

# THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
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At our last meeting on October 3rd we had a good attendance, 33 members plus 5 guests, so that the tables were "chaired" to capacity, with the numbers at the head table resembling a district convention.

Our guests included Bruce McCullough and Stanley Roszell, visitors from Grande Prairie, who were introduced by Bryce Van Dusen; then Rick Newcombe introduced his friend Trevor West, followed by Merrill Morstad who made us acquainted with his friend Jack Ellis. Padre Bill Graham, who is usually prompt, was late, but he brought a guest a fellow Presbyterian Minister, Yme Woensdrecht of the Dayspring Church.

Cheerio was sung with gusto (melody by Mills) followed by the blessing by Bert Boren. President John Pedden then told a couple of jokes, which might have registered between 3 and 5 on the applause scale, which would lead one to think that he is still using PIP Dave Burnett's joke book. The mood of this meeting was Gyro at it's best, with ready wit and repartee very much in evidence. There was just one incident to which your editor took exception. Due to the large turnout, I found it necessary to sit at a card table by myself in a corner for my lunch. That didn't bother me until Allan Douglas had the audacity to suggest that I should face the wall!! (Just keep on your guard, Allan)

Birthdays - Gordon Robertson and Tom Douglas share the same birth date, 2 October, but in different years. Roger Russell reaches another milestone on October 5th (49 and skidding!). Birthday greetings were extended to Gordon in person and to Tom and Roger in absentia.

Health & Welfare - we are sorry to say that Nan Greenlees is still in hospital and not doing very well. We can only hope for improvement.

Howard Wilson reported that Amy had just been discharged from hospital where she had been treated for a heart ailment.

Nita Brown is in the University Hospital recovering from a stroke. She is able to have visitors, but it may be best to call Bernie first - 436-3184.

Obituary - it is with much regret that we learned of the passing of a former member of our club, Alex Campbell, on 2 October 1989. Our deepest sympathy extended to his wife Cathy and family.

The Calgary Gyro Club Installation Party was held on Friday 29 September 1989, in the Officers Mess at the Mewata Armouries. Our Club was represented by President John & Bernice Pedden and Ivy and myself. Governor of Gyro D-8 Keith Bradley and Jan from Sherwood Park, were accompanied by Secretary-Treasurer D-8 Don Greig and Cory.

Our congratulations to the new President Jack Mooney and the members of the Executive who no doubt will provide good leadership for the Calgary Club.

Governor Keith Bradley performed his usual fine job of installing the Officers and Directors. He also made welcome a new Gyro friend for all of us by inducting Jim Barron into the Calgary Club. We wish Jim and his Gyrette a long, active association in our Gyro family.

Ron Carter did a good job as Master of Ceremonies, keeping things on the move. The dinner was excellent and also the fly away breakfast on the Saturday morning (so I am told). It's a long story - but meantime our apologies to our hosts for leaving without due notice!

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Hockey Pool - Harry Mills reported that all but 8 tickets have been sold on this year's pool, so let's complete the sales and turn in the money before the first game rolls around.

Coming Events - Christmas Party - as previously reported this will take place on 15th December. Andy Carabott, whose Program Team is in charge of arrangements, have prepared a special memo about this event, which will accompany the next issue of the Gyrolog.

Curl-a-rama is scheduled for 1 - 3 December 1989 at Banff, Alberta. We can expect some detailed information from the Calgary Gyro Club before too long about this popular event. Meanwhile - make arrangements to attend and get your rinks lined up!

Gyro Cruise - 5-12 May 1990 - this is just a reminder that the third quarter payment was due on October 15th. Just in case you haven't sent your cheque, may we suggest you do so now.

2nd Annual Edmonton Gyro Club Ski-Trip - Merrill Morstad announced that arrangements are being made to have another Ski-trip to Jasper, Alberta, similar to last year's, on 6-8 April 1990. Apparently this trip was much enjoyed last year and it is hoped that a greater number will take part in the next one. It is understood that you don't have to be an expert skier, in fact you don't even have to ski to enjoy the overall Gyro fun and fellowship that is there for your pleasure. If you are interested in going please give your name to Merrill so that accomodation can be secured in lots of time.

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Proposed by Bryce Van Dusen, seconded by Andy Carabott.

Our speaker for our last meeting was unfortunately unable to attend, leaving no time for the program team to come up with an alternate.

Consequently that allotment of time was replete with a variety of jokes, ranging from good, to iffy, to corny. They ran the gamut from Ernie Siegel's "Newfie" joke on sexual relations, to Bill Graham's story about "Donalds awa' - the doctor knows best." They all added up to a good example of Gyro's common denominator - good natured fun and fellowship!

Gyro District VI visited - Third International Vice President Marty Larson reported on his recent trip to Nova Scotia, where he visited a number of Gyro Clubs. He and Shirley had a delightful time and report that Gyro is very much alive and well in District VI. Marty brought special greetings to PIP Russ Carter, from his long time friend PIP Ernie Gillis.

A matter of interest - a TV Program on the Alberta Senate Election was recently programmed, sponsored by the Canada West Foundation, which will appear on Shaw cable TV, Channel 10 at 8.00 p.m. on 12 & 13th of October 1989. This historical happening should be of vital importance to all of us. Remember the election date is October 16th. Our thanks to Allan Warrack (who is a director of the CWF) for the information about the TV Program.

In review - due to certain changes that became necessary in our schedule of meetings, it was thought it would be a good idea to record the following for your information:-

- 17th October meeting has been cancelled in view of Founder's Night on October 18th.
- 18th October - Tri-Club Founder's Night - Sherwood Park Club hosting.
- 7th November - Noon meeting at the Mayfair Club. Barry Walker (C) Team No 7, with members John Ross: John Boychuk and David Castell.
- 21st November - Noon meeting at the Mayfair Club. Allan Warrack (C) Team No.4, with members Gordon Robertson: Bryce Van Dusen and Stan Smith.

Team Captains (C) please provide information about your program to the Gyrolog Editor, as early as possible, for publication in the bulletin.

Just in case some of us may have mislaid the list of Program Teams, an up to date list is enclosed with this 'log.

Cash Draw - the winner at our last meeting was Gordon Robertson, which is only right, because he celebrated a birthday the day before - so he got a Gyro gift!

Smiles and chuckles - A Ketchup Company in Canada ran an advertisement that got a lot of attention. The ad showed a man dining in a restauraunt, about to cut into a steak. A pretty waitress was serving him some ketchup. The headline read. "He gets his downtown - why don't you give it to him at home!"

From a recent Gyro bulletin a correction was noted. The following typo appeared in our last 'log: "Lunch will be gin, at 12.15 p.m." please correct this to read "12.00 noon."

The only way to entertain some folks is to listen to them. (Gunnar Anderson)

Trying to squash a rumor is like trying to unring a bell. (Rick Newcombe)

Society folks: the upper crust, made from crumbs, held together by dough. (Don Popowich)

Have you ever had a day when you feel like the only tree in a dog kennel? (Bill Simpson)

Juvenile delinquency: the result of parents trying to train their children without starting at the bottom. (Gordon Robertson)

Political promises: those that go in one year and out the other (David Castell)

Food for thought

The sweetest things in life  
Are love and wine and song.  
Life is sweet but incomplete  
Till true love comes along.

(Quoted by Calgary Gyro Club's)  
(Poet Laureate, Stewart Campbell  
on 29 September 1989)

Snowbirds - that's the name given to Canadians who spend the winter months in places such as Yuma, Phoenix, California etc., including a good number of our Gyro members. At our last meeting someone asked Stew Graham when he was leaving, to which he quickly replied, "next week if it snows". Anyway, you Gyros who do get away to warmer climes, how about sending us a card once in a while to let us know how you are putting up with the heat, having to play golf or tennis, or being invited to those constant happy hours. Just send us a few lines and we will try to cheer you up by telling you our troubles, together with a package of snowballs, O.K.?

Our next meeting - is the Tri-Club Founder's Night - which will be held on Wednesday OCTOBER 18th at the Capilano Inn, 9125 - 50 Street, Edmonton. Cocktails at 6.00 p.m. dinner at 7.00.

The Sherwood Park Club are in charge of arrangements for that evening, so you can rest assured that it will be well organized, with cheap booze (I mean in price!) good food, good fun, with a night to remember, because the one and only O'B at the podium, with the best of blarney this side of Dublin!!

This meeting is one of the two annual gatherings (the other being Tri-Club Installation) to which each of us owes the obligation of attendance. So everyone should make a special effort to attend in tribute to our Gyro Founders, for the legacy of friendship that we all enjoy. See you there with a friend.

