



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

Club Charter No.18, July 29, 1921

President

Bill Taylor
780 430-0330

APRIL 2011

1stVice-President

Ari Hoeksema
780 421-7776

Those celebrating their birthdays in April are **Jack Little** on the 1st, **Larry Wang** on the 5th, **Cliff French** on the 7th, **Fred Schulte** on the 13th, **Dick Moskalyk** on the 17th, **David McNaughton** on the 20th and **Mort Morter** on the 24th.

Past President

Leon Lubin
780 454-9712

Val and **Linda Pohl** celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary on April 1st.

Secretary

Barry Walker
780 475-0983

President Bill Taylor welcomed 31 Gyro's and new member applicant, **Art Merrick** to the **Gyro Elections Night** held at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club on Tuesday, April 5th.

Treasurer

Mike Matei
780 930-1780

Walter Yakimets and **Jack Brown** led the group in the singing of *Cheerio* and **David Burnett** presented the *Grace*.

Directors

Chuck Gerhart
780 439-9792
Ken Willan
780 434-1306
Warren Garbutt
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Dick Moskalyk
780-435-6922

The group was treated to barbequed strip loin steak and chicken, baked beans, baked potatoes, four types of salads, vegetables, fresh baked buns, imported and domestic cheese tray, fresh seasonal fruits and assorted dessert squares.

President Bill talked about his year as President and remarked on the excellent speakers that came to our luncheon meetings. It was an interesting and enjoyable experience and included two weeks as a guest of Alberta's Health Care System.

Gyrolog Editor

Fred Schulte
780 434-092

Ari ("Dutch") Hoeksema spoke briefly and thanked the group for having the confidence in him to be President of the club in the upcoming year.

The **Nomination Slate of Officers for 2011-2012** was presented:

President - Ari ("Dutch") Hoeksema

1st Vice-President - John Boyd

Past President- Bill Taylor

Treasurer - Mike Matei

Secretary - Barry Walker

Director's - Warren Garbutt

Jack Little

Jim Lochhead

Nominations were entertained from the floor, but none were received.

The slate of officers presented was approved unanimously.

Thanks to the team of **Leon Lubin, Marty Larson and David Burnett** for presenting the slate of officers and organizing this event.

SECOND POSTING

Art Merrick has applied for membership in our club; **Art** and his wife **Judy** reside at **#38, 2nd Ave.** in Ardrossan and their postal code is **T8E 2A1**. Their telephone number is **780-922-0474** and their email address is **jtay@shaw.ca** **Art** is Regional Sales Manager for Olympia Benefits Inc. and is proposed by **Ari (Dutch) Hoeksema** and **Bryce Van Dusen**.

The Bridge Club had their season windup at the Highlands Golf and Country Club on April 18th. Forty members enjoyed a great meal, recognition of the highlights of the past season and some bridge. This year and for the second year in a row the winner of the Merrill Morstad trophy for the most points in a season, went to

Marty Larson. The runner up was **Ken Willan** and the highest score for a female went to **Shirley Larson.** The highest score on any evening went to **Marty Larson.** **Shirley Larson** won the prize for the highest score for the opposite sex and **Barb Stevens** had the highest score for a spare. **Jo-Anne Lubin** won a bottle of wine for the greatest improvement in score, year to year. The Walter Yakimets "I'm here for a good time" award went to **Jack Slobodan.** The winner of the highest score on the windup evening was **Marg Foy.**

If there are any Gyro members interested in the Gyro Bridge Group, please contact any member of the club or **Chuck Gerhart.**

President Bill welcomed 37 Gyros and 5 guests to the Mayfair on Tuesday April 19, 2011. **Larry Dobson** led us in Cheerio and **Jim Lochhead** asked the blessing.

Ari Hoeksema introduced his guest **Dwayne Johnson,** **John Ross** introduced his helpful neighbor and friend **Mike Melnick,** **Peter Morrison** brought long-time friend **Jake Mony,** and **Walter Yakimets** introduced Regimental **Sergeant Major Bob Murphy** who accompanied the guest speaker.

John Ross reminded us about the Gyro data base that we can access on the Web. He sent an email with instructions for us to follow to confirm that the information about us is accurate. If there are any changes required, please contact **John.**

Michael Mant thanked **Walter Yakimets** for his assistance in arranging the program and then introduced the guest speaker, **Lieutenant Colonel Tom Bradley.** He graduated from Royal Roads in 1990 and has had a number of assignments including with the Lord Strathcona's Horse Regiment, working with the Minister of Defense, and his current assignment as base commander at CFB Edmonton.

Colonel Bradley stated that the Canadian Forces strongest relationship is with society and they believe the most important duty is to be accountable to the public. He has had several tours of duty in Afghanistan, the first in 2002. He subsequently spent seven months in downtown Kandahar where he worked with other militaries and non-government organizations in efforts to build the country.

They were facing an enemy that is elusive, intelligent, learned and sophisticated with the media. Fifty more CFB Edmonton troops are leaving for a training mission on Monday April 25th.

In the past ten years there has been a tremendous change in the armed forces. The purpose is to defend Canada and Canadian interests. Defending Canada at home includes: search and rescue throughout the country, sovereignty and surveillance operations in the north, and enforcing Canada's claims to the north.

The forces have a close relationship with the United States and 75% of our trade goes to the USA. If the border were closed, Canadians would lose jobs so we need to be a reliable partner with the US to ensure a safe and secure border.

The international demands on Canada will increase in the future for a number of reasons. The US is in economic crisis and while it will recover, it will not be relatively as strong as it was five years ago. The United Kingdom, Germany and France are all reducing their military capacity. Our partner nations who respect democracy and the rule of law will be looking to Canada to support countries that are unstable all over the world. Also, Canada is in a better position than its peers after the economic crisis. This summer we will be completing a ten year operation in Afghanistan and, because the world is a dangerous place, Canada will be called upon.

The armed forces are currently the subject of a strategic review where questions being addressed include, do we need all the capabilities we have now. There is an aging workforce, concerns about future recruitment and less may be necessary in the future. The ideal would be to have more options at a lower cost.

The army has been re-equipped over the past 5 years and it needs to have the people who can take advantage of the equipment. The key is the individual soldier and the army has outstanding training and a lifelong learning orientation. The Air Force is re-equipping the Hercules aircraft and will need to acquire new fighter jets for the next fifty years. The Navy is upgrading ships and acquiring new ones. Canada has always provided soldiers with the equipment they need to complete their tasks successfully.

Walter Yakimets thanked the speaker on our behalf. **John Stroppa** won the free lunch.

Thanks to [Allan Douglas](#) for taking notes and preparing this report of the April 19th meeting.

Dick Nichols reported on the results of the final two games of the Hockey Pool.

Game 19 April 5	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final
Oilers vs. Canucks				
First	1	0 Bruce Rimmer	Bruce Rimmer	Perry Majeau
Second	1	0 Elaine Douglas	Elaine Douglas	Grace Burnett
Final	2	0 Gyro	Gyro	Gyro

Game 20 April 10	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final
Oilers vs. Avalanche				
First	1	2 Trish Baird	Laurette Romanko	Shannon Glassford
Second	3	2 Malcolm Ross	John Ross	Cliff Revell
Final	3	4 Gyro	Gyro	Gyro

UPCOMING EVENTS

Executive Installation, Gyro/Gyrette Mixed Event, Derrick Golf and Winter Club, 3500 119th Street, Tuesday Evening, May 3rd

Reception: 6:00, Dinner: 7:00 pm

Dinner Buffet: Breast of Chicken, Steamed Filet of B.C. Salmon, Chef Carved Alberta Beef. Choice of six salads, variety of cold selections, dessert, coffee/ tea.

Cost: \$53 per person and there will be a cash bar.

Our special guests are **District VIII Governor, Don Boyle** and his wife **Norma** from Cranbrook, who will assist with the ceremonies and presentations.

Contact: Bill Taylor

Gyrette Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday, May 10th

Time: 6:00 pm, Dinner 6:30

Cost: \$25

Speaker: Fran Cuyler, Edmonton Sculptor who will speak to her designs and unique approach.

Contact: Ruth Bowes

Regular Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday, May 17th

Topic: GYRO District IV Recommendations for "Our Gyro in the 21st Century"

Moderator: Gerry Glassford

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the issues raised by District IV and bring forward suggestions to enhance the overall operation, effectiveness and enjoyment of GYRO by and for the membership. Our resolutions will be presented at the District VIII Convention in Wallace, Idaho, June 16-19.

District VIII Annual Golf Tournament, River Bend Golf Course, Red Deer, June 10th

Contact: Sid Slade, Sherwood Park Gyro Club, 2011 Chair
or Mike Matei, Edmonton Gyro Club

The 2011 District VIII Convention, Wallace Idaho, June 16-19

Registration Fee: \$375 couple or \$187.50 single

Co-Chairmen: David DeRoos and Mike Hull

Dinner and Entertainment Thursday Night June 16th

Ladies Luncheon on Friday

Bocce Tournament

Banquet Dinner and Dance on Friday

Museum Pass to tour any of 4 of Wallace Museums

Bar Bingo Card to see who drops the Ball Saturday

Lead Creek Derby participation and refreshments on Saturday

Barbeque on Saturday Night

Float away Breakfast on Sunday

More Convention Information:

www.wallacegyros.com/about-us.php

GYRO International Convention, Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 4-10

Registration Fee: \$500 couple or \$250 single

Printable Registration Form available at www.gyro.ws

Hotel Rooms: Marriott Harbour Front, Gyro rate \$179 until June 13th

Lobster Dinner, Casino Nova Scotia, Celtic Entertainment, Art Gallery Tours, City Harbour Tours, Ocean Sailing, International Tattoo, Fine Dining, Golf, Golf, Maritime Shopping, Pubs Galore, Historic Sites.

Questions: contact Jim Sweet, Convention Chairman 902-752-3453 or email

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