



# ***THE GYROLOG***

**THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON**

**Club Charter No.18, July 29, 1921**

**President-Dunc Mills, Past President-Chuck Gerhart**

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**Secretary-Barry Walker, Treasurer-David Burnett,**

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## **SEPTEMBER 2021**

Those celebrating their birthdays are **Gerry Glassford** on the 5<sup>th</sup>, **Bruce Swanson** on the 8<sup>th</sup>, **George Schuller** on the 15<sup>th</sup>, **Michel Mant** on the 18<sup>th</sup> and **Peter Carter** on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Doug and Maryella Armstrong, 65 years on the 1<sup>st</sup>**; **George Schuller and Karin Conradi, 6 years on the 1<sup>st</sup>**; **Warren and Vickie Garbutt, 62 years on the 5<sup>th</sup>**, **Ron and Theresa Trant, 33 years on the 9<sup>th</sup>**, **John and Marian Boyd, 53 years on the 21<sup>st</sup>** and **Bruce and Margaret Foy, 61 years on the 24<sup>th</sup>**.

**President Dunc Mills** welcomed 55 Gyros, Gyrettes and guests to the **Annual Bocce Tourney and Corn Roast** held at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club in the late afternoon of September 7<sup>th</sup>.

The first round of **eight Bocce teams** duked it out on the lawn outside the Banff Room before we adjourned for dinner. The merry throng enjoyed a spectacular feed of grilled beef burgers and chicken along with roasted corn, salads, and all of the trimmings. The weather was perfect with sunny skies, warm temperatures and virtually no wind. After dinner, the serious playoffs began with the Second-Round bocce players. In the end, **Team 7 (Cathy Johnson, Theresa Trant, Jim Lepp, and Mike Matei)** and **Team 8 (Chuck Gerhart, Jo-Anne Lubin, Ron Trant and Fred Schulte)** fought a see-saw battle with a tie score of 6-6. Team 7 prevailed, winning the tournament.



**Cathy Theresa Jim Mike**

Thanks to Bruce Foy and Sam Gruden for organizing a first-class bocce tournament!



## BOCCE TEAM NAMES

- The Mari-Bocce Band
- Total Beocces
- Balls for Hire
- The Big LaBocce
- Belle's of the Ball
- Designated Drinkers
- The Ball Knockers
- Barenyager Bombers
- Relish the Rolls
- Spocking Intentions
- Ball Breakers
- The Meatballs
- Bi-Polar Rollers
- Frames of Merriment
- Mission Imbocceball
- Roll Us Away
- Balls of Destiny
- Free Ballin'
- The Pallino Kissers
- Master Blasters
- Shotput Wannabes
- Pumps and a Bump
- Thrust Amplifier
- Pallina Necklace
- The Bocce Brigade
- The Rolling Balls
- Bounce, Toss, Roll
- Donkey Kong
- Living It Up
- Here for Beer
- Indigo Montoya
- Veni Vidi Bocce



## FIRST POSTING

**Edward (Terry) Mowbrey** has applied for membership in our club. **Terry** and his wife **Patricia** live in Edmonton. His email address is [t.mowbrey@mowbreygil.com](mailto:t.mowbrey@mowbreygil.com) **Trevor Mowbrey** and **Jim Lepp** propose him.

## **Gyro District VIII Convention Annual Business Meeting Held Virtually on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Governor Derm Jackman** called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with 37 Gyros in attendance.

**Jim Lochhead** of the Edmonton Club gave the Invocation.

**Governor Derm** provided opening remarks and introduced First International Vice-President **Peter Carter**, Immediate Past International President **Alan Pentney** and a significant number of other Past International Presidents and Past District 8 Governors. A roll call was undertaken, and it was confirmed that delegates from seven clubs, Castlegar, Cranbrook, Nelson, Lethbridge, Calgary, Stampede City, Sherwood Park and Edmonton were present and constituted a quorum. John Jordan of the Wallace Club joined the meeting later in the morning.

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting held in Drumheller on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, were approved. There was no business arising from the minutes. **Peter Carter** providing greetings and an update from Gyro International. District Reports by the Lt. Governor, Past Governor and the Governor were also presented.

**District Secretary-Treasurer Ken Baker** presented the **Financial Statements:** Profit and loss Budget vs. Actual May 2019-April 2020; Ten Year Financial Summary 2012-2020; Budget May 1, 2020-April 30, 2021; Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison May 2020 through April 2021; Profit and Loss Budget Actual vs. Actual May 2020 through April 2021. Ten Year Financial Summary 2011-2021.

**Lt. Governor, Sid Slade** presented **The District VIII Budget, May 1-April 30, 2022**, for review and discussion. The delegates approved the budget with no District dues for 2021-22.

**Sid Slade** presented the nomination for Lt. Governor: **Ken Williamson**.

**Awards:** Best Bulletin-**Fred Schulte**, The Gyrolog-Edmonton

Membership-**Calgary**, 7 new members in the last two years.

Man Mile-**Edmonton**, repeat from 2019 in Drumheller

A discussion centred on upcoming milestones: **District VIII** will celebrate their **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024**. The **Sherwood Park Club** will celebrate their **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025**.

There is also an expectation that a Gyro International Convention would be hosted by District VIII in the next two or three years. Plans are in place to host the next International Convention, **June 27-30, 2022, in Cleveland, Ohio**, the birthplace of Gyro in 1912.

Delegates and members recognized the challenges in hosting future conventions due to decreasing attendance and rising costs. It is expected that innovative approaches will be required to successfully mount future conventions.

## **District VIII Governors' Reception and Installation Party.**

**Immediate Past Governor, Larry Fenton, Calgary Club** welcomed 37 Gyros and Ladies to the Virtual Installation Party.

**International Vice-President Peter Carter** presented recordings of **O Canada** and **Cheerio**.

**Jim Lochhead, Edmonton** presented the **Grace**.

**Bernie Kropp, Sherwood Park** led the **Toast to the Queen**.

**Al Clark, Stampede City** made the **Toast to the Ladies**. He indicated that the membership of the Stampede Club has maintained a stable membership of 25-30 members from the beginning (1962). The Gyrettes have played a major part in maintaining membership and bringing in new members. They have been responsible for about 30% of new membership through their networking activities.

**Mary Ann Clark** relied to the Toast and advised that it has been a pleasure to work with gentlemen.

**Governor Derm Jackman** indicated it was a pleasure to serve over the last two years and he praised the mentoring and support he received from Gyros everywhere during these extraordinary Covid-19 times.

**International First Vice-President, Peter Carter** installed the following District Officers:

**Derm Jackman, Castlegar - Immediate Past Governor**

**Rick Dootjes, Sherwood Park - Secretary**

**Ken Baker, Calgary – Treasurer**

**Ken Williamson, Stampede City – Lt. Governor**

**Sid Slade, Sherwood Park – Governor**

**Governor Sid Slade** thanked **Past Governor Derm** for his support over the last two years. He also thanked **Keith Bradley** for introducing him to Gyro in 2002 and thanks to **Bernie Kropp** for suggesting that he submit his name for District Governor office. Sid stated that he looked forward to working for the good of Gyro over the next year.

Breakout Rooms and Socializing continued after the formal program ended.

Subject: Heaven or Hell

THIS IS A NON PARTISAN JOKE THAT CAN BE ENJOYED BY ALL PARTIES!

NOT ONLY THAT-- it is POLITICALLY CORRECT!!

While walking down the street one day a "Member of Parliament" is tragically hit by a truck and dies.  
His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance.

'Welcome to heaven,' says St. Peter.  
'Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you.'

'No problem, just let me in,' says the man.

'Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven.  
Then you can choose where to spend eternity.'

'Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in heaven,' says the MP.

'I'm sorry, but we have our rules.'  
And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him.

Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people.

They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar, and champagne. Also present is the devil, who really is a very friendly & nice guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it is time to go.

Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises....  
The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him.

'Now it's time to visit heaven.'

So, 24 hours pass with the MP joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns.



'Well, then, you've spent a day in hell and another in heaven.  
Now choose your eternity.'

The MP reflects for a minute, then he answers: 'Well, I would never have said it before, I mean heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell.'

So St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell.

Now the doors of the elevator open and he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage.

He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more trash falls from above.

The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder.

' I don't understand,' stammers the MP.

'Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, and danced and had a great time. Now there's just a wasteland full of garbage and my friends look miserable. What happened? '

The devil looks at him, smiles and says, ' Yesterday we were campaigning...

Today you voted.

## **Gyro Hockey Pool Tickets 2021-2022 Season**

Due to the increase in demand for the 2020-2021 hockey pool tickets, we will be offering 400 hockey pool tickets for the 2021-2022 season, an increase of 100 tickets. Payouts will remain the same, as will the cost per ticket, \$20 per ticket. Tickets sales will begin October 15, 2021.

Thank you,

Jan Molofy & Dick Nichols

**Fast Fred"**