

THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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Our first Gyro meeting of 1994 got off to a fine start with another good attendance of members, plus two guests. Gord Rennie introduced his guest Dr. Bill Brook, who recently completed his Doctorate Degree in Genetics at the University of Alberta. He will be leaving soon for Heidelberg, Germany, to undertake genetic research for at least a two year period. Dr. Brook is Allan Warrack's son-in-law.

Our guest speaker was Dr. Gordon Wilkes, M.D., F.R.C.P.S.C., who was formally introduced by Ivan Ivankovich, who in his introductory remarks; advised that the presentation we were about to see was something extra-ordinary and amazing, to say the least.

Dr. Wilkes obtained his Medical Degree at the University of Alberta and then trained for some time in Sweden. He is now the Director of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery of the Cranofacial Osseointegration and Maxillofacial Prosthesis Rehabilitation Unit (known as COMPRU for short) at the Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton, which was established in 1989.

Dr. Wilkes gave us an outstanding talk and slide pictures showing the various reconstructive surgical procedures, which are being performed by the COMPRU group of specialists. Their remarkable skills in providing facial, head, orbital and auricular reconstruction for injuries from car accidents, burns, cancer, etc., was very graphically shown on the slide pictures. The final results of such restoration was almost beyond belief; like wise courage demonstrated by the patients in such debilitating trauma.

We were indeed especially privileged to have Dr. Wilkes provide us with such a spectacular presentation and talk, to allow us to realize what surgical wonders are being performed. Ron Ewoniak nicely expressed our sincere thanks to Dr. Wilkes for his visit. Our thanks also to Ivan Ivankovich for arranging this exceptional meeting, assisted by Ron Ewoniak and Stewart Graham.

Birthdays only one this week, but our very best wishes for many happy returns to our song leader Harry Mills, who celebrated on January 5th. May you enjoy many more "Poppa Bear."

Health & Welfare - there were no new health problems for Bert Boren to report on 5 January. Those Gyros & Gyrettes previously unwell are said to be slowly recovering.

Gyro Plaque and Cairn - President John Stroppa reported that this special Gyro project our club had undertaken is now completed and erected in a prominent place in Fort Edmonton Park. He expressed the thanks of our membership to Dick Ogilvie and Allan Ursulak, for their hard work in finalizing this important Gyro historical project.

Executive Meeting - 15 December 1993. - at this meeting one of the items was a financial report presented by club Treasurer Jack Ellis, which was accepted by the Board. A copy of this report was made available to the membership on 4 January for ratification. Jack Ellis moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Roger Russell, and the motion was carried.

Hockey Pool Winners - Al McClure's report will bring smiles to the faces of the following:-

Game on 1 Jan 1994. 1st period \$10.00 Ian Greig(SCGC) Brian Zrobik:2nd period \$15.00 R.W. McCulloch: Marlene Burnett(thanks Dave!) Warren Douglas(thanks Allan!) Final Score \$25.00 Marion Morstad.

Game on 8 Jan 1994 - 1st period \$10.00 Gregg Watson: Ken Sklar: Brad Ritchie: Hilda Davies. 2nd period \$15.00 Ron Ewoniak: Karen Nielsen: Mary Norman. Final Score \$25.00 Nancy LeVeredae: Bill(lucky) Warrack.(Calq G.C.)

Cash Draw on 4 Jan 1994 - the good news , the name drawn was Gunnar Anderson. - the bad news he wasn't there. Good news again - a carry over!!

Mail Call - Howard Wilson said he had heard from Neil and Ann Sheidow over Christmas. He advised they are both well and Neil's business is going great. They send Season's Greetings and best wishes for New Year to all our Gyros and Gyrettes.
Thanks Neil & Ann, we wish you good health and much happiness.

Membership- the resignation of Pat Millard from our club has been accepted with regret.

Laughter is the best medicine. Bert Boren told us the following story at our last meeting which we thought many would enjoy.

After the Christmas break the teacher asked her small pupils how they spent their Christmas holidays. One little boy's reply went like this:- "We always spend Christmas with Grandma and Grandpa, They used to live in a big brick house, but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to California.

They live in a park with a lot of other retarded people. They all live in tin huts. They ride tricycles that are too big for me. They all go to a building called the wrecked hall, but it is fixed now. They all do exercises but not very well.

There is a swimming pool, but I guess nobody teaches them. They just stand around in the water with their hats on. My Grandma used to make cookies for me, but nobody cooks there. They all go to restaurants that are fast and have discounts.

When you come into the park, there is a doll house with a man sitting in it. He watches all day, so they can't get out without him seeing them. I guess everybody forgets who they are, because they all wear badges with their names on them.

Grandma says Grandpa worked hard all his life to earn his retardment. I wish they would move back home, but I guess the man in the doll house won't let them out."

(Talk about "out of the mouths of babes.")

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You've heard the saying - "go now and pay later." Well the following story indicates that "Angus" prefers the saying - "pay now and go later."

The story is told about two Scotsmen playing golf for a penny a hole. After playing a few holes, Angus noticed that Jock was noticeably pale, and he said, "how are ye feeling Jock? ye're nae lookin sae guid." "Och, I'm fine " said Jock. A few holes later, Angus again remarked, "you look ill Jock, are ye sure ye can carry on?" "Aye, I'm O.K., I'll manage" said Jock. "Well then" said Angus, "would you mind paying me after each hole!!

Vox Pop - Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen. (Stewart Graham)

There is nothing so captivating as new knowledge. (Ivan Ivankovich)

Before everything else, getting ready is the secret of success. (Victor Jagoldas)

I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure -- try to please everybody. (Marty Larson)

Food For Thought - You can make more friends in two months by becoming really interested in other people; than you can in two years by trying to get people interested in you. Which is just another way of saying, that the best way to make a friend is to be one.
(Dale Carnegie)

Nothing in the world appeases loneliness as does a group of friends. You can select them at random, write to one, dine with one, visit one, or take your problems to one. There is always one who will understand, inspire or give you the lift that you need at the time.

Fortify yourself with a group of friends - we call it GYRO! (Gord Rennie)

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You may wonder about the enclosed list of our club membership, just after getting a New Gyro Roster, which Russ Shepherd recently produced. Well - there are certain rules one has to follow if you edit a Gyro bulletin and enter the D-8 Bulletin Contest. That's right - at least once during the year you have to send out a copy of your club's membership for general information and use. (Bulletin Judges, please note) (retread)

OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be our Annual Boccie Night, which will take place on MONDAY evening, 17 January 1994, at the Italian Cultural Centre; located at 14230 - 133 Avenue Edmonton. This event is being arranged by Program Team No.18, Captained by Al McClure, with Ernie Siegel and John Stroppa. PLEASE NOTE! this evening meeting will replace our regular noon meeting of Tuesday 18 Jan;

④ Al McClure reported that we will meet at 6.00 (no host bar) and dinner will be at 6.30 p.m. Boccie will be played immediately following dinner. The cost will be around \$23.00 or so. Come prepared to enjoy a good meal, fine wine and then participate in truly competitive Boccie - Gyro style!!

See you there (retread)

