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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

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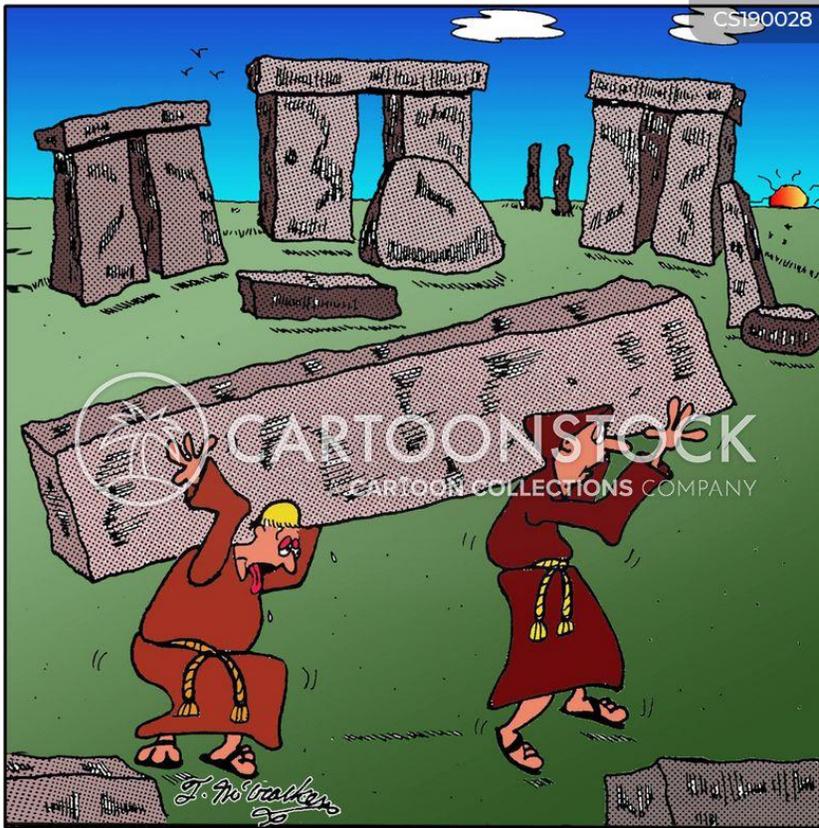
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Those celebrating their birthdays are **Marty Larson, 89 years** on the 14th and **Trevor "ET" Mowbrey** on the 29th.

Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **John and Helen Ross, 58 years** on the 2nd; **Jack and Terrie Ellis, 55 years** on the 19th and **Jim and Gayl Lepp, 63 years** on the 22nd.





"I hate changing from Daylight Saving Time."



President Dunc Mills welcomed 24 Gyros and five guests to the November 2nd Luncheon meeting held at the University Club. **Jack Bowen** introduced his guest, **Ian Olive**, **Chuck Gerhart** introduced **Peter Ouellette**, and **David Burnett** introduced his sons, **Rob**, and **Andrew**.

President Dunc confirmed that **John Ross** is fighting aggressive cancer and is receiving palliative care at the Grey Nuns Hospital.

Val Pohl led the singing of **Cheerio** and **Jim Lochhead** presented **Grace**.

Dick Nichols advised that **Hockey Pool** sales have been very good, but some members still need to send in their ticket stubs and money!

President Dunc introduced **William Bincoletto, Owner and Principal Sommelier; Vine's Wine Merchants** located on Rabbit Hill Road. He is very familiar with the Edmonton Gyro Club because of his friendship with **Marty Larson**.

William has extensive experience in both hospitality and retail industries. He is a Canadian born sommelier with over 50 years working in the always competitive food and beverage industry. Formally educated as a sommelier in France and Italy, with additional training in Germany, William was Alberta's first certified sommelier.

Through the years, William has learned one lesson especially well: never stop tasting, learning, and teaching. Credentials:

- Commis Sommelier for La Tour d'Argent, Paris and Four Seasons in Ottawa.
- Sommelier for both the Carvery, Westin Edmonton, and the Owl's Nest Westin Calgary.
- Sommelier for the Alberta Liquor Control Board working from the ALCB's 106th St. expanded Specialty Store.
- Educator for the International Sommelier Guild (ISG) for 10 years.
- Sommelier in Residence for the NAIT School of Hospitality
- Official sommelier for the World Association of Chefs Societies in both Chile and South Korea
- Int'l wine judge or Concours Mondial de Bruxelles; Concorso Enologico d'Italia; Cata d'Or South America.

William indicated that his presentation would be in the form of questions and answers. He started by telling the story of the woman who phoned and wanted to buy a “**gluten free wine**”. She insisted that she had proof that many wines contained gluten after doing extensive research online! William assure her that grapes do not contain gluten, but the woman remained unconvinced. After doing some reading of his own, William discovered some wine is stored in casks in which the **barrel staves contained wheat glue**. Those that live with celiac disease are encouraged to avoid any wheat content more than 20 parts per million. Wheat glue contains only 20 parts per billion. William phoned the women back and indicated that she was right, some wines could contain small amounts of gluten.

Question: **Will there be shortages of wine due to fire, hail, and drought?**

Generally, no. The current supply problem is due to a shipping container shortage.

An example of fire impacts is in the B.C. Okanagan where about 20% of the grapes were smoke tainted and discarded after one of the recent major fires.

What is the most expensive bottle of wine ever sold?

Sotheby’s in England sold one 750 ml bottle for \$558,000 in 2018. These kinds of purchases are for display and status, they are rarely consumed.

How long should you keep a wine before drinking?

Lower priced wines are made to be consumed now!

Medium to more expensive wines are longer lasting, and their quality grows over time and then peaks and then declines. Don’t get ahead of the full maturation!

How much credence should we put in the judging of wines by big name celebrities?

It can be an entertaining experience but please rely on your own palate. Practice makes perfect! The more tasting you do the better.

What about the breathing of wines?

A ten-dollar bottle doesn't need to breathe. Putting it in the glass will aerate it. \$20 plus wines will benefit from breathing.

Left over wine in a bottle? Why would that happen?

An air pump can be used to remove air from the bottle and extend the life for 3-5 days. Putting red wine in the fridge also reduces activity in the wine.

Wine aging in the bottle?

The optimum temperature to store wine is 15 Degrees C, with humidity control and darkness. Natural light affects aging.

Always buy three bottles of good wine for storage in your cellar, so you can try early, medium, and long ageing time frames. There is nothing worse than buying just one bottle, trying it, and loving it and not being able to acquire any more.

Why are most bottles, 250 ml in size?

It is a 20th Century tradition. It was found that the most efficient size for packing in boxes on ships was 250 ml.

Wine consumption past and present?

In Italy the per capita annual consumption of wine was 145 litres in the 1970's. This rate included everyone in the household. Today the rate is 50 litres. Lunches are much shorter now and the afternoon siesta is less common. In contrast, the present Canadian per capita rate is 10 litres. In the 1970's the introduction of refrigeration greatly improved the quality of wines. **No bad wines are made now unless it is deliberate!**

Does the type and shape of wine glass make a difference?

Certain glass shapes will enhance taste but 90% of people don't need that!

William was thanked for a very entertaining presentation and presented with a book authored by Gyro member; **Doug Armstrong** entitled: **Giants of the Pacific Northwest**.

Jack Ellis was the Free Lunch winner.





President Dunc Mills welcomed 22 Gyros and our guest speaker to the November 16th luncheon meeting held at the University Club.

Len Evenson led the singing of Cheerio and **John Boyd** offered a Scottish Grace.

President Dunc reported that Past President **John Mann** is feeling much better and in good spirits. **Marty Larson** turned **89** on November 14th and received a rousing Happy Birthday.

The **Calgary Gyro Club** is celebrating their **100th Anniversary** on November 23rd at Heritage Park. Peter Carter and Dunc Mills are attending as guests.

John Boyd introduced our guest speaker, **William (Bill) Dimmer** whose Scottish background is from the Glasgow area. He is a conductor and trumpeter from Vancouver, who attended the University of Calgary, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in music. He went on to further his music education in Chicago and Copenhagen. In 1971, he relocated to Edmonton and joined the Cosmopolitan Bands as

Associate Director and the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra as assistant principal trumpet.

Another passion is flying, Bill obtained his flying license in 1988, flies a Cessna 172 and joined the **Edmonton Flying Club**.

Bill indicated that he then became a member of **CASARA**, the **Civil Air Search and Rescue Association**.

***CASARA** is a Canada-wide volunteer aviation association dedicated to providing air search support services in downed aircraft, recently more humanitarian efforts, and promotes Canada's Search and Rescue Program across Canada. Our volunteers are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to assist in providing air search assistance to the Royal Canadian Air Force.*

CASARA also does liaison and surveillance with the RCMP, as well as looking for lost snowmobilers and fisherman.

Promoting flight safety is also an important activity. The widespread use of **Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELT'S)** has significantly increased the success of search and rescue activities.

Canada is divided into three Search and Rescue Regions, Victoria, Trenton, and Halifax. The Victoria and Halifax Regions have significant maritime responsibilities. The RCAF is chronically underfunded, but this has resulted in very clever solutions to many of the CASARA activities.

Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) provide military air resources in response to approximately 1,000 annual SAR taskings.

The CH-149 Cormorant and CH-146 Griffon helicopters are the primary rotary-wing aircraft used to respond to SAR. They offer swift response times, powerful hover and hoist capabilities, and dedicated SAR personnel.

SAR fixed wing aircraft, such as the CC-115 Buffalo and CC-130 Hercules, offer dedicated SAR personnel and specialized equipment such as air-droppable survival kits, including life rafts and shelters.

The RCAF have approximately 140 search and rescue technicians (**SAR Techs**). They are highly trained specialists who provide advanced pre-hospital medical care and rescue for aviators, mariners, and others in distress in remote or hard-to-reach areas. These men and women are trained to a primary-care paramedic national standard with additional advanced skills. SAR techs are land and sea survival experts who specialize in rescue techniques, including Arctic rescue, parachuting, diving, mountain climbing and helicopter rescue.

Alberta CASARA volunteers also use the Cessna 182, Twin Otters with bubble windows and the C-130 Hercules from the 435 Squadron in Winnipeg. If poor weather prevents flying, vehicles with antennas and homing devices can be used. All training and personnel expenses is covered by CASARA. A spotter, for example receives nine hours of classroom training, and four flights.

Searching: What do we look for?

Signs of life, smoke or fire, lights, signal mirror flashing, colour, shelters, messages tramped in the snow, burn marks, broken tops of trees, carrion bird, and animal eating. A clean compact disc (CD) makes an excellent signal mirror. International Orange is the standard rescue colour and an orange plastic bag will work very well.

The Spotting Process.

Spotters learn to focus on an area the size of their fist and then move in an organized way across the viewing window to ensure that nothing is missed. Spotters can only concentrate for about 20 minutes before they rest their eyes. The aircraft will cover the search area six times before the search is complete.

Survival on the Ground. Never give up hope that you will be rescued!

Doug Armstrong thanked Bill for a well-spoken, well-illustrated presentation.

Ron Trant won the Free lunch draw.



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Bill Dimmer

Doug Armstrong

Dick Nichols reports on the Hockey Pool Winners.

Game 1 November 1	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs Kraken				
First Period	2 1	Spencer Scornaienchi	N/A	Fred Schulte
Second	3 2	N/A	Valerie Walker	Alexa LaBelle
Final	5 2	Bruce Swanson	Pauline LaFleur	Myrna Gerhart

Game 2 November 11	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs Bruins				
First Period	1 1	Care Mazzuca	Gabriel Lippiatt Long	N/A
Second	2 3	Marlene Ramsey	Donald Dagg	Chuck Gerhart
Final	5 3	Jim Lochhead	Terrie Ellis	David Burnett

Game 3 November 18	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs Jets				
First Period	0 0	Jim Lepp	Jim Lepp	Valerie Walker
Second	0 0	Gary Campbell	Gary Campbell	Gary Campbell
Final	2 1	Tony Combden	Tony Combden	Sharon Shaw

Fast Fred”

Upcoming Events

Annual Christmas Party, Edmonton Convention Centre, Riverview Room, Tuesday Evening December 7th.

Time: Champagne Reception at 5:30 pm

Covid Protocols: The dinner will be held adhering to the Covid Restrictions Exemptions Program.

Cost: \$100 per person, inclusive of all taxes and gratuities.

Dinner: Turkey carved at your table by a Gyro host.

Complimentary souvenir photos taken by our photo-meister Bruce Swanson.