



THE GYROLOG

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Marty Larson celebrated his 85th birthday on the 14th.

Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **John and Helen Ross**, 54 years on the 2nd; **Jack and Terrie Ellis**, 51 years on the 19th; **Jim and Gayl Lepp**, 59 years on the 22nd and **Dick and Marilyn Nichols**, 54 years on the 23rd.

President Ray Dallaire welcomed 25 Gyros and two guests to the November 7th luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. **Dick Nichols** led the group in the singing of Cheerio and **Jim Lochhead** presented the Grace. **Guest and new member applicant Duncan Mills** was introduced.

Mike Matei reported on the **District VIII Curl-a-Rama** held in Banff on the weekend of November 4th. Three Edmonton Gyros attended the event. **Peter Carter** attended as a non-curler. **Mike Matei** and **Sam Gruden** teamed up with two guests from the **Castlegar Club** and made it to the C-Final before losing to the Regina Team. The **A-Event** winners were from the **Alberni Club** which travelled from Vancouver Island in District IV. In all 60 Gyros attended the event. It was a great social weekend enjoyed by everyone who attended. Next year it is hoped that that the Edmonton Club can field two teams.

Thanks to the Calgary Gyro Club for organizing this event!

John Boyd introduced our guest speaker **Allan Bleiken** who was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in 1940 and moved to Alberta in 1956. He married Kathleen Tetley in 1964 and they have a son, a daughter and two granddaughters and a grandson. He has been socially active in many community organizations including the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Kinsmen Club and the Sherwood Park Gyro Club.

Mr. Bleiken has accumulated more than 35 years of CEO experience, on a national to international level within industry, government, and educational institutions. From 1994 to 2014, he was owner and President of Global Trends Ltd., a private research company which specialized in customized research reports for industry and government.

GLOBAL TERRORISM

The world is facing an unprecedented threat from international terrorism. To understand this threat, it is important to review and understand the history and status of terrorism. People/nations are the byproduct of their past.

History of Terrorism

- Terrorism has always existed
- Identified in the 6th Century B.C. by Sun Tzu
- Highly effective against traditional armies
- Terrorism won't stop anytime soon

Terrorism in Many Countries

- Ireland-Irish Republican Army
- Sri Lanka- Tamil Tigers
- Germany- Baader-Mienhof Gang
- Turkey- PKK Kurdish Fighters
- Italy- Red Brigades
- USA- Weather Underground Terrorists
- Japan- Japanese Red Army
- Canada- FLQ

Types of Terrorists

- Anarchists
- Separatists
- Religious groups
- Nationalist organizations
- Social causes

There are more than 160 identified terrorist organizations. This presentation will focus on **Muslim Terrorists.**

Why is there Muslim Terrorism?

- To understand Muslim terrorism, it is important to understand Muslim History
- Muslim History has been one of continuous conflict

History of the Middle East

- Ruled by 18 different occupying empires
- Persian Empire 550 to 334 B.C.
- Roman Empire 31 BC to 476 A.D.
- Crusades 1095-1291
- Ottoman Empire 1299 to 1923



Perceptions of Terrorism

- Driven by **radical religious** organizations
- Want to **subjugate the world**
- **Terrorists primarily identified** as Muslims
- **Western intervention** needed to stop terrorism

Biggest Advantage-Invisibility

- Terrorists can be **men, women, or children**
- Terrorists **can blend** into local ethnic populations
- Terrorists **can pick the date, time, and place** to initiate attacks
- Terrorist attacks are **difficult to predict and prevent**

Perception of Muslim Terrorism

- Religious fanatics motivate terrorism

There is extensive, accredited research, on terrorism. Most terrorists are driven by social causes- loss of family, homes, community, and country. **Foreign intervention drives terrorism.**

Muslim Population

Distribution of World's Muslim Population-Pew Research Center

South and Southeast Asia	1,005,507,000
Middle East-North Africa	321,869,000
Sub Saharan Africa	242,544,000
Europe	44,138,000
Americas	5,256,000
World Total	1,703,146,000

20% of the world's Muslim population live in Arab countries. Other Muslims live in Turkey, India, Pakistan, Indonesia.

How Many Muslims are Terrorists?

- There are 1,700,000,000 Muslims in the world
- Estimated number of Jihadist fighters-85,000 to 106,000 (source: CIA Reports and the American 2014 Homeland Security Report).
- **Terrorists represent 0.0062% of the Muslim population**
- **Far, far fewer than the public perception**

Terrorist Attacks in Europe

- As reported by Europol, the EU law enforcement agency, Muslims represent 6% of the EU population.
- Muslims commit less than 2% of crimes in EU
- Muslims commit less than 1% of terrorist attacks in EU

Current Problem in Middle East-Regime Change Wars Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria

War and Terrorist Organizations:

Mujahedeen fought for Afghan warlords. Funded by the United States and Saudi Arabia. Goal: to oppose Russian intervention in Afghanistan.

Taliban emerged during the Russian occupation of Afghanistan, funded by the United States and Pakistan. Goal: to fight occupation in Afghanistan, first the Russians and now the Americans.

al Qaeda emerged during the Russian occupation of Afghanistan, created by Osama bin Laden in 1988. Goal: oppose all foreign invasions of Arab countries. Became an international terrorist organization and active in more than 50 countries.

ISIS emerged following the 2003 American invasion of Iraq. Goal: to fight foreign invasions and occupations. Became an international terrorist organization.

Hezbollah emerged from the 1982 Israeli and U.S. incursion in Lebanon. Funded and supported by Iran. Goal: to fight foreign occupation in Lebanon.

Al Shabaab emerged from the Somali civil war and affiliated with al Qaeda. Goal: to fight enemies of Islam.

These terrorist organizations evolved during foreign interventions!

A report from the University of Maryland indicates that there is a direct correlation between invasion and occupation and increased terrorist attacks. As such, if a country is invaded, there likely will be a massive increase in terrorist attacks. **Conclusion: Stay out of foreign wars, they create and expand terrorism!**

Since 1283 BC, treaties have ended thousands of conflicts. If mediated treaties can end wars, **why not use mediation to prevent wars?**

UN Peace Keeping Missions have been very successful, but they cannot keep pace with demands.

Sanctions can prevent wars, but they need to be strategic, not punitive and require international support and cooperation.

Wars and conflicts need to be avoided.

Conventional warfare is not successful.

The focus needs to be on mediation and prevention.

Allan Bleiken's presentation was followed by many questions and answers.

Gerry Glassford thanked our speaker for a very thought-provoking presentation.

On the fifth draw, **Alan Rusler** was the winner of the Free Lunch.

Thanks to **Bruce Foy** for talking notes at this luncheon meeting while your Editor was vacationing in Arizona.

FIRST POSTING

Duncan (Dunc) Mills has applied for membership in our club. He resides at **16205-100 Ave.** Edmonton, AB. **T5P 0M2**. His telephone number is 780-443-1659 and email address curlerguy@gmail.com Duncan is self-employed in sales and marketing. He is proposed by **John Mann** and **Dan Hasinoff**.

Vice-President Bruce Swanson welcomed 36 Gyros and our guest speaker to the November 21st luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club

Our guest speaker was **Dr. Thomas O'Leary MD FRCP (C)**. Dr. O'Leary attended Medical School at the University of Manitoba and graduated with an MD in 1974. He completed his residency at Manitoba Affiliated Teaching Hospitals in Winnipeg in 1982 including a six-month regional anesthesia fellowship at the Virginia Mason Clinic in Seattle, Washington. Dr. O'Leary's medical career included Staff Anesthesiologist at St. Boniface General Hospital, Winnipeg; Assistant Clinical Professor of Anesthesia, University of Alberta and Head of Anesthesia Department, Charles Camshell Hospital. In 1988 he undertook the position of Consultant Anesthesiologist for a six-year period at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

In 1994, Dr. O'Leary became a Consultant Cardiac Anesthesiologist at the Mohammed Bin Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa Cardiac Centre in Manama, Bahrain. From 2006-2012, he held the rank of Assistant Clinical Professor, Anesthesia, University of Alberta.

Our speaker is eminently qualified to speak about the birth of anesthesia.

William Thomas Green Morton is associated with the use of ether as a dental and surgical anesthetic. He studied at the world's first dental school, Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, but left without finishing his degree. In 1844 he became a student at Harvard Medical School, but again did not finish his studies. However, at Harvard he attended the lectures of Professor Charles Jackson, who in 1844 demonstrated that inhaling ether caused unconsciousness.

Having seen his former business partner Horace Wells fail to convince the medical establishment of the usefulness of nitrous oxide, Morton decided to investigate ether. **On October 16, 1846 he delivered four minutes of inhalation ether to a surgical patient of Dr. John Warren in a public demonstration to surgeons at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.** The patient felt no pain. The success of this operation led others to start experimenting with ether, and its use spread rapidly across the world. In 1852 Morton was granted an honorary doctorate by the Washington University in Baltimore.

Morton spent much of the rest of his life in disputes with other medical men over who discovered the use of ether first. He developed a letheon (as he called ether) inhaler, which he tried to patent as a unique invention. Morton had little success in trying to claim that he was the first person who had discovered ether's properties, and became increasingly bitter as his legal battles failed. He died in 1868 at the age of 48, deeply in debt.

Dr. John Snow of London, England began working with three of Queen Victoria's physicians. All had reservations about the use of anesthesia as did most physicians of the day. Yet in 1848, all three conferred with John Snow, possibly at the urging of Prince Albert. Victoria and Albert had nine children and first showed interest in chloroform in 1848, however no anesthesia was administered for the delivery of the seventh child Arthur, the future Duke of Connaught. Such reservations disappeared in 1853 when Dr. Snow used chloroform in the delivery of Prince Leopold. Four years later Victoria delivered Princess Beatrice, again with the assistance of Dr. Snow.

An interesting book has been published about the life of William Thomas Green Morton entitled "**Tarnished Idol**" by **Richard Wolfe**.

Thanks to the team of Len Evenson and Jack Bowen for organizing this speaking event!

Bruce Foy was the winner of the **Free Lunch draw**.

Thanks to **David Winfield** for keeping notes at this luncheon meeting while the editor was on vacation.

Dick Nichols reports on the results of the Hockey Pool

Game 1	November 11	Winners	First	Second	Final
Oilers vs Rangers					
First	1 1	Gary Campbell		Jack Ellis	Jack Ellis
Second	2 3	Paulette Schulte		C. Walker	S. Sellar
Final	2 4	A. So		Ken Korchinski	Bea McKenzie

Game 2	November 16	Winners	First	Second	Final
Oilers vs Blues					
First	1 1	C. Sellar	Sandy McDonald		Jim Lochhead
Second	1 2	C Walker	Bill Taylor		Jim Lochhead
Final	1 4	Unsold	Ken Lesniak		Unsold

Game 3	November 22	Winners	First	Second	Final
Oilers vs Red Wings					
First	2 2	Rudy Lucas	Ashley White		Danica Russell
Second	5 2	Rob McKinnon	Mike Matei		Allan Bleiken
Final	6 2	Unsold	Unsold		Unsold

Game 4	November 30	Winners	First	Second	Final
Oilers vs Maple Leafs					
First	1 3	Jack Little	Gary Campbell		Chuck Gerhart
Second	3 4	Bill Taylor	Jill Hastings		Cliff Revell
Final	4 6	J. McManus	Bob Bahniuk		Bill Austin

'Fast Fred'

UPCOMING EVENTS

GYRO/GYRETTE Christmas Party, Riverview Room, Shaw Conference Centre, Tuesday December 5th

Contacts: Bruce Foy and Sam Gruden

GYRETTE Christmas Party, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday December 12th

Registration: 11:30, Dinner 12:00 noon

Cost: \$30

Speaker: Carol Cooper from “Fruits of Sherbrooke”, a non-profit organization that takes fruits that are not being used by homeowners and makes jams.

Contact: Jackie Evenson

Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, January 23, 2018

Speaker: Margo Long, Executive Director, Youth Empowerment & Support Services (YESS)

Contact: Fred Schulte

District VIII Convention, Nelson, B.C. June 7-10, 2018

Convention Hotel: Prestige Lakeside Resort, Gyro rates: \$140/night plus tax-City side and \$160/night-Lake side.

Registration Fee: \$450/couple, single \$225

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GYRO International Convention, Abbey Resort, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. June 25-29, 2018