



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**, 38 years on the 4th; **Marty and Shirley Larson**, 53 years on the 8th; **Tony and Care Mazzuca**, 43 years on the 10th and **Gerry and Alice Glassford**, 56 years on the 12th.

Mike Matei welcomed 20 Gyros from the **Edmonton Club**, 5 Gyros from the **St. Albert Club** and five guests to the **2013 ANNUAL MEN'S BOCCE NIGHT** held at the Italian Cultural Centre on Tuesday evening, October 1st. The St. Albert Gyros included **Eric Haak, Larry Waye, Duane Clayton, David Jones** and **Al McKenzie**. Our guests were **Rob Burnett, Tim Cartmell, Dave Geddes, Doug Clayton** and **Schubert Kwan**.

Mike Matei led the group in the singing of **Cheerio** and the **Grace** was presented by **Ari "Dutch" Hoeksema**.

A number of bocce games were played before a full Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings was served at 6:30 pm. The tourney resumed and by 8:30 the semi-final games in the "A" and "B" flights had been completed. The winners of the final game and recipients of the **Gordon Rennie Trophy** were **David Jones, Dick Nichols, Ken Korchinski and Sam Gruden**.

Thanks to **Mike Matei** and **Warren Garbutt** for organizing this great event.



David Jones

Dick Nichols

Ken Korchinski

Sam Gruden

On October 16th the **Sherwood Park Gyro Club** hosted the annual **Founders Night Dinner** held at the German Canadian Club. All four Edmonton area Gyro clubs were represented with 62 in attendance. Sherwood Park President **Lawrence Zalasky** chaired the meeting and **Past District Governor Don Grieg** introduced our guest speaker **Past International President Ian Greig** from the **Stampede City Gyro**

Club. Ian has held many positions in the Gyro fraternity including Auditor of Gyro International for some time. He has also received a number awards, including Gyro's highest recognition, the **Honour Key Award**; the **Award of Merit** for outstanding service to Gyro; the Bud Mitchell Award, **International Gyro of the Year** and the **Life Time Achievement Award**.

Ian spoke about the three founding fathers of GYRO; **Paul Schwan**, **Gus Handerson** and **Ed Kagy**, touching on the highlights that each brought to the organization. He also reviewed the beginnings of each of the Edmonton area clubs. In addition to our club which was founded in 1921, the Edmonton Crossroads Club was chartered in 1957, the Sherwood Park Club in 1975 and the St. Albert Club in 1992. All of these clubs were sponsored by the Edmonton Gyro Club. **Howard Wilson** of the Edmonton Club was the first recipient of the **Jimmie Hubbell Award (External Expansion)** for his efforts in founding the Sherwood Park Gyro Club. **Marty Larson**, along with the late **Rick Little** of the Edmonton Crossroads Club and **Keith Bradley** of the Sherwood Park Club also received the Hubbell Award for their work in starting the **St. Albert Club**.

Ian also touched on the strength of District VIII and reminded the members of the next District and International Convention to be held in Wallace, Idaho next June.

The meeting concluded appropriately with the induction of two new Sherwood Park Gyro members, **Greg Clark** and **Jack Beattie**. The induction was performed by **Don Grieg** in his usual excellent manner.

(Thanks to Marty Larson for taking notes in the Editor's absence)

UPCOMING EVENTS

GYRO District VIII-2013 CURLARAMA, Friday, November 1-Sunday November 3rd.

Host: Gyro Club of Calgary

Location: Banff, Alberta

Hotel: Voyager Inn, 555 Banff Ave

Cost: \$230 per curler, \$170 per non-curler, Prices based on 2 per room and includes a minimum of 3 curling games-6 ends per game, 2 nights hotel, 2 breakfasts, Gyro Hospitality Friday Night (including food and host bar), Saturday Night Banquet (no host bar) and Saturday Night Poker Tourney.

Deadline: October 21 for team entries

Contact: John Hodgson (403) 253-3150, jehodgson@shaw.ca

GYRO/GYRETTE Luncheon Meeting, Derrick Golf and Winter Club Tuesday, November 5th

Speaker: Knut Woltjen, member of the team led by **Dr. Shinya Yamanaka** from Tokyo University. **Dr. Yamanaka** won a **Nobel Prize** for his discovery of in stem cell research in 2012.

Dr Woltjen will expand on stem cell technologies and their application in personalized medicine.

- Stem Cell Biology-what are iPS Cell's?
- Overview of the Institute (CiRA)
 - Application of Stem Cell technology in treating degenerative diseases and drug development
- Overview of the Woltjen Lab's Research:
 - Generic diversity, and its importance in disease predisposition and adverse drug responses
 - movement towards personalized medicine

Contact: Sam Gruden and Dick Moskalyk

GYRETTE Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday Evening, November 12th

Time: 6:00pm Cocktails, Dinner 6:30

Speaker: **Lori Bosko**, Community Development Coordinator, Canadian Blood Services

Contact: Janet Russell

Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, November 19th

Speaker: **Amelia Kaminski**, professional musician and instructor for 35 years, Founder and Director of the Edmonton-based Celtic Fiddlers.

Topic: Fiddle Music: Giving Voice to Humanity. How has music been used in the past and what part does it play in our lives today.

Contacts: Val Pohl and Gary Campbell

Gyro/Gyrette Christmas Party, Riverview Room, Shaw Conference Centre, Tuesday Evening, December 3.

Champagne and socializing: 6:00 pm

Carved Roast Turkey Dinner: 6:30

Cost: TBA

Guests welcome!

Contacts: Fred Schulte and Sam Gruden

GYRO International Interim Meeting, Double Tree Inn, Tempe, Arizona, January 26-30, 2014

GYRO International and District VIII Convention, Wallace, Idaho, June 15-22, 2014