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Some Canadian Gyro's have learned how to sacrifice themselves in the hot weather, while their fellow Gyros are just surviving in the bitter cold. (see full story inside)

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A group of Canadian Gyros travel south to stay warm and share the friendship. Story on page 5

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President's Message

Ted Shewchuk

Spring has officially arrived and it will definitely go down as one to remember!

We were looking forward to another opportunity to gather with our many Gyro friends during the International Gyro Convention in Victoria, June 9-13, 2020 but due to the Covid-19 virus outbreak, in an abundance of caution due to the health risks to our members and the current closure of the US - Canadian Border, we have made the decision to cancel this convention. We are looking at options for rescheduling later in the year when it will be safe to travel again and will keep members updated as plans evolve. The Victoria club will send refunds to all those who have paid registration fees. For cheques that have not been banked, they will email those members and offer to shred or the member can also cancel the cheque if they prefer. E-transfers will also be returned. For those members who had hotel reservations, don't forget to contact the hotel to cancel. Thank you to the Victoria Club for all of the hard work they have put into this convention.

On the local level, I would suggest each club perhaps take a short break to allow for social distancing to hopefully stop the spread of Covid-19. Also, in the spirit of Gyro, keep your fellow Gyros and other friends in mind during this time. Many people may be isolating themselves to avoid contracting or help slow down the spread of this virus. Reach out with a phone call or email to check in on them especially checking on those with health or mobility issues to see if they need help or necessities. Hopefully the virus will old news in the next month or two.

Up here in the north we're still buried under several feet of snow. We still have lots of ice on the lake which meant that the McKenzie Island Gyro Club was in the final planning stages of their ice fishing derby for March 28 but unfortunately the Covid-19 virus it has been cancelled.

Many Gyros attended a Celebration of Life in Honour of Gyro International Secretary Treasurer and Past International President Mike McNally on March 7th in Buffalo. A group of 153 close friends, fellow Gyros and family were there to celebrate Mike's health in good old Irish fashion. Gyro mem-

bers were delighted to present the prestigious Gyro International Lifetime Achievement Award to Mike, which has only been awarded eighteen times during the one hundred and eight years of Gyro!

In a continuing effort to enhance communication to members, the Executive Committee continues to hold monthly videoconferences with all the District Governors and Lt. Governors. The teleconferences allow us to hear what's happening within the districts and any concerns or ideas the Governors may have for continuing to improve and grow this great organization. We welcome suggestions from members on methods to attract and increase membership. The Technology committee continues to work very hard on the new website and database.

As approved by members at our last AGM in Reno, April 1, 2020 is the date when the dues increase of 62 cents per month per member will come into effect. I would again like to thank Past International President Larry Duba for his very generous donation to all members that offset the dues increase for this first year. The Executive Committee has worked very hard to ensure expenses have been kept down during the budget year. The majority of travel over the year has either been eliminated or done at the persons own expense.

On a more cheery note, Annwyl and I spent six weeks over January and February travelling throughout Cambodia, Myanmar and the Maldives. At no time did we ever feel unsafe. The history, geography and people were absolutely amazing. The people of these countries are so kind and friendly. It reminded me of being with a bunch of Gyros. Annwyl spent hundreds of hours researching and planning the trip including booking all flights, hotels and private guides. We highly recommend travelling to these countries if you're wanting an off the beaten path vacation. If anyone is interested in visiting these countries feel free to contact me and I can forward the contacts to you.

Thanks to Emil for all his years as Editor of the gyroscope and to Derek Hay for volunteering to take publication over for us.

While we were touring in Siem Reap, Cambodia we came upon this "taxi". Its logo on the back is also very fitting of Gyro.





Ted and Annwyl's excellent adventure

Annwyl and I in front of the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon, Myanmar. It is the most sacred pagoda in all of Myanmar. It is 2,500 years old and 99 meters high. It is covered in gold plates and topped with many jewels including a 76 carat diamond at the top.



Always Stable; Ever Moving

Frank Roffers

Minneapolis GYRO Club

Seven years ago, I had a chance meeting with Ron Everson in a freezing cornfield on a pheasant hunting trip somewhere in the middle of South Dakota. We were unrelated guests staying in the same lodge. Although Ron is 32 years my elder, we had an immediate connection that weekend and became fast friends.

A few weeks later, Ron encouraged me to attend a meeting with his group of guys known as the GYRO Club. I received an invitation to join. At first, I was unsure if it was the right fit for me. I was never

much of a joiner and resist commitments with regular routines.

GYRO International is a fraternal organization that dates back to 1912 and promotes fun and friendship. Our local tribe is made up of a dozen men who meet every other Tuesday over lunch and a glass of wine. For the most part, my GYRO pals are retired from remarkable careers in business, education, and medicine. We spend our time checking up on one another and discussing current events, sports and politics. There is no pretension.

Ron's brother, David, is the hero of our crew. David was an Air Force officer and fighter pilot who was shot down over North Vietnam in 1967 and held as a prisoner of war for nearly six years (his existential story can be found in ArtfulLiving.com)

My buddies all have sharp minds, however they

are aging and facing concerns related to later stages of life, including matters of declining health, limited mobility, financial strain and loss of loved ones. For me, this has offered a glimpse into the next chapter of life.

Our esteemed member, Bob Rose, just passed away at 92, and Ron is about to turn 90. I wonder about the longevity and future of our club. Joining GYRO was one of the best decisions I have ever made. There is a certain effort which is required for companionship and trusted relationships. True friendships later in life are challenging to find, harder to leave, and impossible to forget.

Our club's objective embodies the ability to maintain a desired course and attitude regardless of outside influences. Until the end, our slogan will emulate the gyroscope. "Always stable, ever moving"

Cheers,



(Reprinted with permission from Artful Living Magazine. Mr Roffers is a member of the Minneapolis GYRO Club)

“If a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself alone. A man, sir, should keep his friendships in constant repair.”

Samuel Johnson

Gyro's do Phoenix or HOW TO AVOID -40 DEGREES

By Alan Pentney
1st Vice-President Gyro International

It was a cold and snowy night in mid-January 2020 as I jammed my golf bag into an Uber to get to the Calgary airport for an early morning flight to sunny, warm Phoenix. Sadly, I was leaving my adoring bride. However, she was a little miffed at me going to a nicer climate while she worked to get our house in shape to put it up for sale. I soldiered on with the knowledge our marriage would be better if I was out of the way – so I made the sacrifice of entering the golfing battlefields for a seven day term of duty.

I was enlisted by fellow Gyro, Ian McGillivray, of the Stampede City Club – formerly of the Victoria Club, to join a contingent of 11 experienced (meaning old) golfers from Victoria led by commander Peter Newman. Peter had the campaign engineered with military precision. We knew who was arriving when at the airport and who was riding with who, who was billeted together and what the schedule was each day. However, chaos occurred when everyone broke ranks in a stop for supplies at a grocery store. It was every man for himself to acquire low nutrient foods that encompassed the 4 major food groups: grease, sugar, caffeine and alcohol. The result was a hospitality /card game room fully stocked for at least 3 nights at the Scottsdale Diamond Resort.

It became evident that golf was something you did between eating and playing cards with the odd foray into the hot tub. Fortunately, card playing involved a low stakes game called “31”. Kibitzing was compulsory so that the sound level in the room was close to unbearable. Good planning meant adjoining rooms were members of the group. Later in the week Daniel Blanchard, President of the Victoria Club, conducted tutorials on Cribbage and Euchre for those that were unsuccessful at 31. He was a surprisingly good instructor given that he tended to ignore instructions from those in command.

I was fortunate to be paired up for accommodations in the two bedroom units, with Steve Ingle, 1st Vice-President of the Victoria Club. Steve kindly took me under his wing to ensure I understood the

dynamics of the tour. However, he and the others looked for opportunities for good natured (I think) pokes at the “Albertan” in their midst.

Following a hearty breakfast at a local restaurant, the first golf destination was Las Sendas, east of Scottsdale at a respectable 11 am. It was challenging with a healthy dose of desert that penalized my lack of golfing since August. Prizes were awarded on the basis of closest to the pin on par 3's and a mystery pairing with another golfer based on handicaps. Let's just say that the handicaps required major adjustments after the first round. Peter, who is also Chair of the Victoria 2020 International Convention and Victoria Club 100 anniversary event, took a dictatorial approach to the handicaps with just a few meek complaints. Just to make sure we had enough sand in our shoes (Darrel Jensen took the dubious honor of hitting the most sand traps) we redid the course on the second day. My accomplishment that day was dropping 9 strokes. Next up was the Legacy Course SW of Tempe, which featured less desert and more water. Injuries started to occur, but Dr. Bob saw to their needs with surprising results as John and Steve scored better than ever.

This story is not complete without accolades to the lorry drivers. “Dr. Bob” Brown had a 6 person van piloted us (Ian, Peter, Dan, Steve and me) everywhere which included breakfast, back and forth to golf and to dinner without any incident and only slight deviations in the route which is more than we can say for the other six who were in a giant GMC truck with Ken “knock-knock” Clapham behind the wheel. His charges included two former military members, John Dodd (Navy) and Bob Coulter (Air Force and Cathay Pacific); a compulsory Scot in the person of John MacPhee of the Do-

minion Bridge Company; a quintessential Englishman in the person of Russel Thompson and last but not least; Darrel “I'm a Norwegian from Westlock Alberta” Jensen. Darrel's origin interested me as I have been to Westlock and my paternal Grandmother was Norwegian.

The fourth day was a journey to the Barrett-Jackson Car Auction. This was an amazing display of autos and automobilia with 1900 autos sold for about \$128 Million and the top sale was a 2017 Ford GT at \$1,485,000 after it was bought in 2017 for \$450,000 – nice profit. Next year is the 50th anniversary.



The last two days included a return to the Legacy course and a final round at Desert Canyon, NE of Scottsdale. With a couple objections, Desert Canyon was voted the most entertaining. I liked it with a decent score despite failing to shoot through a cactus. After each day we managed to get tables for 12 at restaurants including: The Keg; PF Chang and Maggianos. Even after a nice dinner, late night munchies led to Steve creating bacon on toast, Darrel serving Norwegian cheese etc.

I was sad to leave my new found friends – and leave the warm climate but we will convene at the Gyro Convention in Victoria in June and if I pass muster maybe a return trip next winter to Phoenix with a great group of Gyros who know how to have fun.



**Friendship is when
people know all about you
but like you anyway.**

xx



Triston Mirasty (who's Jersey I bid on and got) giving me his Jersey. Triston is from Saskatchewan and we hope to give him a tour of Kings Canyon this September.

Fresno Gyro Drops Puck

Larry Duba had the honor of dropping the puck at the Monsters Hockey game on January 18th. The event provided special recognition to Valley Veterans as they received free tickets to attend. Although the team lost 2-1 against the Ontario Avalanche, the players were determined to win as they scored with only a few minutes left.

GYRO Dues Benefits By Larry Duba (PIP 2012)

As the average age of our members increases, it becomes more difficult to find members who are willing to serve as officers in their clubs, district and Gyro International offices. In addition, the members stop reaching out to other prospective members who are a little younger, since they are happy with the existing group dynamics. It is important for each member to recognize that someone did take the effort to ask them to a club meeting to see if they would enjoy participating in the Gyro fun and making friends in clubs dispersed in Canada and the United States.

We are loosing at times entire Gyro Clubs, due to some of the above reasons. One reason used for quitting Gyro is that the members don't feel they are getting a return on the dollars they pay for their annual District and International dues. Every international organization has certain expenses involved in providing support that allows the members to benefit from the opportunity to meet and make friends throughout Canada and the United States. Below you will find information about how your dues are spent for the benefit of all of us.

District.

- District Officers visit clubs to install officers and present awards each year.
- District Officers attend other club functions as requested or is appropriate.
- Provides opportunities for inter-club activity.
- The District Convention provides each club with the opportunity to hear and discuss new methods for increasing membership and other ideas as to how to improve the club.
- District Officers are available to help with club issues.
- The District has funds to provide seed money

- for the clubs hosting District Conventions.
- The District Treasurer collects district dues and pays bills associated with district activities.

Gyro International.

- Executive Council (EC) consists of five officers (Elected President, two Vice Presidents, Immediate Past President and the appointed Secretary/Treasurer).
- Officers visit the districts and install the officers and present awards.
- The EC Officers visit clubs and may install new club members or officers in the absence of district officers.
- The EC prepares an annual budget, monitors expenses and submits financial reports for all international activities.
- Arrange for the content and holding of sessions and meetings at the International interim and Annual General Meeting Conventions.
- Deals with many issues regarding membership, finances and other matters that require attention.
- Reviews and approves applications for various International Awards.
- Publishes the GyroScope publication four times a year.
- The staff located at Headquarters in Painesville, Ohio, maintains records of all club members, collects per capita dues, maintains the building and office equipment, has name badges, pins, and plaques made up for the benefit of the members.
- Lists to and represents the wishes of the membership by following new Constitution and By-Law changes voted for by the general membership.
- Provides a structure to protect each club's status as members in Gyro International whether the club is located in Canada or the United States.

If the average District dues are \$30 and the International dues is \$70, this boils down to about \$8.22 per month. My membership is most other organizations is greater than this.

I, personally, feel that it is imperative that all members are informed of this information, and that new members are informed about the advantages of going to District and International Conventions. They will reap the benefits of travel to interesting places and making friends throughout North America. My wife and I have attended many conventions, and we are fortunate to have made many great friends.

International News

Mike McNally – Awarded Edward Steinbacher Lifetime Achievement Award

*Submitted by Matt Johnson
Immediate Past International President*

Saturday, March 7, 2020, at the District III St. Patrick's Day celebration and event to celebrate Mike's contributions to Gyro and the Buffalo community, Mike McNally was awarded the Edward Steinbacher Lifetime Achievement Award. This award was created in 2005. The Gyro International website lists the following about this award:

The Edward "Ed" Steinbacher Lifetime Achievement Award which may be presented annually at Convention "In Recognition of Extraordinary, Magnanimous and Perpetual Service to the Gyro Fraternity of Friendship"

In 2005 the Executive Council of Gyro, in order to recognize the dedication of individuals, over an extended period of time to the cause of Gyro, decided to create a special award. They chose to title it the "Lifetime Achievement Award." Gyro Ed Steinbacher, of the Gyro Club of Milwaukee, and Past District Governor of District II, had just died, and it seemed a perfect time to honor this man, who exemplified just the qualities they sought to recognize. Nominations for this award are made by any Gyro Club, District or by Gyro International, and any Gyro can become a candidate. International officers review and consider all nominations and present the award or awards at the next annual convention. The award seeks to honor a member who has made significant recent contributions to Gyro and who has also given of his time over the course of at least twenty years. It is symbolized by a plaque given to the recipient, with his name prominently displayed thereon.

It is fitting that this award honors Gyro Ed Steinbacher. Ed was an involved member of his own club, serving as Club President and for many years as the Secretary/Treasurer. He was the recipient of the Gyro Award of Merit, the Honor Key, and the

Gyro of the Year Award. As Governor of District II, he also served as a valued member of the Gyro International Board of Governors. A retired Lt. Colonel in the Air Force and a veteran of World War II, Ed was active in his community and his church. He was affable, handsome, and erudite. Most of all, he was a leader and a tireless worker for Gyro. He was, in the words of a fellow Milwaukee Gyro "A man who lived to praise God, love his family, love his country and serve his fellow man."



The award was presented to Mike by the entire Gyro International Executive Counsel. President, Ted Shewchuk. First Vice President, Alan Pentney. Second Vice President, Bryan Flanigan and

Immediate Past President, Matt Johnson. It appears the award has only been given to 18 Gyro members. This is a significant award presented to an exceptional Gyro!

The Executive Council was introduced for the presentation by Buffalo member Steve Glamuzina, who highlighted many of Mike's contribution:

Mike joined Gyro in 1983, a 37-year member with the Buffalo Club. He was certainly influenced by his father, Wayne, and father-in-law, Don Heath, who were Gyros for many years together. They encouraged Mike to not just join but to be involved and to take an active part in all the activities of Gyro. That included more than Buffalo events but District 3 and International as well. Obviously, he lived up to those convictions and has cultivated many friendships over the years.

During his time in Gyro, Mike has been an ardent and constant driver of the Buffalo Club and is currently our President, a post he has performed not just over the last few years but also in past years. He was District 3 Governor in 1986 and an almost annual participant in District 3 Conventions and interim business meetings ever since. His thoughts and insights are highly regarded by all.

Among his most major accomplishments is certainly his selection to complete the 5 chairs of office for Gyro International, serving as President in 2013. In that role he traveled extensively visiting clubs in Canada and the US, where he stressed the joys of being involved in Gyro, a club focused on promoting friendship and goodwill. His message was consistent and remains so today. His Gyro legacy at the international level did not end with the Office of Past International President. In part, due to his love and convictions of Gyro purpose, he was selected to the position of on-going Gyro International Secretary-Treasurer and serves in that role today. His time and dedication to Gyro is valued by many and he privately mentors International Officers with his past experiences.

Mike's efforts in Gyro have been formally recognized. He received the International Gyro Award of Merit in 2006 - this award is perhaps the most prestigious of this Fraternity because it is for service that is recognized and acknowledged by his peers within his lifetime - and is a truly memorable recognition of his extraordinary efforts.

In 2011, he received the prestigious Buffalo

Club, Don Heath Award, for going above and beyond in service to Gyro.

And in 2015 was awarded the highly regarded International Honor Key; given for distinguished and unselfish service over and above the call of duty, with such services bringing honor to, and respect for, our fraternity in the national/international field.

Mike McNally has made extraordinary contributions to our Gyro organization and this is an award that is well-deserved. Congratulations Mike, and thank you for all of assistance over these last 37 years. I am honored to call you among my friends.

What is Gyro?

Dan Bliss, Lieutenant Governor, District III

It's 60 Gyro couples coming together to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of a man, Mr. Mike McNally, at an event in Buffalo. An annual St. Patrick's Day event that morphed into a major gathering of more than 150 people, that included the entire Gyro International Executive, representation from District 111; our District Governor, Robert Fraser and Connie, 1st Lieutenant Governor Dan Bliss and Linda, and, 2nd Lieutenant Governor, Dana Davidson and Barb. We also welcomed Past Governors and members from several of the clubs in this District, and family and friends of Mike.

Mike McNally was awarded the Edward Steinbacher Lifetime Achievement award. It was #mcnallystrong!!!! You'll see in the photos how

many supporters Mike has in his life. His family and friends, well represented at this celebration, were all on hand to share the respect and admiration that we have for Mike and best wishes for a continuing successful battle with Small Cell Neuroendocrine Cancer. As this is a rare form of cancer with not much research being done, a 50/50 draw was held to raise funds for the local cancer centre that has been working with Mike to manage his disease. The winner of the draw donated his half back to the fund....well done!

While there are many people to thank for the success of this event we do have to acknowledge Mary and Ned Barber for taking the lead and making it happen. Also, the McNally family who support Mike unconditionally and with fierce love. A dinner of corned beef and cabbage was served and was so delicious... thanks to the caterer. The venue...the Legion Hall and their staff who took good care of everyone. And to all the people who traveled to Buffalo to be there and witness the friendship and participate in the fellowship of a Gyro gathering.



District News

District IV

The year 2020 is a Gold Letter Year for Gyro International & District IV Gyro. It is a time for all of us to celebrate our beginnings!

Gyro began in District IV 100 years ago.

Vancouver, BC became the first Gyro Club in District IV and close behind, in 2021, came Victoria & Nanaimo. From what I can determine, Vancouver was at least present at most of the charter presentations of the Gyro Clubs that followed. While documentation is thin, it is felt by some of our historians that Vancouver was responsible for sponsoring or at least supporting much of the growth that Gyro experienced throughout District IV in the 20's, 40's and quite a bit in the 50's. It is important to remember what circumstances existed that allowed Gyro to grow those years. It appears that there have been two major spurts in our growth the first was in the 1920's.

Gyro's first major jump in membership was in the 1920's after the troops came home from WWI.

The next burst of clubs was in the 1940's after WW II and into the mid 50's which may have been due to the end of the Korean war. Both major bursts were in post war periods where people were "on the move", trying to find new ways to live better and more comfortably than in prewar times. Gyro provided the network of friendships that allowed it to grow. It seems strange that with all of the other wars since those dates we did not see the same result. There was no "boost" to our influx of members. One reason may have been that by then we were beginning an introduction of technology to our daily lives. With the advent of electronic devices we began to accumulate as a society, we managed to seriously reduce our reliance on social interaction even though it is a huge requirement for our longevity and health. Isolation has been named as a major reason for the breakdown of law and order in our communities. Isolation is growing at an unprecedented rate and these who are isolated are in need



of what we have. They need us and our communities need us. There has never been a time when we have the chance of attracting so many new, quality members. The challenge is that they are no longer seeking us. We have to find them and show them what we have.

A little history on the 20's

It was named the "Roaring 20's" because the American economy more than doubled between 1920 and 1929.

World War I was over in 1918. Troops were returning home and wanted something different in their lives so, instead of returning to the family farm, they opted to move to the cities where they could easily get a job that paid wages. This was the era that served as a tipping point in our society and there were finally more people living in cities than in the country.

Prohibition was in place during those years. It began in 1920 and lasted until December 5, 1933.

"A guy could get rich investing in stocks"

Heavy investing without really doing any work could make you rich because value could only continue to rise was the thinking of the time. Investment in the 20's stock market was up more than ever before and toward the end of the 20's many stocks were significantly over priced. To become wealthy, there were many who leveraged all of their assets to make more gains in the market and enjoyed a better lifestyle than they could afford. After all, they were confident that they had only begun to reap benefits in what promised to be a continuing unprecedented rise in wealth.

There was also a huge burst of new products such as movies, night clubs, music, fashion, automobiles, etc. and people wanted to have them and be seen enjoying them.

This was the time that Art Deco became popularized. Many vehicles of the time were highly stylized. Clothing was shifting from ultra conservative to a much more "modern" style.

Gyro was in the right place and time and it was logical that, with a network of successful businessmen in place, it began to grow. It was a time when there was a real need to make friends and learn more about how to invest and prosper. There was an abundant need for men become connected with others to network and become part of the boom.

It is time again for Gyro to grow. There are more people than ever before who want to be connected with a group such as ours. Isolation caused by technology, redistribution of families across the country, and moving from old homes to find a suitable place to retire are just some of the reasons. An invitation is often all that it takes,

100 years of District IV Gyro this year.

Victoria - June 9 to 13, 2020

Gyro International Convention, District 4 Interim & Gyro Club of Victoria Installation. This is a window of opportunity to experience all Gyro has to offer! Plan on being there at least for the last 2 days

Vancouver - October 16 & 17 2020

District 4 Convention & the BEST Centennial Party you will ever attend. This is a Celebration of 100 years of Gyro in District IV

Both of these celebrations / events will have a 20's theme

Club News & Events

Winnipeg

President's Luncheon

Submitted by Craig

Despite a few last minute cancellations, 75 gentlemen turned out for the annual President's Luncheon at the Winnipeg Winter Club. Following an hour of cocktails President Tyler requested that everyone take their seats in preparation for the serving of the meal. Prior to the serving, President Tyler called upon Michael Jones to lead us in the singing of our national anthem. Following the singing, Dr. Don was called upon to say Grace and a fine one it was. The lunch began with a very tasty roasted tomato and vegetable soup topped with parmesan

cheese. This was quickly followed by our annual choice of Beef Wellington accompanied by garlic mashed potatoes and vegetables. A dessert consisting of sticky toffee pudding was the final course.

President Tyler was barely able to introduce our guest speaker Bob Cameron before both he and father-in-law Derek headed for the airport to catch their flight bound for Cuba. Bob was kind enough to bring with him his 3 Grey Cup rings together with his Hall of Fame ring. These were circulated from table to table for all to see. Bob spoke for in excess of 1/2 hour during which he shared numerous, often humorous, situations that occurred during his 23 year career. Following his speech Dr. Brent thanked Bob for a most enjoyable speech and presented him with a \$3500.00 tax receipt, bottle of wine and a Gyro backpack.

Following a 5 minute break, Mark Rathwell commenced the draw for the numerous bottles of liquor. The table comprised of the Pugh's, Jone's and O'Hara's were the recipients of a significant number of bottles however, this is reflective of the number of tickets they purchased. Other than the aforementioned anomaly, the bottles were fairly well distributed throughout the various tables. After the last draw, Past President Bill wished everybody a Merry Xmas on behalf of the Gyro Club and Drawmaster Mark cautioned all to drive safely.

A guest of Tim Paul's kindly donated \$10.00 to our charity fund. Prior to leaving Bob Cameron approached me and said that he admired what we do for children's charities and proceeded to give me \$50.00 to donate to our charitable fund.

Suffice it to say, this year's luncheon was a great success on all fronts. Thanks to Mark for his Drawmaster skills and Bill for handling both the phoning as well as the distribution of prizes.

Until next year, good health and happiness to all.



Edmonton Gyro Gyro Club Installation

By Fred Schulte

Past District VIII Governor Gerry Glassford inducted the newest member of the Edmonton Gyro Club, Martin Marshall on January 21st, 2020 in the company of his sponsors Ron Trant and Ari Hoeksema. Gerry asked Martin's sponsors to assist and support him to be an active Gyro. Gerry provided a short history of the 107-year-old Gyro International organization.

Ron Trant John Ross Martin Marshall Ari
Hoeksema Gerry Glassford David Winfield
Photo by David Burnett



Central Coast Gyro Club Installation

Article and Pictures By PIP Larry Duba

The Gyros and Gyrettes met at Merle and Marsha Ackerman's beautiful home in the foothills of Nipomo on December 19th. Before dinner, friends enjoyed some socializing. PIP Larry Duba, a charter member of the club drove over from Fresno and he later stayed overnight with PDG Roger Lindley. Mike Eisner, District IX Governor, installed the following officers: PP Merle Ackerman, President Mark Westfall, Treasurer PP John DeYulia, Secretary Roy Keeling, and Directors Bill Morrow and Bill Larsen. Bill Cockshott will be installed later as Vice President as well Bob McGill as Secretary of State and as one of the Directors. The Secretary of State officer acts as a go between the club and the



district officers, and he keeps the club members informed of district and international activities. After dinner, there was more socializing accompanied by laughter.

Canton An Evening at the Hart Mansion

Submitted by Mark Goodson

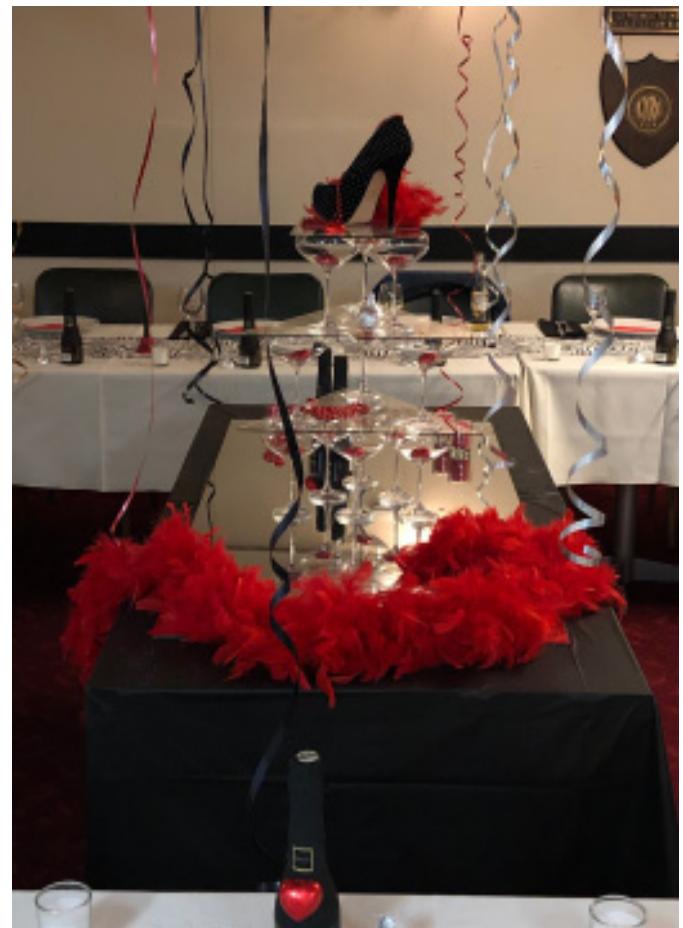


Rich and Gail Harbert Hosted February's Party held at the historic Hart Mansion in Minerva, Ohio.

The evening began with a cocktail hour which gave the attendee's an opportunity to roam the house a bit and to catch up with each other's lives. At 5:00, we began to take our seats and place our orders. The menu for the evening included: Filet Mignon w/ Potato Medley, Horseradish, Salmon w/ Lemon Cream Sauce, Carmel Apple Pork w/ Pe-

cans. All of the above got rave reviews.

Following the dinner, the servers came around with a sample of desserts to choose from for those that opted for desserts. To finalize the evening, we were presented with a short presentation about the Hart Mansion, its history and a bit about how it became the restaurant that we are able to enjoy today. I would like to thank Rich and Gail, as well as everyone at Hart Mansion, for an enjoyable evening.



Decorations and individually wrapped roses for a special evening to show our appreciation of our Gyro Ladies.



Kitimat

The Gyro Ladies Appreciation Night (or the more traditional Valentines Meeting)

Submitted by Steven Revell

The Gyro Ladies Appreciation Night (or the more traditional Valentines Meeting) for the Kitimat Gyro Club was held on Thursday February 13th, 2020.

The club went all out this year with extravagant decorations and live entertainment, which all contributed to a posh and fun evening. All of the Gyro



Pictured from left to right:

Lou Bedard, Brenda Tewnion, Angela Eastman, Lloyd Eastman, Catherine Ocovai, Joey Ocovai, Ken Billingsley, Adele Billingsley, Trisha Gabel, Carl Gabel, Ken Minifie, Chris Rigoni, Sally Rigoni, Adam Taylor, Laura Taylor, Steve Sheasgreen, Gwen Sheasgreen, Joe Bruno, Sharon Bruno, Lorna Marleau, Terry Marleau, Sheila Reeves.

Ladies in attendance received gifts of a mini bottle of champagne and chocolates. The Gyro officers also presented each Gyro Lady with a red rose to show our appreciation. Thanks to Don (DK) Reeves for running the "Chase the Ace" draw and the flawless telling of numerous jokes, all of which added to an already great and fun evening. A huge thanks to everyone who assisted with this event and arranging for the decorations, entertainment and gifts

Humour Page(s)

Seniors Test

Something for seniors to do to keep those aging gray matter cells active...not that YOU'RE that old.

- 1) Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?
- 2) There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?
- 3) Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
- 4) How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
- 5) What word in the English Language is always spelled incorrectly?
- 6) Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible?



- 7) In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?
- 8) What was the President's name in 1975?
- 9) If you were running a race, and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?
- 10? Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"?
- 11) If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?

Answers: elsewhere in this Newsletter (No peeking!)

Never turn down good advice

It was back in the 70's and a soon to be prominent golfer (Raymond Floyd) was playing Augusta in his first Masters. Back then the players could not bring their own caddies, but had to use the locals. Floyd told the caddy master he wanted a big fellow who could handle his bag, but who also keep quiet, no advice needed.

The caddy who was assigned to Floyd said, "Hello Mr. Floyd." Floyd said hello, "and that's the last I want to hear from you, unless I ask you a question."

Everything went well until the 10th hole where Floyd pushed his drive into the right trees on the par 4. After surveying the he said out loud, "I'm going to hit a low fade out through that opening to mid green and it'll run up near the hole."

Surprisingly, he pulled off the shot exactly and turned to his caddy and said, "How's that?"

The caddy spoke for the first time, "That wasn't your ball."

Most people write Congrats because they don't know the spelling of congrajulations



New Wine Before BED

Submitted by Don McInnes

A single glass at night could mean a peaceful, uninterrupted night sleep. A new Wine for Seniors. I kid you not.....

California vintners in the Napa Valley area, which primarily produce Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Grigio wines, have developed a new hybrid grape that acts as an anti-diuretic. It is expected to reduce the number of trips older people have to make to the bathroom during the night. The new wine will be marketed as PINO MORE



The 10 Year old

Little Bruce and Jenny are only 10 years old, but they know they are in love.

One day they decide that they want to get married, so Bruce goes to Jenny's father to ask him for her hand.

Bruce bravely walks up to him and says, "Mr. Smith, me and Jenny are in love and I want to ask you for her hand in marriage."

Thinking that this was just the cutest thing, Mr. Smith replies, "Well Bruce, you are only 10. Where will you two live?"

Without even taking a moment to think about it, Bruce replies, "In Jenny's room. It's bigger than mine and we can both fit there nicely."

Mr. Smith says with a huge grin, "Okay, then how will you live? You're not old enough to get a job. You'll need to support Jenny."

Again, Bruce instantly replies, "Our allowance, Jenny makes five bucks a week and I make 10 bucks a week."

That's about 60 bucks a month, so that should do us just fine."

Mr. Smith is impressed Bruce has put so much thought into this. "Well Bruce, it seems like you have everything figured out. I just have one more question. What will you do if the two of you should have little children of your own?"

Bruce just shrugs his shoulders and says, "Well, we've been lucky so far."

Mr. Smith no longer thinks the little shit is adorable.=

Seniors test Answers

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name? Answer: Johnny, of course.

2. There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall, and he wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh? Answer: Meat

3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world? Answer: Mt. Everest; it just wasn't discovered yet. [You're not very good at this are you?]

4. How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet? Answer: There is no dirt in a hole.

5. What word in the English Language is always spelled incorrectly? Answer: Incorrectly

6. Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible? Answer: Billy lives in the Southern Hemisphere.

7. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not? Answer: You can't take pictures with a wooden leg. You need a camera to take pictures.

8. What was the President's name in 1975? Answer: Same as is it now - Donald Trump

9. If you were running a race, and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now? Answer: You would be in 2nd. Well, you passed the person in second place, not first.

10. Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"? Answer: Neither, the yolk of the egg is yellow [Duh]

11. If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field? Answer: One. If he combines all of his haystacks, they all become one big one.

Why Belonging to a Gyro Club is Good for You!!

- ↳ You are more healthy (see below)
- ↳ You have a community of like-minded people who are friends, but more importantly, among the friends are persons who you have an affinity for and who can be confidants – people you can lean on and be leaned on
- ↳ You indirectly belong to a travel club
- ↳ You have a social network that continues to expand as you participate



Men should get together with their friends at least twice a week to ensure good health according to a University of Oxford study. The health benefits of maintaining strong male friendships can include reduced anxiety, a stronger immune system, and a lowered chance of suffering depression.

GOOD JUDGEMENT COMES

FROM EXPERIENCE.



**AND EXPERIENCE? WELL THAT COMES
FROM POOR JUDGEMENT.**

Dist. I Putt-Putt golf outing

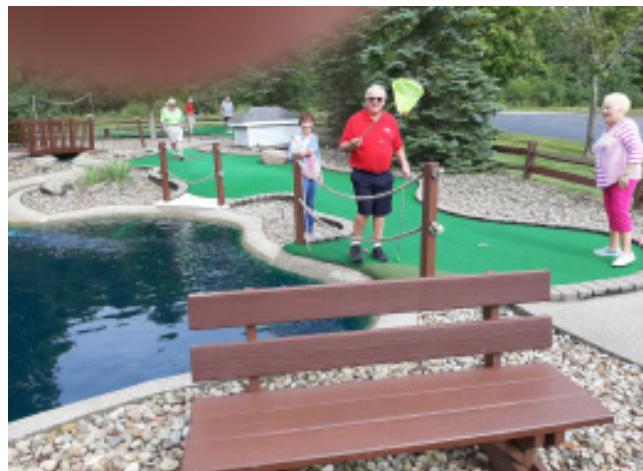
I think it's a free drop from such a little
puddle.



Howard&Diane Brubaker putting?



Who says I was in the water???



Submitted by Edward Benhoff

GYRO FUN TIMES

Parsons (Akron) and Meisters (Canton) work it out as well as possible.



Does your club do any fun events like this?

We would all like to see any fun activates or events you are doing. So please share with us.

From the desk of the Editor...

Hello fellow Friends. I have been asked to step in and become the editor of the Gyroscope Magazine. My name is Derek Hay and I am from the Winnipeg club. I joined Gyro in 2003, but I have been a Gyrunt since the 1960's when my father first joined Gyro.

In 2004 I became the editor of our clubs monthly newsletter and still continue in that role today. I have won a number of Best Bulletin Awards in our district and a couple of best bulletin awards from International for a small club. I was club President from 2008 to 2013, a 5 year stretch. In 2018 I became the Lt Governor for District VII and I am completing my two year term this year. And with the support of our District clubs I will move up to Governor.

At the last District VII convention, I was approached by Gyro President Ted Shewchuk if I would consider taking on the role of editor of Gyroscope. This role had been mentioned to myself a few times in the past number of years as well, but it never really moved forward. So to my surprise, it now has.

At this time I want to thank Emil for his great work over the many, many years he was the editor of our Gyroscope. What an outstanding job he has done bringing us all the news of Gyro. I am not sure I can compete with Emil on his level, but I'm willing to try. So please bear with me as I move into this role and develop my own style of editing. Notice I said editing and not writing. When I took this role I made it very clear that I will edit and format the Magazine/Newsletter but I will not be writing its content. That is up to the Executive Council,

the District Governors, the Club Editors & Presidents to do.

All I ask that you submit to me articles on a quarterly (or monthly) basis and I will edit and format to fit within the pages provided. Remember pictures take up a lot of room and less writing, so pictures and graphics are always welcome. Please send them to me in as high a resolution as possible. If possible send pictures or graphics in JPG format. Also please provide some commentary or description of the picture sand names of those in it. Submissions should be in Word format or any format (text or email) I can copy and paste from. Please do not send me PDF files. I know you send your newsletters out in PDF, as I will with Gyroscope but, that is a finished product, that can not easily be copied & pasted from. Please do not send me your whole newsletter, as I do not know which article you want me to copy to the International Gyroscope. Just send me the article that best shows the fun times & events of Gyro

Please send all email submissions (less than 15Mb in size) to Editor@gyro.ws. If you have larger files, please email me & I'll send you a link to upload the files to.

I know that Gyroscope used to be a glossy magazine and has been reduced to a PDF file now. So I am also going to remove the moniker of magazine and just call it - a newsletter, as this is really what it is.

I am including a humour (Canadian spelling sorry, eh). So if you have nay good (mostly clean jokes, please send them my way. This section will either grow or shrink, depending on the other content of the Newsletter and of course the submission I get.

Lastly as I finish this off to make sure that it gets to the bottom of this column, There may be the occasional (ok, more than that) misspelled word, or grammar error that we are just going to have to live with. There is no budget for a proof reader. In fact I'd gladly give half of my salary for creating this newsletter to a proof reader. But half of Zero is still Zero. Till the Next quarter - Enjoy your reading.

Members by Country	2017	2018	2019	2020
U. S. Members	1127	1097	1030	1013
Canadian Members	1197	1157	1118	1052
Japanese Members	6	2	2	0
Intl. Associates	32	32	29	29
Total Members	2362	2288	2179	2094

Membership Stats	2017	2018	2019	2020
D-I	279	273	269	263
D-II	192	191	171	166
D-III	353	335	310	312
D-IV	578	574	544	522
D-VI	121	117	114	73
D-VII	239	239	248	233
D-VIII	341	323	313	320
D-IX	143	137	138	133
D-X	68	65	41	43
D-XIII	6	2	2	0
INT'L. ASSOCIATES	32	32	29	29
	2352	2288	2179	2094



Welcome New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Blacklake	William H. Sims	Ed Henderson
Winnipeg	James M. Paterson	Don Mcinnis
San Jose	Chris H. Hygelund	Steven Gossett
Peterborough	Brendan Sevigny	
Peterborough	Ben Weir	
Caloosa	Heinz Remus	
St. Catharines	Michael F. Hanson	Peter Partington Phil O'Reilly
Port Colborne	Garth L. Paley	Wayne Kozar
Clinton	Terry J. Moehr	Jerry Moehr
Camosun	Doug N. Kobayashi	John Read
McKenzie Island	Mikael Saarela	
McKenzie Island	Chris Ewen	
Prince George	Todd Molland	Mike Gallagher
Madison	Peter D. Foy	
St. Catharines	Stephen D. Tepperman	John Kerklaan
Davenport	Clayton M. Lloyd	
Metro Milwaukee	Frank J. Paretti	Timothy Flatley
Sherwood Park	George Huybregts	William Austin
Edmonton	Henry Mottl	Taras Chmil
Kitimat	Terry G. Marleau	
Prince George	Nathan Zurowski	
	Alfred Steinhauser	
Minneapolis Metro	Roger Kent Johnson	Larry Cipolla
Victoria	John Uliana	Daniel Blanchard
		Darrel Jensen

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Members we have lost

CLUB	MEMBER
Edmonton	Bob Kerrison
Wheeling	Frank E. Thalman Jr.
Blacklake & Coachella Valley	Justin A. Curtis
Camosun	John A. Langdon
Oryg/St. Paul	Russell J. Gesell
Truro	Elmer E. Patton
Sherwood Park	Brian E. Wolfe
Fraser Delta	Ernest J. Toth
Minneapolis	Robert W. Rose
Buffalo	Roger F. Brandt
Cranbrook	Cornelius Hanemayer
Edmonton	David Winfield
Lethbridge	Boyd B. Tucker
Albernis	Robert H. Nuttall
Olympia	Glenn B. McKay



Deadlines for the next GyroScope

March 20, June 20, September 20, December 15



Conventions

To learn more <http://international.gyro.ws/>

DISTRICTS

District I Convention	Interim April 17-18, 2020 Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
District II Convention	New Glasgow September 2020
District III Convention	St. Catharines.....Oct. 2-4, 2020 ahastie1@cogeco.ca
District IV Convention	Vancouver Gyro October 16-17, 2020 100 Years of D-IV Gyro
District VI ConventionTBA 2020
District VII Convention	Nor-West Gyro Sept 10-13, 2020 bfranch@acoservices.com
District VIII ConventionMay 28-31, 2020 Let's "Rise a little Hell" http://www.gyro.ws/stampedecity/Convention_2020.html
District IX Convention	Jackson, CA..... October 22-25, 2020 ScottA@palecek.com
District X ConventionNovember, 2020



INTERNATIONAL

International & District IV Victoria BC.....	Cancelled/Postponed https://victoriagyro.com/victoria2020/ peternewman@shaw.ca
International & District VII - Winnipeg.....	2021 winnipeg@gyro.ws
International & District I	2022



International & District IV - Victoria BC 2020

Hosted by the Gyro Club of Victoria
Centennial Galley Installation, June 9-13, 2020

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

Lots to see and do in Victoria

