



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

Club Charter No.15, July 29, 1921

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SEPTEMBER 2014

Those celebrating their birthdays in September are **Gerry Glassford** on the 5th, **Bruce Swanson** on the 8th, **Michael Mant** on the 18th and **Peter Carter** on the 25th. Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Bill Taylor** and **Marie Losier**, 31 years on the 1st; **David** and **Marlene Burnett**, 48 years on the 3rd; **Warren** and **Vickie Garbutt**, 55 years on the 5th; **Mort** and **Jean Morter**, 63 years on the 5th; **Elaine** and **Allan Douglas**, 46 years on the 7th; **John** and **Marion Boyd**, 46 years on the 21st and **Bruce** and **Margaret Foy**, 54 years on the 24th.

President John Mann welcomed 60 Gyros, Gyrettes and guests to the **Annual Corn Roast and Bocce Tournament** held at the Malmo Community Hall on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Three teams of bocce players enjoyed a hard fought tournament in windy and unseasonably cool temperatures. **Bill Taylor** announced the winners:

Ken Willan, Barbara Willan, Berni Hardin and **Sheldon Weatherby**. Thanks to **Jack Ellis** and **Bill Taylor** for their skillful management of the tournament.

Thanks to the team of corn roast organizers who year after year provide an excellent feast of chicken, salads, corn and cake. **Well done! Roger and Janet Russell, Barry and Valerie Walker, David and Marlene Burnett, Tony and Care Mazzuca and Bruce Foy.**



Ken Willan

Barbara Willan

Sheldon Weatherby

Friendship Quotes

One of the most beautiful qualities of true friendship is to understand and be understood.

Lucius Annaeus Seneca

Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.

Helen Keller

Friendship ... is not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything.

Muhammad Ali

A friend to all is a friend to none.

Aristotle

Friends show their love in time of trouble, not in happiness.

Euripides

Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.

Martin Luther King Jr.

A friend is someone who gives you total freedom to be yourself.

Jim Morrison

One loyal friend is worth ten thousand relatives

Euripides

My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me.

Henry Ford

Friends and good manners will carry you where money won't go.

Margaret Walker

President John Mann welcomed 28 Gyros and three guests to the **September 16th** Luncheon Meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. **Gary Campbell** led the group in the singing of Cheerio and **Jim Lochhead** presented the Grace.

Walter Yakimets introduced his guest, **John Lummis** and **Jack Little** introduced his guest and new member applicant, **Raymond Dallaire**.

Treasurer **Gary Campbell** presented the **Financial Statements for the Year Ending March 31, 2014**. On a motion by **Mike Matei** and seconded by **Val Pohl**, the Financial Statements were approved by the members.

Treasurer Gary also presented the proposed **General Fund Budget for the Year Ending March 31, 2015**. On a motion by **Marty Larson** and seconded by **Mike Matei**, the Proposed 2014-15 Budget was approved.

Marty Larson introduced our guest speaker **Roger Woltjen**. Roger was born in Germany in 1940 and emigrated to Canada in 1964. He opened the first Gift/Art Store in 1967 at the University of Alberta's "Tuckshop" and named it "The Art Mart. In 1968, Roger opened a second store in Downtown Edmonton under the same name. In 1969 he moved the store to 103rd Street and renamed it the Downstairs Gallery. In 1974 Roger opened a gallery in Ribe, Denmark. This same year, Roger became a member of the Art Dealers Association of Canada. In 1977, The Downstairs Gallery was moved to 124th Street in Edmonton which started the beginning of the "**124th Street Art Walk**". This gallery was renamed the Woltjen-Udell Gallery. In 1978 a second Woltjen-Udell Gallery was opened in Vancouver. In 2001, Roger became a private Fine Art consultant.

Roger began his talk with an explanation of the difference between an "**art collector**" and a "**accumulator**". Accumulators tend to be more interested in the quantity of works acquired as opposed to the collector who buys, sells and trades art which recognizes their growth in knowledge of fine art.

The **Edmonton Art Gallery** under the direction of Terry Fenton and Barbara Wilkin began the trend of featuring art and artists that were unfamiliar to most Edmontonians. Woltjen's Gallery began to recognize this vision and also featured similar works from outside Canada.

Roger provided some examples of his early initiatives to participate in art shows in the much larger United States markets such as Chicago and Los Angeles. He was able to sell out his entire art inventory in Chicago in three days which would have taken at least three months in Edmonton. Traditionally, International artists wanted to be recognized in major cities such as New York, London and Paris and not in Edmonton. However, the Woltjen-Udell Gallery did very well representing international artists and in the mid-1980's the gallery sold three to five million dollars of international art annually.

Mr. Woltjen is presently a private art dealer and appraiser.

Val Pohl thanked our speaker for his presentation and fascinating anecdotes. The Free Lunch draw was won by **Mike Matei**.

After the meeting ended, Roger showed a few of the remaining members, one of his prize acquisitions, a three hundred year old glass goblet that belonged to **Frederick II, (Frederick the Great), King of Prussia 1740-1786**. Roger has not finalized his plans for the goblet, but would like to have it housed permanently in an appropriate museum.



FIRST POSTING

Raymond (Ray) Dallaire has applied for membership in our club. **Ray** and his wife **Donna** reside at **1494 Welbourn Drive NW, T6M 2M1**. Their telephone number is **780-487-0899** and email address is rdalla@shaw.ca **Ray** is Regional Director of Investors Group in Edmonton and is proposed by **Jack Little** and **Tracy DesLaurier**.

'Fast Fred'

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 2014 Annual Men's Bocce Night with the St. Albert Gyro Club, Italian Cultural Centre, 14230-133 Ave. Tuesday, October 7th

Bocce: 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30 and more Bocce.

Menu: Festive Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings.

Cost: \$45 per person (no wine), \$55 with wine.

Contacts: Larry Dobson, Ken Korchinski and Mike Matei

GYRETTE Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday Evening, October 14th

Cocktails: 6:00. Dinner 6:30 pm

Speaker: Eunice Maris

Topic: "Making a Difference", a Rotary volunteer program at the Busano Elementary School in Uganda.

Contact: Elaine Douglas

GYRO Interclub Event, Founders Night, Gyros and Gyrettes Tuesday evening, October 21st

Santa Maria Goretti Community Centre, 11050-90 Street

Cash Bar open 6 PM, Plated Dinner 7:00

Cost \$50 per person

Contacts: Cliff French and Tony Mazzuca

**GYRO/GYRETTE Christmas Party, Riverview Room, Shaw Conference Centre,
Tuesday Evening, December 2nd**

Champagne and socializing: 6:00 pm

Carved Roast Turkey Dinner: 6:30

Cost: TBA

Guests Welcome!

Contacts: Bruce Foy, Fred Schulte and Sam Gruden

**GRYO International Interim Meeting, Hilton Cocoa Beach, Cocoa Beach, Florida,
January 25-30, 2015**

**GYRO International and District III Convention, Buffalo, New York, Adam's Mark
Hotel and Convention Center, June 22nd-28th, 2015**

EVENTS:

June 22 Executive Committee Meeting, Past Governor's Meeting

June 23 Board of Governors Meeting

June 24 Ladies Lunch and Guided Tours

June 25 District III Business Meeting, Miss Buffalo Lake Erie Dinner Cruise

**June 26 District III Installation Dinner, Live Entertainment with Roaring 20's
Theme and Special Celebrity Guest Speaker**

**June 27 Annual General Meeting, Presidents Banquet, International Officers
Installation and Entertainment**

June 28 Farewell Breakfast

**Registration Fee: \$200 per person/\$399 per couple before February 1st
\$225/\$449 after February 1st**

Room Rate: \$119 per night at Adam's Mark Hotel 866-539-8430

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