

# THE GYROLOG



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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
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At our meeting on December 21st, our Chairman and "President For The Day" was our Padre, Reverend W.J. (Bill) Graham, who was introduced by John Stroppa - "on his day off!" Our attendance was very good including three guests: Will Steblyk, introduced by Pat Rasko; Rev. John Dowd, by David Burnett, and our guest speaker Reverend Gordon Gann, Minister of McDougall United Church in Edmonton.

A rousing rendition of "Cheerio" was lead by Harry (The Voice) Mills, while Reverend Gann gave the blessing, thus a happy Gyro Christmas meeting was underway.

As was expected, President Bill carried out the duties of his office in his usual efficient manner, delightfully enhanced with his quick humor and repartee.

Birthdays - our congratulations and best wishes to:- Victor Jagoldas, Dec 20th; Bob Lippe on Dec 21st; Russ Shepherd on Dec 23rd, 1993. Celebrating birthdays before our next meeting will be John Ross and John Stroppa, who both share the date of January 2nd.

Health & Welfare - Bert Boren reported that Dick Mandlis had further knee surgery. Dick was at the meeting on crutches and said he hopes the second time round will be successful.

Edna Lawton is home from hospital following heart surgery and is coming along fine.

Ellen Boren is home from hospital and gradually feeling better. Ivy Rennie is also under treatment at home, but she too finds the recovery process to be rather slow.

Club Executive Meeting - was held in the home of President John Stroppa on December 15th. We understand that the results of decisions made by the Board, will be made known to the club membership at our next meeting.

Correspondence - our club acknowledge and appreciate the following:-

- (a) a letter of thanks from Pat Harding, widow of John Harding former Gyro International Secretary-Treasurer, for our club's donation to the Gyro Memorial Fund, In John's memory.
- (b) a letter from the four United States Gyro Clubs thanking us for our contribution for flood relief in their areas.
- (c) a Christmas greeting and letter from Gaye Rutherford, expressing her appreciation for our continued financial assistance towards her general welfare.
- (d) a letter from our much respected and admired, most senior member of the Gyro Club of Edmonton, Stanley Noel Smith; sending us Christmas greetings & best wishes for 1994. Written in his own inimitable style he tells us about his many years of Gyro friendship. This letter was read out at our last meeting but for those who were not there, we thought you might appreciate what he said - consequently a copy of his letter is enclosed.

Editorial note: It is my considered opinion that Stan's dedication, appreciation and the understanding of the true value of Gyro friendship, he so well defined; that perhaps many other Gyros would appreciate his message. (Secy-Treas. James Parker, please note. (Gord. R.)

Erratum - recently ye editor received a telephone call from I.P.I.P. Marty Larson, who told me I had made an error in the Gyrolog dated 14 Dec 1993, concerning the Stampede City Gyro Club Installation date, which I had recorded as 22 January 1994. Marty advised the correct date for that important occasion is 11 June 1994. So please amend you date book accordingly. My thanks to Marty for his help -(yippee! I do have a reader) your observations and any others are most welcome.

My apologies to the Stampede Club, whose event I gave for the 22 January is G.W.C.T.D.

Gyro In The News - the Edmonton Journal of 21 December 1993, contains a write-up about Gyro, Dr. Larry Wang of our club; who is the renowned scientist who became famous as discoverer of the Cold Buster Bar. This very busy man is currently studying the medical effects of the herb known as Ginseng; which he has proven to be effective on his own immune system. Unfortunately this very interesting, informative article is too lengthy for this issue of the Gyrolog, but could appear for your reading at a later date.

Christmas Bureau - Allan Warrack made reference to our club's interest in the Bureau, then made a motion, seconded by Harry Mills, that we submit our annual donation to the Christmas Bureau. The amount to be decided by the club Board of Directors. The motion was passed unanimously.

Ski-trip to Pyramid Lake - Ed Edlund advised that plans are underway to organize this Ski trip around the first week in April 1994. Overall plans are not completed but they will include activities in addition to skiing, for all the family from children to grand parents. The possibility of hiring a bus is being considered. More above this outing will be given as soon as received.

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At our meeting on December 21st our guest speaker was Reverend Gordon Cann, a long time friend of Padre Bill Graham. Roger Russell introduced Rev. Cann and we learned that he was born in Louisbourg, Nova Scotia. He was educated in the Maritimes and was ordained as a United Church Minister in 1958. After serving ministries in various parts of the country he came to Edmonton and is the Minister of McDougall United Church.

In his opening remarks he demonstrated his fine sense of humor, by telling us about some remarks made some years ago, by our now Premier Ralph Klein, which prompted Rev. Cann to move to our city; because he didn't want to be one of those eastern b-----s", who Mr. R.K. said could "freeze as far as he was concerned."

Rev. Cann then gave us a most interesting talk about the Christmas season, including some rather controversial changes in thought and attitude that exist, concerning Christmas concerts, pageants, Christian values, etc., as well as the "commercial" aspects which appear to detract from the true Christmas intent. All of this coupled with low attendance at church, lack of religious training accepted for young people, reveal that things are not always what we may think.

He recalled some of his own childhood memories about Christmas, particularly when at age 7 in 1941, when his family received word that his brother had been killed overseas, while serving in the Air Force. This human interest story was very moving and while I won't attempt to tell you all about it, the message is one that those of us who were privileged to hear it, will long remember.

Our thanks to Gordon Cann for his visit and special Christmas talk, were very nicely and very adequately expressed by Owen Cornish; who also presented him with a token of our sincere appreciation.

Just for the record - after Bill Graham's duties were completed for the meeting, Gord Rennie on behalf of our club, presented Bill with a gavel, suitably inscribed, as a token of our appreciation - not just for that day - but for all his good work for our Gyro club over many years.

District 8 News - our thanks to Governor Len Cary for his Governor's bulletin #2 which was most informative. bringing us up to date on on the various club activities in our district. Len, your work and that of the other D-8 Officers on our behalf, is appreciated.

Our congratulations, albeit belated, to the Gyro Club of Calgary: Lethbridge and Coeur d'Alene all of whom held installations of their respective new Executives. May you all have an active and successful year in the pursuit of Gyro happiness.

Hockey Pool Winners for Dec. 18th. 1st period \$10.00 Gord Rennie: Andy Russell: Andrew Rasko. 2nd period \$15.00 Ivy Rennie: Breanne Jackson: Ray Nyroos. Final Score \$25.00 Bette McClure: Wendy Agnew: Willie Exelby.

Game on 27 Nov. - a winner just revealed on a late ticket. \$25.00 Wm. Anaka.

Cash Draw -- On Dec. 7th Bob Lippe: on Dec 21st Allan Douglas. (Don't spend it all at once!)

Honors and Awards: We were pleased to learn that Hugo Hess and Glem McIver, both members of the Cranbrook Gyro Club, were recently presented with the Gyro Merit Awards. Our congratulations, they are both dedicated hard working Gyros, very worthy of such special recognition.

Vox Pop-- Christmas is the day that time holds together. (Padre Bill Graham.)

Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer, but wish we didn't. (Dave Duchak)

Education has for it's objective the formation of character. (Gerry Glassford).

There is no free lunch! (Allan (Lucky) Douglas.)

A closing thought for the last Gyrolog of 1993. MAY ALL YOUR TROUBLES LAST AS LONG  
AS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS!! (retread)

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OUR NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 4 JANUARY 1994  
AT 1200 NOON - MAYFAIR GOLF CLUB

The Program Team of Captain Ivan Ivankovich: Ron Ewoniak & Stewart Graham are in charge of arrangements for this meeting.

Our speaker will be Dr. Gordon Wilkes, M.D., F.R.C.P.S.C., who is the Director of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery of the Craniofacial Osseointegration and Maxillofacial Prosthetic Rehabilitation Unit, COMPRU (for short) at the Misericordia Hospital.

③ This will be a very special, interesting presentation by Dr. Wilkes; a privilege we won't want to miss.

Let's start 1994 with another good attendance of members and guests. Look forward to seeing you there. retread.

