



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

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NOVEMBER 2018

Marty Larson celebrated his birthday on November 14th.

Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **John** and **Helen Ross**, 55 years on the 2nd; **Jack** and **Terrie Ellis**, 52 years on the 19th; **Jim and Gayl Lepp**, 60 years on the 22nd; and **Arv** and **Berni Hardin**, 53 years on the 23rd.

FIRST POSTING

William (Bill) Donnelly has applied for membership in our club. Bill resides at **#159, 2750 55 Street, Edmonton, AB. NW**. His telephone number is **780-462-5706** and email address Bill@nucleus.com Bill is a retired Chaplain and **John Mann** and **Dunc Mills** propose him.

Roy Delgado, Readers Digest



"What did you take away from the meeting?"



"Looks like we've been bumped from the financials to the obituaries."

Susan Camiller Konar, Readers Digest

President Bruce Swanson welcomed 39 Gyros, our speaker and one guest to the November 6th luncheon meeting held at the Faculty Club.

Dunc Mills introduced our guest speaker, **Lauren Farnell**
Marketing and Communications Director, Grey Cup Festival 2018

Lauren brings over 14 years of experience in the national and international tourism, sport, and entertainment industry to her role in helping create the Canadian Football League's most prestigious and memorable national event – the 2018 Grey Cup Festival and 106th Grey Cup game.

Prior to joining the 2018 Grey Cup team, Lauren held the role of Media Relations Manager for Edmonton Tourism (2015-2017). She served as Communications Manager for the FIFA Women's World Cup Canada (2013-2015). Prior to that, Lauren lived and worked in Toronto, managing PR and marketing efforts for two of North America's largest film festivals: the Toronto International Film Festival and the Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival (2009-2012). She got her first taste for major events working for Northlands, first on the K-Days and CFR side of things, and later, as part of the marketing team for the racing and gaming division (2004-2008). Lauren is a graduate of the Communications Studies B.A. program at Toronto's York University and MacEwan University's Public Relations diploma program.

The Grey Cup 106 Celebration is a five-day event, starting on Wednesday, **November 21st** with a Tim Horton's Kick-Off party and the Nissan Titan Street Festival between 6:00 and 8:00 pm.

On Thursday **November 22nd**, the Nissan Titan Street Festival continues from 11:00am to 11:00pm, the Boston Pizza Sports Bar is open from 11:00am to 11:00pm, the Cooper Entertainment Stage will be open from 12:00 noon until 9:15pm and the Spirit of Edmonton Event will be held in the Westin Hotel from 2:00 pm to 2:00am. **The Shaw CFL Awards** will be held at the Winspear between 6:00 and 9:30 pm and the ESports Tournament will be held between 6:00 and 10:00pm.

On Friday, **November 23rd**, the Spirit of Edmonton Breakfast will be held between 8:00 am and 12:00 noon at the Shaw Conference Centre and the Fan State of the League Event is scheduled for the Westin between 10:30 and 11:30 am. The Calgary Grey Cup Committee will host the Stampede Breakfast at TELUS Park and

the **Canadian Tire CFL Alumni Awards Luncheon** will be held at the Shaw between 11:00am and 2:00 pm.

Fan watering holes, including Stamps House, Riderville, Touchdown Manitoba, Spirit of Edmonton, Atlantic Schooner, Lion's Den, RNATION Party, Tigercats Pubcrawl and Bomber House will be open morning, afternoon and evening. The **Alberta Grey Cup Gala Dinner** will be held at the Shaw.

On Saturday, **November 24th**, there will be the usual public events including breakfasts, street festivals and pub crawls. The **CN Grey Cup Parade** will be held between 12 and 1:30 pm and the **CFL Hall of Fame Reception** is scheduled for Saturday evening.

On Sunday, **November 25th**, there will be Tailgate Parties indoors and outdoors. The **106 Grey Cup Game starts at 4:00pm**.

PostScript:

The Calgary Stampeders beat the **Ottawa Redblacks 27-16** on icy field conditions in front of **55,819 fans**.

Thanks to **Dunc Mills** and **Tony Mazzuca** for organizing this speaking event.

Bruce Foy was the winner of the Free Lunch Draw.

President Bruce Swanson welcomed 49 Gyros and Gyrettes, two guests and our two guest speakers to the November 20th Luncheon meeting held at the Faculty Club.

John Boyd introduced our two guest speakers, **Alexander (Alex) Prior, Chief Conductor Edmonton Symphony Orchestra (ESO) and Konstantine Kurelias, Communications and Public Relations, ESO**.

Alex Prior has sparked an uncommonly deep relationship with Edmonton's symphony and its audiences during several acclaimed guest appearances since 2014. The new Chief Conductor of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra began his new role in the 2017/2018 season.

The London-born, 26-year-old's exuberance, vision, and musical excellence have taken him to orchestras from Munich to Seattle, Hong Kong to St. Petersburg. He has amassed an impressive list of accomplishments, both as a conductor and composer. At the age of 13, his ballet *Mowgli*, commissioned by the Moscow State Ballet, received international critical acclaim. He was the youngest student since Sergei Prokofiev to graduate with distinction as a conductor from the Conservatoire in St. Petersburg at the age of 17. He has been awarded Conducting Fellowships at the Boston Symphony's Tanglewood Music Center and the Aspen Music Festival and has conducted numerous orchestras, including the Seattle Symphony, the Victoria Symphony, and the New World Symphony.

Prior said his decision to choose Edmonton over other suitors was made easy by several factors: "The (ESO's) players are among the best in North America. The Winspear Centre is among the best venues on the continent. I felt a special chemistry, with those players and in that room, and with Edmontonians." "That intangible feeling of making excellent music with like-minded artists in a wondrous place; it's what a conductor lives for, isn't it?"

Prior said he was struck during previous stays by Edmonton's energy, its big spaces, the beauty of its River Valley, and the intelligence of its classical music audiences. His arrival coincides with the Winspear Centre's push to complete its \$53-million addition, a project that fulfills Dr. Francis Winspear's original vision for the organization with music participation, learning, and performance spaces for all Edmontonians.

"I'm thrilled to join an organization that is so intentional about inviting all Edmontonians, from every background and circumstance, to experience music, to play it, to be transformed by it."

Winspear Centre CEO Annemarie Petrov said Edmontonians are in for an extended treat. "He's a remarkable musician, he's gregarious and exceptionally well-spoken, and a lot of fun. And he already has this marvelous connection with the musicians,"

"Put simply, he's one-of-a-kind. Edmonton music lovers will look at this era with Alex with fondness and wonder, just as they look at (Music Director Emeritus) Bill Eddins' tenure here."

Upcoming concerts include **The Sibelius of Light and Hope**, February 22 and 23, 2019, **The Sibelius of Song and Dance**, February 28, 2019 and **Sibelius and Scotch**, March 1, 2019.



Alex Prior

Thanks to John Boyd for organizing this special event!

Age-Old Wisdom Still Resonates- Harvey Mackay, Columnist, Arizona, Republic, November 2018- *“A good moral or proverb must teach a lesson”.*

- Don't believe everything you hear, nor tell all you know. --Italian
- Water and words are easy to pour, but impossible to recover. — Chinese
- A good conscience makes a soft pillow. —German
- Where there is no shame, there is no honour. —West African
- One cannot help many, but many can help one. -- Chinese

Dick Nichols reports on the **Hockey Pool**

Game 1	November 5	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs Washington					
First	1	2	Sandra Foy	Jack Heibert	Sloane Sellar
Second	2	4	Sara Baird	Dunc Mills	Ken Willan
Final	2	4	Sara Baird	Dunc Mills	Ken Willan

Peter Carter has advised that very few Gyros/Gyrettes have signed in for access to our MEMBERS ONLY SECURE 'Log In' Page of our Club's Website. There is some great information on this page, in particular the Roster Information which is continuously updated.

Welcome to our "Members ONLY" Secure Page!

Gyro Information

- Club Constitution (PDF)
- Meeting Attendance Signup Sheets
- Meeting Schedule/ Duty Roster
- **Member Information- Updated 23NOV**
- Membership Anniversaries

Gyrette Information

- Meeting Schedule/Duty Roster
- **Member Information- Updated 04 Nov**
- Membership Anniversaries-Coming Soon

NB. If there is other information that you would like to see on this 'Secure Page', please advise **Peter Carter**.

"Fast Fred

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday Christmas Wish Luncheon, Faculty Club, December 18th

Speaker: Jim Lochhead

Topic: Christmas Message

Team Leaders: Jim Lochhead and Bob Bahniuk



A World-Class Exposition!



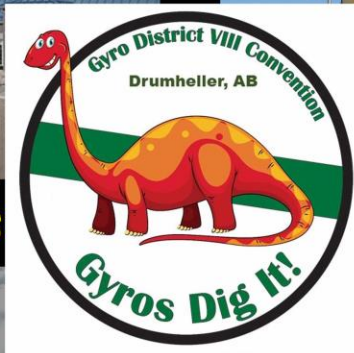
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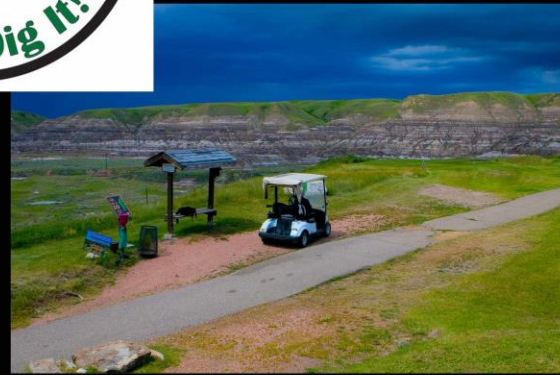
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Roar with the Gyros!



Last Chance Saloon - Yahoo!



Golf with the Dinosaurs!

**Gyro District VIII Convention
Drumheller, Alberta
May 23 - 26, 2019**