



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

Club Charter No.15, July 29, 1921

**President-[John Boyd](#), Past President-[Ari \(Dutch\) Hoeksema](#),
Vice-President-[Sam Gruden](#), Secretary-[Barry Walker](#), Treasurer-[Gary Campbell](#),
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Those celebrating their birthdays in February are **Dick Nichols** on the 8th, **Ken Willan** on the 9th and **Jack Ellis** on the 25th. Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Bruce and Bronwyn Swanson**, 35 years on the 8th; **Sam Gruden and Bea McKenzie**, 21 years on the 14th and **Larry and Rosa Wang**, 46 years on the 26th.

SECOND POSTING

Ken Korchinski has applied for membership in our club. Ken and his wife **Arden** reside at **25 Glacier Place, St. Albert**. Their postal code is **T8N 1R7**. Their telephone number is **780-458-5140** and email address is kkorchinski@shaw.ca Ken is a retired civil engineer and is proposed by **Sam Gruden** and **Fred Schulte**.

FIRST POSTING

Arvid Hardin has applied for membership in our club. **Arvid** and his wife **Bernie** reside at **#1, 14816 45 Avenue NW**. Their postal code is **T6H 5M5**. Their telephone number is **780-244-0848** and email address is arvid@hatm.ca **Arvid** is a retired consultant and is proposed by **Marty Larson** and **Chuck Gerhart**.

Vice-President Sam Gruden welcomed 27 Gyros and two guests to the February 5th luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. **Larry Dobson** led the group in the singing of **Cheerio** and **Jack Slobodan** presented the **Grace**.

Our guests were **Lerena Greig**, Public Relations and Resource Director and **Mark Evens**, Board Chair of the **Edmonton Dream Centre**. **John Mann** introduced our guest speaker **Lerena Greig**. The **Edmonton Dream Centre** is a long-term in-residence facility for women in crisis and their children; women who struggle with drug and alcohol addictions, homelessness and other abuses. The unique intensive treatment program allows women the opportunity to work through their crises and still have their children live with them.

The **Dream Centre** began their life in 1998 as an outreach of the **Inner City Mission**. Its birth resulted from a growing need among women in the downtown area for a longer-term program that would result in real changes. It first operated from two houses on **96th Street** that was less than ideal because the conditions from which women were fleeing (drugs, alcohol and prostitution were close at hand. In 2005 the **Centre** moved away from the inner city to a four story walk up apartment which can accommodate 16 women and nine children.

The **Dream Centre** helps women to restore their dignity; discover their identity and help them realize their dreams. Their recovery program has evolved from a one phase to three phase program. Since its inception it has provided assistance to over 400 women and now operates as a 365 day/24 hour operation. A short video was presented that showed how two women had successfully completed their program and are now in the community providing for their families with dignity and self-esteem.

Walter Yakimets thanked **Lerena Greig** for a very thought-provoking presentation.

The **Free Lunch draw** was won by **Bruce Swanson**.

President **John Boyd** welcomed 18 Gyro/Gyrette couples to the February 14th **Valentines Party** held at **Ernest's Restaurant** operated by the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) Culinary School students. The menu had a "heart healthy" theme consisting of clam chowder, arctic char and crème brûlée.

A lucky draw of Bernard Callebaut chocolates was won by **John** and **Helen Ross** who apparently didn't share. **Past President Ari (Dutch) Hoeksema** told a funny story and **Marion Boyd** spoke about a poem by Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936) entitled "**The Female of the Species**". The last two stanza's of Kipling's poem follows:

So it comes that Man, the coward, when he gathers to confer
 With his fellow-braves in council, dare not leave a place for her
 Where at war with Life and Conscience, he uplifts his erring hands
 To some God of Abstract Justice--which no women understands,

And Man knows it! Knows, moreover, that the Women that God gave him
 Must command but may not govern--shall enthral but not enslave him.
 And She knows, because She warns him, and Her instincts never fail,
 That the Female of Her Species is more deadly than the Male.

Thanks to **John Boyd** and **Bill Taylor** for organizing this special event!

Dick Nichols reports on the results of the Hockey pool.

Game 10	February 4	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final
Oilers vs. Canucks					
First	1 0	Kelly Burnett	Lucas Burnett	Justin Bergevan	
Second	2 1	John Ross	Gyro	Chuck Gerhart	
Final	2 3	Gary Campbell	Gary Campbell	Gyro	

Game 11	February 16	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final
Oilers vs. Avalanche					
First	1 3	Kennedy Brown	Sara Baird	Walter Yakimets	
Second	3 4	Sharon Matei	Bea McKenzie	David Ross	
Final	6 4	Bill Taylor	Gyro	Gyro	

Game 12	February 23	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final
Oilers vs. Coyotes					
First	0	1	Eric Spink	Mike Matei	Don Roskewich
Second	1	2	Beverley Russell	Val Pohl	Austin Power
Final	3	2	Gyro	Gyro	Gyro

UPCOMING EVENTS

GYRETTE Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday, March 12th

Speaker: Wanda Welch from Sleep Medix

Topic: Sleep Apnea and other sleep disorders

Time: 6 p.m. with Dinner at 6:30

Contact: Myrna Slobodan

Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Club, April 2nd

Club Executive Elections and New Member Biographies

Contacts: Ari Hoeksema and Fred Schulte

Gyro International Convention, 7 Day Western Caribbean Cruise, May 11-19

Ship: The Oasis of the Seas

Cruise Itinerary: Fort Lauderdale, FL.; Labadee, Haiti; Falmouth, Jamaica; Cozumel, Mexico.

More details at www.Gyro.ws

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District VIII Convention, Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, May 23-26

Rooms: Standard Room Rate: \$119 plus taxes, Block of rooms reserved up to April 15th. Phone 1-800-663-4979

Registration Fee: \$395 per couple, \$200 single

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