

# THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
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## GYRO HOCKEY POOL RESULTS

Game 5      First Period: Andy Russell, Butch Agnew, Neal Ursulak  
Dec 16th      Second Period: Lauraine Duchak, Amy Wilson  
Final Score: Joan McDonald, Dan Lawton

**President Mike** called the luncheon meeting of January 2, 1996 to order and **Gordon Rennie** led a rousing round of Cheerio followed with a blessing from **Bert Boren**. As there were no guests **Bert** spoke on the health of the club closing with the announcement of the passing of **Ken McKenzie**.

We regret to report that two of our Gyros have turned in resignations for personal reasons. A special farewell salutation to two very good Gyro friends, **Dean Paterson** and **Andy Carabott**. Thanks for sharing the years with us.

**Roger Russell** reported that a total of 19 Gyros have signed up for the Gyro International Convention to be held here in Edmonton in July. We hope to have many more Gyros/Gyrettes sign up before April 1, 1996 to take advantage of the special registration fee structure that the Convention Committee has made available to us.

A vote was held on the motion to restructure the membership dues. The motion, put and carried, was to provide members with two option dues payment schedules. These are as follows:

Option 1: Payable by April 1 each year of the full yearly dues at the existing rate.

Option 2: Payable quarterly by April 1, July 1, October 1 and January 1 in the amounts shown below:

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| Regular Members:   | \$70.00 |
| Life Members:      | \$61.25 |
| Associate Members: | \$20.75 |

## POSTINGS

**President Mike** announced the second posting for new member, **Mr Peter A. Carter**. **Peter** is sponsored by **Mike Matei** and his nomination is seconded by **Dick Ogilvie**.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- JANUARY 16 Regular Gyro Meeting at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club (Noon)
- JANUARY 20 Mixed Bowling - Edmonton Bowling Centre  
3223 Parsons Road. 6:30 pm. \$15.00 per person.  
Phone **Pat Rasko** 471-1286 to register.
- JANUARY 24-27 New Orleans International Interim Convention
- FEBRUARY 4 District IV Interim Convention in Vancouver
- FEBRUARY 13 VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON - all Gyros and Gyrettes are invited to a Carnations and Chocolates Joint Valentine's luncheon to be held from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club. Cost per person \$16.50. Contact Alice and Gerry Glassford at 430-7108 or John Tartar at 436-9840.
- FEBRUARY 20 Lunch and Tour at the New Federal Women's Prison.  
12 noon. 10735 - 180 Street. \$5.00 per person. Gyros, Gyrettes and guests are welcome. If you wish to attend with your Gyrette and/or guests, please advise **Roger Russell** 434-4333, **Victor Jagoldas** 434-2438., or **Larry Wang** 492-4402 as they must have numbers to Warden **Jan Fox** for the tour and the soup-and-sandwich lunch. Please arrange to prepay by February 10th.
- FEBRUARY 23-25 Sherwood Park Gyro Club Ski Trip  
Where? Ski Marmot, stay at the Marmot Lodge  
Cost? \$175 per person/double occupancy  
What? Includes transportation, two days accommodation and skiing. (Food and beverage en route - both ways - if capable.  
Note. Please confirm your interest no later than January 20 WITH A CHEQUE.  
Contact. Al Schuster or Rene Duchesne. Al at work 467-7331 or home 464-3936. Rene at work 445-0370 or home 489-8950.
- MARCH 4 Bocci Night - details to follow.  
  
Mixed Curling - details to follow.
- APRIL 2 Elections - Kelly's Saloon - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. This is a very important function in the life of our Club and all members are urged to attend.

## MEMORIES OF A GYRO FRIEND

On December 30, 1995 Edmonton lost an outstanding citizen and we Gyros lost a good friend and great companion. **Ken McKenzie** slipped away after several years of poor health and our sincere regrets go to **Margaret** and the **McKenzie family**. Funeral services were held Jan. 3, 1996.

**Ken** was a great contributor to our city over the years. Prior to moving into Edmonton, he operated a Men's Wear store in Devon but he left that beautiful city to move downstream on the North Saskatchewan River to the rapidly growing city of Edmonton in the 1950's. Here he and his wife, **Margaret**, opened McKenzies Leather Ltd., a business that is still operated by the family. Ken joined the Edmonton Gyro Club in 1976 sponsored by his good friend, **Howard Wilson**. As with many of his close friends, **Ken** was also an ardent Shriner. He first joined in 1954 and was a founding and charter member of Al Shamal Shrine Temple, a past Captain of the Patrol B and and Flags of Shrine, a Member of Patrols Arabs of Al Shamal Temple, a past chair of the Corps of Commissioners, a member of West Edmonton Lodge A.F.A.M.G.R.A., a member of Edmonton Court No. R.P.O.J., and a member of Edmonton Scottish Rites.

**Ken** is a Gyro friend who will long be remembered. Goodbye from all of us **Ken**.

## A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS

Gyro friendships are very special to all of us and when entire Gyro clubs reach out to help other Gyro clubs we are reminded of how deep the Gyro friendships truly are. A short time ago our club received a cheque for \$3000 from the Sherwood Park Gyro Club to help with the funding of the 1996 Gyro International and District VIII Convention. A generous gift from a great group of Gyros. A special thanks to all of you.

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

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| District VIII Interim  | Fairmont March 15 - 17.<br>Rooms must be reserved by January 15th. |
| Quad Club              | Nelson BC. April 17.   |
| District IV Convention | Victoria. June 6 - 9.  |

**President Mike** displayed a newspaper clipping showing **Larry Wang** accompanying University of Alberta President Rod Fraser on a trip to China. Another

clipping of **Tony Sheppard** accepting an award commemorating his grandfather WH Sheppard as one of Edmonton's pioneer families. Following this, **Tony** got up and spoke on the missing Bruin Bear. This is an heritage item that has been stolen and a reward has been offered for its return.

**Allan Warrack, John Stroppa and Victor Jagoldas** then entertained us with numerous quotes and jokes. Some of **Allan's** appear below. (The censors seem to have gotten to the editorial staff, decorum and all that, you know.)

**Andy Friedericksen** won the draw.

### CONVENTION COUNTDOWN

Our July 1996 International Gyro Convention is fast approaching. We are still looking for volunteers to work with **Victor Jagoldas** and **Marty Larson** who are planning a very special dance presentation for the Thursday evening "Welcome to Edmonton" function. If you would like to be involved in presenting a century (well, it might not actually take us that long) of great dance steps, please call either **Victor** or **Marty** and let them know that you would like to join their team.

Where possible we would like to have all of our members dressed in Klondike-type garb. If you have ideas as to how we can encourage Gyros and Gyrettes who will be coming from other parts of North America and who may not have a clear idea about Klondike apparel to assemble their "ensemble", please call **Alice/Gerry Glassford** or **Dick/Margaret Ogilvie** with suggestions. We need your input and your creative ideas in order to make this convention truly memorable and fun for all.

### NEXT MEETING

January 16. **Marty Larson** has arranged for the speaker, the topic being Peat Moss.



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