

# THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
EDMONTON - ALBERTA

12 October 1994

Once again most of the information contained in this bulletin is due to another "good samaritan," this time in the person of **Dick Ogilvie**, who filled in for retreat. Many thanks Dick for taking over and providing notes on what took place at our last meeting on 4 October.

Guests: **John Dowd** (David Burnett) **Stan Roselle** (Bryce Van Dusen) **Peter Rausch** (Allan Warrack).

Grace - Rev. Bill Graham - a short and to the point statement without the usual hell, fire and brimstone.

Birthdays - birthday greetings to **Tom Douglas & Gordon Robertson** who both celebrated on the same date **2 October**. **Roger Russell** will be enjoying the limelight on **October 5th**. Our congratulations and best wishes to:-



TOM

GORDON

ROGER

Membership - second posting - **Peter Rausch**, Marketing Manager, Talon Tapes Industries Ltd. 7210-51 Ave, Edmonton, AB. (B) 466-6789. Home address 11147-77 Ave. Edmonton, AB. T6G 0L5 (R) 437-5238. Wife's name Heather. Membership proposed by **Allan Warrack** and seconded by **Marty Larson**.

Hockey Pool - club decision - Due to the delay in the commencement of the NHL season, our annual hockey pool will also be delayed. If the season proceeds, we will.

Curl-a-rama - will be held in Banff, AB., on November 4-5-6. Cost \$135.00 per person. **Must have confirmation by 14th October**. **Mike Matei** in charge.

Memo regarding 8 November 1994 A mixed night with the group of people in Red Deer concerning organizing a club. Those who can go down to meet the group in Red Deer are encouraged to do so.

~~November 15 - Mixed luncheon meeting at the Citadel. Four and light lunch.~~

November 22 - Oiler night we hope - likely to go ahead notwithstanding league activity.

Notice of Motion - John Stroppa submitted a Notice of Motion proposing to delete Article VI 4 (c) of our by-laws which states; that all members are eligible to stand for election to the Board of Directors, provided they have not served two consecutive years on the Board, without the lapse of one year. The motion will be voted on six weeks hence.

At our last meeting John Stroppa introduced our guest speaker **Hank Fast** a director on the Board of **Habitat For Humanity**, an international organization dedicated to the provision of housing for the needy. An ecumencial, Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing. It started in Georgia, USA in 1976 and since has provided 35000 homes in 45 countries.

They work on Christian principles working in partnership with those in need of a home. This is not a giveaway program but a joint venture in which those who benefit are involved in the work at various levels. No Government funds requested or accepted.

A foundation/basement is poured first and on the following Monday a crew of volunteers about 20 -25 starts work. By Saturday noon the house is completed including the landscape. The home is "dedicated" on Saturday PM. A good family attitude among volunteers and professionals alike, prevails on the site. The head of the target family pledges 500 hours to his home and to others.

The family must live below the National Poverty level as well as meeting certain other criteria. The home is inspected by the City as construction progresses. The first Edmonton home was built in 1991 with a total of 10 so far. The City of Edmonton has donated 2 of 7 lots used this year.

The home is sold to the family at cost represented by a 1st mortgage; any equity above the first mortgage is secured to H for H by a second mortgage and forgiven as the 1st mortgage is repaid. No resale for profit is permitted until the house is paid out.

Mr. Fast gave a fine presentation and was thanked on behalf of the members by David Burnett.

Crossroads Gyro Whist Night - You are invited to attend the Crossroads annual Whist Night on Friday 21 October 1994 which will be held in the Highlands Masonic Hall at 5526 - 118 Avenue Edmonton. at 7.30 p.m. Anyone interested in attending this great evening of cards , plus a wonderful lunch afterwards, should call Gwen Moir at 465 -1923 - RIGHT NOW!! (This invitation should have been brought to your attention in the 1st "log - because the notification date for attendance was 11 October. (My apologies)(retread)

Famous Fibs - Your cheque is in the mail. Satisfaction or your money cheerfully refunded. We service what we sell. I'll start my diet tomorrow. One size fits all. Give me your number and the doctor will call you right back. Your luggage isn't lost it's only misplaced. Leave your resume and we will keep it on file. This offer is limited to the first 100 people who call in. This hurts me more than it hurts you. I just need five minutes of your time. Your table will be ready in a few minutes. It's not the money it's the principle.

#### Food For Thought

People who have a college education often take it for granted. They are disappointed when it doesn't prove to be a substitute for working hard and that it is no magic carpet. All education does is open a mind - it doesn't fill an empty one.

Happiness does not come from possessions, but an appreciation of them. It does not come from work, but from our attitude towards work. It does not come from success, but from the growth we attain in achieving that success.

**Enthusiasm** is one of the most powerful engines of success. When you do a thing, do it with your might. Put your whole soul into it, stamp it with your own personality. Be active, energetic, enthusiastic and faithful; and you will accomplish your objective. **Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.**

Vox Pop - Business is a lot like tennis, those who do't serve well end up losing. (Mike Matei)

He who hesitates is not only lost but several miles past the last exit. (Al McClure)

The distance a person goes is not as important as the direction. (Ken McKenzie)

Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else. (Harry Mills)

Laughter is the best medicine - A window washer was relating some of his experiences to a friend. "One day I was cleaning a bathroom window when a young woman entered and started to undress. She took off her shoes, stockings and dress, and just when she was about to remove her bra, the ladder broke.

What a calamity at a time like that" remarked the friend. "It sure was," answered the window cleaner, "but what can you expect with twenty guys on one ladder."

By this time I am sure you have wondered what happened to the names of all our Club Officers & Directors which normally appear on the left hand side of page one of the Gyrolog. The reason why I am telling you about these "missing persons" now is that I decided to give you the reason for the situation under the captain - **Laughter Is the Best Medicine** - although it sure as hell was no laughing matter for me!

However I did say in the last 'log , that "a sense of humour is a saving grace" - which I hope will hold true.

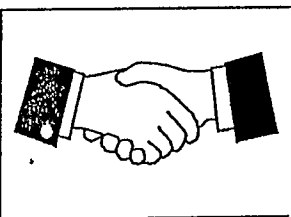
After getting the material from our last meeting from our good friend Dick Ogilvie I sat down in front of "Mr. Macintosh" my computer to get the bulletin out. Everything seemed to be in order with the usual Gyrolog letterhead, Officers & Directors, etc - the whole bit.

Things are going along pretty well apart from my usual hunt & swear spelling blunders which of course I corrected with the computer "speller" and I am ready to do the print out. So in goes the paper turn on the printer and away we go. In due course the printer delivers the front page of the Gyrolog - BUT - THE NAMES OF THE OFFICERS & CLUB DIRECTORS IS GONE FROM THE LETTERHEAD. WHERE IN HELL DID IT GO! ON TOP OF THAT THE WHOLE TEXT OF THE BULLETIN HAD MOVED TO THE LEFT A COUPLE OF INCHES. Try as I might I can't correct the problem. Now I've heard of computer virus but this takes the cake. I was just starting to feel a little better - now this! Maybe Mr. Mac has caught my shingles(Good!)

After struggling for a long time to correct the problem without any success at all I decided to provide you with the above explanation.

OUR NEXT MEETING AS ARRANGED BY PROGRAM JOHN ROSS WILL BE HELD AT 12.00 NOON ON 18 OCTOBER 1994 IN THE CITY OF EDMONTON ARCHIVES AT THE PRINCE OF WALES ARMOURY. WE WILL HAVE LUNCH THEN A TALK BY CITY OF EDMONTON ARCHIVIST BRUCE IBSEN, FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF THE PREMISES. SHOULD PROVE INTERESTING AND MAY ALSO BRING BACK SOME MEMORIES ABOUT WWII TO SOME OF OUR MEMBERS. AS YOU KNOW THIS IS WHERE OUR GYRO CLUB'S HISTORICAL RECORDS ARE HELD. HOPE TO SEE YOU. RETREAD

Gyro means



Friendship

P.S. Sorry to report that I learned that Mike Matei, while playing in the Alberta Finals of Touch Football, suffered a torn Archilles tendon. He has had surgery but is now in a cast and on crutches at home.

