

# THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
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16 January 1989

Our last meeting we had 30 members in attendance, plus Merrill Morstad's guest Ed Yuzda, his neighbor, who we were happy to welcome for a second visit. Baritone Harry Mills led us in cheerio, and Bert Boren gave the blessing. President Dave had started proceedings before your writer entered the room, so fortunately I missed some of his blathering (opening remarks) however he continued his trivia pursuit which included the following - "The number of hours of sunshine in Jerusalem per year is 3474; in Toyko 2021 hours, and in Manyberries, Alberta 2309." If nothing else, perhaps you can use these figures for your next 649 lottery! His next mind bender was - "The wind speed at which a person can lean forward on the wind with straight legs, and touch the ground with one hand, without falling is 160 km/h." At this stage there were cries of "bring back Neil Sheidow and his joke book" - but Dave was unperturbed.

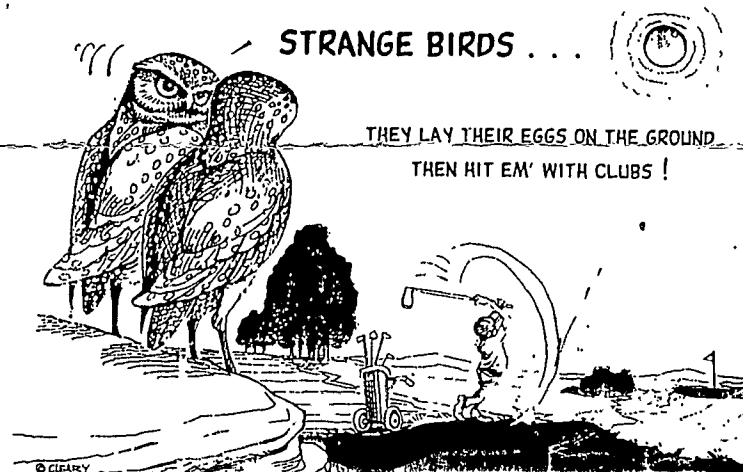
First V/P John Padden introduced our guest speaker Dr. David Schiff, the Director of Medical Education and Pediatrics at the University of Alberta. Dr. Schiff, who described himself as a Montrealer, came to Edmonton in 1972. He gave a most interesting and informative talk on the need for a Children's Hospital in Edmonton. He cited in some detail, the present problems in providing medical services for children such as insufficient ambulatory services. The objective of the Children's Hospital Foundation is the provision of a first class Children's Hospital, which could result in the consolidation of many required services. The thanks of our Club to Dr. Schiff were expressed by Neil Sheidow.

Birthdays - belated greetings were expressed for Garnet Nelson (Kelowna) for January 1st, a date he shares with J. Edgar Hoover. Best wishes also to John Ross and John Stroppa, who celebrated on January 2nd. They shared the spotlight with Brig. Gen. James Wolfe, and Car Body Magnate, Frederick John Fisher; and to Harry Mills on January 5th, sharing that day with V/P Walter Mondale and actress Diane Keaton.

Mail Call - Dave Burnett received a post card (framed in postage) from Vern & Fran Sadd, who are visiting in Vancouver, B.C. They sent New Year's greetings to all their friends in Gyro.

Ernie & Beth Siegel who had been holidaying in Mesa and other points, also had a card for Gyro - which Ernie brought back with him for us - in order to save on postage! Boy - golf must really be expensive in Arizona!

The picture on the right is a photocopy of the front of the Siegel 'special delivery' post card.



Employment opportunity - Our Prexy made reference to the request for a Secretary/Editor, which was recorded in the Gyrolog dated 3 January 1989. He advised that he is not being inundated with volunteers, consequently written applications are no longer a requisite - any telephone call will suffice. This change in personnel could be either good or bad news. The good news - whoever takes over won't be so verbose (as you know who) the bad news - if no one volunteers then Pres. Dave will take over! Just think about that idea for a moment. It's your decision - good luck. Meanwhile my golf bag is ready! This aint no bull! \*\*

Hockey Pool - Game No. 7, 31-12-88 \$10.00 Joe Ellis (Calgary) John Wild; \$15.00 Roy Munro (Morinville) & Chuck Samis; \$25.00 Walt Peltier & Joan Ursulak; Game No. 8 7-1-89 \$10.00 Gordon Robertson; Ernie Siegel; Vern Sadd; \$15.00 Rick Dennis Storoz; \$25.00 Allan Ursulak and Roger Russell.



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Change of Address - Ken and Helen Burnett are now residing at Apt. 214, 5020 Riverbend Road, Edmonton, Alberta. T6H 5J8. Telephone 434-0492. (Int. Secy John Harding, please note for the Gyroscope mailing list - thanks.) John Pedden's Business address is now 10009-108St Edmonton, AB.

Coming Events - The Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 January at 5.30 p.m. at President David Burnett's office (NTCL) 10th floor; 10665 - Jasper Avenue.

Gyro International Interim Meeting - 18 to 22 January 1989 at Marcos Island, Florida.

Gyro District VIII Interim Meeting - 17 to 19 March 1989 - Fairmont Hot Springs. The deadline for room reservations at the Resort was 17 January - so we hope those who plan on attending have mailed their reservation forms with deposit.

Gyroette Golf - to be held in Devon, Alta on 8 August 1989. Ernie Siegel believes in early planning and announcements. He reported they are building a new Club house - the course will be in great shape, etc., so mark your calendar NOW. One more note - Ernie needs prizes for the golf and would appreciate your donations soonest.

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Game No.9,14-1-89: \$10.00 Marty Larson: Christina Clark: \$15.00 Rick Little; Elaine Tomniuk;  
\$25.00 Colleen Wood & P. Plouffe.

Our Club Meeting on 24 January 1989 - Thanks to Allan Ursulak and his program team for deferring their program for 24 January to a later date. This change will allow us to review with Allan Warrack & his committee, the second stage for possible future Club projects. A membership survey form was enclosed with the Gyrolog of 3 January to all members for your completion and return to any member of the Benevolence committee, as listed. With this input, together with your ideas and participation on 24 January, will enable the committee to further pursue this important subject.

Bocce Night - Al McClure reported this popular event will be held at the Italian Culture Centre (133rd Ave & St Albert Trail) on Tuesday evening 7 February. You can enjoy a good Italian dinner with fine wine and then play bocce. Approx cost \$12.00 - your pre-dinner drinks whether leaded or unleaded, will be at your own expense. There will be a draw for the team competition so you will be contacted by phone about attendance.

Health & Welfare - it was reported that James Humphries, one of our most regular attenders, had been under-going some test of late and had not been too well. However he is at home and feeling some better. Our best wishes for a quick return to good health. Gyrette Rita Davidson recently underwent knee surgery in the Royal Alex Hospital. We understand the operation went well, but she will be receiving physio-therapy for some time in the Glenrose.

Inter-Club News - recently your scribe reported that the Sherwood Park Club had increased their membership with two new members on 16 November 1988. Well sir, they are at it again; this time John Craig proposed his friend Ian Hay for membership and Ian became a Gyro on 4 January 1989. He was officially inducted into our family of friends by First Lt-Governor Keith Bradley, who performed this privilege in a very able and most acceptable manner. Our congratulations to Ian, and the Sherwood Park Club. Our thanks to John Craig for bringing us another Gyro friend.

Gyrettes Corner - did you gals see Majorie Day's picture in the paper recently, announcing her retirement from the Edmonton Journal. Marge is the lovely wife of Ed Day of the Crossroads Gyro Club. Really Marge, you look too young for retirement, but our congratulations and best wishes for relaxed living - whatever.

Thought for the day: Take time to think - thoughts are the source of power.  
Take time to play - play is the secret of perpetual youth.  
Take time to read - reading is the fountain of wisdom.  
Take time to pray - prayer can be a rock of strength in time of trouble.  
Take time to love - loving is what makes life worth while.  
Take time to be friendly - friendship is one of life's greatest rewards.  
Take time to laugh - laughter is the music of the soul.  
Take time to give - any day of the year is too short for selfishness.  
Take time to do your work well - pride in your work, no matter what it is, nourishes the ego and the spirit.  
Take time to show appreciation - thanks is the frosting on the cake of life.  
(anon)

Quotable Quotes - Merrill Morstad - "Conscience is a small inner voice that doesn't speak your language."

John Ross - "It is wiser to lead than to drive; wiser to pull than to push; wiser to ask than to demand; wiser to suggest than to insist; wiser to inspire than to compel; and wiser to motivate than to manipulate."

Smiles & Chuckles: Marty Larson, although recently retired?) is already making plans for next summer. He had devised a new way to help Shirley cut the lawn. He is making a sign which reads, "Anyone is welcome to use our lawn mower - provided they don't take it off our lawn! (Shirley, you should be so lucky!"

James Humphries - "One should use statistics as a drunk uses a lamp-post, for support, rather than for illumination."

Howard Wilson - "One place you'll find the perfect driver - is in the back seat."

"Punning is the lowest form of humor," said the poet to the punster. Said the punster to the poet, "Poetry is verse."

Cash Draw - a popular win for "retread" how about that! Now that I have some money for my California trip, will someone take on my job and cut me loose.

Our next meeting

\* Date: Tuesday 24 January 1989

\* Place: The Mayfair Golf Club

\* Time: 12.00 noon - OR - 11.30 for those who want to talk about a possible ski week-end.

\* Program: A membership survey & discussion re possible future Club projects.

\* Attendance: Yours, please.

Yours in Gyro

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