem, as a very moving experience. They will be back home around December 21st.

We also received a very nice Christmas message from Lisa Day, Director of the Westridge Park Lodge, where we held our annual Gyroette Golf game last summer.

A letter of thanks was received from Dr. Allen Dobbs, Director of the Centre for Gerontology, sent to Allan Warrack; expressing his appreciation for the opportunity of speaking to our club on November 15th, and for our continued interest and financial contributions made to the Centre.

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At this point in the meeting, Ye Editor had to leave for the International Airport, but thanks to Al McClure, he stepped in the breach and took notes about our guest speaker, Mr. Ari Hoeksema, whose biographical story is remarkable. Some of his activities include:-Active Mason and Founding member of Al Shamal Temple: Past President of Beverly Heights Community League: Past V/President of Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues: Founding member of Canadian Auctioneers Association: Member of North American Association of Ventriloquists. etc.

Al's report on this very busy man follows:-(Quote) "Ari wears a great number of hats, as the members found out when he was introduced by Gordon Robertson.

The hat he chose to wear today was that of a ventriloquist and between Ari and his friend "Sigmund Fraud" we were entertained and enlightened for some twenty minutes.

Ari informed us that there are only about 1000 ventriloquists in the whole world and that about 750 of these people were "men of the cloth". These people meet once a year in Fort Louis, Kentucky, where they exchange ideas and renew acquaintances.

Ventriloquism literally translates to mean "to speak from the stomach" and Ari proceeded to give us a very interesting insight through an active demonstration.

As a Shriner, Ari has entertained young children in hospitals with his "magical talents" for

many years; and to add variety, he learned to become a ventriloquist. Following his presentation, the members were invited to ask questions - and there were many. Some were answered by Ari and some by his accomplice "Sigmund Fraud" who we understand is a distant relative of Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd.

Mort Morter suitably thanked Ari on behalf of the club. It was an excellent program - our thanks to Gord Robertson and his program team. (Unquote)

(Editor's note - my thanks to Al McClure for his report about a fine man, whose special talents and dedication for helping sick children in times of adversity.)

#### Gyro In The News



Gunnar Anderson, CMA, Treasurer of the Concordia Foundation, is Vice-President Finance of Norterra Inc. Mr. Anderson is a director of YMCA, on the finance committee of the Missionary Oblates and Director of the Financial Executive Institute - Canada and the Gyro Club.

This recent article & picture of Gunnar Anderson, appeared in our local newspaper, giving information about the formation of the Concordia Foundation in Edmonton.

Our congratulations Gunnar on this honor, also for your work in many other important community activities.

We are proud to have you as a member of Gyro.

In The Winner's Circle - Hockey Pool for December 11, 1993. 1st period \$10.00 Anne Ryhn & Zoe Woolard: 2nd period \$15.00 Brenda Lowry: Len Cary: Robert Lineker: Final Score \$25.00 Jackie Kirk: R.W. McCulloch: Garry Diment: Bob Greig;

At our last meeting Al McClure had a few tickets left and the following stalwarts bought them:- Barry Walker: Roger Russell: John Ross; Allan Warrack and Keith Bradley. We hope you will be winners!

Gyrettes Corner - Jean Morter reports that the first Gyrette meeting of the New Year, will be held at the Mayfair Golf & Country Club on January 11, 1994. Cocktails at 6.00 and dinner at 7.00 p.m. An interesting evening of fun and fellowship - plan to attend and start the New Year right.

Club Executive Meeting- Barry Walker reminded the Executive & Board of Directors of the meeting to be held on December 15th at the home of President John Stroppa at 7.30 p.m.

Gyro District 8 - Calendar check 21 January 1994 - Wallace Gyro Club Installation.  
22 January 1994 Stampede City Club Installation. 18/20 March 1994 D-8 Interim Meeting at  
Fairmont Hot Springs.

ON the International calendar - Gyro International Interim Meeting 2-6 Feb 1994, Tampa, Fla.  
July 7 - 10, 1994 Gyro International Convention at Moncton, N.B.  
(Note: check your Gyroscope News Magazine for details of above).

Food For Thought- If a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he  
will soon find himself alone. A man, sir, should keep his friendships in constant repair.

Vox Pop - Giving a penny for some people's thoughts is just another  
example of inflation., (Ed Edlund) (Samuel Johnson)

After a few years of marriage a man can look right at a woman without seeing her; and a  
woman can see right through a man without looking at him. (Tom Douglas)

In investing money, the amount of interest you want should depend on whether you want to  
eat or sleep well. (Ron Ewoniak).

A Christmas story- A young lad had been promised a puppy for Christmas, but he had a tough  
time choosing one from among a dozen likely looking candidates at the neighborhood pet shop.  
Finally he decided upon a rather non-descript shaggy puppy, who was wagging his tail rather  
furiously. When asked about his choice he explained, "I wanted the one with the happy  
ending." May you all have a happy ending to 1993!

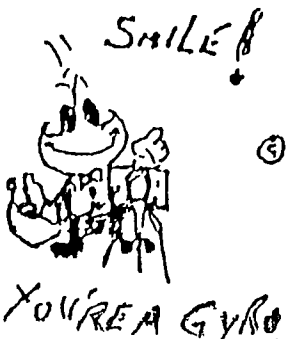
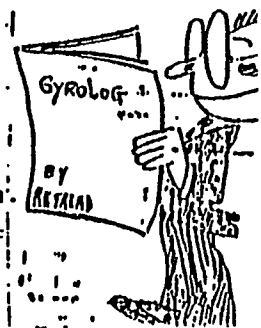
#### OUR NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 21 DECEMBER 1993  
AT 12.00 NOON - MAYFAIR GOLF CLUB

This is our Christmas meeting with Padre Bill Graham, who will  
be President For The Day! Our guest speaker will be Bill's  
good friend, Reverend Gordon Cann from McDougall United Church.

So we will be doubly privileged - President Bill in control of  
the gavel, and Rev. Cann bring us a Christmas message.

A good attendance will be proof of our appreciation for this  
special occasion. Be seeing you with Christmas greetings!!



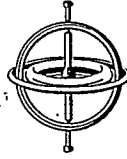
If you have trouble in deciphering the <sup>FOLLOWING</sup> ~~above~~ Christmas message it  
says:- There are a total of four Gyro Clubs in the Edmonton area  
including, the Gyro Club of Edmonton, chartered in 1921. The  
Edmonton Crossroads Gyro club chartered in 1957. The Sherwood Park  
Gyro club in 1975 and the St Albert Gyro club in 1992. On the occasion  
of club Installations and Founder's Nights, these four clubs are refer-  
red to as the Quad Clubs. This years Christmas tree greetings is for  
all Gyros & Gyrettes everywhere, from your Quad friends; who wish you  
a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in the pursuit of adding  
new friends into our great fraternity of Gyro International family,  
for 1994. May you enjoy good health and much Gyro happiness.

(Gord (Retread) Rennie

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FOR

1994!  
 MAY YOU  
 ENJOY  
 GOOD  
 HEALTH  
 AND MUCH  
 GYRO HAPPINESS!



Merry Christmas!



STANLEY NOEL SMITH  
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December 5, 1993

Mr. John R. Stroppa  
President  
Edmonton Gyro Club  
9255 Ottewell Road  
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear John:

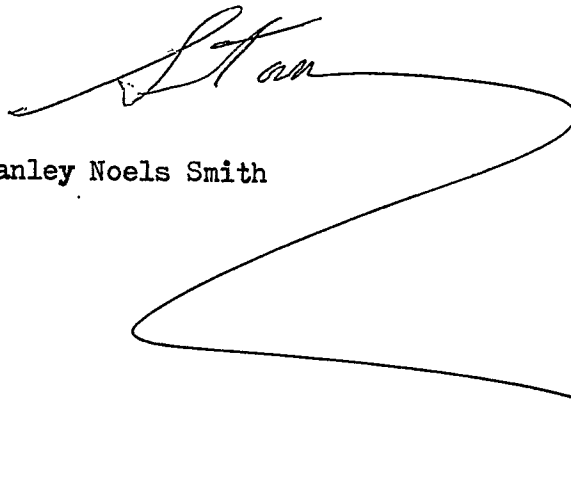
Accept, and extend to Gyro members, my sincere season's greetings. I regret owing to physical infirmities of age I have been unable to attend meetings during the past year but have kept in contact with the Club's activities under your leadership.

For me it has been a gala year, honoured by a soiree honouring me for my sixty-five year membership in Gyro. Lacking modesty I thrilled at making the centrefold of the Gyroscope in the report of the affair. During the year I have also enjoyed visitations, correspondence, and entertainment from local and distant Gyro friends.

I am fully enjoying my twilight years, particularly my association with Gyro friends, as I have no family members in the city my contacts with Gyro friends is particularly appreciated.

During the coming year may Gyro friendship continue to flourish and expand. My Christmas Greetings in 1942, the year of my presidency, included a quotation from the works of Dr. Samuel Johnson: "A man, sir, should keep his friendship in a constant repair." His adage still holds true

May you all enjoy happiness, health, and this above all, ~~the~~ friendship-- during the year ahead.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stan', with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the page.

Stanley Noels Smith