

# THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
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**THE BIG 90 FOR STEWART GRAHAM!!**



Birthdays - Pictured above and all set to enjoy a big blowout is our good friend and long time member **STEWART GRAHAM**, who will be 90 years young on July 28th. Our heartiest congratulations. Stewart keeps active by playing golf three times a week. He is a regular attender at our Gyro meetings and other activities and he certainly looks younger than his years. Perhaps his longevity could be due in part, to the fact that he was born in Ayrshire, Scotland - and he faithfully ate his porridge every morning! We hope you have a great day Stew. Our best wishes for good health and more birthday celebrations to come.

Also celebrating birthdays before our next meeting are:-

**Andy Carabott** on 21 July and **Ken McKenzie** on 23 July.

Our congratulations and best wishes to these young fellows:-



Our last meeting was held on 19 July at the Mayfair Golf Club. Much of the information contained in this Gyrolog was given to me by Owen Cornish, who made notes of the proceedings in my absence. Many thanks Owen. The meeting was chaired by our First Vice President Mike Matei, who was pinch hitting for President Barry Walker, who is away on holidays.

"Cheerio" was enthusiastically rendered by our best baritone, Harry Mills, with Bert Boren kindly giving the blessing. Our one guest on this occasion was Sam Steele (a former member of the Crossroads Gyro Club) who was Tony Sheppard's guest.

Health & Welfare - Bert Boren reported that Ernie Siegel & Ken McKenzie were now both feeling better - both of them were at the meeting. Roger Russell made some reference to our Super Senior Member Stan Smith, as being a "bionic man."

Gyro International Convention - recently held in Moncton, NB, is now history. David Burnett reported that the convention was very successful with over 500 in attendance. Enjoying the activities from our club were:- **Barry & Valerie Walker, Mike & Sharon Matei, David & Marlene Burnett, Roger & Janet Russell, and Marty & Shirley Larson.**

It was reported that the lobster dinner and other meals were something else. The boat tours were very interesting and the 30 piece band on the Saturday evening, provided some great dance music.

Our congratulations to **Marty Larson** who was presented with the **Gyro Honor Key**, which is Gyro's highest award. It is a much deserved honor, **Marty & Shirley** have been excellent ambassadors for our fraternity of Gyro friends. Their outstanding efforts on behalf of Gyro over the many years is truly appreciated.

Our congratulations also to the newest member of the International Executive. It is **Ian Greig** of the **Stampede City Gyro Club**, who was installed as Third International Vice President, at the convention in Moncton, NB.

**Ian** is a very enthusiastic, hard working Gyro and we look forward to his and **Joan's** additional participation in Gyro at the International level. All the best, **Ian & Joan**.

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District 8 Convention (in review) In our last Gyrolog we made reference to some District 8 Awards, but omitted some of the winners names. The winner of the Best **Secretary Award** was **James (Jim) Kennedy** of the Cranbrook Club; while the Best **Bulletin** winner was **Al Pierpont** of the Grand Forks Club. Our belated congratulations to these Gyros!

While on the subject of the D-8 Convention, Ye Editor made another blunder when I listed the names of the couple from our club who went to Lethbridge. Boy of boy - I forgot to include the names of **Allan & Elaine Douglas**. Please accept my apologies for the error. I guess the only excuse I can offer is that I intended to save the best for the last, but I didn't turn the page!. I trust your rebuttal will not be too harsh, Mr. Douglas, sir. (Geez - I can't even blame this mistake on "Mr. Mac">

Coming events -Owen Cornish advised that Ernie Siegel quoted him a figure of 60 golfers for the annual Golf Scramble on 11 August. Strangely enough he didn't even mention prizes -BUT - for those who are going and haven't sent Ernie your cheque, please do so PDQ - remember the deadline for registration is 1 August.

Race Night - Mixed Function - John Stroppa called to remind us to mark our calendar for this annual event which will take place at Northlands on **21 September 1994**. Cost is \$18.00 per person which of course includes you dinner & race program - but no tips! - you are on your own in that department. Please make your cheques payable to **John Stroppa** and get them to him by **16 September 1994** so that he can complete arrangements with Northlands on our behalf.

At our last meeting, **Pat Rasko** introduced our guest speaker **Randy Ambrosi**, a former player with the **Edmonton Eskimos Football Club**. He was born and educated in Winnipeg and during his time in the CFL he played for Calgary, Toronto and Edmonton.

Randy gave a most interesting talk about his years in football. He was very high in his praise about Coach **Ron Lancaster** whom he described as a very unique coach. He referred to Ron as a man of vision, when he established one set of rules "for all players", which gave everyone a sense of belonging through his total "team" concept and by caring for people.

Randy is a member of the Board of Directors for the Canadian Football Players Association, and through them works with the RCMP talking with kids about drug awareness. Randy is also an assistant manager with Midland Walwyn Capital Inc.

Our club's appreciation for Randy's visit and fine talk was expressed by Gyro Ed Edlund.

Laughter is the best medicine - A young Commanding Officer at an Army Base in the South, was the son of a well known Senator - a fact he never let anyone forget. He was bawling out a lanky mountaineer one day and in the course of his tirade asked, "Do you know who my father is?" The mountain lad looked him straight in the eye. "Why no suh" he replied. "Don't you? "

Yogi Berra, the famous New York Yankee catcher, was a notorious bad ball chaser. One afternoon he reached for three wide pitches in succession and struck out. When he returned to the dugout, he was still shaking his head in disbelief. The other players waited patiently for the customary outburst of self blame. Instead, Berra, addressing nobody in particular, muttered:

How does a pitcher like that stay in the league?"

Vox Pop - Use what talents you possess. The woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those who sang best. (Jack Ellis)

We blame fate for other accidents, but we feel personally responsible when we make a hole in one. (Ed Edlund)

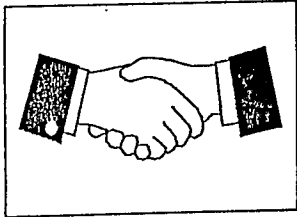
Leadership is action - not position. (Roni Ewoniak)

All great things Are simple and can be expressed in a single word:  
freedom, justice, honour, mercy and hope (Sir Winston Churchill)

~~OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE MAYFAIR GOLF CLUB AT 12.00  
NOON ON TUESDAY 2 AUGUST 1994.~~

Our Club Treasurer, Jack Ellis, will present a brief report statement  
March 31, 1994, and a proposed budget for 1994/95

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Friendship

Following Jack's report, Program Team #21, Team Leader Allan Warrack has a surprise planned ! These presentations should prove to be of value & interest to all. In fact - I'll say that if you should not be present, you will be sorry that you were not there to participate. Is your curiosity piqued? (retread)

