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## **MARCH 2019**

Those celebrating their birthdays are [Alan Rusler, 80 years](#) on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, [Sheldon Weatherby](#) on the 11<sup>th</sup>, [Len Stevens](#) on the 27<sup>th</sup>, [Barry Walker](#) on the 29<sup>th</sup> and [Ari "Dutch" Hoeksema](#) on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are [Mike and Sharon Matei](#), 30 years on the 18<sup>th</sup> and [Peter Gommerud and Karen McNaughton](#), 35 years on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**President Bruce Swanson** welcomed 31 Gyros, one guest and our two speakers to the March 5<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting held at the Faculty Club.

**President Bruce** led the singing of Cheerio and **Jim Lochhead** presented the Grace.

**David Winfield** introduced his guest **Rob Hanson**.

**Len Evenson** introduced our guest speakers: **Sue McCoy is the Director of Major Gifts with the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation**. She oversees a team of highly skilled fundraisers securing over \$6 million a year in donations. Prior to the Stollery, Sue worked as a Senior Development Officer in the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry at the University of Alberta for five years. She has worked on a variety of capital campaign projects including the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, the John McGivney Children's Centre in Windsor, Ontario, The Edmonton Folk Music Festival and the National Crime Prevention Council. Sue holds an M.A. in Sociology from Carleton University in Ottawa, a diploma in Fundraising Management from MacEwan University and is also a Certified Fundraising Executive.

**Nafisa Bowen is a Development Officer, Major Gifts with the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation**. Nafisa is a graduate of the University of Alberta and has worked in the not-for-profit sector for ten years. She works with the Children's Miracle Network helping implement national programs such as Dairy Queen's Miracle Treat Day in Northern, Alberta and Costco Miracle Month.

2001 marks the official beginning of the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation. But it was a long journey reaching this point, with generations of concerned and generous citizens paving the way to ensure the best pediatric care in our region.

Our story begins in **1978**, when **the Northern Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation** was established to advocate for a children's hospital in Edmonton. In **1992**, the name was changed to the **Children's Health Foundation of Northern Alberta** to more accurately reflect the role of the Foundation in raising funds to support the regional Child Health program.

The next seven years saw the Foundation's work touch the lives of a greater diversity of children than ever before, with kids from across Canada benefiting from the Child Health program's specialized services. It was during this time that **Bob and Shirley Stollery provided a generous donation** that would be the catalyst for a dedicated children's hospital.

The Stollery donation was complemented by the Children's Health Foundation's launch of a successful capital campaign that raised more than \$10 million towards the construction of a children's hospital in Edmonton. In order to minimize the significant overhead costs associated with the operation and maintenance of a free-standing hospital, the facility was constructed within the existing walls of the Walter C. Mackenzie Health Sciences Centre, sharing space with the University of Alberta Hospital.

The **Stollery Children's Hospital opened in October of 2001** in honour of the Stollery family who played a major role in making the Hospital everything it is today,

### **Our Vision**

The Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation will give the sickest kids the best chance, anywhere in the world, to live a long and healthy life.

### **Our Mission**

In support of the Stollery Children's Hospital, our Foundation advances excellence and transforms children's health by:

1. raising money in support of the pursuit of excellence in children's health care;
2. educating communities about the Hospital's needs; and
3. thanking our donors by sharing with them the impact of their gifts.

**The Foundation currently provides \$12million annually to Stollery programs.**

**In 2003, the first multi-visceral transplant** (liver, pancreas, small bowel) was performed on a child.

**In 2005, the hospital became a hub for pediatric cardiac care.**

**In 2011, the first Berlin Heart transplant** was undertaken on a young girl.

**In 2012, a dedicated Pediatric Emergency Room was opened.** 150 children are served daily.

**In 2014, the \$15million Edmonton Oilers Ambulatory Clinic** was opened.

**In 2016, five new operating rooms** were opened.

**In 2017, the Pediatric Cardiology Intensive Care Unit** was opened. Individual rooms are now the norm.

The Stollery has worked with the **Sturgeon Hospital in St. Albert** to establish neonatal intensive care beds.

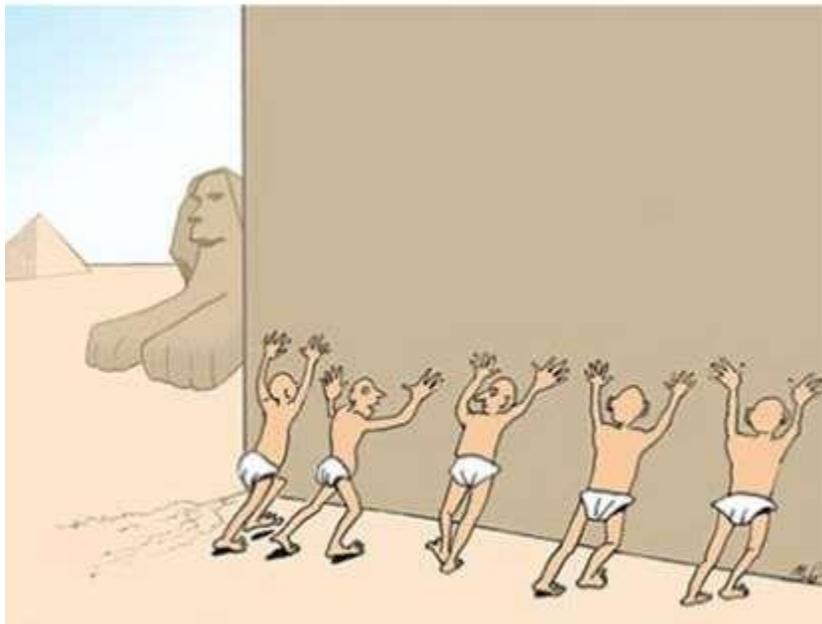
The same type of facility is planned for the **Grande Prairie Hospital**. The Stollery is now branching out to deal with **mental health**. A \$26 million mental health facility is planned by the Stollery to be included in the new \$200 million hospital at the **Royal Alexandra**.

The Stollery Children's Hospital presently accommodates annually, 293,423 visits, 53,929 emergency room visits, 11,333 surgeries, 222,976 out-patient visits and 9,838 inpatient visits. It is the hub for pediatric heart surgery in Northern and Western Canada. The Stollery is second only to the Toronto SickKids Hospital in patients served.

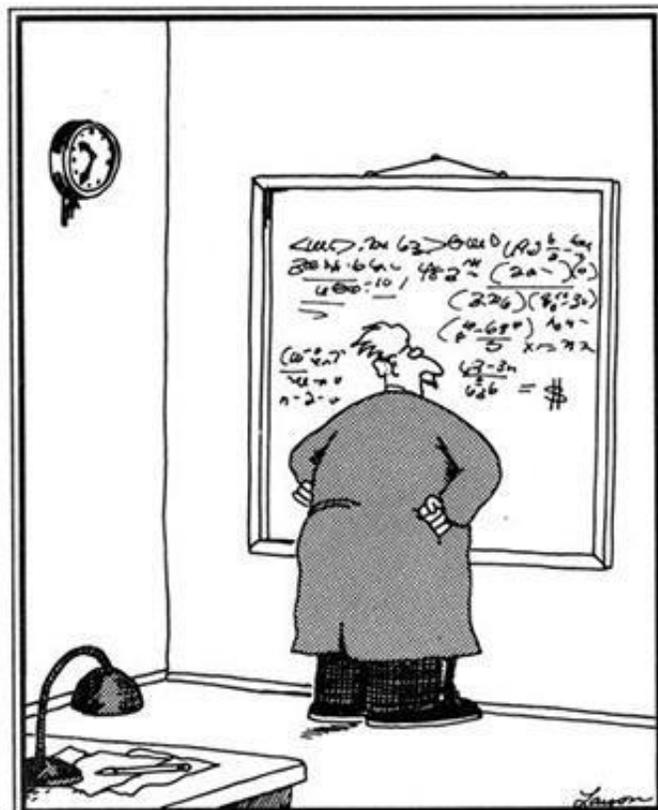
**Dick Nichols** thanked our speakers for a very informative presentation.

**Ari Hoeksema** was the Free Lunch winner.

Thanks to **Len Evenson** and **Dick Nichols** for organizing this speaking event.



**"I'm just interning until I decide what to do with my life."**



Einstein discovers that time is actually money.

**President Bruce Swanson** welcomed 26 Gyros and our guest speaker to the March 20<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting held at the Faculty Club. **Larry Dobson** led the singing of Cheerio and **David Burnett** presented the Grace.

**Treasurer Gary Campbell** presented the **General Fund Budget, May 1, 2019-April 30, 2020**. **Treasurer Gary** moved that the General Fund Budget be approved, and **Chuck Gerhart** seconded the motion. Discussion followed and the budget was approved unanimously.

The Executive Committee has recommended that a donation of \$2500 from the Benevolence Fund be made to the **Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation**. **Treasurer Gary Campbell** moved that the donation be approved, and **Peter Carter** seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Warren Garbutt** introduced our guest speaker, **Dr. Bob Ascah**. Bob holds degrees in Commerce and Public Relations from Carleton University and a PhD in Political Science from the University of Alberta. His work experience with the Alberta Public Service includes Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, Foreign Borrowing, Financial Policy, and liaison with credit rating agencies. In 1996 Bob joined Alberta Treasury Branches (ATB) becoming responsible for government relations, strategic planning and economic research. In 2009, he was appointed Director of the Institute for Public Economics at the University of Alberta. Currently, Bob's interests include Alberta fiscal history, the history of ATB and appointments to Alberta Agencies.

Bob's presentation was entitled **An Alberta Sales Tax? Really!**

Our fiscal path is unsustainable. Alberta has had a long history of single commodity concentration. In the 1920's Alberta grain production was a large component of Canada's dominance on the world export market. In 1929, Canada was the fourth largest exporter of wheat in the world, following Argentina, Australia and the United States. Half of Alberta's income in the 1920's was from grain production. A drastic drop in grain prices in the 1930's led to many farm foreclosures and the establishment of the Canadian Wheat Board.

Conventional oil, natural gas and bitumen was the next single commodity to experience volatile price fluctuations. Between 1986 and 2015, 20 to 30% of provincial income came from, gas and bitumen. In 1981, 50% of Alberta government revenue was from these commodities and in 2015-16 it was just 8%.

Non-Renewable Resource Revenue is not a ticket to success. Funding government programs in a stable way is a public good. To accomplish that you need stable revenues.

There has also been a failure to save which has been a missed opportunity for Albertans. **The Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund** was established by Premier Lougheed's government in 1976 with an initial investment of \$1.5 billion from general revenue. If all the investment income had been retained except for a five per cent endowment payback to the government, the Fund would be worth over \$150 billion today. Instead \$43.5 billion was taken out of the Fund for government programs leaving \$17.6 billion today.

### **What are the Solutions?**

- **Political leadership**-We need capable, focused political leaders who understand public finances in an historical context. We desperately require politicians who do not cave in to special interests wanting new programs, exemptions, or corporations taking handouts from governments eager to demonstrate they have created jobs and investment.
- **Educated voters**- We also need voters who are prepared to take the time to understand the precarious and transitory house of cards that is the province's finances. Banking on the sale of our non-renewable recipes is a recipe for disaster. Voters need to understand that they have been paying only 60-90 percent of the full-service bill due to the resource industry.
- **Appropriate consultations**- Politicians must take the lead and consult with a wide range of Albertans and provide recommendations to a government that listens and is not captive to its own ideology. These consultations need to be structured so that a **broad view** is heard-not just one where special interest groups plead for their special privileges.

I would argue that Alberta needs a sales tax because it is far more stable than Non-Renewable Resource Revenue and if harmonized with the federal GST it will not be administratively burdensome. A one percent sales tax will raise about \$800 million to \$1 billion. A sales tax of 5% possibly tied to a slight reduction in personal income taxes should not unduly harm economic growth.

Wealth from the future will come from intellectual properties. Our capacity to use our brains to solve problems and develop products will be essential.

**Val Pohl** thanked our speaker for a thought-provoking presentation.

Two Free Lunch draws were awarded:

**Dan Hasinoff** was the winner of a book by Bob Layton entitled Welcome to Radio, My life in Broadcasting so far.

**Chuck Gerhart** won the free lunch.

**Treasurer Gary Campbell advises that Club Dues for the 2019-20 period are due in April.**

**Dues remain unchanged at \$235, please send your cheque made out to the Gyro Club of Edmonton by mail to Gary or give to him personally.**

It with regret that we acknowledge the passing of **Gordon Robertson** on March 3, 2019. There will be no memorial service.

Gord was sponsored by **John Pedden** and joined our club in 1989 and served as **President** in 1999-2000.

**Gord** was born in Edmonton on October 2nd, 1925 to Edwin and Pauline Robertson and was the second of three sons in the family. The Robertson clan was originally from Glengarry, Ontario. Gordon's mother, Pauline was born in the Verdun area of Alberta just south of the Battle River and west of present-day Highway 21. Gord's grandfather on his mother's side homesteaded in this area in the 1890's after emigrating from the U.S.A.

Edwin Robertson worked for the John Deere Tractor Company where he repaired magnetos. Gord's family lived in the downtown area near the McKay Avenue School which was the first seat of the Provincial Legislature from 1905 to 1912. Gord attended McKay Avenue from grades 1-4 and then completed grades 5-9 at Oliver School. He attended West Glen High School, and one of his summer jobs in grade eleven was shoveling coal into 100 lb. sacks. Immediately after high school Gord worked in Dawson Creek B.C. helping with the survey of a new sewer system and then worked at Fort Nelson with an airport extension project. His next job was an apprentice linotype operator at the Institute of Applied Art which published books and pamphlets. Gord then moved to a job at the Edmonton Bulletin which was nearing the end of its life as Edmonton's first newspaper. In 1947, Gord spent three summer months in Jasper helping prepare the "Jasper Park Totem" newspaper. His artistic skills started to show promise and in later years, Gord completed some admirable artwork.

Gord then found employment at the Weber Motors/Weber Real Estate organization. In 1949, Gord started working for **Imperial Oil** in Redwater undertaking accounting, budgeting and transportation logistics.

Gord's career in Redwater and Edmonton with Imperial Oil spanned 33 and a half years. He travelled extensively across Canada and was involved in inventory, audit and transportation trouble-shooting. His work included a stint in the Beaufort Sea area which he found to be a beautiful and fascinating area.

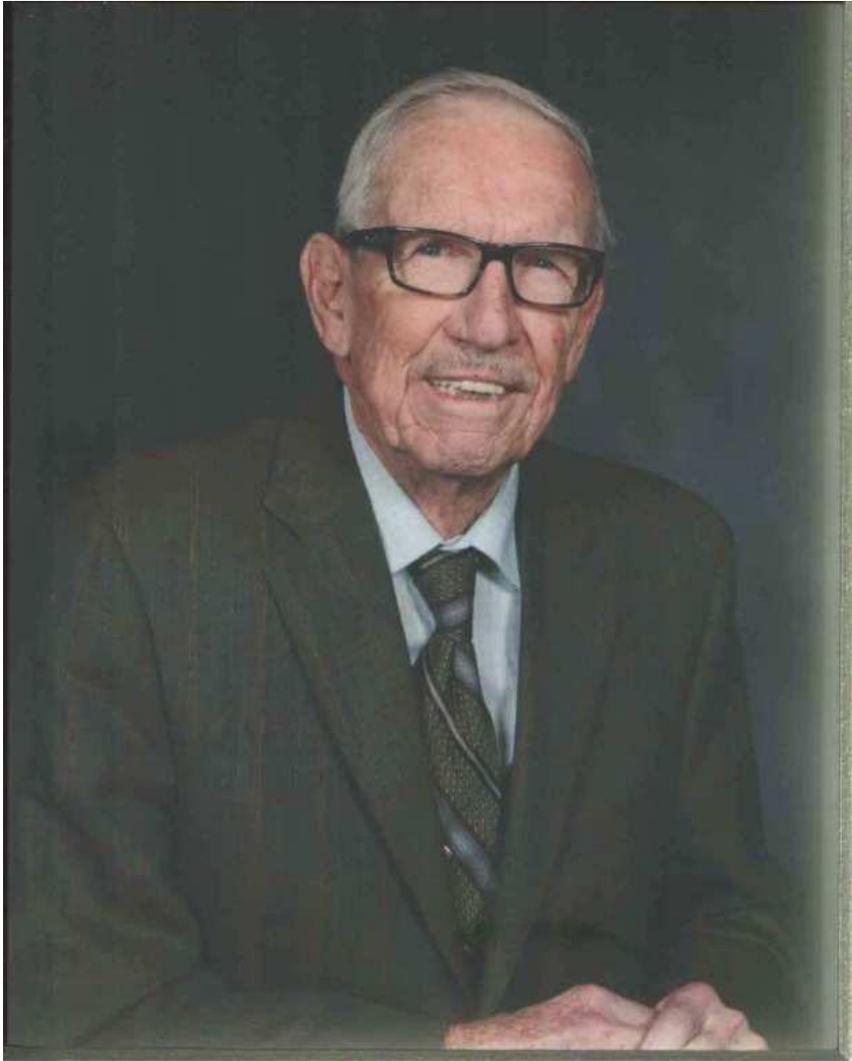
Gord met **Eleanor Robertson (nee Robertson)** at a "Y" camp on Wabamun Lake in the Halfmoon Bay area. They were married soon after at **Robertson United Church** by Rev. McQueen. Eleanor worked at the Johnstone-Walker department store on 102 Street for several years. They raised three daughters, Joanne, Bonnie and Barbara. Each of their daughters have a boy and a girl and a great-grandson arrived in 2012.

Gord began his **curling career** in Redwater and continued playing at the Royal Glenora where he met **Matt Baldwin in 1956**. Gord started playing golf at the Victoria Municipal course ("The Muni") and golfed twice a week at Fox Run and Whitemud Creek with the ESSO Retiree's and the Shriners (nine holes Monday and 18 holes Tuesday). Gord said his golf score was improving as he got older!

Gord joined the **Shriners in 1980** and was a charter member of the new temple, the Al Shamal Shrine which was formed in July 1985. He served as treasurer for three years and later joined the Shriners Band where he played the drums and the tambourine.

Gord said that GYRO was the best organization he had ever joined, and he looked forward to attending luncheon meetings once the golf season was finished. He was **93 years young** on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

**Gord was a true gentleman and will be greatly missed!**



**Gord Robertson**

## Dick Nichols reports on the Hockey Pool

Game 14 February 21	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
<b>Oilers vs Islanders</b>				
<b>First</b>	<b>2 3</b>	Annie Heibert	Annie Heibert	Sandra Foy
<b>Second</b>	<b>2 3</b>	<b>Taras Chmil</b>	<b>Taras Chmil</b>	Jack Heibert
<b>Final</b>	<b>4 3</b>	Unsold	Unsold	Sloane Sellar

Game 15 February 27	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
<b>Oilers vs Maple Leafs</b>				
<b>First</b>	<b>1 1</b>	<b>Gary Campbell</b>	Grace Burnett	Noni Herscen
<b>Second</b>	<b>1 5</b>	<b>Sharon Matei</b>	<b>Bea McKenzie</b>	Brian Scranton
<b>Final</b>	<b>1 6</b>	Sara Dobson	<b>Walter Yakimets</b>	Don Seiben

Game 16 March 4	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
<b>Oilers vs Sabres</b>				
<b>First</b>	<b>1 3</b>	Shirley Kushnir	<b>Gary Campbell</b>	<b>Gary Campbell</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>4 3</b>	<b>Bea McKenzie</b>	<b>Sharon Matei</b>	<b>Sharon Matei</b>
<b>Final</b>	<b>4 3</b>	<b>Walter Yakimets</b>	Sara Dobson	Sara Dobson

Game 17 March 13	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
<b>Oilers vs Devils</b>				
<b>First</b>	<b>2 2</b>	Ben. Fund	Mystery Man	Shirley Kushnir
<b>Second</b>	<b>3 5</b>	<b>Dick Nichols</b>	<b>Bea McKenzie</b>	<b>Gary Campbell</b>
<b>Final</b>	<b>3 6</b>	<b>Gary Campbell</b>	<b>Walter Yakimets</b>	<b>Bea McKenzie</b>
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**"Fast Fred**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Tuesday Luncheon, Faculty Club, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **Executive Officers/Directors Elections**

**Speaker: Executive Cecilia Blasetti, Director, Boyle McAuley Health Centre**

**Topic: New Dental Centre and Consumptive Drug Use Site**

**Team leaders: Ray Dallaire, Gerry Glassford and Fred Schulte**

### **Gyrette Luncheon Meeting, Faculty Club, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Registration: 11:30, lunch 12:00 noon**

**Speaker: Bob Layton**

**Topic: How to create your own laugh book.**

**Contact: Vicky Garbutt**

### **Tuesday Field Trip, Bodnar Collection, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Team Leaders: John Ross and Peter Gommerud**

### **Saturday Evening Dinner Banquet, Mixed Event, Faculty Club, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Executive Officers and Directors Installation**

**Time: Social Hour 6:00 pm, Dinner 7:00**

**Team Leaders: Bruce Swanson and Sam Gruden**

### **Gyro District VIII Convention, Drumheller, May 23-26<sup>th</sup>**

### **Gyro International Convention, Reno, Nevada, June 2-6<sup>th</sup>**



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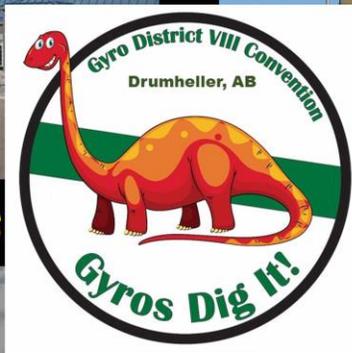
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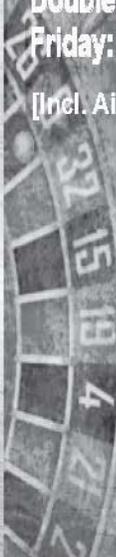
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**Sub-total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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Roasted Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_, Short Ribs \_\_\_\_\_, or Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

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