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(1936 – 2020)

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Arnie Crass

Past International President, ??? Gyro

In Memoriam

Submitted by Timothy W. Wright, Sr. Ed.D. (Painesville)

Lt. Governor District 1



ARNIE CRASS. (1936 – 2020)

On behalf of Gyro International we wish to extend our deepest condolences to Dottie and the entire Crass family. Arnie Crass joined the Gyro Davenport Club in 1988. He served in every club office as well as district offices. Arnie was President of Gyro International in 2003/2004. He received the Merit Award in 2002, the Honor Key in 2005 and the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012. Arnie's big, firm handshake and hearty "Hello Gyro" will be greatly missed. Below is Arnie's

actual obituary.

Arnold A. Crass, 84, of Watertown, went to be with his Savior on Thursday, June 4, 2020. Arnold August Crass was born on April 4, 1936, in Tomahawk, the son of August E. and Arvilla (nee Callsen) Crass.

He attended Gilbert Grade School and was a 1953 graduate of Tomahawk High School. He served in the United States Army from July 28, 1954 – July 14, 1956. On June 15, 1957, he married Dorothy Kopplin in Tomahawk. He then received his Associate's Degree at Marathon Technical School. Arnold has been employed as a Machine Tool Engineer and Sales Manager at Ingersoll Milling Machine and Frank Gaynor Co. He was an active member and served as president of GYRO International. Arnold was a faithful member at WELS Lutheran congregations throughout his life.

Arnie is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dotti Crass; children, Karin (Thomas) Timmermann of Janesville, Matthew (Kathy) Crass of Watertown, and Thaddeus (Shelly) Crass of Ortonville, Michigan; grandchildren, Nathaniel (Rachel) Timmermann, Emily (Nathan) Grunwald, Abigail (Nicholas) Krueger, Naomi (William) Johnson, Isaac (Sarah) Crass, Samuel Crass, Johannah (Caleb) Schultz, Elizabeth Crass, Charles (Christa) Crass, Simeon Crass, and Elijah Crass; 8 great-grandchildren; sisters, Caroline Lemke, Pat Lemke, and Jane Lamer, all of Tomahawk, as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Charles Crass; sisters-in-law, Traudl Crass and Kathy Crass, and brothers-in-law, Glenn Lemke, Marvin Lemke, and Vern Lamer.

A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, June 15, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Watertown with Rev. Peter Wells officiating. Family and friends may gather at the church from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the service. Memorials, if desired, would be appreciated to Luther Preparatory School or the charity of ones' chose. Hafemeister Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Watertown is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at www.hafemeisterfh.com .



President's Message

By Alan Pentney

September has always felt like the beginning of a new year for me. In my school years and work years, September was the kick off for new learning opportunities, new initiatives and renewal of friendships that took a second seat to family and travel in the summer. In Gyro, I experience the same enthusiasm for change in September and welcome the new Gyro schedule of club activities.

This Fall is going to be different for all Gyros. Many of us are in a higher risk age category for the virus and regional differences in risk stages, determined by regulatory agencies, will dictate size and means of gathering. Of course, we all are hoping that the spread of the virus will lessen and that a vaccine will become available. I have heard cases of Gyros that have recovered such as John Hollendonner, District 1 Governor, and I was saddened by the recent loss of Past District Governor Dave Langfitt of the Clinton Club due to the virus.

Back in March, many were confident that this Covid-19 "phenomena" would fade away like most other contagious diseases – little did they know this is a persistent virus that has the entire world using its medical and communication resources to contain it and prevent deaths. As I write this, I think of a communication I received from a former co-worker who spoke of "resilience" at the start of the reaction to the virus and now.

She noted that the Harvard Business Review defines resilience as "the ability to recover from setbacks, adapt well to change, and keep going in the face of adversity". Each of us have had to be resilient in our personal lives, to varying degrees, otherwise we would have to totally lock down in our homes. Unfortunately, the least resilient are those in care homes who are locked down and are very dependent on their care givers. We, as Gyros, can be resilient by doing things in different ways yet continuing our interactions as club members because our mental health depends on connections with others. Of course, nothing is as good as face to face (but 6 feet apart) communication – preferably with a mask.

In my August newsletter (on our website) I noted that four Districts have events planned to make changes in their executive and make plans for the coming year. Other Districts are following suit.

Their resilience mostly involves virtual "Zoom" meetings but innovation to make the gatherings interesting is an adaptive change. An important aspect of the District meetings is the passing of the torch of leadership to new executive in the face of adversity. Those Clubs and Districts that keep the executive in place and curtail or restrict activities given their circumstances are doing the right thing – all I ask is that adaptive communication be used even more so for the wellbeing of the members and for the resilience of the Clubs involved. By the same token, a Club or District that engages its members while taking all reasonable precautions to minimize risk to as close to zero as possible is also doing the right thing. As the Board has learned in the past few years - every club is different – and that is also a good thing.

My home club, Stampede City, had an evening backyard meeting recently. This seemed to be a normal event until I realized how and why the ten members were at the meeting! One member drove 22 miles and made a point of extoling the benefit of Gyro friendship – priceless! A Samaritan member drove another member with a sciatica condition that caused him great pain as he shuffled his walker through 100 feet of gravel to the backyard. A fourth member came directly from work while another had been working since 5:30 AM! The Club President showed up with back spasms! We had a great time socializing at a distance and planning more safe events for the fall. This caused me to appreciate the value of Gyro friendship where the resilience of members and their dedication to friends surpasses inconvenience and personal comfort.

I find it interesting that recreational sports (e.g. golf), major sports and more recently children's organized sports have adapted rules to play safely with changes occurring that will likely affect sports permanently – in a good way. What allows a sport to occur now is that those who participate must follow rules or they are expelled. This differs from government rules where the oversight is rare, and penalties are minor. In Gyro each club can set rules with members being friends that remind each other of how to be safe.

I want to thank those who have sent me letters, emails and phoned with suggestions, comments and encouragement. These messages mean a lot to me and demonstrates your support for Gyro. I hear people finding ways to recognize others, to think differently and to include others – essentially to be resilient.

September is the start of a new Gyro year and I am enthused about engaging with new District and Club Executives this Fall in making Gyro the organization of choice for persons that want to socialize safely at fun events with confidants, friends and acquaintances.

Be resilient, stay connected and stay safe!



Gyro Friendship on the High Seas – An Atlantic Adventure

By John Cobb

The clouds overhead began to break up, allowing the stars to peak through the openings. From astern, the moon rose over the coast of Africa illuminating the sea and shimmering off the tops of the waves. After the deep darkness of the early part of my watch, the light appearing from above and behind was magical. Sitting at the helm, the boat silent with everyone else asleep below, I once again marvelled at how lucky I was to be in the middle of the Atlantic alone with my thoughts, a small part of such a large universe. Practically every day, something made me realize how lucky I was to even be on this boat, following the route Columbus and so many others took as they travelled from the old world to the new.

I am fortunate to have a friend who owns a sailboat, a solid offshore boat built for ocean sailing. Even more fortunate for me was the fact that he and his wife wanted to relocate the boat from the Mediterranean, where they'd been living onboard, to the Caribbean. His wife had no interest in doing an Atlantic crossing so the owner asked me if I would be interested in the trip. I was excited at the opportunity. Even though I've had a fair bit of sailing experience, I'd never done anything of this magnitude before. We quickly identified three people we'd like to have onboard and approached them. Needless to say, they too jumped at the chance to come along.

Sailors have been crossing the Atlantic for hundreds of years, sailing south from Europe to reach the trade winds which are found just above the equator. Once there, they turn west to head towards the Americas. They used the old adage, "sail south till the butter melts" to know when to make the turn



The morning of our departure. Author is on the far right.

to the west, since the trades provide following winds and contribute to warmer temperatures as you approach the equator. We followed this time-tested route, although our trip was made in luxury compared to sailors from the olden days.

Our trip began on November 24, 2019, when we left the Canary Islands off the coast of Africa and ended in Rodney Bay on St. Lucia in the Caribbean on December 15, 21 days later. November and December are preferred months for an east to west Atlantic crossing since hurricane season has ended but winter storms haven't begun. During that time, we travelled 3,300 nautical miles, averaging 6.5 nautical miles per hour. For non-sailors, imagine driving your car non-stop from Vancouver to Halifax, 3,128 nautical miles, or 5,800 kilometres at 12 kilometres per hour. Seems crazy in a car but given the light winds we had for most of the trip, this speed was actually pretty good for a sailboat.

The days preceding our departure were busy, dealing with last minute maintenance and small repairs to the boat. Two of our crew had superb mechanical skills and they completed several key projects, such as rebuilding the boat's water maker, the device that converts ocean water into drinkable fresh water. This project alone was a life saver, as the water maker provided us with ample fresh water, allowing us to take the occasional shower and wash clothes along the way. With five men on board in a warm climate, this was a luxury we all appreciated!

Each evening at dusk we went for "sundowners" in the marina where all the sailors gathered each evening at sunset to share a drink and a visit. At-

tending these events were sailors of all ages, nationalities, and abilities. Sailors are generally a warm and welcoming bunch, albeit with a singular focus. In many ways these get-togethers reminded me of Gyro events - lots of fellowship exhibited and friendships developed. Particularly memorable was Trond, a Norwegian fellow we met who was clearly older and who had difficulty walking. Over a drink he shared with us that he had sailed his boat solo to the Canary Islands from Norway earlier in the year and that this would be his second Atlantic crossing, the first being a decade ago when he was in his mid-seventies! We were thrilled to meet him again in St Lucia at the end of the trip and learn about his sailing plans for the Caribbean.

Since the boat would be “dry” (alcohol free), prior to leaving we continued our crew bonding each evening, enjoying cocktails and meals in the Spanish restaurants and bars. We saw this as front-end loading – that is stocking up on our alcohol consumption ahead of our departure. We considered this like the carbo loading done by high performance athletes ahead of a major competition. Other sailors in the marina found our dry boat concept hilarious and expressed no confidence that we’d be able to achieve this. I overheard another sailor sharing our story with others, beginning the story with “four Canadians and an Irishman (we had one aboard) go into a dry boat...” like they were sharing the opening line of a joke. We did complete the trip alcohol free but by day three the topic of conversation on board had turned to how good a rum punch would taste when we arrived in the Caribbean. Interestingly enough after 20 days at sea with the temperature getting warmer each day and night, we began to think that the ice in the rum punch might be just as good as the drink itself.

In the berth beside us was a boat crewed by Russians and former Russian submariners at that. We determined their nationality by deduction after watching these hairy barrel-chested guys appear on deck every morning in bikini bathing suits to eat a breakfast of sardines and vodka. Not a pretty sight and clearly not North Americans or western Europeans. Turned out that the one English speaker now lived in White Rock, B.C. A bond was formed when they found out we were mostly Canadians. Like in Gyro, friendships are forged when you have common interests and a willingness to get to know one another, even when you don’t have a common language. Alcohol was also a contributor.



The Russians, fully clothed and sober, on the morning of our departure.

After lots of activities and preparation, the big day approached. One of the crew, who was tasked with food planning, and I walked to the big supermarket in town and began the process of provisioning. After several hours of shopping, we had filled several shopping carts. With some effort it all found a home in every cupboard, nook and cranny below deck.

We were all up early on the day of our departure, heading up to the marina washroom for one last shower. I downloaded the current weather forecasts and we finalized our route planning for the first few days. For the first time, I began to get nervous as I reflected on the trip ahead and the fact that we would be completely on our own with no one to assist should we have a medical emergency or mechanical failure. With music blaring from the shore and people waving, we left the harbour, set our sails and were on our way. Within hours, the other boats that left with us had dispersed, leaving us all alone on the ocean.

Of course, the boat moved 24/7. There was no place to stop for the night. We had arranged a schedule of three-hour shifts, or “watches” as they are called on a boat. The watches began each night after dinner and ended each morning after sunup. Each of us stood our night watch alone, with the others sleeping, having either just come off their watch or in anticipation of their upcoming one. During the day we were all up and shared the sailing responsibilities. We rotated the watches by one time

slot each evening, so that we all stood each of the night watches.



We all liked standing the sunset and sun-up watches, as the colours in the sky were often spectacular.

Except for the first few hours of the first and the last day, we didn't see any land and only a handful of other sailboats. We saw a couple of cargo ships and tankers but not many and not often. What we did see was wildlife. Within a few days of leaving, a pod of whales passed just off our side on their way south. Dolphins came to play off our bow every few days, which caused great excitement. If you ran to the front of the boat and banged on the hull, the dolphins would come rocketing towards you and criss-cross the bow of the boat right in the bow wave. Incredibly fast and agile, they seemed to be genuinely having fun playing in our wake. And we saw sea birds and marvelled at their efficiency as they glided effortlessly on the wind, a thousand miles from shore and with no place to land.



Dolphins come back to play!

But mostly we spent our time in the cockpit of the boat shooting the breeze, telling stories and arguing over the most inane subjects likely only familiar to those of us of a certain age. From musicians in obscure bands and song lyrics, to original six hockey teams, Stanley Cup winners, and the World Series, we covered a wide range of topics. We recalled playing Strat-O-Matic baseball, long before these days of video games and virtual online sports. Being hundreds of miles offshore, we had no access to the internet to resolve any of these topics, something we all found strange and that managed to only prolong the discussions. And so, the days slipped by.

Our food planning suggested that the crossing should take between 14 and 20 days, so we decided to carry enough food for a 21-day trip. A good thing we did, because in addition to the crossing taking a full 21 days, our freezer and fridge both failed with 1,000 miles left to sail, resulting in a significant loss of food. We ate what we had left, with our last meal at sea consisting of peanut butter in a tortilla wrap. This was perfectly acceptable to us Canadians but confirmed to Paddie, our Irish crewman, that we were all heathens. He declared peanut butter to be even worse than Marmite, something the rest of us took offence to and a comment that prompted a new round of discussion in the cockpit.

Before we knew it, we could see a dark smudge on the horizon- St. Lucia! The trip was coming to an end. As we motored through the channel into the hustle and bustle of the Rodney Bay marina, we were greeted by crews from other boats who had been with us at the beginning in the Canary Islands. And as we entered our slip and secured the boat to



The "Motley Crew" newly arrived in St. Lucia with the long awaited rum punch.

the dock waiting for us were well wishers from St. Lucia with rum punch for all! Just as we were savouring our drinks into the marina comes the Russians, once again mooring their boat in the berth beside ours! We greeted each other like long lost friends. They clearly had not adopted the dry boat principle and immediately invited us onboard to toast the trip and to hear all about their exploits, of which there were many.

A trip of this magnitude is a once in a lifetime event, something that I'm unlikely to ever experience again. In addition to my sailing memories, I made friends at the beginning and end of our trip. Some I'll see again and some I may not. As a crew, we forged a very special bond that came from working together on a common goal and depending on each other for our health and safety. And of course, for all the fun and laughter we shared every day. This friendship is strong and enduring, no different than those developed within Gyro.

John Cobb is a member of the Stampede City Gyro Club in Calgary, Alberta.

"Friendship between women is different than friendship between men."

Jane Fonda

WHOA! – WHOA!! – WHOA!!! – BIG GUY SOCIAL DISTANCING AND GYRO

Dr Ronald Carter—Gyro Club of Calgary

“When I was five years old, my mother, always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down ‘happy’. They told me I didn’t understand the assignment, and I told them they didn’t understand life.”

John Lennon, Singer, Founder of the Beatles
Happiness Requires “shift” in Thinking:

A group of fifty people was attending a conference. Suddenly, the speaker stopped and decided to do a group activity; he gave each person a balloon. Each one was asked to write his/her name on it using a marker pen.

Then all the balloons were collected and put in another room nearby. They were let in that room and asked to find the balloon which had their name written on it. They were given a time limit of five minutes to complete the exercise. Everyone frantically searched for their names, colliding with each other, and pushing others, and there was utter chaos. At the end of five minutes, except for a few, no one could find their balloon with their name on it.

Next the speaker modified the task slightly. This time, each one was asked to randomly collect a balloon and give it to the person whose name was written on it. Within minutes everyone had their own balloon.

What can we learn from this story that applies to our Gyro Club?

The moral of the story is: everyone is looking for happiness all around them, not knowing exactly where it is. But, if one becomes aware and shifts their attention to the right strategies to achieve happiness, it is within everyone’s reach and quicker than one thinks. In Gyro we see our club numbers dropping and clubs closing. We tell our friends and prospective members that Gyro is fun. Often clubs

jingle is; “Let’s put the fun back in Gyro”. Happiness is one leg of Gyro.

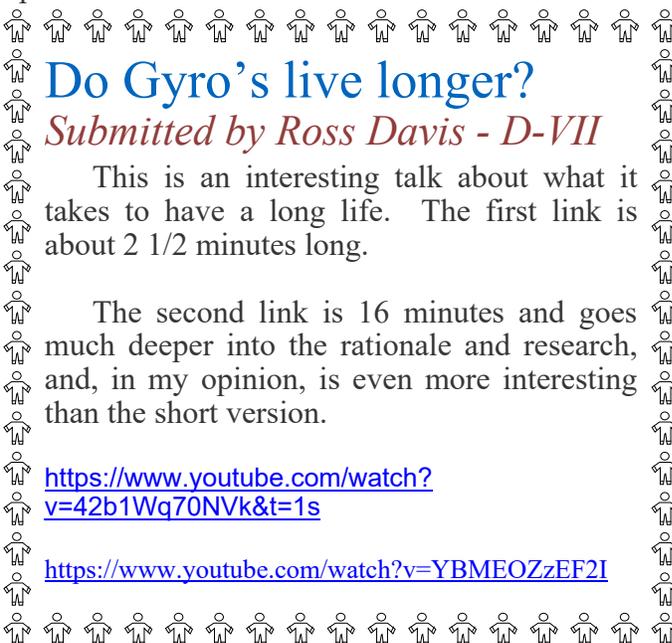
When we travelled in the States when our boys were young, they always wanted to stop at ‘I Hop Burgers’. The unacceptable joke was the surgeon said to the patient, “You lost one of your legs. Now you can get a job at ‘I Hop Burgers’”.

I share this bad metaphor as an example of Gyro today. We are running a marathon with field of competitors with two legs offering only happiness. Be it a holiday agency offering happiness on a cruise, a new mattress, a new car, a church, or Skip the Dishes. It is all selling happiness!

In a few decades, the loss of health and life worldwide will be greater from non-communicable or chronic diseases (e.g. cardio, dementia, cancer, arthritis, and diabetes) than from infectious diseases, childhood diseases and accidents. In 2018, for the first time in history aged 65+ outnumbered children under five years globally. Canadians are living longer, and seniors are on track to represent 25% of the population. This is a Gyro statistic at its best. There is some good news for Gyros. A second leg is being offered for the I Hop - Members among us.

We need to encourage our aging family and friends to be more active, eat well, exercise more and spend more time with each other.

The purpose of this article is to help us look after ourselves, our family, and our friends. The sell for ‘Gyro’ is you will live a longer, better, and happier life.



Do Gyro’s live longer?

Submitted by Ross Davis - D-VII

This is an interesting talk about what it takes to have a long life. The first link is about 2 1/2 minutes long.

The second link is 16 minutes and goes much deeper into the rationale and research, and, in my opinion, is even more interesting than the short version.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42b1Wq70NVk&t=1s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBMEOZzEF2I>

The Show About Nothing

By Larry (not David) Finefrock

While we each have a favorite television show in our lifetime, mine has been Seinfeld. It ran for 9 hilarious seasons in the 90's and I would highly recommend it for your streaming enjoyment (although it really started rolling in Season 2). It proudly identified itself to be "the show about nothing" and weekly dealt with common life issues that everyone can relate to. To this day, Joan will roll her eyes every time I note that "there's another Seinfeld story" as they continuously occur in our lives. That is, until 2020. We have discovered a subject never portrayed by Jerry Seinfeld and his witty writers.....The PANDEMIC.

We have uncovered a life issue in our world that no one has ever experienced until now. It has changed our lives, mostly for the worse. As Gyros, COVID-19 has altered dramatically what our organization is all about. While we are finally able to have monthly meetings, we are struggling to have monthly parties that are safe. For the moment, we feel that these get-togethers must be held outdoors, safely distanced, with masks while observing all other protocols recommended by medical professionals. We will continue to search for these opportunities and I would certainly entertain any ideas that would fit our needs.

As for now, maybe it's time for a 10th season of Seinfeld. But, then again, it couldn't be a comedy.

MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP!

By: Blanton Bessinger, 1st VP

Although I have been privileged to become friends with many of you over the past 20 years, this will be an introduction to many others. I was installed as your GI 1st VP in June. With the regrettable unexpected passing of Bryan Flanigan (who was 2nd VP) in the spring, two new VPs were elected this year. President Alan Pentney asked me to support the membership committee dealing with how best to support our clubs and districts with recruiting new members and maintaining current members. An outstanding group of Gyros who have been active in leadership at club and district levels had been working with Matt Johnson, PIP. All were willing to continue working on this very important task. I added a couple more, so we have 10 members from east to west coasts to address this issue.

We are aware of the somewhat steady decline in overall membership over many years. We found information suggesting that in 1948, committees were formed to address the problem. When I was asked in the interview process for nomination to office about my views on membership, my response included several points. My view is that Gyro is comprised of three "circles of friendship". The inner, or center circle, is the individual club. It is the most important. The second circle is the district organization, which supports the clubs in its district. The

third circle is the international, which supports the inner and middle circle. This was how Gyro was founded and how it has remained over 100 years now. Again, my view is that the club is the focal point. However, the district and international offer more opportunity for members to increase their friendship circles, and provide a network for clubs to be related to each other for support.

With the above thoughts in mind, the success of each club to maintain and grow membership will only be accomplished by that club. As an individual, I can only recruit for my home club, Oryg in St Paul, MN. In my role of 1st VP of international, as part of the Executive Council, I can help develop tools,

FEMALE Dictionary

"Nothing, forget it."

You better figure out what you did wrong.

"Are you tired?"

Please don't go to sleep. I love talking to you.

"I'm okay."

Hold me tight. I need a shoulder to cry on.

"I'm cold."

Get a blanket and cuddle with me.

"Leave me alone."

Please don't go.

"I love you."

Tell me you do more.

MALE Dictionary

"Nothing, forget it."

Just quit talking about it, Jesus.

"Are you tired?"

Genuinely curious as to whether or not you are sleepy.

"I'm okay."

There's seriously not a damn thing wrong with me.

"I'm cold."

I'm pretty cold. I should probably get a blanket or some shit.

"Leave me alone."

Get out of my fucking face.

"I love you."

I love you. Just that. I don't expect a stupid fucking response.

International News

The Gyro Store

You knew there was a Gyro store , which contains Gyro merch, right?

It seem a lot of Gyro's do not know there is a Gyro store. While the items in the store are limited these days to items used by clubs, there are still one or two items for Gyro members. And there is a proposal sent to the executive council about using a fulfillment house that will produce one off items with the Gyro logo at reasonable prices.

Current items in the Gyro store;

- ☐ Gyro Pins:
 - ☐ Membership
 - ☐ Award pins
 - ☐ Officer and BOG pins
- ☐ Gyrette Rhinestone pins in gold/silver
- ☐ Award pins for years of service
 - ☐ 5-60 years
- ☐ Certificates/Plaques/Scrolls
- ☐ Burgee (Boat Flags)
- ☐ Gavel
- ☐ Gyro Enamel Seals



The Gyro web site store area is in the middle of getting a revamp and there are new pictures of these items, so you can see what they look like. Please view them at <https://gyro.org/gyro-store/>

2019 - 2020 AWARDS

By President Pentney

Typically, the annual Gyro International Awards are announced at the Annual General Meeting which this year would have been in June in beautiful Victoria, Canada. Since an in-person announcement is not possible the following award recipients list is being provided to all members. Congratulations to the successful clubs and individuals.

Best Bulletin

- Small Clubs Stampede City Gyroper - Editor, Ian Greig PIP
- Medium Clubs Canton Scope – Editors, Mike Goodson and Chris Snyder PIP
- Large Clubs Edmonton Gyrolog – Editor, Fred Schulte
- Governors Derm Jackman, District 8

Best Website

- Calgary Club <https://www.calgarygyroclub.com/>

Expansion Awards

These awards are based on new members recruited in the fiscal year from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020.

- Small Clubs Caloosa FL
- Medium Clubs San Jose CA
- Large Clubs Rochester NY and Camosun BC

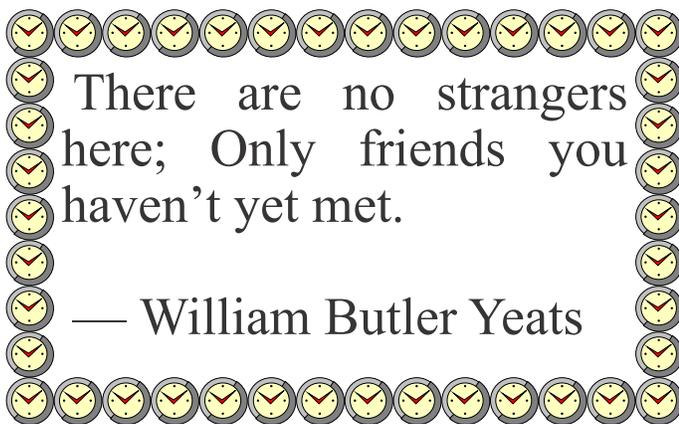
Ed Steinbacher Lifetime Achievement

This is in recognition of extraordinary, magnanimous and perpetual service to the Gyro Fraternity of Friendship.

- Mike McNally, PIP received this award in March 2020 (see article in the March Gyro-scope)

Honor Key

- Matthew Johnson, PIP received this award in June 2020 (see article in the June Gyroscope)



There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met.

— William Butler Yeats

Memorial Dedication to Bryan Flanigan



On July 31st, a dedication ceremony was held for Bryan Flanigan prior to the annual Painesville Club's summer party. The dedication included a presentation of a plaque to Sandy Flanigan and her three sons and spouses which will find a home in the headquarters building. A Redbud tree was also planted in the front yard of the headquarters.

Gyro attendees included Tim Wright 1st Lt. Governor of District I and his wife Sandy, PIP Chris Snyder and his wife Linda, and John Hollendonner, District I Governor and his wife Laurie. Many Painesville Gyros and their wives also attended the presentation. Our great ladies managers Gloria and Sheila went above and beyond the call of duty to have the plaque prepared and tree planted on time for the ceremony. They are even handling the watering chores to see that the tree grows and blossoms with wonderful ornamentation. Gloria was also able to attend the dedication.

Gyro International and Our Money Submitted by Ken Baker

We all know that, as members of Gyro International, we are required to pay dues each year. Those funds are deposited to the General account and are used to pay for the day to day operations of the organization. I call these funds the "Unrestricted Funds"



Gyro International also has special funds that I call "Restricted Funds". There are three (3) such funds. The Betterment Fund, the Memorial Fund, and the Discretionary Honorarium Fund.

If you Google gy-

ro.org and click on the Special Funds tab, the first thing you will see is a discussion about the **Betterment Fund** (fund balance on April 30, 2020, US\$ 7,528). My understanding is that the monies in this Fund will be available to Clubs to assist with projects that will benefit our Gyro organization. Check out the website for complete details about why the Fund was created in 1994, how to contribute to the Fund, and how to apply to the Fund for grants. All applications for grants will be reviewed by the Betterment Fund Board of Directors consisting of Ted Shewchuk, IPIP, Matthew Johnson, PIP, Lew Lause, PDG, Roger Lindley, PDG, and Ross Davis, PDG. Maybe there is something here for your club!

The second thing you will see on the Special Funds tab is a discussion about the Memorial Fund (fund balance on April 30, 2020, US\$ 45,385). As the name implies, most of the money in this fund comes from legacies and bequests. Income earned by this fund is to be transferred each year to the General fund. As well, the **Memorial Fund** is also available as a sort of "rainy day fund" in the event Gyro was faced with some sort of catastrophic event. Details relating to allowable withdrawals

from this fund are laid out in Chapter 11 of the Gyro International By-laws. This Fund is supervised and administered by the Board of Trustees. Currently the Board consists of Dana Davidson, PIP, Chuck Field, PIP, Harold Bernard, PIP, Alan Pentney, President, and Mike McNally, PIP Secretary Treasurer.

Not mentioned on the Website is the **Discretionary Honorarium Fund** (fund balance on April 30, 2020, US\$ 1,734). Monies in this Fund are to be used, at the sole discretion of the Executive Council for the purpose of paying honoraria to employees in recognition of long service.

Technology Report By Peter Carter

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International Website:

Over the past few months the Gyro International website 'gyro.org' has been getting refreshed and updated, in an effort to make the website more meaningful and usable. So, you can readily identify what changes have been made, the **Home Page** now has a column "WHAT'S NEW/UPDATED" for this purpose; with the most recent addition or update listed at the top:



I would like to provide some comments for the following page changes:

'District & Clubs'

(Blue Menu Bar) has a completely new look and now identifies all of our Gyro Clubs by City and

District. And, those Clubs with a website have a 'Link' making it easy for anyone interested in Gyro to make contact. In this regard, if a Club link has been missed, please let me know. Here is the new look:



Special Funds

A 'Special Funds' page (Blue Menu Bar) has been created to make it easier for our Clubs and Members to have access, knowledge and an understanding of the two (2) **Special Fund Programs**. Hopefully, the page contains everything you wanted to know about the 'Betterment' and 'Memorial' Funds, and how to access them!



The 'Gyro Store' has been given a new look in the hopes it will be easier to find and order items.

Contact US

Soon to be released is a new 'Contact Us' page which will have 'Position emails' in the hopes that it will be easier for our Gyro members to contact the

person that they are looking for; i.e. **President Alan Pentney** will be President@gyro.org and emails sent to that address will be automatically 'Forwarded' to his personal email address, without putting his personal email address on the Public website; for security purposes. Then, next year the 'Position email' President@gyro.org emails will be 'Forwarded' to **Blanton Bessinger**; and so on.

Club Website Options:

Earlier this year, the **Technology Committee** (then Chair: **Matthew Williams**) moved the Hosting of the **International Website** to **John Overall's** company. As a result, we can now control the design of our web pages so they fit/flow better on **Tablets** and President@gyro.org, AND, we can NOW OFFER two (2) NEW options for Clubs to have a Website presence, at NO COST!

The first option is to have a 'Generic Web Page', which will give some general information about Gyro and it will provide the **When** and **Where** your **Club Meets** and **Who to Contact** if someone, in your area, would like more information or would like to come out to a meeting.

This 'Generic Web Page' will be created by the **Technology Committee**, on your behalf, once we receive your Club's Meeting and Contact Information... it's that simple and there is no maintenance, and no charge!

Here is what it looks like:



Welcome to the ' ??? Gyro Club'

An International Organization that provides a setting for its Members and Friends to Socialize and Have Fun.

What is Gyro International **Benefit of being a Member** **Interested in joining Gyro?**

Gyro is, simply stated, a **Friendship Club**.
In 1912, the three founders, college chums, wanted to perpetuate the undeniable bond of camaraderie experienced through their brotherhood. Their plan was:

- 1) the promulgation of friendship among men of all states, provinces, and nations;
- 2) cementing of relationships and establishment of cooperation between all Gyro Clubs wherever situated; and
- 3) the preservation and extension of

There have been studies that show how being a part of a community of friends is beneficial to the long term health, longevity and happiness of an individual. Men tend to have work lives and home lives but seldom give themselves the benefit of friendship and social interaction within a men's group. As they age, families grow up and leave and friends move, Gyro is an excellent answer as friendships within a "social neighbourhood" offer a continuous source of social stimulation.

Below is a link that may help you with deciding if you should be a **XXXXXXX Gyro member**... according to psychiatrists

Our Club meets on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month, at Noon, at the Faculty Club!!!!**. If you are interested in coming to one of our Meetings please contact us at: XXXXXXXXXX@gyro.org

With this option, your Club website address would be: **gyro.org/ClubName**

The second option, is a 'Sub-Site' which allows your Club to create and maintain its own Club Website, on the International Host Server, **at no cost!** The Club website address would be **Club-Name.gyro.org**

With the **Sub-Site** option, your Club does need someone to develop and maintain the website, but we provide the tools: **WordPress; Elementor PRO; and Design Themes**. We can also offer some assistance, if required. And, there is no limit to the number of pages you can have; and the design can be unique to your club! **Can it get any better?**

Our **Pilot/Test Club**, for the Sub-Site option was the **Winnipeg Club** and here is what their webmaster, **Derek Hay**, created, on Winnipeg.Gyro.org:



I should mention that **Derek Hay** has also created the website for our **2021 International Convention** using the Sub-Site option. See 2021International.gyro.org:

Coming Soon:

The 'AWARDS'; 'DATABASE' 'MEMBERS LOGIN' and 'OTHER INFO' headings in the 'Black Menu Bar', of the website, need work so the **Technology Committee** will be reviewing and working on these; so that the **Award information is updated and complete**; we have **New DB Software with more abilities to display information**; we have a **Secure Area for sensitive Member and Gyro Information**; and, all of the 'OTHER INFO' items are updated, as required.

So, keep checking 'WHAT'S NEW/UPDATED' on the Home Page of Gyro.org.

District News

D-IV—A Virtual Convention Colm Foy (Camosun Gyro) Secretary, District 4

On Saturday 19th September, District 4 Governor Don Patterson became a free man (well, almost!). The self-described Governor “who did nothing, spent nothing and did it all very well” passed the mantle to the former Lt Governor Matthew Williams in the course of the D4 virtual District Convention.

What many thought was impossible and few have attempted was successfully carried off by the techies and the not-so techies of the District with advice and offers of assistance from International 2nd VP, Peter Carter. Indeed, incoming DG Matt Williams was, himself, pivotal to the success of the operation (despite being told by gmail that he was a spammer!).

The Convention was divided into three parts. The first was the Business Meeting, held via Zoom a week earlier, that saw participation from every Club in the District, bar two, and welcomed International President, Alan Pentney, International 1st VP Blanton Bessinger and 2nd Peter Carter. Despite everyone’s speaking from home – and some outside – there was a high level of participation. In fact, it was suggested that this meeting was one of the most engaged and participatory in recent times. Gyros will still want to band together in person for fun and friendship, but the use of modern media discovered by necessity in the context of Covid has opened up new possibilities. These will be added to our regular in-person opportunities when the crisis is finally over.

One of these advantages is the possibility to communicate with Clubs all over the Continent at the touch of a keyboard and to include Gyros from far away in events. The technology can even be used to enhance events by offering more opportunities for Gyros to participate. For example, Gyros who are away or infirm or, simply, not feeling up to getting out to a winter function can join in via Zoom

or other program. All it needs is someone with a laptop.

Similarly, the “pool” of potential speakers is now wider than ever. Indeed, any club, anywhere in North America can invite a speaker from another Club or even from another country. Clubs can now share information about speakers who have been particularly interesting or who can contribute to a specific interest group.

Virtual business meetings have proven the value and adaptability of the new technology. It’s an ill wind ... !

The second part of the Convention was the cocktail (two) hours held in the early evening of Saturday 19 September.

Now, who would have thought that there was any interest at all in having “drinks together”, when you’re not “together”? In fact, a surprising amount of fun was had by all. The main “room” was supplemented by other “rooms” where smaller groups could interact and not compete with everybody who was online. Movement between the “rooms” was automatic, so everyone got a chance to talk to everyone else.

Old friends from far away were able to connect, while new friends – some closer than you might think – were made. Common interests were discovered and there was actually more interaction between individuals at this virtual Convention cocktail two hours than at many face-to-face Conventions. These peculiar outcomes are a type of compensation for the isolation many, perhaps older, Gyros have been experiencing with Covid-19.

There as another “bonus”: we got to see our friends in their own homes and, despite the computer screen and the sometimes blurry images, there was something “intimate” about the whole thing, as well as a sigh of relief that we were able to pull it off. That part of the Convention was really fun and congratulations are due to (now) District 4 Governor Matthew Williams for conceiving of this part of event – especially the “rooms idea – and to his spouse, Kelly, for her contribution.

The “gala” and third element in our 2020 District 4 Convention was a “formality”! Some of us were in tuxedos (the part we saw on screen, anyway; I can’t swear everyone was wearing underpants), others were tied and one or two were more casual. It was, therefore, just like any other Convention. We were privileged to have International President Alan Pentney and his wife Tara in attendance all the way from Calgary, Alberta, while 2IVP (and Zoom Guru) Peter Carter and 1IVP Blanton Besinger also joined us.

We had a plethora of Gyro nobility including, in no particular order or state of sobriety, Denis Moffat and his bride Diane, Bob and Judy Skene, Peter Evans, Andy and Donna McDougall and a host of other PDGs that included Saul Hilchey, Jordan Henry and, of course, PIP Matt Johnson and his entire family from Olympia/Tacoma. They can shut the border, but they can’t shut us out!

The swearing-in ceremony was as dignified as one could expect from a disparate group of friends who had been drinking cocktails for four hours. Outgoing Governor Don Patterson actually seemed surprised to find himself “re-elected” to the Executive, our new Treasurer, Mike Wedekind positively beamed at his elevation, so soon after having ascended the Presidency of his own Club, Camosun, the Secretary (who is recording this for posterity through this article) was elected in a fiercely contested election, unopposed, and, of course, our new District

INSTALLATION OF CAMOSUN GYRO’S 71ST PRESIDENT - PAT MARSHAL



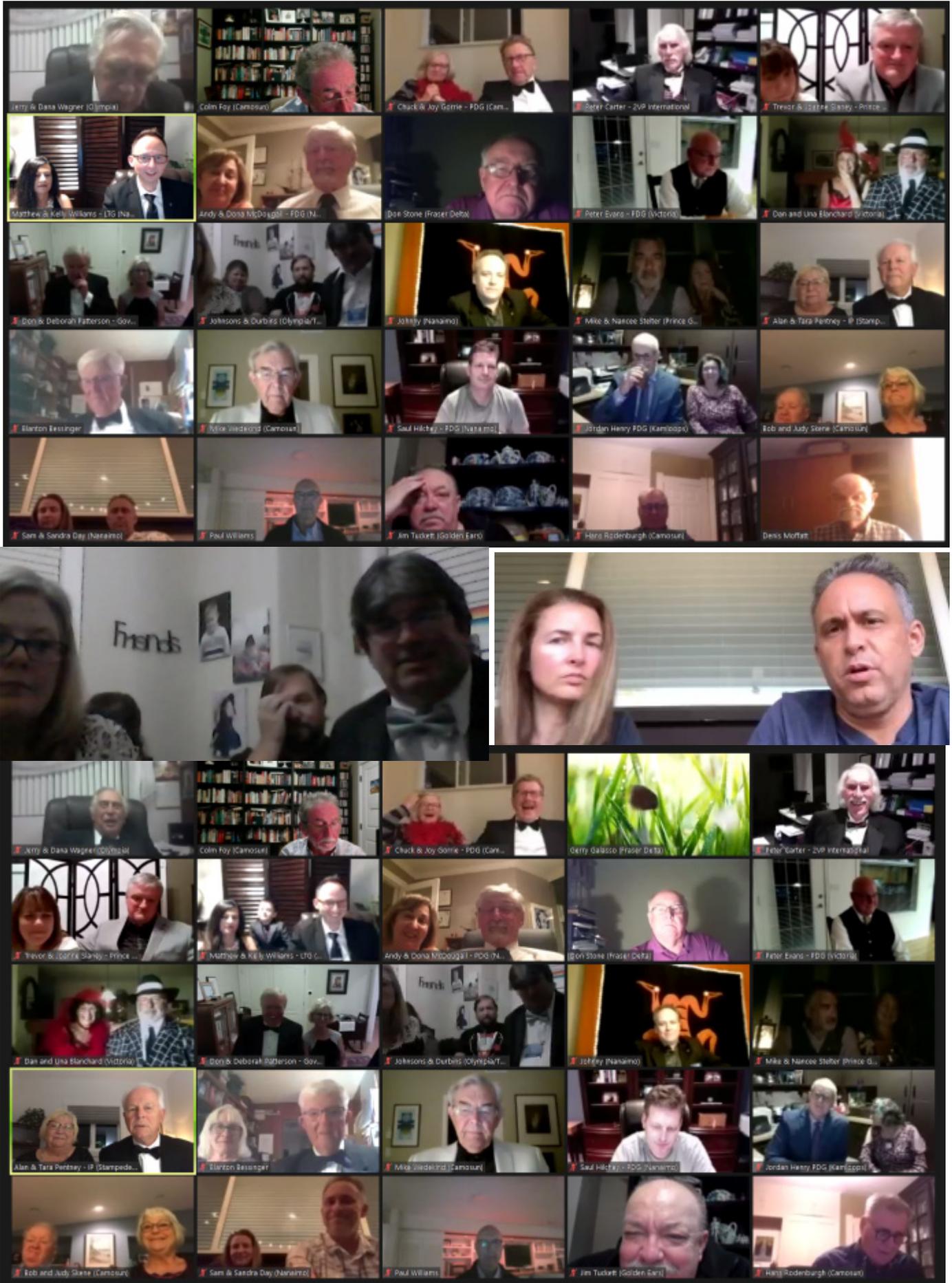
Governor, Matt Williams, was installed by the most senior officer of Gyro, IP Pentney. His successor, assuming he wins re-election, Trevor Slaney, from up North somewhere (Prince George, actually) seemed oddly delighted to receive this mantle.

Before, during and, we suppose, after the installation, much merriment was enjoyed, perhaps enhanced by the lubrication of alcohol, but mostly by the heady drug of Gyro friendship.

In passing, it must be said that PDG Don Patterson was in error when he described himself as the “do-nothing Governor”, although he is, indeed, the cheapest the District has ever had. Though prevented from travel by Covid-19 restrictions, he plugged away at us all via e-mail, telephone and even the post to keep the spirit of Gyro alive. He inspired us, led us and taught us to value and proclaim our devotion to Gyro and to our friends. He embraced the new technology, shared its possibilities and vaunted its advantages as an antidote to the Covid isolation.

Governor Don Patterson, you will be a hard act to follow.





Club News & Events

ALBERNIS 76TH INSTALLATION

The Gyro Club of The Albernis held their 76th Installation of Officers on July 11 at Sproat Lake near Port Alberni BC.

While the theme was Hawaiian, the dinner was "East meets West" fare with Lobster flown in from the East and BBQ'd Steak from the West.

Mark Zenko became the 76th President of our Club. Mark's lady Trish was unable to attend the party so Serena Clarke, who always desired to wear the First Lady Pin and Sash, gleefully substituted as the "Stand In" for Trish.

The Albernis Gyro Club proudly holds the distinction of never having recycled a President. This is a mark of a successful Club able to recruit new members and reenergize itself every year.

With the COVID pandemic upon us, we had a one evening event with no out-of-town guests rather than our normal weekend party of a Friday evening social, Saturday golf and Formal Installation Dinner and Sunday Moosemilk cruise on the Alberni Canal. We hope to return to our normal party format next year.

New Gyro Tim Johnson and lady Misty were installed into the Albernis Gyro Club by PDG Bob Kanngiesser.

An annual highlight of our Installation is the awarding of the "Bob Nuttall Gyro Attitude Award," which recognizes a Gyro for his contribution, mentorship and leadership to the Club. This year's winner was PP Don Ferster. Well done Don!



New Members Dan and Misty Johnson have joined the Albernis Gyro Club.



President Mark Zenko and Past President Dan Mihaychuk listen intently to the Oath of Office while "Stand In" First Lady Serena Clarke and Mel Mihaychuk look on.



Cathy and Don Ferster with the Gyro Attitude Flask.



Lady winners Sharon Haggard left and Sharien Williams right, with Albernis President Mark and Trish Zenko and Trish Zenko holding Trophy.



Men's winners Ted Williams left and Fred Gray right with Albernis President Mark Zenko holding Trophy.



Three stylish Albernis golfers, Tim Johnson, Todd Nicklin and Don Ferster.

Yorke-Brimacombe Golf Toury hosted the Albernis Gyro Club

It was a beautiful summer day at the Alberni Golf Club on July 25th for the annual District IV Yorke-Brimacombe Golf Tournament. Due to the COVID pandemic, few other Clubs from the District were unable to travel and participate, but that did not diminish the good golf and Gyro fun.

The competition was keen among the golfers from the Nanaimo and Albernis Gyro Clubs. Twenty-eight men and lady golfers played 18 holes on a course often called, "One of the most beautiful and challenging golf courses to be found."

Officially known as the "Yorke-Brimacombe District IV Inter-Club

Competition" began in the 1950's when two PDG's, Greg Yorke and Bob Brimacombe, challenged the District Clubs to have their names engraved on the Trophy. The Club who wins the event becomes the host for the next year.

Following the golf, a delicious steak dinner was enjoyed by all in attendance – golfers, duffers and knife and forkers!

The lady winners were Sharon Haggard and Sharien Williams of the Albernis Club. The winners of 2019 repeated as the winners this year, Ted Williams and Fred Gray.

The Albernis Gyro Club looks forward to hosting the tournament again in 2021.

Albernis 75th Anniversary

Chartered May 25, 1945, the 133rd Club admitted to Gyro International, The Gyro Club of The Albernis was recently recognized for 75 years of continuous Gyro fun and fellowship.

At the recent Yorke-Brimacombe golf tournament, Lt. Governor Matthew Williams of the Nanaimo Club presented a plaque to President Mark Zenko as a lasting reminder of the historical occasion. The Nanaimo Club is our founding Club and we travel each year to Nanaimo for Founders Night and Nanaimo journeys to Port Alberni annually to host our elections where they try to elect one of their members as President.

The Albernis Club is located in Port Alberni, British Columbia, in the heart of Vancouver Island. When the Club was formed, the community had two distinct Cities; Port Alberni to the south and Alberni to the north. Hence the name Gyro Club of "The Albernis." The two communities amalgamated to become the City of Port Alberni in Canada's Centennial year of 1967.

Membership had held steady throughout the years of about 40 Gyro's. Members take great pride in the fact that the Club has never recycled a President. Currently, the senior active Past President is Ken Barlow having been President in 1984-85.

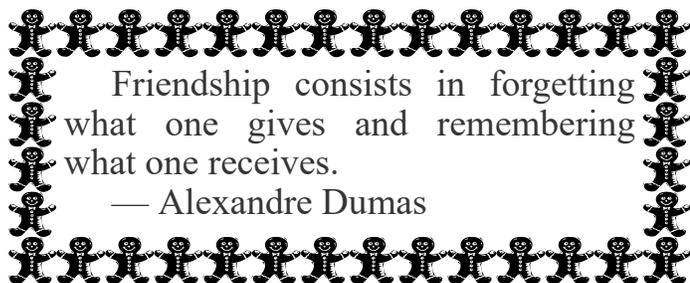
The Club normally meets twice monthly September to June for drinks, dinner and much laughter. There are several major social events each year including a Christmas party and a summertime Strawberry Social. Our annual Installation with a Moo-semilk cruise on the Pacific Ocean's Alberni Inlet is legendary! The Club has invested in several parks and recreation facilities over the years.

Our motto,

"Keep the fun in Gyro!"



Lt. Governor Matthew Williams presents the 75th Anniversary Plaque to President Mark Zenko.



 Friendship consists in forgetting
 what one gives and remembering
 what one receives.
 — Alexandre Dumas

Winnipeg Annual Golf Tournament

Submitted by Craig

On Thursday September 3rd the Annual Gyro Golf Tournament got underway at the Southside Golf Club. The format was two man best ball with the following lineup:

Tyler and Lord Derek + Scott and Bill
 Tony and his guest Allan Whyte = Tony's other
 guests Jeff Ross and Marcel Vouriot
 Mark and Cec + Bob and Tim
 Craig and Sheryl + guest Ken Vann

The conditions were less than ideal given the hurricane like winds but everyone persevered. The prestigious Gyro Cup that was up for grabs at this tournament has been in circulation since 1921 when the Winnipeg Club was chartered. After everyone handed in their score cards, our resident handicapper, Bill Johnston, began the tedious task of applying the Callaway Handicap System to determine this year's winner of the cup. Once done, Bill handed the results to Craig to announce the winners and award the prizes based on how each team placed. In addition there were prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive for both the men and women. The results were as follows:



Cup winner with a handicapped score of 68 was Lord Derek and Tyler

The handicapped results for runner-up were as follows:

- ‡ Craig and Sheryl =69
- ‡ Bill and Scott =70
- ‡ Jeff and Marcel =70
- ‡ Tony and Allen =71
- ‡ Bob and Tim =72
- ‡ Ken =73
- ‡ Mark and Cec =75
- ‡ Closest to the pin and longest drive for women was won by Cec
- ‡ Closest to the pin for men was Tim and longest drive was won by Bill

Kudos to Tony, last year's cup winner, for both updating as well as polishing the cup. Thanks to Tony, Lord Derek, Bob, Bill and Craig for their generous donation of prizes. Once again, there was no hole in one on the par 5 seventeenth hole so the 2020 Lexus LC500 will be put in storage until next year's tournament. Thanks to all who came out this year

Humour Page

Just wear the damn mask, it's not like they're asking you to wear a Toronto Maple Leafs jersey!

One line quotes

- I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.
- Half the people you know are below average.
- 82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.
- All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand.
- The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- I almost had a psychic girlfriend, But she left me before we met
- OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

- When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- I'm not saying my golf game is bad, but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced.
- Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.
- I intend to live forever ... So far, so good.
- If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
- Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
- What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
- Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
- If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried
- A married man should forget his mistakes...There's no use in two people remembering the same thing!
- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it
- The hardness of the butter is inversely proportional to the softness of the bread.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
- The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
- If you think you're too small to make a difference, you haven't been in bed with a mosquito.
- Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.
- If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?

Defunded Police

I'm not gonna lie, this isn't exactly what I expected — lying here in the hospital. I mean, it's only a few broken bones, a punctured lung, and some stitches to the head, but I almost feel betrayed. Three weeks ago when I took the five-hour online course to become an unarmed rapid response social worker, I thought I was helping mankind. After all, with the police abolished, somebody had to be there to mitigate when people had inevitable disagreements.

My first mitigation didn't go great. I was called to the scene of a bank robbery — which, there weren't supposed to be any bank robberies once the capitalist-driven oppression of the police no longer cre-

ated crime, but this guy apparently didn't get the memo, I guess. He was a Latino male-presenting person about 5'6" holding a shotgun. Thinking back on my extensive training, I tried to calm things down with a breathing exercise. But he just kept yelling and pointing the gun at me, which again, not supposed to happen. I told him that as a white man, I could never know the trauma the Spanish-speaking people suffered under white genocidal maniacs like Cortez, and while his desire to rob the bank was understandable, even laudable, we have collectively decided not to support such actions, and resources were available to him.

That's when he hit me in the head with the butt of his gun; I think it was the butt of his gun, anyway. When I woke up, I realized this job was not going to be as easy as I thought it would be. That was just one person, though — one person who is really rich now. But to assume he represented the entire criminal class would have been the height of privilege, right? And after all, it's only money, and a slight concussion.

The next day went remarkably better. I was called to a gang fight that was about to get very heated. No guns this time, just knives and brass knuckles. I suggested we all sit in a circle and use a feelings chart to determine what had brought us all to that place. I did not, of course, suggest that why I was there was for some inherently better or more virtuous purpose, and I think they really got it! They stopped fighting each other and stole my wallet, instead. Progress.

It was yesterday, my third day on the job, when things really got dicey. There were reports of revolutionary redistribution of corporate assets, which used to go by the patently racist name "looting." I consulted my Rapid Response Social Worker app, and it advised me to start gently chanting, "Hope is the thing with feathers." Dickinson. It's a technique that was developed in Denmark to deescalate harmful situations with poetry.

The rest is a blur. There were a few baseball bats to the legs. A large glass bottle of something sticky, organic maple syrup maybe, was smashed on my head. People were kicking me in the ribs, and I saw a few people fighting over a Ralph Lauren down comforter they were stealing... I mean redistributing. The comforter ripped, there was chaos everywhere, and when I woke up in the ambulance, well, I was the thing with feathers.

This morning when I woke up, my supervisor

was right there next to my bed. I thought maybe she had brought flowers or one of those shiny balloons from the hospital gift shop. But actually she had a long complaint form, detailing the ways in which I had failed in my job and failed the collective community. I was still kind of groggy. I didn't catch it all, but something about failure to recognize and ameliorate systems of oppression. Which, I mean, yeah probably.

I'm not giving up though. Nobody said this would be easy. They also didn't say it would put me in the ICU, but that's beside the point. We are creating a better world — one where police, the real criminals, no longer exist, and more equitable forms of community support for need-based compelled law suggestion can thrive.

Are we there yet? No, but once I'm out of the hospital and off suspension, I'll be right back to work making America a better place.

Retired & bored

After I retired, my wife insisted that I accompany her on her trips to Wal-Mart. Unfortunately, like most men; I found shopping boring and preferred to get in and get out. Equally unfortunate, my wife is like most women - she loves to browse. Yesterday my dear wife received the following letter, from the local Wal-Mart:

Dear Mrs. Harris:

Over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion, in our store. We cannot tolerate this behavior and have been forced to, ban both of you from the store.

Our complaints against your husband, Mr. Harris, are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras:

1. June 15: He took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.
2. July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
3. July 7: He made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom.
4. July 19: Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice, 'Code 3 in Housewares. Get on it right away'. This caused the employee to leave her assigned station and receive a reprimand from her Supervisor that in turn resulted with a union grievance, causing management to lose time and costing the company money. We don't have a Code 3.
5. August 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to

- put a bag of M&Ms on layaway.
6. August 14: Moved a, 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.
 7. August 15: Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the bedding department to which twenty children obliged.
 8. August 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying and screamed, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?' EMTs were called.
 9. September 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.
 10. September 10: While handling guns in the hunting department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were.
 11. October 3: Darted around the store suspiciously while, loudly humming the, 'Mission Impossible' theme.
 12. October 6: In the auto department, he practiced his, 'Madonna Look' using different sizes of funnels.
 13. October 18: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled 'PICK ME! PICK ME!'
 14. October 22: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumed a fetal position and screamed; 'OH NO! IT'S THOSE VOICES AGAIN!'
 15. Took a box of condoms to the checkout clerk and asked where is the fitting room?
 16. October 23: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited awhile; then yelled very loudly, 'Hey! There's no toilet paper in here.' One of the clerks passed out.

When the Quarantine is over

Well, I'm in the hospital. spending the last 5 Monday. After spending the last 5 months quarantined inside the house, limited contact with my family or Gyro friends since March.... Well, enough is enough. So, I decided to go for a horseback ride with a good friend.

Something I haven't done for a long time. It turned out to be a horrible mistake! I got on the horse and I started out slowly, but then it got crazy windy. I went faster and faster and before I knew it, I was going as fast as that horse could go. I couldn't take the pace and fell off, but caught my pants on the stirrup. I was being dragged and was bouncing

all over the place. The horse just would not stop!

Thankfully the manager at Safeway came running out and unplugged the machine. Then he actually had the nerve to take the rest of my quarters and my bottle of Tequila, so I wouldn't try to ride the damn fire truck or clown car.

I have a few scrapes and bruises but nothing's broken. I will wear a helmet next time.

Truisms

- ☞ When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
- ☞ To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
- ☞ When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
- ☞ Interviewer: "So, tell me about yourself." Me: "I'd rather not. I kinda want this job."
- ☞ Cop: "Please step out of the car." Me: "I'm too drunk. You get in."
- ☞ I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
- ☞ I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
- ☞ Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
- ☞ If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say "Did you bring the money?"
- ☞ When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
- ☞ Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 is new midnight.
- ☞ I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
- ☞ I run like the winded.
- ☞ I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
- ☞ When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
- ☞ I don't remember much from last night, but the fact that I needed sunglasses to open the fridge this morning tells me it was awesome.
- ☞ When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
- ☞ I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.

From the desk of the Editor...

Another issue has now been completed, Thank you once again to all who submitted an article to me, so that I could format it for your reading enjoyment. . How is that for a subtle reminder to send me articles.

A number of clubs have started back meeting once again, with social distancing considerations. A number of members have chosen not to attend any meetings. Good for them. It's their choice to stay healthy, no matter what certain leaders may say about the virus. It does kill. As of this writing the USA has had over 200,000 deaths links to Covid-19. Canada is fairing much better 9,232 as of today. Canada is 12% the population of the USA.



So if you are one of the Gyro members who has decided to stay home. Good for you. If you are one of the Gyro members who has decided to go to Gyro dinners & functions, please, for our friendship, practice all the suggested social distancing.

I personally have been so bored at home in my tiny family bubble, with very limited outside personal contact. At our last club dinner metering, we each had a 6' table to ourselves. The meeting was a little louder than normal as we all raised our voices to be heard by the other people in attendance. It was great to see people again and to catch up on what everyone has been doing in the last 6 months. But I was glad to have kept my distance just the same.

So, as you go back slowly to socializing once again, please think about writing an article about your experience and how your club is maintaining its social connections. It may be no issue for your club, but other clubs are struggling to get going again, and any help they can get may be beneficial for them.

As your District's have their Annual General Meetings, please stay safe, if you are meeting in person. And if you are meeting virtually, then please participate. A lot of people have put in a lot of effort to present an Annual General Meeting to the members of the district, so do your friends a favour, at least show up online to say hello and learn about your district.

Sorry to my American friends, but I use the queens spelling on words, so expect to see a Z where you would think an S should be. And please ignore all my spelling mistakes on my articles. Anyone caught complaining, will be the editor for the next issue!!



membership	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
D-I	279	273	269	250	249
D-II	192	191	171	150	150
D-III	353	335	310	303	304
D-IV	578	574	544	505	502
D-VI	121	117	114	69	68
D-VII	239	239	248	229	227
D-VIII	341	323	313	317	318
D-IX	143	137	138	135	133
D-X	68	65	41	45	35
D-XIII	6	2	2	0	0
INT'L. Assoc.	32	32	29	28	25
	2352	2288	2179	2031	2011

Member/ Country	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
U. S. Members	1127	1097	1030	967	954
Canadian	1197	1157	1118	1036	1032
Japanese	6	2	2	0	0
Int'l. Associates	32	32	29	28	26
Total Members	2362	2288	2179	2031	2011

Welcome New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Edmonton	Trevor Mowbrey	Jack Bowen
Wallace	Greg N. Bosen Neal Gallagher William Monroe Sam Richardson	
Dixon	Wesley J. Langloss	John Day
Dixon	Donald E. Vock	Rick Curia
Clinton	Albert McManus Tony Benavides	
Canton	Gordon J. Kerzan	
Nanaimo	Brian M. Lee	
Clinton	Mitchell McElroy	Ryan Veenstra
Clinton	Austin Pruett	Patrick McManus
Albernis	Tim Johnson	Fred Gray Kevin Clarke
Canton	Cliff G. Annis	John Kessler John Burns
Calgary	John Petruic	John Hodgson Bob Ulrich
Marion	Warren T. Edwards	Todd Hunt
Minneapolis	Fulvio Mazza	
Nanaimo	Terje Lovoy	
Edmonton	George Schuller	



Conventions

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DISTRICTS

- District I Convention
- District II Convention New GlasgowSeptember 2020
- District III Convention St. Catharines.....**Cancelled**
ahastiel@cogeco.ca
- District IV Convention Vancouver Gyro**Cancelled**
100 Years of D-IV Gyro
- District VI ConventionTBA 2020
- District VII Convention Nor-West Gyro**Postponed**
bfrench@acoservices.com
- District VIII Convention June 10 -14, 2021
Calgary, Alberta, ...Deerfoot Inn & Casino
- District IX Convention Jackson, CA.....**Cancelled**
- District X ConventionNovember, 2020

INTERNATIONAL



- International & District IV Victoria BC.....**Cancelled**
<https://victoriagyro.com/victoria2020/peternewman@shaw.ca>
- International & District VII - Winnipeg.....August 4-8, 2021
winnipeg@gyro.ws
- International & District I.....2022

