



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

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AUGUST 2015

Those celebrating their birthdays are **Bruce Foy** on the 1st, **Val Pohl** and **Walter Yakimets** on the 4th, **Eric Spink** on the 6th, **Bob Bahniuk** and **Peter Morrison** on the 13th. Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Larry George** and **Laura Melnyk**, 13 years on the 3rd; **Eric Spink** and **Christina Gauk**; 14 years on the 18th; **Allan** and **Jean Warrack**, 53 years on the 18th; **Leon** and **Jo-Anne Lubin**, 49 years on the 23rd; **Andy** and **Blanche Friderichsen**, 59 years on the 28th and **Peter Carter** and **Eileen Kuhl**, 11 years on the 29th.

We are pleased to confirm that **Jim Lepp's** membership application was posted twice in the Gyrolog in June and July. He is now a member of the Edmonton Club.
Congratulations, and welcome Jim and Gay!

The Annual Texas Scramble Nines Hole Golf Tournament was held on August 4th at the **Legends Golf and Country Club**. Twenty-three Gyros and Gyrettes enjoyed good weather and course conditions. An additional 10 members enjoyed barbequed steak and chicken with all of the trimmings.

The winning team consisted of **Myrna Gerhart, Marty Larson, Jack Slobodan** and **John Mann**.

The individual prize winners were: Men's longest putt, **John Mann**; Men's longest drive, **Jim Lepp**; Closest to the pin on Hole 5, **Jim Lepp**; Ladies longest drive, **Myrna Gerhart** and Ladies longest putt, **Myrna Gerhart**.

Everyone had a great time and went home with an armful of prizes. Thanks again to **Barry** and **Valerie Walker** and **Roger** and **Janet Russell** for their commitment and energy for organizing this event for the last 13 years.

Acting President Fred Schulte welcomed 24 Gyros and two guests to the August 17th luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. **Cheerio** was led by **Eric Spink** who used a fish pitch pipe to get us started in the correct key. The **Grace** was presented by **Fred**. **Chuck Gerhart** introduced his guest **Peter Ouellette**.

Ken Willan introduced our guest speaker **James Rajotte**, retiring MP for Edmonton-Leduc. James was born and raised in Edmonton and received a Bachelor of Social Sciences from the University of Ottawa as well as a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Alberta.

James was first elected to the House of Commons in 2000 as the Member of Parliament for Edmonton-Southwest. He was re-elected as the MP for Edmonton-Leduc in 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2011. James advised that he will be retiring on October 19th, Election Day. He is receiving a lot of positive feedback from his constituents.

James reflected on the olde country song, **How Can I Love You If You Won't Go Away?**

In the 39th Parliament (2006-2008) he served as the Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Industry, Science and Technology. This Committee conducted studies and produced reports on the Challenges Facing the Manufacturing Sector; Counterfeiting and Piracy of Intellectual Property; the Impact of the Strong Canadian Dollar on the Economy; and the State of Science and Technology in Canada.

Mr. Rajotte introduced a Private Member's Bill (C-299) on Identity Theft (pretexting), a bill which was unanimously approved by the House of Commons during the 39th Parliament. In the 40th Parliament (2008-2011) he introduced a Private Member's Motion (M-574) on Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, which was unanimously adopted by the House of Commons in December 2010. In March 2012, his Private Member's Motion (M-269), a motion to help improve Financial Literacy in Canada was also adopted by the House of Commons.

James served as the chair of the Standing Committee on Finance during the 40th and 41st Parliament's. The Committee conducts annual pre-budget consultations, reviews the Bank of Canada's Reports on Monetary Policy, and studies finance-related legislation such as Budget Implementation Bills.

Val Pohl thanked our speaker for a very informative presentation.

The free lunch draw was won by **Peter Carter**.

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the sudden passing of **Janet Russell** on August 25th, 2015. Janet is survived by her husband Roger and their children: Cory (Beverly), Terri (Mark) and Craig (Kelly); grandchildren: Andrew, Kendra, Cassandra, Morgan, Austin, Ryan, Preston and Danika. Janet and Roger celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 11th and were devoted to their children and grandchildren.

Janet was born in Port Alberni in 1939 and her family was moved to Slocan, B.C. and then to Coaldale, Alberta. She started university in 1957 and graduated with a Pharmacy degree from the University of Alberta in 1961. Janet and Roger moved to their new home in Malmo in 1964. She practiced pharmacy for 12 years and then purchased and operated the pharmacy in the Callwood Building until her retirement in 1984.

A farewell memorial service celebrating Janet's life was held on August 31st in Edmonton. Christmas at the Russell home was a 40+ extended family event. Janet was an excellent cook and fantastic meals were guaranteed. Her daughter, Terri spoke of Janet's love of Boxing Day each year when all of the family gathered, not to shop so much as to enjoy each other's company. Janet and Roger loved to travel and saw much of Europe, Asia and recently, Africa. Her son Craig spoke of his memories of family picnics set up instantly by the side of the road. In the

winter, they would travel to the Pembina River Valley and enjoy clam chowder with an outdoor fire. Janet was also very aggressive and a smart Trivial Pursuit player. Janet and Roger loved golf and played many games locally as well as on golf holidays. They walked every game!

Janet was part of the Gyro friendship community for 32 years and was an enthusiastic member of the Gyrettes. She will be dearly missed!

Janet Emiko Russell



July 20, 1939 - August 25, 2015

'Fast Fred'

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gyrette Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday September 8th

Speaker: Phyllis Sadoway, ringette player, coach and mother of player

Topic: "Highlights... The Game of Ringette"

Time: 11:30 registration, Dinner noon

Monday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, September 14th

Speaker: Daylin Breen, Project Manager

Topic: Port Alberta

Contacts: Tony Mazzuca and Jack Slobodan

The 2015 Annual Men's Bocce Night, Italian Cultural Centre, 14230-133 Ave. Tuesday, October 6th

Bocce: 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30 and more Bocce

Menu and cost TBA

Contact: Mike Matei

Curl-A-Rama, Banff, November 6-8

Organized by the Calgary Gyro Club

Cost: \$240 which includes 2 nights of accommodation, Friday hospitality and food, 2 breakfasts, Saturday banquet and curling. Without curling, \$175.

Contact: John Hodgson