

# THE GYROLOG

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Our last meeting at the Mayfair Golf Club was called to order by our new President, **Mike Matei**. It came as quite a surprise to us that he asked **Harry Mills** to lead us in Cheerio. This was followed by a recognition of the Gyros who had served in World War II as identified by **Reverend Bill Graham**. In true military fashion they were identified as: **CARABOTT**, Andrew, **CORNISH**, Owen, **DOUGLAS**, Thomas, **GRAHAM**, William, **LAWTON**, Daniel, **McKENZIE**, Ken, **MORTER**, Mort, **RENNIE**, Gordon, **SEIGEL**, Ernie. **Bill Graham** then asked the blessing. **President Mike** requested a show of appreciation for **Past-President Barry Walker** for the leadership over the last year.

Birthdays: **Allan Ursulak** on May 10 and new Director **Andy Friderichsen** on May 13.

**Bert Boren** reported that **Garry Diment** has recovered well, is driving and will be around soon. It was with regret that the passing of **John Ross's** mother was acknowledged. Two other illnesses noted were **Al McClure's** mother in law and **Marty Larson's** mother. **Marty's** mother has since passed away. Our thoughts are with the **Rosses** and the **Larsons** at their time of loss.

**President Mike** stated that there were 14 couples at the Quad Club installation and that our attendance is not what is desired. He said that he would like some feedback on why our attendance is low and that perhaps there should be some changes made. Possible concerns are the price of the dinner, the quality of the music and the larger percentage of

older members who do not enjoy that type of party as much any more. This will be discussed at the next executive meeting and a point of view will be brought back for discussion at a future meeting.

The bridge windup is taking place on May 12 at the Balmoral Club. Cocktails are at 6:00, Dinner is at 7:00. Please confirm your plan to attend with **Marty Larson** as soon as possible.

On June 1, 1995, the annual golf tournament will take place at the Riverbend Golf Club in Red Deer. There will be a 9:00 a.m. start. The \$55.00 registration fee includes golf, meal, gratuity and prizes. This is a great opportunity to meet Gyros from other clubs. Register by making a cheque out to **Bill Agnew** and return it to him by May 16.

There was a reminder of upcoming conventions that we would like to attend so that we can attract people to our 96 Convention. They are the District IV Convention in Kelowna from June 1 to 4, 1995. The International Convention in Chicago from July 13 - 16, 1995 and the District VIII Convention in Calgary from July 27 - 30, 1995. Registration forms are available from **Mike Matei** if you require them. Let us try to have a great turnout for all three.

The mixed golf tournament will be held at Westridge on August 10, 1995. As is usual it will be an excellent event for both golf and dinner. Plan to attend! This year the organizer is **Owen Cornish** who reminded us all that few prizes have come in and many are required. **Ernie Siegel** may have faded from view but the whine is the same, only the source has changed.

**President Mike** announced that **Mary Simmons** and Fred Kemp are to be married on the first weekend in June. **Reverend Bill Graham** will be officiating. **President Mike** noted that 'if you have had your eye on **Mary**, you have waited too long'.



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We were informed that there was a glitch in our election procedures and that one of the candidates for Director, **Victor Jagoldis** was accidentally omitted. He took the error in good humour and does not want to change the outcome of the election. Thank you **Victor** for being a good sport but don't count on ducking the bullet as easily next year.

**Barry Walker** informed us that the Lafleche Brothers can wait until next weekend to order our jackets so if anyone wants to go in for a measurement, there is still time. Also they will have the material for the jackets and slacks after that date but the reduced price may not be available. Go to their store at 99 Street and 63 Avenue and tell them you want to be measured for the Edmonton Gyro jacket. (Sherwood Park has also ordered jackets so try to avoid getting a green one). The jackets will be available for the International Convention in Chicago. If you are going to Chicago, Air Canada has provided a discount and **Mike Matei** has information or you can tell Air Canada that you are attending the Gyro Convention.

There will be an Executive Meeting at **President Mike's** house on Tuesday May 9, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. (19:30 for those who served in the second World War).

May 9th is also the **Gyrette** Annual General Meeting to be held at the Mayfair Club at 6:30.

**Dick Ogilvie** suggested that we consider giving a donation to the campaign for Oklahoma City which is looking for funds as a result of the bombing of the federal building. He pointed out that we provided a donation for the floods last year and that initiative was well received and this is another opportunity for us. In the following discussion the dilemma of which causes to support is an issue for which we have no policy. With respect to Oklahoma City, there is no Gyro club in the immediate area (which there was with the floods). It was suggested that we look at a policy for determining what events we will support with a donation, and on what basis or rationale.

**Owen Cornish** was then called upon to provide some background information of **Bill Graham**. He was born and raised in Medicine Hat and was trained as both a pilot and a navigator during the war. When he returned from the war he went to Toronto in 1947 to study for the ministry. He was ordained in May of 1953 and has been 'irreverent' ever since. [(When I checked the meaning of that word I had to put it in quotation marks because the real meaning is the exact opposite of **Bill** but those of us who know him will understand why the word came to mind). After that remark I am

sure that dictionaries in Edmonton are taking their worst beating since Stan Smith's last letter.] To get back to the point, **Bill** was in Westmount until 1960 and then joined the regular Airforce for the next 20 years. When he returned to Edmonton, he was the Honorary Chaplain of the Air Squadron until the base was closed. **Bill** was introduced to Gyro in 1954 by **Cyril Shaw**. **Owen** thanked **Bill** for being an important part of the Edmonton Gyro Club. He was then presented with his 40 year Certificate of Appreciation.

**Reverend Bill** stated that Gyro has always been important for him and that in this organization there is always time for fun. He also appreciated the assistance of **Gord Rennie** in securing recognition for his military service as part of his 40 years of Gyro.

**President Mike** said that the team schedule for programs will be drawn up shortly. The next meeting will be on May 16th. If you would like to plan that program, there is an opportunity.

**Gord Rennie** expressed his thanks on behalf of **Ivy** for the many cards and phone calls they have received. He also said that he must relinquish the duties of Gyrolog editor as the demands are now too high. **Howard Wilson** moved a vote of thanks for **Retread** for his efforts over the years and for his contribution to the Club.

Having filled in for **Gord** on occasion, I realize the time and effort he has devoted to his responsibilities over the years. I have stated to a number of people that I believe we underestimate the amount of time involved. In my experience it takes a minimum of 4 days a month to put out two editions. You have provided yeoman's service **Gord**, and we all appreciate the contribution you have made to the Edmonton Gyro Club. Your efforts have also resulted in personal recognition for you and honor to our club as you repeatedly received the award for best bulletin. From us all

*A SPECIAL THANK YOU!*

