



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

September 1, 1998

President

Jack Ellis
Res. 435-2349

President Jack welcomed a good turnout of Gyros to the first meeting of the fall. **Mike Matei** led us in Cheerio, and **David Burnett** asked the blessing.

1st V/President

Gordon Robertson
Res. 486-1240

My thanks to **Gord "Retread" Rennie** for taking care of the Gyrolog during August when I was on holidays. I am sure others enjoyed the return to his unique style as much as I did.

2nd V/President

Gunnar Anderson
Bus. 423-9257

President Jack, on behalf of all members of the club, acknowledged the work **Barry Walker** did to produce the new roster. They were mailed last week and members should have them by now. Thanks **Barry** for your work.

Imm. Past President

Gerry Glassford
Res/Fax 430-7108

There are two birthdays to report in this period. **Past President Gerry Glassford** celebrates on September 5th, and **Owen Cornish** celebrates on September 7th.

Secretary

Dick Ogilvie
Res. 432-0912

Treasurer

John Stroppa
Res. 469-6133

President Jack reported that the District VIII Convention in Calgary was one of the best that he had ever attended. There were many activities planned and they were included in the cost of the convention. Your faithful scribe has probably missed some of the Edmonton Gyro winners at the Convention, but the ones I recorded were, **First VP Gordon Robertson** was on the winning bocci team, and **John Stroppa** was on the winning team in the B event. **John Plunkett** won the closest to the pin contest in the golf event, and **Gord Rennie** won at horseshoes.

Directors

John Dowds
Res. 437-6750
Ivan Ivankovich
Res. 486-0599
John Plunkett
Res. 435-7011
Walter Yakimets
Res. 438-1406

Next year the District VIII Convention is planned for Cranbrook, so plan to attend. Further details as to dates etc. will follow.

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Editor-In -Chief

Gordon Rennie
Res. 488-2856

On behalf of the golfers and the diners, **President Jack** thanked **Barry & Valerie Walker**, and **Roger and Janet Russell** for all their efforts in organizing another very successful mixed golf event at Devon in July. As usual, thanks also go out for the generosity of **Bryce** and

Florrie Van Dusen for the use of the wonderful facilities of their ranch for the banquet.

The Captain of Air Force One announces as he prepares for the approach into Washington, "Mr. President, in preparation for landing, please return the stewardess to the upright position".

Marty Larson wanted to let members know that Past District Governor and International Gyro of the year, **Leo Mills** from the Grande Forks Club passed away.

Owen Cornish introduced our own **John Stroppa** as the guest speaker at our first September meeting. **John** is originally from Winnipeg and enjoyed two careers. One as an employee of Imperial Oil, the other in the Canadian Football League. **John** joined Gyro in 1985, sponsored by PYS **Roger Russell**. **John** gave a very interesting presentation about his experiences with football, as a player, as an official, and supervisor of officials.

John started his football career in high school in 1942. He progressed through intermediate football and joined the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in 1949. He played with the Blue Bombers for three years, until an injury forced him into retirement. In those days players worked full time and the practices were held from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 or whenever they finished. Players went both ways on the field and the pace was grueling.

John started his work as an official in Edmonton in 1960 and worked through the amateur, bantam, and university levels. He was an official at the games, including one Grey Cup, and supervised officials for his last 11 years. **Haig Lewis** thanked our guest for a most interesting program.

The draw for a free lunch resulted in **Bruce Foy** being the big winner since **Allan Ursulak**, whose name was drawn first, was not present.

Upcoming Events.

Mike Matei has arranged for Dr. Michael Graham to be our guest speaker on September 15th. He is the Past Senior Vice-President and Director at Midland Waiwyn. With over 40 years of experience, Michael Graham has traveled around the world on speaking engagements in the company of such names as Warren Buffet and Louis Rukeyser. He will share his perspective on what is happening in the world economies at our meeting. Our thanks to **Allan Warrack** for postponing his presentation for that day.

This year the planners of the Quad Club founders night have arranged for a special event. A **mixed** event will be held at the Derrick Golf & Winter Club on 119 St., on Monday October 5th, 1998. The guest speaker will be Dave Wallbom from the Bellevue Washington Gyro Club. He gave a very interesting presentation at the District VIII Interim in Fairmont on club development. This event may give us some ideas about expanding our local clubs. Fellowship begins at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner is at 7:00. Circle your calendars and send your cheque, \$40.00 per couple, \$20.00 per person.