



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

Club Charter No.15, July 29, 1921

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Those celebrating their birthdays in October are **Gordon Robertson** on the 2nd, **Roger Russell** on the 5th, **Jamie Fleming** on the 8th, **Rob McLeod** on the 18th, **Ken Korchinski** on the 26th and **Mike Matei** on the 28th. Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Jamie and Nancy Fleming**, 39 years on the 4th; **Marty and Shirley Larson**, 54 years on the 8th; **Tony and Care Mazzuca**, 44 years on the 10th and **Gerry and Alice Glassford**, 57 years on the 12th.

SECOND 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**](mailto:rdalla@shaw.ca) **Ray** is Regional Director of Investors Group in Edmonton and is proposed by **Jack Little** and **Tracy DesLaurier**.

The Annual Men's Bocce Night with the **St. Albert Gyro Club** was held at the Italian Cultural Centre on Tuesday evening, October 7th. Twenty-five Edmonton Club Gyros were joined by **Eric Haak, David Jones** and **Larry Waye** of the St. Albert Club. Also in attendance were **Tim Cartmell**, guest of **Mike Matei** and **Andrew Burnett**, son and guest of **David Burnett**.

The eight Bocce teams battled through a number of qualifying rounds until 6:30 pm when **President John Mann** welcomed the group. **Larry Dobson** led the singing of *Cheerio* and **Jim Lochhead** gave the Grace. A full Turkey dinner was then served with all the trimmings.

Bocce play resumed at 7:30 pm and after a closely fought final round the team of **Eric Haak, Andrew Burnett, Cliff Revell** and **David Burnett** won the **Gordon Rennie Trophy**.



Eric Haak

Andrew Burnett

Cliff Revell

David Burnett

Thanks to **Larry Dobson, Ken Korchinski** and **Mike Matei** for organizing this event!

President **John Mann** welcomed 16 Gyros and Gyrettes of the Sherwood Park Gyro Club and 15 Gyros and their Gyrettes of the Edmonton Gyro Club to **Founders Night** held at the **Santa Maria Goretti Centre** in Edmonton. **Bill Taylor** led the group in the singing of *Cheerio* and **Jim Lochhead** presented the Grace.

We were entertained by the Italian **APPENNINI DANCERS** who have been providing authentic regional Italian dances for 35 Years. These young men and women were very enthusiastic in their interpretation and presentation of traditional Italian dancing.



Our guest speaker was **Nick Lees** who previously attended our March 19th Luncheon meeting to speak about the **Haida Gwaii Totem Tour**. Nick regaled us with his many adventures in England, Western Canada, California and Colorado before settling down as a reporter for the Edmonton Journal. He adopted the moniker of **Nick Danger** many years ago as a way of attracting interest to his many charity fundraising campaigns. He was very successful in his younger days as a member of the "Back of the Pack Gang" who ran countless marathons carrying a long ladder. Rungs on the ladder were sold for thousands of dollars to support a

particular charitable cause. After running approximately 60 marathons and wearing out his hips and legs, Nick is now raising funds by sponsoring and participating in bike tours. To date Nick has raised over **\$5 million** for countless charitable events.

Nick and **Cec Butt** from our Edmonton Club were part of a group of 38 riders who cycled 1,760 kms over 16 days from Haida Gwaii to Edmonton, July 1-16, 2014. They accompanied a three metre Totem Pole carved by a native artist which will be housed in the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton. The bike tour raised **\$402,605!**

Cec Butt presented a number of images in his PowerPoint presentation of the Haida Gwaii Totem Tour. The initial slide indicated the following:

HAIDA GWAII TOTEM TOUR

or how to find happiness by cycling 1,760 kms over hills, dales, mountains and rivers, through pestilence, despair and even a little drought by collecting enough contributions without losing sight that your objective was to "Help the Stollery and Drain the Swamp, Not the Bank Account".

Our next speaker was **Barry Walker**, who has been a member of the Edmonton Gyro Club for 28 years. Barry remarked that tonight is the occasion when we reflect on our three founding Gyros who wanted to maintain their college friendship in a more permanent way in 1912. For those that want to read the specifics on our Gyro Founders, you can go the Gyro International Website for that information.

What I want to talk about to you tonight is "**What has GYRO meant to Valerie and I**".

The origins of the word "*friendship*" go back to 900 AD in England. Gyro has given us the opportunity to meet people from various walks of life. The Gyro focus is on friendship and not fund raising, though our club certainly has been involved in charitable activities right from the beginnings of our club in 1921. People accepted me the way I am and there was no pressure to attend all of the meetings. We have had the opportunities to travel with other club members to District and International Conventions.

One of our neighbours early in our life were the **Rennies, Gordon and Ivy**. It was a pleasure to reconnect with them when I was introduced to Gyro in 1986 by **Marty Larson**. Another friendship with **David and Marlene Burnett** led to an opportunity at Athabasca University as Chancellor. I feel blessed by my membership in GYRO!

Thanks to Tony Mazzuca and John Mann for organizing this event!

'Fast Fred'

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club,
November 4th.**

Speaker: Andre Paquette, cement expert with Halliburton Energy.

Topic: "Fracking" in Alberta

Contacts: Len Stevens and Dick Nichols

Gyrette Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, November 11th

Cocktails: 6:00, Dinner 6:30 pm

Speaker: Heather Miller

Topic: "Living in the Tower of London"

Contact: Vi Moskalyk

**GYRO/GYRETTE Christmas Party, Riverview Room, Shaw Conference
Centre,**

Tuesday Evening, December 2nd

Champagne and socializing: 6:00 pm; Dinner: 6:30

Menu: Carved Turkey at your table; carrot, orange and ginger soup; apple-sage stuffing, seasonal vegetables, cranberry potato, turkey gravy and cranberry sauce; Christmas Log dessert.

Cost: \$80 per person with wine and \$70 without wine.

Guests Welcome!

Contacts: Bruce Foy, Sam Gruden and Fred Schulte

**Gyrette Christmas Celebration, Salisbury Greenhouse, Sherwood Park,
Tuesday, December 9th.**

Time: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided and the Salisbury staff will provide timely demonstrations of both a Christmas and personal nature.

Transportation: Carpooling will be provided for those who are interested.

Contact: Alice Glassford

**Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club,
Tuesday, December 16th.**

Speaker: Douglas Hube

Topic: Extrasolar Planets, their discovery and nature.

Contacts: Eric Spink and Gary Campbell

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

Registration: \$98

GYRO Room rates: \$125-\$195

Hotel website: www.hiltoncocoabeach.com Group Code: GYRO

**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

Convention Contact: Steve Glamuzina, 716-510-3499

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Ahoy Matey Gyro!



**You be Well Advised to Set Aside the Dates of
May 21 to 24, 2015**

**To Join the Pirates of Panorama as They Gather
on the Shores of the Mighty
Fairmont Hot Springs.**

Why says You?

**To Find Treasure – To Pillage - To Crack a Cask of
Rum And to Have No End of Fun at the District
VIII Convention!**

**Registration for All Pirates Will be Put In a Bottle
to You Soon.**

Join Yur District Scallywags – OR Walk the Plank