



THE GYROLOG THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

President

Jack Brown
Res. 434-0392

*Meeting held on Tuesday July 17th 2007
The German Canadian Club*

1st Vice-President

John Plunkett
Res. 435-7011

President Jack Brown welcomed the enthusiastic, but rather small crowd of 27 Gyros to our meeting at the German Canadian Club, including our newest member **Luc Lascelle** (partner **Dixie**), and guest Vic Silakiewicz.

2nd Vice-President

Leon Lubin
Res. 454-9712

Cheerio was led by **Roger** Russell and *Grace* was offered by **Ari (Dutch) Hoeksema**.

Imm.Past President

Fred Schulte
Res. 434-0925

President Jack reported on the successful mixed golf tournament and thanked Barry Walker and Roger Russell for their help.

Secretary

Barry Walker
Res. 475-0983

John Ross reported that during his recent visit to Winnipeg, he and his wife had the opportunity to visit Al and Betty McClure who are keeping well and keep abreast of our club events through the Gyrolog.

Treasurer

Mike Matei
Res. 930-1780

Fred Schulte reported on Gord Rennie who is doing well after a small bout of ill health due to the heat and dehydration. Fred also provided a quick summary of the current balance in the "Funds and Donations" account, with a request for input, ideas and volunteers to help with how the Club should disburse these funds for worthy causes for the public good. Currently, our Club has an endowment fund at the University of Alberta, department of Gerontology with a book value of \$ 45,000.00 and a market value of \$ 75,000.00.

Directors

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

GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker, Edmonton Fire Chief Randy Wolsey was introduced by Bill Taylor.

Gyrolog Editor

Aurelio Fernandes
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Chief Wolsey is an Albertan born in Cardston and raised in Edmonton having attended the Jasper Place High School. As a member of the Latter Day Saints, he served for two years in England. His career in the Fire Service began in 1972 in Delta BC, where he served for 30 years, the last seven as Fire Chief.

Chief Wolsey began by indicating how he had to overcome the low morale in the Edmonton Fire department by building relationships within the department, by visiting each and every station under his leadership. Another challenge he encountered when he took over was the outdated equipment including some fire trucks with no hoses, no maintenance and no on-going training. He embarked on a long-range strategic plan and he is pleased that today, the Edmonton Fire Department is one of the top in North America.

Chief Wolsey also referred to some other issues that still need to be addressed such as the Building codes. He indicated that some of these codes were instituted in the 50's and 60's and that today's fires are much more serious; hence these codes need to be updated. Other challenges facing the City of Edmonton is the growth factor, and maintaining the infrastructure. Today, Edmonton is another big "metro" city.

Other significant issues that he pointed to:

- 1 in 7 persons, will not hear the home fire alarm; strobe lights could be used to mitigate this situation;
- it costs 200 million to staff the fire department;
- 2001 was the year that saw the colour change in fire trucks from lime green to red.

Aurelio Fernandes thanked the speaker.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Thursday August 9th through Sunday August 12th.
District VIII Convention

Tuesday September 4th Annual Corn Roast

Venue: Malmo Community Hall.

Cost, \$15.00 per person and there will be a *twoonie bar*.

Bocci will be played before dinner at approximately 4:30 P.M with dinner to follow at approximately 6:30P.M.

Aurelio Fernandes