

# THE GYROLOG



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## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 2, 1979, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 12:15 p.m.

## COMING EVENTS

1. The Edmonton District Gyro Clubs' Tri-Founders Night will take place on Monday, October 22, 1979 at the Regency Motor Hotel, 75 Street and Argyll Road. Harf Watson of the Crossroads Club will deliver the keynote address. Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.; Dinner: 7:00 p.m. Cost \$10.00 per person
2. The Annual Gyro Curl-a-Rama will be held at the Banff Curling Club on November 30 through December 2, 1979.
3. The Edmonton Gyro Club's Annual Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 2, 1979.

## BIRTHDAYS

Vern Sadd	September 19	Al Ireland	September 24
Jim Wright	September 20	Gordon Heron	September 26
Ken Robertson	September 23		
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"At bottom every man knows well enough that he is a unique being, only once on this earth; and by no extraordinary chance will such a marvelously picturesque piece of diversity in unity as he is, ever be put together a second time," said Friederick Nietzsche, and then added, "unless some scientist starts cloning around."

## SICK & VISITING

1. Bill Robinson has been laid up at home with a bout of flu which developed into a touch of pneumonia. We hope to see Bill up and around soon.
2. Herb Hamly is reported still convalescing at the Glenrose.
3. Jim Wright is showing improvement as each day passes.

## CORRESPONDENCE

A thank-you card was received from Bernie and Nita Brown in acknowledgement of a note of sympathy forwarded during their recent bereavement.

## THIS WEEK

Les Mason introduced his guests, John Young of Edmonton and Stan Rogers from New Westminster. Howard Wilson introduced his guest Harold Reed, of Winnipeg.

President Ernie welcomed Jack Jones, Immediate Past Governor of District VIII and Bill McIntyre, both of the Calgary Gyro Club. Bill brought greetings from Calgary and gave a short "pitch" for representative Edmonton attendance at the Installation Party to be held at the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club on Saturday, September 29, 1979.

A warm welcome was given Jim Little and Ed Day, well known members of Crossroads, and Mike Jones, who was introduced by father, Jack. Mort Mörter, reporting on the recent barbecue organized by the Gyrettes, stated that there

were some 60 odd in attendance and that the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures showed a profit of \$49.68.

Members were asked to inform Marty Larson, Convenor of the Founders' Night Dinner to be held on Monday, October 22, 1979 of their planned attendance.

Harry Mills announced that the 1979-80 Hockey Pool Tickets would be available soon, with the first game to be played Saturday, November 3, 1979.

Chuck Jenion, who was unavoidably absent during the regular Installation, was installed by Howard Wilson as a Club Director for a two-year term.

The Meeting then got down to the important business at hand which was to honor Russ Carter for his long service and many contributions to Gyro over the years.

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Stew Graham, another long time Gyro, introduced Russ and briefly outlined Russ's career and accomplishments. Born in the Central Alberta town of Innisfail, he took his public and high school education there and then entered the University of Alberta.

When the University of Alberta Battalion was mobilized during World War I, he joined up and saw active service in France. Being wounded he was hospitalized in London and eventually sent back to Canada where he received his discharge.

He took training in Optometry and began his practice in Red Deer in the early twenties. Opportunities being better in Edmonton, he set up his own practice here and remained with it until his retirement a few years ago.

Russ joined the Edmonton Gyro Club in 1923, rose to the the Presidency in 1941, was elected District VIII Governor in 1943, and International Gyro President in 1952. So one can see that Russ has touched, so to speak, all the Gyro bases, and therefore his contributions to Gyro have been considerable.

He did not confine his activities to this one field but in his more youthful years he was an active player in the sports of hockey, curling and golf. For many years he was a member of the Highlands Golf Club "A" team in the Inter-Club competitions.

Russ too is an accomplished Musician playing the banjo, piano, trombone, and violin. He played in a number of city orchestras and bands including the Edmonton Shrine Club Jam Band, and over the years became known as Mr. Banjo. Russ comes by his musicianship honestly as he has perfect pitch, a faculty possessed by few.

One would be remiss if no mention were made of his good wife, Ella, who over the years has been active in the Gyrettes and has given him strong support in his Gyro duties.

In retirement Russ and Ella spend their summers in Edmonton and the winters in Yuma, Arizona, and we wish them many happy years ahead.

Following the introduction Russ was presented with a Merit Award Tie Tac and a Merit Award Scroll. Jack Jones, Immediate Past District VIII Governor, in presenting the Scroll, stated that there was no one more deserving of the Merit Award than Russ for his many contributions to Gyro. Russ, in his reply, said that this had come as a complete surprise to him and he expressed his sincere thanks to the members for the Award of Merit. Any contribution he had made to Gyro was like "casting bread upon the waters." It returned itself 100-fold.

Stan Smith, another 50-year plus member was asked to say a few words as a contemporary of Russ's. He credited him with recognizing the distaff side of Gyro by his strong support for the organization of the Edmonton Gyrettes by Ella, Dot Hamly and Dorothy Smith.

Stan told of a trip they took to a convention in Toronto during Russ's term as Governor in 1943. They had a stop over in Winnipeg where they stayed at the Royal Alexandra Hotel. Feeling the need for refreshments, they made their way to a nearby Manitoba "Powerhouse" for the necessary spirits. This being wartime, spirits were severely rationed and available only to those who had an established Manitoba domicile. Stan requested his order and when asked for his address replied, "606 Queen Alexandra, Winnipeg." He was given his order and stepped aside. Russ who was noted for his inherent and absolute honesty, hesitated when asked for his address. However, he cast discretion to the winds and blew his reputation in one statement. "608 Queen Alexandra, Winnipeg." "My God!" said the clerk, "you must be this guy's next door neighbor."

On arrival at Toronto, they registered at the Royal York Hotel, where they were given adjoining rooms. When the Convention was over, they prepared to leave. Stan and Russ being the gentlemen they are, carried the luggage, the hotel during the war lacking full bell-hop service.

It was decided that Stan and Russ would get off at the Main Lobby and check out, while Ella and Dorothy would continue one floor below and walk through the underground pedway to the Union Station where all four would meet under the clock. When the elevator reached the Main Lobby floor, the doors opened, the boys picked up the luggage, and as they retreated into the lobby in a voice audible to all, spoke, "Thank you for a great and entertaining evening, girls. We'll see you in another two weeks when we come to town again."

The doors closed and all eyes focussed on Ella and Dorothy. One of the hotel employees - perhaps a house detective - spoke to the pair. "I have worked here for a long time, and count myself a judge of character. But you sure fooled me. I would never have suspected either of you."

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Needless to say, Russ and Stan, when they rejoined Ella and Dorothy under the clock, were greeted with a frigid silence..

And to this day neither Ella nor Dorothy has ever stayed again at the Royal York Hotel.

So much for Stan's reminiscences which are so much a part the friendship and fellowship of Gyro.

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