



## THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

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### President

Bill Taylor  
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**DECEMBER 2010**

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### Past President

Leon Lubin  
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Those celebrating their birthdays in December are **Sam Gruden** on the 1st, **Ron Ramsey** on the 3rd, **Larry Dobson** on the 16th, **Gary Campbell** on the 17th, **Bill Taylor** on the 20th and **Chuck Gerhart** on the 24th.

### Secretary

Barry Walker  
780 475-0983

The December wedding anniversaries are **Bruce and Gayle Houston**, 28 years on the 4th and **Arie(Dutch) and Kathryn Hoeksema**, 7 years on the 31st.

### Treasurer

Mike Matei  
780 930-1780

**President Bill Taylor** welcomed 67 Gyro's/Gyrettes and guests to our **Annual Christmas Party** held in the Riverview Room of the Shaw Conference Centre on Tuesday evening, December 7th. **Mike and Sharon Matei** introduced their guests **Owen Cornish** and **Betty Rawlinson** and Mike's mother, **Anne Matei**. **Owen** is a former long-time member of the Edmonton Gyro Club.

### Directors

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The gala event kicked off at 6:00pm with sparkling wine and socializing, followed by whole roasted turkey carved at each table by nine of our expert carvers. The menu included a Winterfruit Salad with Lemon Poppy Seed Dressing on a bed of Romaine; Apple-Sage Stuffing, Asparagus Spears, Cauliflower Florets, Cranberry Potato, Turkey Gravy and Cranberry Sauce; and for Dessert, a Festive Yule Log consisting of White and Dark Chocolate Creams wrapped in Gingerbread Cake served with Strawberry Sauces.

### Gyrolog Editor

Fred Schulte  
780 434-092

Thanks to **Larry Dobson**, **Leon Lubin** and **Fred Schulte** for organizing this excellent event.



**The Turkey Carvers**

**Photo by Allan Douglas**

**David Burnett      Bill Taylor      John Ross      Fred Schulte      Jack Brown**  
**Jack Little      Bruce Foy      Chuck Gerhart      Warren Garbutt**

**Dick Nichols** reports on the results of the Hockey Pool.

Game 3 November 29	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final
<b>Oilers vs. Senators</b>				
First	0	1	<b>Mort Morter</b>	<b>David Burnett</b>
Second	1	1	<b>Dick Nichols</b>	<b>Marilyn Nichols</b>
Final	4	1	<b>Gyro</b>	<b>Donna Assaly</b>
				<b>Mike Matei</b>
				<b>Erin Lucas</b>
				<b>Karen Gibson</b>

Game 4 December 2	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final
<b>Oilers vs. Leafs</b>				
First	1	0	<b>James Glassford</b>	<b>Bruce Morter</b>
Second	3	0	<b>Len Stevens</b>	<b>Val Pohl</b>
Final	5	0	<b>Gyro</b>	<b>Barbara Walker</b>
				<b>Rob McKinnon</b>
				<b>John Ross</b>
				<b>Andy Friderichsen</b>

Game 5 December 10	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final	
<b>Oilers vs. Lightning</b>					
First	1	2	<b>Eric Spink</b>	<b>Walter Yakimets</b>	Sara Baird
Second	3	2	Danica Russell	Mike Long	<b>Allan Douglas</b>
Final	4	3			

Game 6 December 21	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final	
<b>Oilers vs. Sharks</b>					
First	0	0	<b>Eric Spink</b>	Darren Read	Georgia McKinnon
Second	0	2	<b>Alan Rusler</b>	Rudy Lucas	David Ross
Final	1	2	Glen Dobson	Leanne Dobson	<b>Bill Clarke</b>

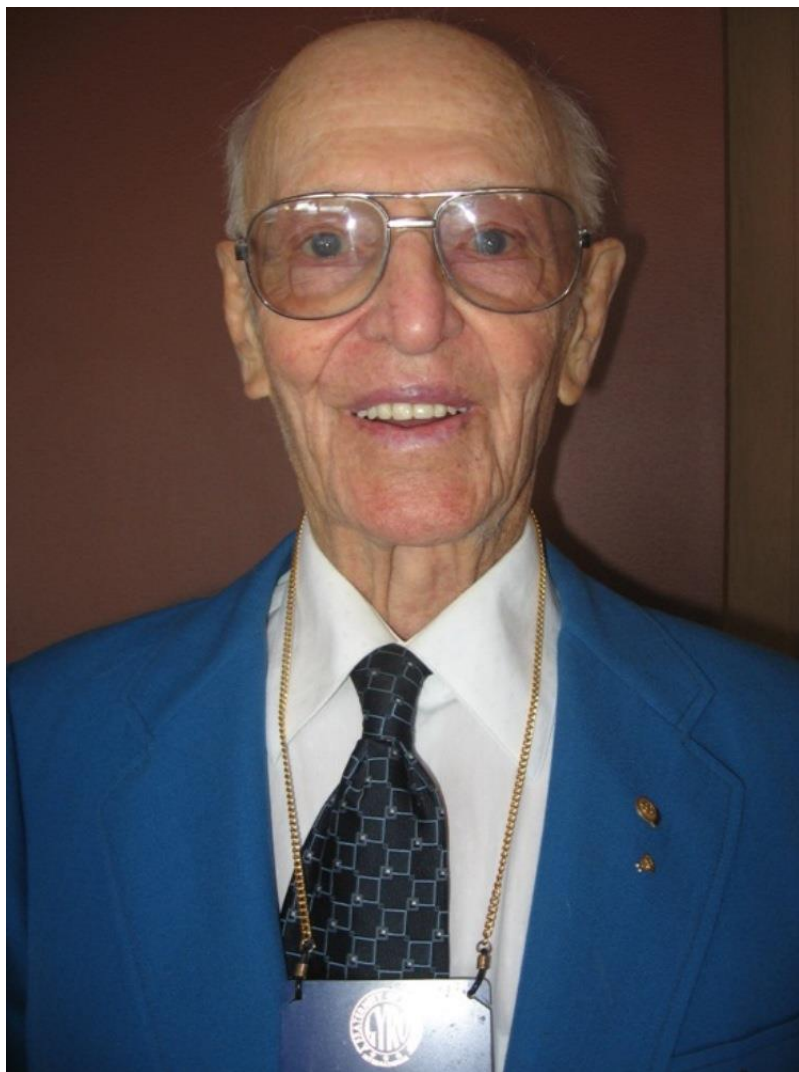
It is with regret and sadness that we acknowledge the peaceful passing of **Ernest F. (Ernie) Siegel** on December 10th at the age of **95 years**. Ernie was a 37 year member of the Gyro Club of Edmonton and was introduced to the Gyro fraternity in late 1972 by Cyril Cormick who at the time was head of Alberta Air Cadets. As luck would have it, Cyril had inspected Ernie's cadet group in Provost, Alberta. Ernie and Cyril also quickly learned that they were linked through the Masonic Lodge. Cyril then asked the key question, "Ernie have you ever heard of Gyro's" The rest of the story is tied to 37 years of Gyro friendship, conventions, social events, bridge, dancing and golf. Ernie believed that Gyro's are the friendliest, most outgoing, sharing people he had ever met. Ernie served as Club President in 1979-80.

Ernie was born on March 15, 1915 in a small log shack located in the Saskatchewan district of Hart Hills not far from Luseland where he was to attend school and complete Grade 12 in 1933. Ernie was an avid baseball and hockey player and played for the Kerrobert Tigers Intermediate "A" hockey team with two of the Bentley brothers. Ernie's world was not limited to work and sport; by the age of 15 he had already learned the fundamentals of bridge and the footwork of a talented dancer.

In 1941, Ernie signed on for aircrew training in the Royal Canadian Air Force and graduated with a commission and the skills of a navigator. In 1942 he was posted to Britain with the RAF and flew night missions with the 570 Squadron using Stirling and Halifax bombers. In August 1945, Ernie was demobilized with the rank of Flight Lieutenant and shipped home to Canada. By 1947, Ernie made his way to Edmonton and worked in sales for a plumbing and heating firm. In 1951, Ernie entered the field of general insurance which was to be his career for the next 39 years. As a representative of Lloyds of London from 1955 to 1990, Ernie served his clients and the company well. Ernie met a vivacious young lady named Beth in 1956 and they were married in 1958.

Ernie was a Past Master Temple Lodge, Scottish Rite 33rd Degree Mason, Royal Order of Scotland member, founding member of Edmonton Shrine Al Shamal and a honorary member of the Edmonton Country Club.

Ernie is survived by his loving wife Beth, daughter Monica and sister Gertie. He is predeceased by his mother, father, two sisters, Hilda (Jack), Doris (George), brother Tony and his infant sister Marta. Left to mourn his loss are the McDonald in-laws, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and many dear friends.



**Ernie Siegel 1915-2010**



On December 21st, 55 Gyro's/Gyrettes and guests gathered in the nave of **St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral** located at 10825-97th Street in Edmonton and were welcomed by **Bishop David Motiuk**. Bishop David indicated that St Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Parish was established in 1902 and as the number of parishioners increased, the original structure of the church was enlarged in 1913, and served the Ukrainian Catholic community of Edmonton for the following 26 years. Construction of the present building began in 1939 and in keeping with the Byzantine Rite, the brick structure was erected in the form of a cross with seven cupolas, the largest reaching the height of 100 feet. The cupolas symbolize the Seven Sacraments and the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The interior is divided into three main parts; the vestibule (entrance), the nave (main body) and the sanctuary, (the altar area). The main structure was completed in 1947 and in 1948, St. Josaphat Church was raised to the status of a cathedral by the Holy See.

In 1951 Julian Bucmaniuk and his son undertook the painting of the interior of the new cathedral using tempura which consisted of grumbacher powder, eggs, milk, linseed oil and carbonic acid. They covered the walls and ceiling of St Josaphat's with richly coloured murals and frescoes. The paintings portray major events of the life of Christ, the Mother of God, Apostles and Saints. In 1968 the cathedral was enhanced with the construction of an iconostas, a wooden screen or wall covered with icons that portray the life of Christ including parts of the Old Testament. The iconostas screen serves as a window into the Sanctuary ("enter into the divine, i.e. Heaven"). In 1984 the cathedral was declared a historical site by Mary LeMessurier, Minister of Alberta Culture.

We then moved across the street to the St Josaphat Parish Hall where **President Bill Taylor** welcomed the group and asked Bishop David to present the Grace. **Ari (Dutch) Hoeksema** introduced his guest **Art Merrick**, **John Ross** introduced his guests **Gordon** and **Esther Oaks**, and **Walter Yakimets** introduced his son **Stephen**. A full Ukrainian style buffet was then served to the delight of all those in attendance

**Walter Yakimets** introduced **Bishop David Motiuk** who is the Ukrainian Catholic Bishop of the Edmonton Diocese and his See which includes all of Alberta, and parts of Northwest Territories. Bishop David was born in Vegreville and grew up on a farm near Lavoie. He attended the University of Alberta and initially enrolled in computing science specializing in business applications of the computer. While still at the U of A, Bishop David decided upon the Priesthood. He graduated from St. Paul's University of Ottawa with a Bachelor of Theology in 1987 and two years later with a Masters Degree in Canon Law. In 1996 he received a PhD in Canon Law from the Pontifical Institute of Eastern Studies in Rome.

David Motiuk was ordained into the priesthood here at St. Josaphat's Cathedral in 1988 and in 2002, Reverend David Motiuk was ordained Bishop and at the time of his ordination, was the youngest Catholic Bishop in the world. In 2007, Bishop David was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as the fifth Ukrainian Catholic Bishop of Edmonton. Apart from his Pastoral duties, Bishop David continues to be very active in various committees dealing with the Church and Canon Law. Despite all of these commitments, he has found time to develop expertise in one of the most heinous crimes of society-Genocide.

Bishop David then presented a short visual presentation on the **Ukrainian Famine of 1932-1933** which is also known as the **Holodomor** in Ukrainian. From 1929-1932 the Soviet Communist Party undertook a "revolution from above" which was designed to crush the heart of the Ukrainian people, who strongly opposed the regime. Under Stalin's leadership, a double blow was directed at the mostly peasant population: dekulakization and collectivization. Dekulakization sought to kill or deport to the Arctic, millions of influential peasants and their families. Collectivization meant the systematic abolition of private land and concentration of the remaining peasants into "collective farms", directly under the control of the Communist Party. These action resulted in the deaths of millions of peasants. Then in 1932-1933 a further death toll was exacted upon the remaining collectivized peasants. Grain quotas were placed upon the collective farms which were impossible to fulfill. The collected grain was sent to fill granaries outside of the Ukraine, in Russia. The Soviet Communist Party policy was simple: seize the grain and let the peasants starve to death. It is estimated that as many as 10 million died along with Ukrainian nationalism, Ukrainian cultural and intellectual centres and Ukrainian churches. For the longest time, the Soviet Union denied that that the Famine ever occurred, desiring instead to conceal the facts. With the collapse of the communist regime, and emerging oral and archival material on the Holodomor period, a public consciousness was raised in the West about an event involving millions of people and millions of deaths.

In addition to the Ukrainian Famine, the Twentieth Century witnessed the tragic loss of another 75 million of human lives in various conflicts around the world. The Twentieth Century is certainly not the proudest time in our human history. One often wonders what this all means and where God is in the midst of human tragedy and suffering.

The Legislative Assembly of Alberta in 2008 unanimously approved and proclaimed the 4th Saturday in November in each year as "**Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day**". See the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act, Statutes of Alberta, 2008, Chapter U-0.5

John Ross thanked Bishop David for his very interesting and thought-provoking presentation.



**St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, January 4th**

**Speaker:** The engineer responsible for the Carousel at Fort Edmonton Park.

**Contact :** Ken Bowes

**Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, January 18th**

**Speaker:** Andrew McCready, Biolithic Accelerating Care.

**Topic:** Technology developed to address the lack of rapid, low-cost, near patient and sufficiently sensitive medical tests.

**Contact:** Allan Douglas

**Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, February 1st**

**Speaker: Bradley Wamboldt, Suncor Director of Tailings Reduction Operations (Fort McMurray)**

**Topic: New Patented Tailings Reduction Operation (TRO), new procedures that will convert the effluent, which flows into the Separator, into a quick-drying, porridge-like material. Guest are welcome!**

**Contact: Gary Campbell**

**District VIII Interim Convention, Fairmont Hot Springs Resort,**

**March 11-13, 2011**

**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**

**Convention Information:**

**<http://www.wallacegyros.com/resources/Registration%20Form2.pdf>**