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There is no winter without snow / no spring without sunshine / and no happiness without companions

In Remembrance: Jack Schenck, 1919-1999

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President's Message



Prior to heading off on our November cruise, we thought it would be nice to make a stop in Florida and visit Steve and Patty Anderson of the District X Caloosa Club. While we were there, they hosted a dinner party at their home for all club members who could attend. The highlight of the evening was the installation of two new members into the Caloosa Club.

This November I was honoured to receive the Merit Award at our club's annual Founders Night. It was extra special having the award presented by my son in law Andrew, who is also a fellow Gyro, with my family in attendance. Our Lieutenant Governor Derek Hay and past District Governor Craig Cormack travelled to Red Lake from the Winnipeg Club for the event. Derek gave an excellent speech on our Gyro forefathers and the meaning of Founders Night.

As mid-December rolls around, our excitement grows knowing we will be returning home to Red Lake for the holidays. Annwyl and I have always made our family a priority. We fee



lincredibly blessed to spend Christmas with our children and our new granddaughter, Mia. Every year we bundle up from the elements and go into the forest to chop down a huge Christmas tree for the house. Once we and the tree thaw, we spend the evening decorating the tree to the sound of Christmas carols playing in the background. We enjoy spending the holidays continuing traditions that have been passed down from my parents, making several dozen perogies by hand for Ukrainian Christmas Eve.

Arriving home for Christmas is comparable to attending a Gyro convention – reuniting with friends who have turned into family. We truly appreciate our friendship with every one of you and are grateful to be a part of such an amazing organization. Together, we have created a community I am proud to call home.

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President's Message. cont.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all. Annwyl and I wish you a wonderful year ahead in 2020 filled with love, friendship and good health. Please keep all of our friends who are suffering health challenges in your prayers.



MORE HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Lisa Kay and I hope all of our fellow Gyros have a very Merry Christmas and may 2020 bring great happiness and friendship to each of you and your families.

Matt and Lisa Johnson,
Olympia and Tacoma
Gyro Clubs

As 2019 comes to a close, my wife Sandy and I thank all our Gyro friends across the US and Canada for the great support and assistance in our District and International Executive Council events and duties.

The warm memories recalled and new ones created celebrating the Christmas Holiday emphasizes the huge benefits of our Gyro membership. It is an important part of our 50-year marriage.

We wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2020 to all. We look forward with anticipation to seeing all in Victoria in June or nearby District Conventions.

Bryan Et Sandy Flanigan



In Memoriam

Jack Schenck PIP

Gyro International President 19998-1999



INDIANAPOLIS – Jack M. Schenck, age 90, of Indianapolis, IN, passed away Monday, November 25 at his residence. Jack was born to the late Carl E. Schenck and Margaret Turpin Schenck on June 27, 1929 in Indianapolis, IN.

Jack graduated from Wabash College Cum Laude and was President of his class in 1951. Jack then earned the Doctorate of Law from Indiana University.

He proudly served our country in the US Army. He was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Service Club of Indianapolis, City Club of Indianapolis (formaly Gyro International, where he was President in 1998 (**), Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Jack was an avid golfer being a member of Muirfield Village Golf Club, Dublin, Ohio, and Locally, Crooked Stick County Club and Ulen Country Club. He was a talented musician who wrote his own music and played the piano.

Jack retired from the banking business working with National City Bank in trust and investment, Huntington Bank, and retired from Merchants Bank.

He is survived by his wife, Myrna Jo Gavin Schenck and his children; Lisa Schenck, Craig and Robert Schenck. He has five grandchildren and one great grandson. His brothers are Thomas (Mary) Hufford and Donald (Marti) Hufford.

*** *Ed. Note:* Jack was a Governor and International President while the Indianapolis Gyro Club was still a member of Gyro International.

Jack and Jo were highly respected members of the Executive Council after being selected as 3rd Vice President in 1995 at the Chicago convention. His intelligence and quiet demeanor brought a steady hand to the EC deliberations.

And Jack certainly became a congenial and entertaining addition as well. At each following convention and interim meeting, Jack would show up in the hospitality room each evening with his keyboard. Those who were frequent attendees at the Gyro meetings will fondly remember the many sing-a-longs, sometimes lasting into the wee hours. Most everyone in the room joined in, good voices or not because the Gyro ambience was overwhelming.

Employing his many talents, ck also wrote a new song “to Gyro.” Words and music on page 6

PIP Emil Baijot

O f course my memories of Jack are led by his piano playing. Perhaps the high light was Jack playing a grand piano in the lobby of the hotel in Wenatchee surrounded by an ever increasing number of singers.

In our meetings he was the thoughtful one. On occasion bringing sanity to many a wild discussion.

PUP Ian Grieg

A gentle man who will be missed by many people. We have so many great memories of our times with Jo and Jack.

PIP Ab & Win Nightingale

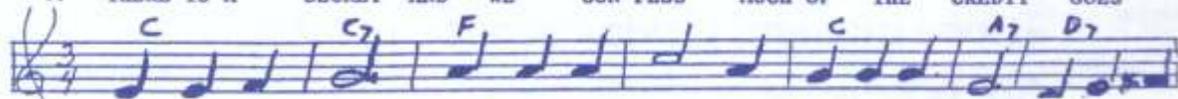
To GYRO

Words and Music by Jack M. Schenck 1994

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1. GYRO AND FRIENDSHIP GO HAND IN HAND. MEETING A GYRO MEANS
2. HOW TO SPELL FRIENDSHIP, YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW. ONE WAY TO SPELL IT IS
3. WHAT IS A GYRO SOME PEOPLE ASK. WHAT MAKES HIM DIFF'RENT FROM
4. THERE IS A SECRET AND WE CONFESS MUCH OF THE CREDIT GOES



1. MEETING A FRIEND. THIS SPECIAL MOT-TO MAKES GYRO STRONG WE RAISE OUR
2. G - Y - R - O. IN CAN - A - DA, THE U. S. OF A. FIVE THOUSAND
3. ALL OF...THE REST. IT IS HIS SMILE WHEN HE SAYS HEL - LO. IT IS HIS
4. TO OUR GY-RETTES. THEY BRING THE PAT-IENCE, BEAUTY AND STYLE. THEY ARE THE



1. CLASSES AND JOIN IN THIS SONGGGGG. TO
2. GYROS ALL SPELL IT THAT WAYYYYYY. TO
3. GRIN WHEN HE BENDS HIS EL - BOWWWWWW. TO
4. REASON THAT ALL GY-ROS SMILE. TO

CHORUS



- 1, 2, & 3 GY - RO TO GY - RO LET'S DRINK A TOAST TO GY - RO
4. GY - RETTES OUR GY - RETTES HERE'S TO THE BEST OUR GY-ER-ETTES.



- 2 & 3 HERE'S TO THE FUN THE GYROS WE'VE MET. HERE'S TO THE FRIENDSHIPS WE'LL
4. HERE'S TO THEIR GRACE, THEIR WIT AND THEIR CHARMS. HERE'S TO THE LADIES WE



- 2 & 3 NEVER FORGET TO GY - RO TO GY - RO THE FRIENDSHIP FRA-TER-NI- TY.
4. HOLD IN OUR ARMS. TO EACH OF OUR GY-R-ETTES, THIS IS OUR TOAST TO YOU!

Carl Fischer, Inc., New York

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WHAT CAN YOU BELIEVE?

It is said that 'Seeing is Believing' but that saying may now be obsolete with social media –emails and Facebook – where misinformation is either communicated, implied or assumed to have a basis in fact.

An article¹ by Rachel Anne Barr PhD Student at the Université Laval provided inspiration for this article with the following two paragraphs paraphrased from her article.

Fake news is a new term for propaganda packaged as if it were news, in on-line social media. To be successful the news must catch our attention, hence the claims are usually outlandish. For example, there are now videos of famous respectable persons saying things they would never say. The novelty of unexpected information or events is rapidly detected by our brains. It actually increases the brains potential for learning as highly provocative information stands a stronger chance of lingering in our minds and being incorporated into long term memory, potentially as false memories. In addition, propaganda has an ability to appeal to our emotions if it contains a high degree of “moral emotion” which drives everything we do.

Deceptive headlines, an email introduction or the title of a Facebook post can instantly generate a moral emotion so much so that many people fail to take the time to read the attachment, or the story behind a title or headline. Their indignation or show of support can generate negative reactions from other viewers. Another factor is our feelings about people, things and ideas occurs much more rapidly than conscious thoughts. This means that once our brain identifies a provocative headline it can result in a later belief in the headline, so scrolling through social media feeds filled with emotionally provocative content can exceed our brain's analytical capacity and change the way we think. The result is “Seeing is Deceiving” as our state of mind, thoughts, and moods at the time can lead to differing opinions by persons observing the same event.

So why is this relative to Gyro members? Communication in Gyro or for that matter in any organization is incredibly important for member enlightenment and retention as well as to attract new members. This is why:

- Clubs are encouraged to have a bulletin, a website, frequent fun events, meetings and keep lines of communication open with the District Governor;
- District Executives are encouraged to have a Governor's bulletin, a website, club interactions, conventions and organized events; and
- The Executive Council of Gyro is to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM), produce and contribute to the Gyroscope publication, maintain an informative website including a database of all members, visit Districts and Clubs - where the budget permits, and meet regularly with Governors.

Based on the previous observations on how information can be deceptive it is important in all means of communication by all of us to guard against drawing the wrong conclusions. Some observations I have made that are food for thought are:

- We can do better by discussing constructive solutions to perceived deficiencies. Club members can become ingrained in their own agenda to the exclusion of engaging with other clubs, the District or AGM. This can lead to new members not knowing the full benefits of the Gyro experience and opportunities. It also leads to some members wanting to abandon Gyro traditions and the structure Gyro provides, based on negative opinions about the governing body. Gyro is unique in that at an Annual General Meeting the Clubs carry all of the votes. Gyro International does not dictate – it is geared to supporting members and clubs by providing open and inclusive opportunities for members to make changes subject to the agreement of the majority of members.

WHAT CAN YOU BELIEVE? - CONT.

- In the past couple of years there has occasionally been a request from persons charged with collecting dues for the organization to identify “What value does a member get from Gyro International?”. This ambiguous question cannot be answered with an “Objective Truth” – which is a single answer. It cannot be answered because Gyro is the collective of Clubs, Districts and the overarching governing body. Without all these components Gyro does not exist. An examination of the Gyro International website reveals what a member needs to know about the value of Gyro. Obviously, the value of Gyro is not on a balance sheet. It is the value of friendship, of having fun with like-minded people and it is an organization that you can be a member of with pride. Please speak kindly of the organization.

Communication at meetings and conventions in a fun setting is a social interaction that cannot be replicated on-line. This is highlighted in a book entitled “Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community” by Robert D. Putnam². He described the reduction in all the forms of in-person social interaction upon which Americans used to educate and enrich their social lives. Putnam concludes that technology such as television and the internet as well as urban sprawl (less ability to travel to meet) as primary reasons for the decline in organizations' membership.

It is recognized by Gyro leaders that engaging younger members requires a new approach (see the Reno Convention Membership Discussion Paper on our website) but in addition we need to keep the fun in Gyro by getting together in person for fun events and resist spending too much time on-line.

The internet can draw us into non-productive inflammatory debates and unbeknownst to us, programs our brains with emotionally provocative content that changes the way we see the world. In these times of ever-increasing communication of “instant news” we need to be skeptical, read supporting material and verify information so that we are not deceived and so we can make informed decisions on what to believe.

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- Alan Pentney, 1st Vice President

“COMMON SENSE IS NOT A GIFT, IT IS A PUNISHMENT BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH EVERYONE WHO DOESN'T HAVE IT.”

SIXTY MAY BE THE NEW FORTY, BUT 8:00 IS THE NEW MIDNIGHT



Merry Christmas Gyro's

I am writing this Christmas message from Calgary which currently feels close to the North Pole. Actually, I enjoy the winter season with the scenes that nature brings, grandchildren in sports and the festive occasions.

Christmas is a joyous time for Tara and I. Not only are we celebrating Chrost's birth, but we are blessed to gather with friends and family to enjoy festive activities. In our home Stampede City Club, we have a Guy's gift exchange that gets rambunctious. Although we lost Bob Rowan our Santa this year, his memory lives on as we continue the tradition. Another tradition is the annual Christmas Dinner and Dance with guests.

We treasure the relationships we have developed over the years in Gyro. This past year we had the opportunity on behalf of Gyro International to join our extended Gyro family in District 8 in Drumheller, Alberta, District 9 (Reno Nevada) with Gyros from all over North America, and District 3 (Peterborough, Ontario). In 2020 as incoming President we will be at the International Convention in June hosted by the Victoria Club. I also hope to attend conventions in District 1 (Akron Ohio), District 7 (Thunder Bay Ontario), District 4 (Vancouver) and maybe District 2 (Clinton Iowa). Districts 6 and 10 are on my agenda for 2021.



We wish all of you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Yours in Gyro Friendship
Tara and Alan Pentney
1st Vice-President, Gyro International
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Canadian Humor: Caption says: "Canadian Game Show - Whose Lane is it nyway?"

How cold can it get in Calgary? -46 in 1943



Technology Committee Update

Dec 3, 2019

- submitted by Matt Williams, Chairman

Since our last update, the Technology Committee has held 1 - 2 video conferencing meetings per month and continues to make progress towards our objective of improving the current systems in use by Gyro at the Club, District, and International levels.

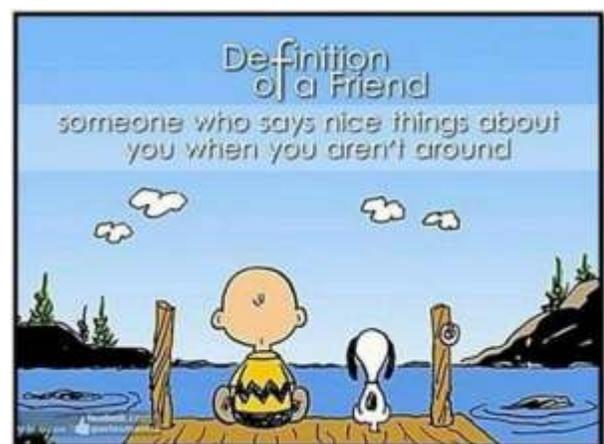
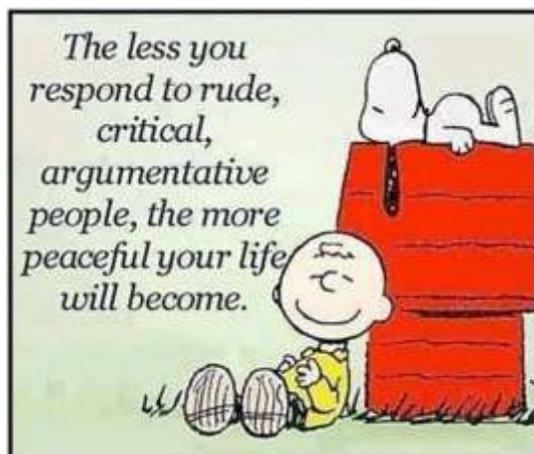
In August, we welcomed 2 new members to the Tech Committee: Sam Day and John Overall. Both bring with them incredibly valuable skills that add to the committee's capabilities. Sam has a background in cyber security, while John's background is in website hosting, design, and development. In our initial meeting with these new members, John offered to provide professional webhosting and site security services for lower than our estimated costs and Sam in turn offered to verify the security and performance of these new servers.

While focus of the Tech Committee had largely been development of a new database, the decision was made to prioritize the migration of webhosting. Prior to the migration, all websites that were on the previous provider (active and inactive) were backed up to 2 archive locations and the inactive sites removed. The migration occurred on October 15 and of all the club and district sites migrated, only one minor issue was discovered and promptly responded to.

On November 26, the Tech Committee identified the remaining work on the database to be largely development / coding. This was agreed to be a good opportunity for some committee members to begin working on website initiatives, while others continue working on the remaining database tasks.

As we enter the Holiday Season, availability of our Tech Committee volunteers will be diminishing. While those available will continue their efforts, we will resume progress refreshed and energized in the new year.

Wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season!





From the desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

Mike's Musings ...

INFORMATION & TRIVIA FROM GYRO INTERNATIONAL

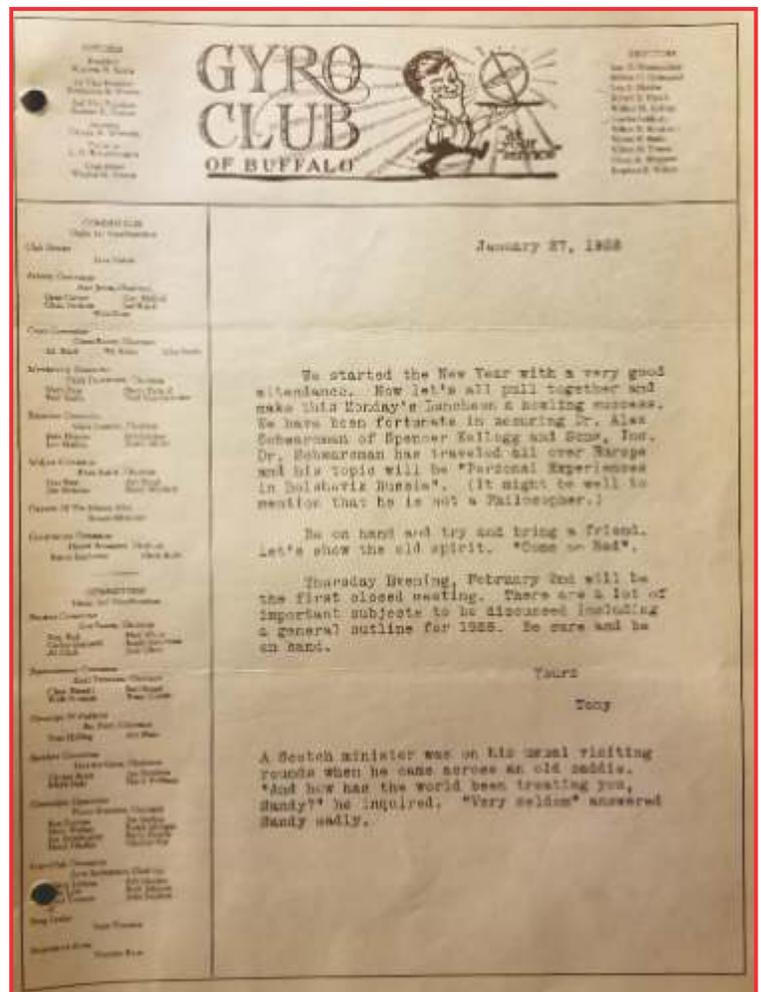
A Tale of Very Cool Random Acts of Thoughtfulness and Kindness for the Holidays!

Every now and then we experience and random act of thoughtfulness and kindness from a complete stranger. We had that experience in Buffalo just a few months ago and I thought some of you may find the tale interesting! Out of the blue I received an email from a gentleman in New Jersey asking if I had any association with an organization called Gyro in Buffalo, NY or a man named W. H. Smith. The email header included a complete name and not an anonymous junk mail so I replied. I told the sender that I was a Gyro from Buffalo and asked a few questions of my own. Questions like "how did you find me"?

It seems this gentleman visited estate sales, yard sales and flea markets on the east coast of the US. In fact he was in Connecticut at a flea market and noticed a vendor toss a small box in the trash at the end of the day. The man retrieved the box and discovered that it was a jewelry box of sorts and contained a number of costume jewelry pieces. One of the pieces was a gold gyroscope on a chain. Once the man returned home he took a closer look at the gyroscope and discovered some engraving. In very small print along the edges of the gyroscope is "W. H. Smith Gyro Club", "President 1928". Our fellow from NJ began a bit of research online and somehow found a W. H. Smith associated with Gyro in Buffalo. He found my name and email address the same way. So if you think you can hide, think again!! We exchanged a few more emails and I started some research of my own with our Buffalo Club memorabilia. I happen to have a small binder of old club bulletins and unbelievably all of the 1928 editions were there. And low and behold, W. H. Smith was club president in 1928.

The chain is a watch chain or a decorative vest pocket chain that was given to club presidents back in the 1920's. How it made it's way to Connecticut is still a mystery but the chain is now back in Buffalo. All thanks to a random act of thoughtfulness and of kindness by a total stranger!

At right and following are pictures of the chain and a 1928 Buffalo Club bulletin. Enjoy!



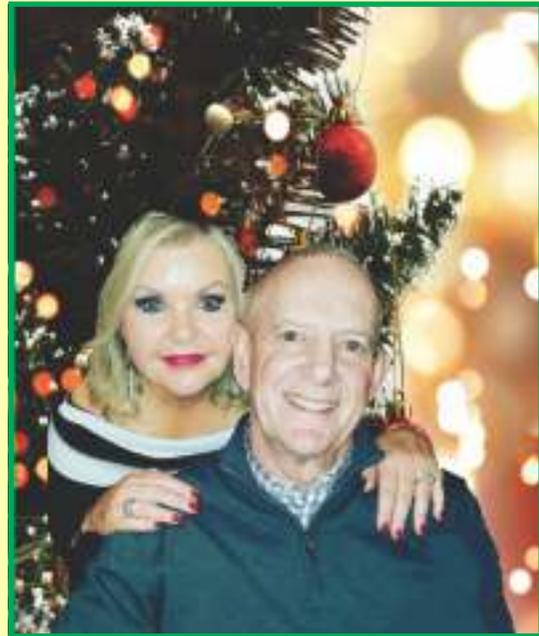
- more from Mike, next page:

Mike's Musings ...cont.



*Very Merry Christmas
Et Holiday Wishes
to all of our Gyro friends*

Cynthia and I would like to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers and support through this big adventure we're on. Having friends to lean on and to know are there for us has meant the world to us. We can't imagine not having the friendships that we do. This is what Gyro is all about and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



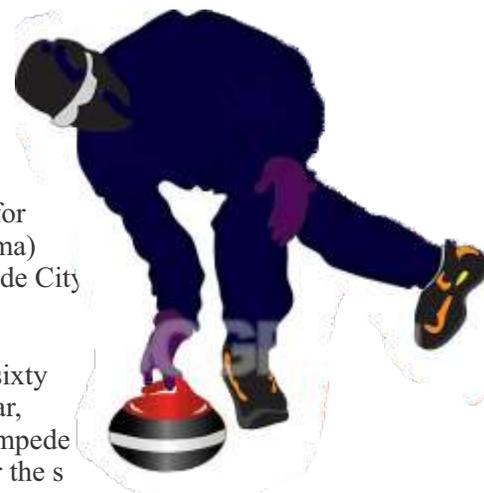
Keep the faith, bring in a new member to his awesome organization this year and most of all have fun!

*Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays
and Happy New Year!*

Mike Et Cynthia McNally



D-VIII CURLARAMA 2019



Every year in early November, District VIII Gyros have traveled to Banff, Alberta to enjoy a weekend of fun, friendship and the opportunity to compete for Gyro curling supremacy. This event, known as Curlarama, (some say Curlorama) has been held on an annual basis since the 1950's with the Calgary and Stampede City clubs taking turns handling the organizational responsibility.

Curlarama 2019, which was held from November 1st to 3rd, was attended by sixty Gyros and guests representing eight clubs from District VIII (Calgary, Castlegar, Cranbrook Edmonton, Edmonton Crossroads, Nelson, Sherwood Park and Stampede City). This year the event was relocated to the town of Canmore (located near the southeast boundary of Banff National Park) because of uncertainty regarding the availability of appropriate hotel accommodation in the town of Banff.

Upon arrival on Friday at the Canmore Inn & Suites, participants gathered in the hospitality room for registration, a light buffet meal, the competition draw and team strategy sessions. The customary host bar contributed to spirited socializing well into the evening. Thank you to Governor Derm Jackman for manning the registration table and greeting Gyros and guests as they arrived.

The curling competition began at 8:00 AM on Saturday at the Canmore Curling Club. Ice conditions were excellent throughout the bonspiel featuring a keen surface and lots of curl. Teams played two or three games during the day. Back to back games were necessary for some teams which presented a physical challenge for several of the Gyro athletes. The defending 2018 A Event championship team from Calgary with Bob Ulrich, Ken Baker and two guests received an unfortunate slot in the draw requiring the team to play four games on Saturday. This was not good for Ken who had just returned from 30 days of ocean cruising and whose fitness level was highly suspect. The physical grind was too much for the quartet as they were ultimately unsuccessful in their title defense.

That evening, we enjoyed a superb prime rib and chicken dinner back at the hotel. A moment of silence was observed to remember Bob Rowan the Stampede City member who passed away during the summer. Bob was a regular attendee and enthusiastic supporter of Curlarama for more than 45 years. Kudos to Sandy MacLeod of Stampede City for his tribute to Bob in wearing Bob's trademark "where's Elmo" sweater and STP tuque during the bonspiel. The Sherwood Park club, with 12 members participating, were recognized as the winner of the 2019 "man miles" award. Governor Derm Jackman and International vice-president Alan Pentney spoke briefly. In addition, Al Clark from Stampede City gave a promotional pitch for the District's 2020 convention which his club will be hosting from May 28 to 31. (Visit www.stampedecity.gyro.ws for details of what is certain to be a very enjoyable convention.) The dinner concluded with a few impromptu humorous stories from Sherwood Park's Terry Bajet. Following dinner, poker enthusiasts participated in a Texas Hold'em tournament with Gord Lang, a Calgary club guest, prevailing as the big winner.

The curling event finals were played on Sunday morning. Congratulations to the Calgary team skipped by Immediate Past Governor Larry Fenton for winning the A Event title. Larry's squad with Jay Likely (a former New Brunswick school boy curling champion Bill's son-in-law who I understand intends to join the Stampede City Club.) and two guests survived a scare from Edmonton in winning their semi-final game. They then proceeded to prevail in the final over the Cranbrook team of Jim Jackson, Glen McIver and their sons. The other event winners were: B – Sherwood Park, C – Calgary and D – Sherwood Park. Congratulations!

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the success of this year's Curlarama. In due course Paul Stout and/or Dale Green of Stampede City will be announcing the location and timing of Curlarama 2020.



D-VIII CURLARAMA 2019, CONT,

- submitted by John Hodgson
(Pictures courtesy of Al Clark)



A Event (Calgary) - Guests Wayne Lewanzick and Lorne Kelly with Larry Fenton and Jay Likely



B Event (Sherwood Park) - Al Govenlock, Bill Austin, Jim Malott and Ted Ewanchuk



C Event (Calgary) – John Hodgson, Dave Jenner, Bill Schultz and guest Lloyd Godfrey



D Event (Sherwood Park) – Terry Bajet, guest Dave Rozak, Ray Davis and Don Greig



Stampede City's Brad Hinds, Ridge Forster, Sandy MacLeod (wearing Bob Rowan's

Curling is a game in which *one endeavors to control a stone with implements ill adapted for the purpose.*

Living Life

In this season of hope when we reflect on the wonders of life, consider these six stories and what each concludes. Cornerstones to living.

ONCE ALL VILLAGERS DECIDED TO PRAY FOR RAIN. ON THE DAY OF PRAYER, THE PEOPLE GATHERED , BUT ONLY ONE BOY CAME WITH AN UMBRELLA. THAT IS **FAITH**.

WHEN YOU THROW BABIES IN THE AIR, THEY LAUGH BECAUSE THEY KNOW YOU WILL CATCH THEM. THAT IS **TRUST**.

EVERY NIGHT WE GO TO BED WITHOUT ANY ASSURANCE BEING ALIVE THE NEXT MORNING. BUT WE STILL SET THE ALARMS TO WAKE UP. THAT IS **HOPE**.

WE PLAN BIG THINGS FOR TOMORROW IN SPITE OF ZERO KNOWLEDGE OF THE FUTURE. THAT IS **CONFIDENCE**.

WE SEE THE WORLD SPERRING, BUT STILL, WE GET MARRIED AND HAVE CHILDREN. THAT IS **LOVE**.

ON AN OLD MAN'S SHIRT WAS WRITTEN A SENTENCE. I AM NOT 80 YEARS OLD. I AM SWEET 16 WITH 65 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. THAT IS **ATTITUDE**.

LIVE YOUR LIFE LIKE THESE SIX STORIES

BUT REMEMBER ALSO TO SEEK

FRIENDSHIP

REMEMBER GOOD FRIENDS ARE
THE RARE JEWELS OF LIFE,
DIFFICULT TO FIND AND IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLACE!

WELCOME ~ To New Gyro Members

CLUB	NEW MEMBER	S[PM]SOR
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JULY 2019	NEW MEMBER	SPONSOR
Minneapolis Metro	George T. Anderberg	Ralph Wilson
Kitchener-Waterloo	Justin Caldwell	
Nelson	Yvon A. Gauthier	
AUGUST 2019		
Golden Ears	Tony Pratt	
Peterborough	Roger Malcolm	
Painesville	Walt T. Brzozowski	Bryan Flanigan Robert Patterson
Edmonton	Danny McGuigan	Ray Dallaire
Western Reserve	Remi Swierczek	
SEPTEMBER 2019		
Calgary	David Tisdale	Jay Likely Ken Baker
Canton	Nelson Joseph Schott Jr.	William Anthony
OCTOBER 2019		
Tampa	Donald D. Toeller	George Sumner
Rochester	Dick Sonner	William A. Sullivan
Rochester	Joseph C. Marsh	Duff Rund
Caloosa	Ronn Skolnik	
Victoria	Joe W. Jarema	Darrel Jensen
NOVEMBER 2019		
Caloosa	Jim Commodore	
Calgary	James P. Wood	Paul Skinner John Hodgson
Calgary	Raymond R. Colliver	Larry Fenton Bernie Somerville
Truro	Gerald C. Best	Leonard O'Toole
Painesville	Lee J. Homyock	Michael Leon
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DECEMBER 2019		
Blacklake	William H. Sims	Ed Henderson
Winnipeg	James M. Paterson	



DISTRICT GOVERNORS

WHO ARE THEY AND WHAT ARE THE DUTIES

DISTRICT GOVERNORS:

Gyro International is currently composed of nine active districts. Each district has an elected Governor to be the chief administrative officer responsible for that district. He is elected at the annual district convention, and may serve for two years. All district governors become part of the Board of Governors with powers second to only the AGM meeting.

The membership should be well apprised of the procedure and the duties that the electee takes an oath to support.

Following are the Bylaws Articles setting the requirements and powers, followed by the duties as outlined in the Policy and Procedures Manual, and finally several pages with photos and biographies of those currently elected.

From the bylaws

ARTICLE V. DISTRICT OFFICERS

Section 1. Each District shall have a Governor and one or more Lieutenant Governors, who shall be elected, for terms of not more than two years each.

CHAPTER 4 - BOARD OF GOVERNORS

ARTICLE I. COMPOSITION

Section 1. The Board of Governors shall consist of all the International Officers as defined in the Constitution, the Immediate Past International President, and the Governor of each District.

From the P&P Manual

Duties of the Governors

He shall, as defined by Chapter 2, of the By-Laws of Gyro International, administer the power and authority granted to the District. He shall, as defined by Chapter 4, of the By-Laws of Gyro International, serve as a member of the Board of Governors.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. The Governor shall, after his Installation, complete the District Officers Form (page 1, this section) and forward to the appropriate people. He shall also insure, that he has current up-to-date lists of Officers from all Clubs in his District and Gyro International.
2. Represent the District on the International Board of Governors, and must attend the Board of Governors meetings each year.
3. Chairs all District meetings including annual and interim conventions, as well as District meetings of the advisory committee and/or executive committee.
4. Enforces the Constitution, By-Laws and Resolutions of both International and District.
5. Appoints, advises and instructs the District Secretary/Treasurer in his/their duties.
6. Appoints and advises District standing committees.
7. Formally reports to the District and International Conventions.
8. Transmits to the International Secretary-Treasurer, at or prior to each session of an International Convention, a statement certifying the standing of all clubs in the District.
9. Cause the District Bulletins to be published.
10. Chief ceremonial officer of the District.
11. As Chief executive/administrative officer of the District, he must provide executive leadership throughout the District.
12. The District Governor should be familiar with the proper Protocol .



Don Patterson



DISTRICT IV

Don has been a Gyro for nearly 8 years and President of Fraser Delta Gyro for two consecutive years. Born in Vancouver, he grew up in Richmond BC, graduating from Richmond High school whence he went to UBC to study Commerce, specialising in Marketing and Human Resources.

Don began his career in consultative sales and then marketing in the business forms and pressure-sensitive label markets. He reached a professional high point as the national manager of 100 salesmen with \$120 million in sales. Though the job was rewarding, it was harming his family. He resigned his position and found his way to a smaller company, where he spent the rest of his career as Director of Marketing.

Don spent his “extra time” investing in real estate, being a landlord and coaching his youngest daughter's teams in fast pitch baseball and soccer.

During his quest to grow with a major national company, Don and his family moved 5 times in 15 years across Canada. This qualifies him well to speak on the subject of losing true friends and needing to stabilise himself and his family socially.

For almost 40 years he has been married to the wonderful Debbie and has 2 daughters and 2 granddaughters.

Nseil Baker



DISTRICT II

Neil was born in Lewisburg, PA and raised in Lancaster. After graduation from Drexel University, Philadelphia he served in the Army Chemical Corps as a Explosive Ordinance Disposal Officer for four years in the late 1960s. It was an easy transition to Army Civil Service at Edgewood Arsenal, MD where he served till retirement in 1994. He also worked as an engineering consultant until 1974,

He moved to the Iowa Quad Cities and continued tow work as an Army Civilian at the Rock Island Arsenal and finally worked as a Realtor before retiring for good in 013.

Neil and Lolita gave been married for 15 years and have four children and four grandchildren between them. Lolita has a special interest in historic buildings and their restoration and has done one of her own over a 35 year period.

Since joining Gyro in 1998, Lolita and Neil have been able to attend many Gyro International Conventions and continue to enjoy meeting new friends at ech of the gatherings.



Gyro District Governors

I was born in St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador, in 1951, the oldest of 5 children. My father worked as a civilian with the U.S.A.F. on the D.E.W. line, for 26 years & then retired to Gander, Nfld. & went to work for the M.O.T. at the Gander International Airport.

I graduated high school in Gander. I left Gander in 1974 and moved to Trail B.C. I worked as a lathe operator in a chainsaw manufacturing plant for 2 years. In 1977 I started working for Cominco and retired in 2010, after 33 years.

My wife Lillian & I started dating in 1984, on the Charter Night of the Castlegar Gyro Club. We married in 1991, and have 3 children and 10 grandchildren.

My hobbies include DJ'ing for parties and I have been playing the music for Gyro parties for about 20 years, fishing, fly tying, I also play guitar and sing in a band and travel between Castlegar, Trail, Nelson and entertain seniors, I have a small computer business out of my home. I am the vice-president of the Castlegar Festival Society and the Fireworks chair for the festival. I have been on the festival society for 33 years

I was introduced to Gyro by a Trail Gyro Jim Marshall in 1984. I attended a few Gyro meetings and dinner in Trail. We started the Castlegar Club and I became the Charter Secretary/Treasurer and still hold that position today. I am a Life Member of Gyro. I love attending Curl – a- Rama. I was the Convention Co-chair with Past Governor Todd Verhaeghe, in 2001, when

Castlegar hosted the district convention. I served as District 8 Secretary/Treasurer for Past Governor Todd Verhaeghe.

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to serve as Governor for 2019/20. As Governor, I look forward to visiting with all our Gyro & Gyrette friends, in the District, and making new friends.

Derm Jackman



DISTRICT VIII

John Baarber



DISTRICT VI

John was born in England, and emigrated to Canada with his family at the age of 7. He remembers the ship voyage across the North Atlantic in late December quite vividly. Not exactly a cruise on the Love Boat!

Educated in Thunder Bay, he graduated as a CPA and spent his work career in public practice, retiring as a partner in a national firm.

Happily married to Joy (recently celebrating their first anniversary), between the two of them, they have four sons and seven grandchildren.

John is an avid golfer and curler, as well as a competitive duplicate bridge player, having competed in several national tournaments. He has been a Gyro since 1974, holding offices in local clubs such as Bulletin Editor, Treasurer and Club President.

As Governor of District VII, he looks forward to expanding his circle of friends in Gyro.



Gyro District Governors

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DISTRICT VI

I found out about Gyro before my parents were even members, a neighbour and his wife began taking my sisters and I to the New Glasgow Gyro Club Children's Christmas Party.

My Father joined Gyro a few years later and in 1968 discovered his son could lift concrete blocks so put me to work at the Gyro Chicken BBQ . Dad and I worked together at many Gyro function for the next 12 years when Sally and I became members.

My main interest has always been the Gyro Swim Program, as a trustee and then Chair person for almost 20 years. I received the Gyro Award of Merit and have served as President of the New Glasgow Gyro Club as did my Father. My children learned to swim at Gyro and all had summer jobs teaching in the Gyro Swim Program, that makes 3 generations in Gyro.

Sally and I are both Saint Mary's Alumni. We have three children and 3 grand sons with a forth under construction.

born and raised in Des Plaines, Illinois After high school, I enlisted in the US Marine Corps and served 3 years, discharged as a Sgt, I enlisted at the age of 17 for the purpose of earning the Korea G Bill. Following service I furthered my education in accounting and business law at UI.

In 1960 I met and married my late wife and we adopted four children over the next 9 years. They have 12 grand children and 2 great grand children.

We moved to Tampa, Fl. in 1969 to start a new Division of a company called RGIS Inventory Specialist . I joined the company as a district manager and built the division from zero accounts to the number one division . During the next 11 years. I developed 35 district offices.

I retired from RGIS when i was 57. During my working career, any free time I had was spent with my family fishing or road traveling. My other hobby at that time and afterwards was golf.

I met Gail in 2005 and been together since. Gail and I enjoy traveling and to summers in Rockland Maine. We still fish in the good weather or at her beach house, and enjoy blending our two families together I gained two more adult children and lucky Gail gained a total of 8 adult children, a bunch of grand kids and great grandchildren.

It's one man's family!!!! Do you remember that radio show???

Art Bade



DISTRICT X



Mike Eismer



DISTRICT IX

For 35 years I was owner of a floor covering store in the Los Angeles areal retoromg om 2004. Married to Bonnie for 34 years and we have 5 children, 9 grandchildren and one great-grandshild.

Our main hobby is traveling the country in our RB/

I have been president of a Kiwanis Club, the Building Industry Association and the World Floor Covering Association , Blacklake Gyro Club and a term as District X Governor - as well as participation in many other organizations.

Being a member of the gyro organization has been like no other membership.

The motto Fraternity of Friendship does not really state what the organization is about. The warmth and friendliness extenced from the beginning to both myself and my wife was and continues to be genuine. Great people, great times, and great opportunity for exxpanding horizons are what Gyro is all about.

My goal as Governor is to visit all the district clubs and attempt to increase excitement and membership.

John Hollendonner

- Wife: Laurie
- College: Hope College 1972;
MBA Kent State 1986
- Retired: US Gypsum Company
- Governor District I, Gyro since 1998
- Interests: Wood Carving, Civil War, Travel.
Singing, Muscle Cars
- Volunteer: Tutor math for students interested
in getting their GED



DISTRICT I



Robert Fraser



DISTRICT III

. Born January 22, 1948 in Montreal, Quebec Canada

Age 4 moved to Niagara On the Lake, Ontario Canada

Graduated from Niagara College with an Accounting Diploma

Worked 12 ½ years for Union Carbide

Presently Self-Employed as a Financial Advisor for 37 Years

Member of the Welland Jaycees for 18 years

Senator for the Canada Jaycees

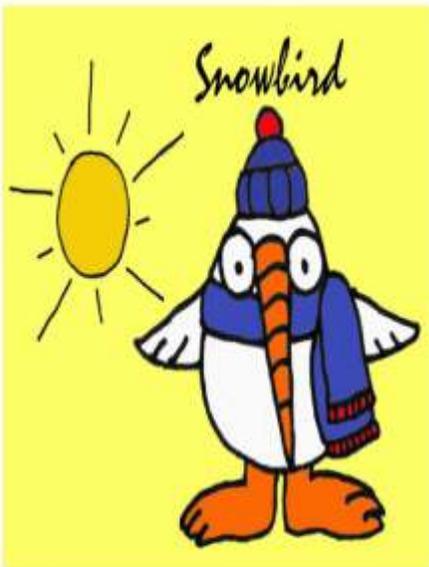
Present member of the St. Catharines Gyros for 8 years

2nd Term as Governor of District III

Married to Connie for 27 years

Resides in Fonthill, Ontario Canada

ATTENTION: Snowbirds



Any Snowbirds winging their way to Florida for the winter, please know that you have an open invitation to join the fun and hospitality of local clubs in the Sunshine State.

You may choose from two Clubs in Tampa, both near Clearwater and St. Petersburg. Also, Fort Lauderdale Club on the South east coast and the Caloosa Gyro Club, near Fort Myers in South West Florida.

Each Club offers a full event calendar with both Couples and Stag gatherings.

Come and join us and bring a friend.

Please contact:

John Bint : ph. 330-605-3382, email : standlake@ameritech.net
- or

-Steve Anderson: 239-257-7884, email: stevegyro4@comcast.net

CONVENTION

VICTORIA 2020

Gyro International Convention & Gyro Club of Victoria

Centennial Gala & Installation, June 9-13, 2020



DETAILS

<https://victoriagyro.com/victoria2020/>



LOTS TO SEE AND DO IN VICTORIA



McKenzie Island Founder's Night

- submitted by Derek Hay

District VII Lt Governor, Derek Hay, travelled to the McKenzie Island Gyro Club to present an award to International President Ted Shewchuk on November 8th as the club celebrated our Gyro Founders. Upon arrival plans changed slightly from presenting the award to installing two new members but, then when it came time to the formal proceedings, Club President Don Aiken asked that I give a Founder's Day speech. Luckily I had access to a recent speech that Winnipeg Gyro, Scott Edmond had just given a few days earlier.



After the Founder's Day speech, International President Ted installed the two new members Mike Saarela and Chris Ewen. When the installation was finished Andrew Johnson (Ted's son-in-law) stepped forward to talk about how McKenzie Island Gyro Club was suggested by an American Gyro to nominate their member and current International President Ted Shewchuk for the Gyro Award of Merit. Andrew touched briefly on how the process was done and then presented Ted with his award, while the newest members were beside Ted and the rest of the club. Gyrette Annwyl came and pined Ted, or at least tried to, until the clasp dropped in behind Ted's shirt. President Ted then thanked everyone and talked about Friendship and Gyro and about our founder's and this great idea they had to form Gyro along with all the friends Ted and



RETIRED SEC/TREA. EMIL BAIJOT RECEIVES GYRO OF THE YEAR AWARD AT RENO CONVENTION



Caloosa Invites Snowbirds

The Caloosa Gyro Club of South West Florida would like to invite all Snowbird Gyros and their ladies, who may be in the area of Venice, Fort Myers and Naples this winter, to join us for any of our Couples socials and Stag lunches.

The Couples events range from parties in member homes or restaurants, low intensity sports (shuffleboard for example), speaker events and visits to interesting places.

We hold two Stag meetings each month and a Couples Social once a month.

Please call John Bint, President, Caloosa Gyro Club, 330-605-3382 or email: standlake@ameritech.net,

or

Steve Anderson, Secretary, Caloosa Gyro Club 239-257-7884, email: stevegyro4@comcast.net

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District VIII Convention May 28-31, 2020 - Medicine Hat, AB

Hosted by the Stampede City Gyro Club



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(may be able to fill in online with some browsers - save and email or print & mail to address given)

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May 28 - 31, Medicine Hat Lodge



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District VIII Convention May 28-31, 2020
Medicine Hat, AB



Draft Schedule of Events

Thurs, May 28		
Afternoon	Convention Registration	
4:00 pm	Past District Governor's Meeting	Medicine Hat Lodge
5:00 pm	Hospitality Bar- Wine, Beer, and other Refreshments	
6:00 pm	Buffet Dinner & Entertainment	
Fri., May 29		
Morning	Free Breakfast	Medicine Hat Lodge
Early Morning	Golf Tournament	Cottonwood Coulee
Morning	Convention Registration	Medicine Hat Lodge
Morning/Early Afternoon	Free time to visit attractions around Medicine Hat	Historic Downtown, Saamis Teepee Museums, Esplanade Centre, etc
Mid Afternoon	Bocce (Buses provided)	Carriage House, Exhibition & Stampede Grounds
Late Afternoon	Buses for those not participating in Bocce	
Evening	Dinner, Entertainment & Buses back to Lodge	
Sat., May 30		
Morning	Free Breakfast	Medicine Hat Lodge
9:00 - 11:00	Business Meeting	
Noon	Lunch & Tour: Gyrettes & Gyro (Buses provided)	Medal to the Historic Clay District
Mid Afternoon	Club Hospitality Open	
Evening	Governor's Ball- Dinner and Entertainment: Business or Formal Attire	Medicine Hat Lodge
Sun., May 31		
Morning	Free Breakfast - Goodbyes and Departure	Medicine Hat Lodge



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Registration Form

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____
 Gyro Club: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ Prov/State: _____ Code/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Accommodations in Medicine Hat: _____ Arr. Date: _____ Dep. Date: _____
 Any dietary restrictions or requests? _____
REGISTRATION FEE – COUPLE: \$480 SINGLE: \$240 Total amount:\$ _____

- Registration Fee Includes:**
- ✓ Thursday - welcome dinner, hospitality and refreshments
 - ✓ Friday - bocce tournament, complimentary bar, dinner and entertainment (transportation provided)
 - ✓ Saturday - mixed lunch & tour at Medalta in the Historic Clay District (transportation provided)
 - ✓ Saturday - Governor's Ball - dinner, wine and entertainment

Golf Tournament: Friday AM at Cottonwood Coulee. Cost \$55 per golfer (includes Power Cart).
 Gyro: _____ Handicap: _____
 Gyrette/Guest: _____ Handicap: _____ **Total Amount:\$ _____**

Bocce Tournament: Friday Afternoon - no charge. If you would like to play, please fill in names.
 Gyro: _____ Gyrette/Guest: _____

Pay by Interac® e-Transfer to: garrypcpa@gmail.com **Total Amount Enclosed:\$ _____**
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Caloosa "Mad Hatters"

Gyro Int'l President Ted and 1st Lady Annwyl Shewchuk brightened the day in South West Florida attending a Caloosa Gyro, "Mad Hatters," party on Nov. 12th. The Italian food fest was catered by The Olive Garden. No one left hungry.

Eight teams of 3 each had enough energizing "pasta "carbs" in them to fire up the competition during an Italian / English translation snap quiz. Winning team won a basket of bread sticks. High honors! How do you say "I am lost, or nice legs" in Italian"? Joanne Bull won ladies first prize for her bright red feathered hat, and for the men, Heinz Remus stood out advertising "Heinz 57". No relation.

Prior to dinner President Ted extended greetings from Gyro Int'l and installed Ronn & JoAnne Skolnik, along with Jim & Carol



Commodore as new members of Caloosa Gyro. Both couples were overwhelmed by a spirited version of "Hello Gyro." Welcome guys. You are going to be great Gyros. Ted also spent time hypnotizing guests, & member candidates Pete Stocker and Heinz Remus. The future looks great for Caloosa Gyro.

Special thanks to Ted and Annwyl for being such great Ambassadors for our Fraternity of Friendship. They generate such good will wherever they travel.

- submitted by Steve Anderson, photos by Patty



REMEMBERING PIP JACK SCHENCK, CONT.

We first met Jack when we attended a D1 Convention, when I was Governor of D3, in 2002. We met him several times after that at other D1 Conventions which we liked to attend because of the number of friends we had made in that district.

We got to know Jack better when I joined the EC in 2004 and was responsible for the Hospitality room at our convention in Milwaukee. You may recall the last-minute change in the hospitality room location and the confusion it created. To our rescue came Jack who managed to find a piano and had it moved into the new hospitality room and then began, as he often did, to get everyone involved in a very energetic sing-along. We saw Jack at several Conventions after that but the most important one was the October 2008 convention in Indianapolis when I was President. My thoughts and memories are best expressed in my letter to Jack on November 8th 2008 (see attached copy). Feel free to use any of the information in this letter if you so chose. When we were on the "Gyro" trail, our route often took us through Indianapolis and, if the timing was right, would call Jack and Jo just to say "hi". His response was always "you have to come over" and he and Jo welcomed us with open arms in true Gyro spirit.

We will remember Jack as a very smart and friendly person who was well informed and could intelligently discuss any matter of topics. We were never at a loss for conversation. Jack was truly a gentle man, an accomplished musician and an avid Gyro. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him

Our deep sympathy, thoughts and prayers go out to Jo and all Jack's family at this very sad time.

Sincerely Ab & Win Nightingale

ONLY JOKING HERE:

My Wife isn't talking to me, she said I ruined her birthday. I'm not sure how... I didn't even know it was her birthday.

I was so happy and content as I watched the wife drift off last night. Her dinghy's got a puncture and she's a poor swimmer

Last night after a few beers my buddy asked if he could stay over on my sofa. I had to explain to him that I'm married now so that's where I sleep.

My wife said she's leaving me because I invade her privacy too often. At least that's what it says in her diary.

Wife accidentally hit our dog with her car. The poor thing was asleep on the couch at the time.



From the desk of the Editor ...

Nous avons termin'e (we are done).

Sad, but true. After 10 years (40 issues) of being singularly involved in the production the GyroScope, both in print and then via online, this is my last issue as Editor. Although I will offer limited oversight for the next issue, the new editor will be taking on the responsibility starting with the March issue and those following. I wish him well and trust that the membership will support his efforts.

Gyro is struggling with maintaining membership and we must all remember that communication is our most important tool. The major tool we have had for the past 100 years is the GyroScope, in one form or another, and your support is vital to its value. We have learned from surveys that at least 70% read every issue. More read each issue more casually, and only a small number do not bother. Thus each issue remains vital to over 3/4ths of the members. Other indicators have shown that those readers do look forward to news from other districts as well as their own, and they enjoy articles about others. Please keep this in mind to assist the new Editor by making frequent submissions of articles of interest.

Things I have learned as Editor. 1) Almost every photo submitted requires some time-consuming improvement. Often I have had to adjust a photo to an almost flash-bulb appearance simply to identify the subject. Remember that a cell phone camera shot taken inside a ballroom of a table of people from 20 feet will not have great results. 2) Do not, not submit an article because you may not feel comfortable with your efforts. The editor is likely capable of making correct adjustments. 3) Remember the editor is not always privy to all the email information, so take responsibility to inform him of dates and locations as well as pertinent planned events. Assisting the new editor in these ways will help provide for a better communication tool - one that gets read.

This of course this is the season to reflect and be thankful. Naturally I am beyond thankful to now be cancer free. I am also thankful for the health and vitality of my family. I am thankful for so many things to numerous to mention., and not the least, I am thankful for Gyro.. As I end my direct involvement and return to just being a member, I can only hope that others, current and future, will allow themselves to become involved in making the organization work. Gyro is what you make it! Friendship is comfort for all. We are not all alike, but Gyro offers so many variables, there is much to be had for everyone.

When we moved back from Alaska, in late 1977, we were soon regaled about Gyro from a college friend, PDG Carl Hansen. That next spring we went along to Nanaimo for a weekend of "green beer." The immediate friendship was overwhelming and we accepted offers to attend cub installations and stay with people we really didn't know. We sort of let ourselves go with the flow - what a revelation, and we were not even members! By the time we joined Chilliwack and became "official" in 1980, Joan and I had attended at least a dozen club installations, and a district and international convention. The following summer, back in Nanaimo again for another International convention, the AGM accepted the Bellingham petition for membership, and we never looked back.

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After 41 years, although we are no longer able to maintain the travel, our hearts are filled with so many memories of so many good times, and so many great friends. After 35 International conventions and 30+ international Interims, and enumerable district meetings/conventions and club installations we are contented with the effort. We visited locations never would have selected otherwise, and were enriched because of them.

My advice to new Gyros would be to involve yourself. Friendship will keep you young. This all happened to us because as ancient to some it may sound, it still is the answer. It happened because we were "Invited to Gyro by a friend."

Je suis fini mes amis!



Merry
Christmas

from the Baijot house to yours

May your New Year be Blessed with
Peace, Prosperity and Good Health



Happy New Year!



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Future Deadlines for the GyroScope March 27

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District I Convention	September 2020
District II Convention	September 30020
District III Convention	September 2020
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District IV Convention	September 2-20
District VI Convention.....	September 2020
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.. District VIII Convention	May 28-31, 2020 Medicine hat, AB
District IX Convention	June 1020
District X Convention	November 2020



INTERNATIONAL

June 9-13, 2020	International & D-IV Convention Victoria, BC - District IV
2021	Winnipeg, District VII + International Convention
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