



THE GYROLOG THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

President

Jack Brown
Res. 434-0392

Meeting held on **Tuesday, March 18, 2008**
Royal Mayfair Golf Club

1st Vice-President

John Plunkett
Res. 435-7011

President **Jack Brown** welcomed 29 Gyros and five guests to a sunny and pleasant day in Edmonton. **Warren Garbutt** led Cheerio and **Dutch Hoeksema** asked the blessing.

2nd Vice-President

Leon Lubin
Res. 454-9712

President **Jack** welcomed **Kristina Babich** from the Alberta Centre on Aging and two of the Centre's graduate students, **Jennifer Swindle** and **Gabrielle Mason**.

Imm.Past President

Fred Schulte
Res. 434-0925

Marty Larson introduced his brother **Andy Larson** visiting from Australia and **Larry Dobson** introduced his guest **Ron Lavang**.

Secretary

Barry Walker
Res. 475-0983

President **Jack** thanked **Mike Matei** for organizing another very successful Bocci tournament at the German Canadian Cultural Centre. A total of 23 players, including seven from the St. Albert Gyro Club joined in the event on March 3rd. Mike advised that all of the players were winners. For the record, however, the team of **Allan Douglas, Gerry Hood, Fred Schulte** and **Mike Matei** won the most games and will be recognized on the **Gordon Rennie** Trophy.

Treasurer

Mike Matei
Res. 930-1780

Directors

Eric Spink
Res. 436-5242
Bill Taylor
Res. 430-0330
Bill Clarke
Res. 461-2228

Marty Larson advised that the **Larson's** and the **Burnett's** had lunch with **Larry Mix** during the week of March 10th in the Nanaimo area of Vancouver Island. Larry and Elinor recently moved from Edmonton last fall and plan to be actively involved with the Nanaimo Gyro Club.

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The **District VIII Interim Convention** was held at the Fairmont Hot Springs Hotel, B.C. on March 14-16th and six Gyro/Gyrette couples from the Edmonton Club were in attendance. Don Boyle of the Cranbrook Gyro Club was welcomed as the incoming 2nd Lt. Governor.

Those celebrating birthdays in March are **Aurelio Fernandes** and **Alan Rusler** on the 3rd, **Roy Bennett** on the 17th, **Ernie Siegel** on the 22nd, **Barry Walker** on the 29th and "**Dutch**" **Hoeksema** on the 30th.

The March anniversaries are **Peter and Margaret Butler**, 34 years on the 15th; **Tony and Emily Sheppard**, 45 years on the 16th; **Mike and Sharon Matei**, 19 years on the 18th; **Geoff and Diane Brewer**, 29 years on the 24th; **David Dyck and Sherley Hearty**, 2 years on the 26th and **Greg and Julia Scherf**, 22 years on the 29th.

Dick Nichols reported on the results of the Hockey Pool.

Game 16 March 2			<u>Winners First Period</u>	<u>Second Period</u>	<u>Final</u>
Oilers vs. Blue Jackets					
First	1	1	Leslie Duchak	Leslie Duchak	Paulette Schulte
Second	1	1	Brook Weisberger	Brook Weisberger	Kelly Burnett
Final	4	3	Leanne Dobson	Leanne Dobson	Ernie Siegel

Game 17 March 9			<u>Winners First Period</u>	<u>Second Period</u>	<u>Final</u>
Oilers vs. Hawks					
First	1	1	Terrie Ellis	Leslie Duchak	Paulette Schulte
Second	3	3	Joanne Snihurowych	Brook Weisberger	Kelly Burnett
Final	6	5	Unsold	Leanne Dobson	Ernie Siegel

Game 18 March 16			<u>Winners First Period</u>	<u>Second Period</u>	<u>Final</u>
Oilers vs. Sharks					
First	0	1	Margo Mckinnon	Alan Rusler	Sharon Matei
Second	1	1	Marcia Kashani	David Morter	Mort Morter
Final	2	1	Don Greig	Unsold	Unsold

Luc Lascelle introduced **Kristina Babich**, Administrative and Research Coordinator, **Alberta Centre on Aging** who was representing Dr. Laurel Strain, Director. The two accompanying Graduate students are Jennifer Swindle and Gabrielle Mason.

Ms. Babich advised that the Alberta Centre of Aging is an interdisciplinary centre promoting cutting edge research on aging. One research project is a longitudinal study on long-term care and assisted living in Alberta.

Kristina also provided an update on the **2007-2008 Gyro Club of Edmonton Endowment Fund** which provides scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students who undertake research studies related to aging. The endowment fund now stands at approximately \$52,000 and provides one undergraduate scholarship of \$700 and a Master's and PhD scholarship each of \$1200. This is an increase this year from the previous awards of \$300 for an undergraduate and \$500 for a graduate student.

Gabrielle Mason was selected for the Master's Level award in 2007-08 and is currently completing a Master's degree in Political Science and her research is focusing on eldercare policy in Canada.

Jennifer Swindle was the selected candidate for the PhD level award and her research is focused on the social environments of rural seniors. She has a data base of 1.322 older adults in rural communities from a 2004 survey. Her interests include support networks in areas such transportation, outdoor work and emotional support. In rural communities friends and neighbours are an important source of social support.

The speakers were thanked and it was acknowledged that the research work will have a very relevant impact on the members in the club. The free lunch draw was won by **David Duchak**. Thanks to the team of **Luc Lascelle**, **Mort Morter** and **Jack Ellis** for arranging this speaking event.

The third scholarship winner for the 2007-2008 Gyro Club of Edmonton Scholarships in Aging for \$700 was awarded to **Juliane Watson** for undergraduate research work in age-related vision loss. Juliane's work is directly related to a major University of Alberta study to be undertaken by

Dr. Yves Sauve. Dr. Sauve was one of 29 U of A researchers who were awarded funding from the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR) in 2008. He will be researching new screening techniques and whether nutritional supplements such as DHA, a type of Omega 3 fatty acid, can prevent retina degeneration, the leading cause of age-related blindness. Sauve's research involves measuring the electrical activity produced by the eye and studying how this electrical activity changes with age and how these changes can be used as screening tests.

Or Club's endowment will cover some of Juliane Watson's salary for this coming summer. Part of the money given by the AHFMR to Dr Sauve will pay for the expensive equipment that is essential for Juliane to do her work. It is expected that Juliane will be able to collect sufficient data to write a grant proposal to cover the cost of an eye screening project that could lead to a full clinical trial. A number of our Gyro club members with healthy vision have already volunteered their time to Dr. Sauve's vision research project.

FIRST POSTING

Ken Bowes has applied for membership in our club; **Ken** and his wife **Ruth** reside at **864 Wheeler Road** in Edmonton and their postal code is **T6M 2E1**. Their telephone number is **435-4431** and their e-mail address is kenbowes@shaw.ca **Ken** is a retired surgeon and is proposed by **Ron Ramsey** and seconded by **Jack Brown**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday Evening, April 1st, Elections Night

German Canadian Cultural Association

8310 Roper Road

Time: 6:00 pm, cost \$20

Contact: Fred Schulte 434-0925

Tuesday Evening, April 8, 6pm

Gyrette's Dinner Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club

Speaker: Marcia Kashani, who will speak on "Improving Primary Health Care"

Cost: \$23

April 15, 2008 Luncheon Meeting

Royal Mayfair Club

Speakers: **Martin Garber-Conrad**, CEO, Edmonton Community Foundation and **Kathy**

Hawkesworth, Director Donor Service. This meeting event will also feature the formal presentation of a cheque in the amount of \$16,500 from our Club to the Foundation to create the "*Gyro Club of Edmonton Fund* "

Saturday Evening, April 19, 6pm

Gyro/Gyrette

Executive Installation Dinner and Ceremony

Riverview Room, Shaw Convention Centre

Cost: \$65 per person with wine, \$55 without wine

Contacts: Jack Brown and Walter Yakimets.

Regular Noon Meeting May 20, 2008

Royal Mayfair Golf Club

Peter Carter advises that the guest speaker for this meeting will be **Martin Salloum**, the President of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce.

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Some New Bull, Fred Schulte