



# THE GYROLOG THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

## President

Fred Schulte  
Res. 434-0925



*"Lest we forget"*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

Jack Brown  
Res. 434-0392

November 10, 2006

Regular luncheon meeting held November 7, 2006

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

Bob Berube  
Res. 436-4896

**President Fred Schulte** welcomed 41 members and guests to the regular business meeting on (rather gloomy day) weather wise.

*Cheerio* was sang with gusto, led by **Larry Dobson** and grace was offered by **Bob Berube**.

## Imm. Past President

Walter Yakimets  
Res. 438-1406

### Guests:

**Leon Lubin** introduced his guest **John Hardenne**, who as a matter of interest hails from the **Ardennes** in **Belgium** the location of **World War 2** notoriety.

**Ari Hoeksema** introduced his guest **David Dyck** and **Harry Kocil** the guest speaker **Tom Hutchison**.

**Tony Sheppard** introduced **Russ Campbell**, friend and associate.

## Treasurer

Mike Matei  
Res. 930-1780

All were welcomed with a hearty round of applause.

## Directors

Gordon Robertson  
Res. 486-1240  
Alan Rusler  
Res. 435-1129  
Bill Taylor  
Res. 430-0330  
Eric Spink  
Res. 436-5242

**President Fred** announced that **Gregory Scherf** is now a member in waiting to be Installed at the next Club meeting.  
The announcement was received with applause.

### Health of the Club:

**Mort Morter** announced that **Owen Cornish** was presently resting at home following surgery and similarly **Ernie Siegel** following ( minor surgery )

### November Birthdays:

## Gyrolog Editor

Peter Fairbridge  
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<b>Carlyle Ross</b>	November 13 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Marty Larson</b>	November 14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Larry Mix</b>	November 15 <sup>th</sup>

## November Anniversaries:



<b>John and Helen Ross</b>	<b>43 Years on November 02nd</b>
<b>Jack and Terrie Ellis</b>	<b>40 Years on November 19<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Dick and Marilyn Nichols</b>	<b>43 Years on November 23<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Harry and Erma Nash</b>	<b>38 Years on November 30<sup>th</sup></b>

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## Hockey Pool:

**Dick Nichols** reports 265 tickets sold 35 remaining, any takers? see **Dick!**

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**The Guest speaker Tom Hutchison** was formally introduced by **Harry Kocil**; **Tom** is the *President* of The Edmonton Chapter of *Dreams Take Flight*, serving the area from **Red Deer** north to the **Arctic Circle**



**Dreams Take Flight** is a charitable *wing* of Air Canada staffed entirely by volunteers with no salaried employees, helping to keep administrative costs at less than 5%, and providing eight flights per year to “Disneyland”, for children 6 to 12 years of age but ideally 7 to 11. Children are selected from currently 23 agencies, to name just a few:

Big Brothers-Fort McMurray  
Boys and Girls Club Edmonton  
Crystal Kids  
Glendale School  
Kids with cancer society  
Stollery Children’s Hospital

The budget for Edmonton’s 2006 flight was approximately \$130,000.00

Volunteers are made up from the Air Canada family along with family and friends from the community who *fundraise* throughout the year to make the trip possible.

The 126 children on the 2006 flight came from a variety of communities including Yellowknife, Grand Prairie, Fort McMurray, High Prairie, Red Deer and Edmonton and surrounding areas.

The trips are one day events departing very early in the morning and returning late at night, the ratio of children to adults on each flight is approximately 6 to 1, 2 volunteer doctors and 3 nurses accompany them also.

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A Web site can be found at <http://yeg.dreamstakeflight.ca/> and To Hutchison can be reached at [dtfyeg@airsurfer.ca](mailto:dtfyeg@airsurfer.ca) or telephone at 780-890-8108

Please call Tom for any further information, a brochure for “Dreams Take Flight” is included with this copy of GYROLOG, as an attachment.

Tom concluded his talk by answering a number of interesting questions; he then thanked the Club for affording him the opportunity to make the presentation.

**President Fred** thanked him on behalf of the Club and presented him with a token of thanks.

A card bearing our newest member’s name, that of **Gregory Scherf** was added to the “**free lunch**” draw deck, *miraculously* ? Or should it be said *mysteriously*, His name was then drawn for the free lunch by the guest speaker.

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**President Fred** advised that a cheque in the amount \$1,500.00 had been recently received from the *Stampede City Gyro Club*, the amount had been advanced to them by our Club under the leadership at the time of Walter Yakimets, to assist in the hosting of the International and District V111 Convention held in Calgary in July 2006.

The Stampede City Club was in fact able to net a small profit through fundraising and last minute cost savings after paying back all advances made to them.

A letter accompanied the cheque thanking our Club’s thoughtful generosity in assisting them.

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### Upcoming Events:



**Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>**, our **Club Christmas Dinner** will be held at the **River View** room, **Shaw Conference Centre**.

Cost \$62.00 per person with wine, \$52.00 without wine. A sign up sheet is circulating; speak to **Walter Yakimets 438-1406**, re tickets. Further info to follow.

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**International GYRO 2007 Interim Convention January 8-12, 2007.**

To be held at the **Spa Resort Hotel & Casino, Palm Springs California.**

Registrations no later than December 15, 2006.

**Note. A Registration** form can be found as an attachment to this copy of GYROLOG.

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## November 21<sup>st</sup> regular luncheon meeting.

The Guest Speaker will be **Dr Kevin Keough**, CEO of The Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, which is one of the leading Research Foundations in Canada. His topic will focus on Alberta's contribution to the field of medical research and how it effects each of us.

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## News Flash:

An interesting news item which was included in a recent copy of **The Fort Edmonton Park** news magazine, pertaining to **ACME Amusements** and the **VanDusen** family, can be found as an attachment to this **GYROLOG**, for your reading pleasure.

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## Habitat for Humanity:

Our own John Ross recently received a letter of thanks from Habitat for Humanity which reads in part:

“Thank you for remembering our suggestion for donations of Canadian Tire Money, Please extend our thanks to the GYRO Club members for the \$24.00 Canadian Tire Money that they donated. The gift will help us to purchase much needed materials to help in building homes for our partner families.

In 2006, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton has seen seven families move into new homes, and we are currently constructing twelve more.

Our goal is to build twenty more homes in 2007, and again in 2008.

Thank you again for being part of this work.

You are helping us give hope and make a meaningful difference in people's lives”

*(Signed by Alfred Nikolai, President & CEO)*

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## Resignation:

Regretfully Ronald Neuman has submitted his resignation from the Club due to current Professional time pressure.

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## Communications:

Please be advised that **Marty Larson** is no longer contactable via **FAX**, **Marty** requests that you please amend your Club Roster and any other listing appropriately.

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## Gyrette's News Corner:

November 14, 06 regular Dinner meeting:

Guest speaker, **Rhonda L. Bear, Rhonda** is a Principal with *Millennium EMS Solutions Ltd*, her topic will be *Water for Life: Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability*, is Alberta's response to develop a new water management approach. The talk will outline specific strategies, initiatives and actions that the **Province** is implementing to address water issues.

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## Editor's Corner:

Hi all, an appeal for a wee bit of help. The preparation and dispatch of the bi-monthly **GYROLOG**, involves considerable time and patience.

To make my effort a little easier I am asking that "**Team Leaders**" please communicate to me, by e-mail or failing such, by hand, once they have the information available, a short resume of the speaker and his topic, thus enabling myself to include such within the **GYROLOG** in a timely and accurate manner.

In a similar vane, anyone with information which they feel would be of value to the membership and would like it included within a copy of the **GYROLOG**, please communicate the content to myself.

My planned routine in producing **GYROLOG** is to work on it the afternoon and evening following a regular luncheon meeting with the object being to dispatch it as early as possible following such a meeting, any content for inclusion should therefore be communicated to me to coincide with that routine.

I will also welcome suggestions or "beefs" directed at improving the **GYROLOG**, please feel free to contact myself by e-mail or by whatever means suits you.

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Same Old Bull



Peter

"We shall remember them"



