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About the Cover:

District—VII held their Annual General Meeting virtually this year, due to border crossing restrictions and the pandemic. They were not the only district to be forced online.

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All District Governors, Officers and the Executive Council, wish you a very Merry Christmas and the best Friendship for the New Year.



T'was

a month before Christmas,
And all through the town,
People wore masks,
That covered their frown.

The frown had begun
Way back in the Spring,
When a global pandemic
Changed everything.

They called it corona,
But unlike the beer,
It didn't bring good times,
It didn't bring cheer.

Contagious and deadly,
This virus spread fast,
Like a wildfire that starts
When fueled by gas.

Airplanes were grounded,
Travel was banned.
Borders were closed
Across air, sea and land.

As the world entered lock-
down
To flatten the curve,
The economy halted,
And folks lost their verve.

From March to July
We rode the first wave,
People stayed home,
They tried to behave.

When summer emerged
The lockdown was lifted.
But away from caution,
Many folks drifted.

Now it's November
And cases are spiking,
Wave two has arrived,
Much to our disliking.

Frontline workers,
Doctors and nurses,
Try to save people,
From riding in hearses.

This virus is awful,
This COVID-19.
There isn't a cure.
There is no vaccine.

It's true that this year
Has had sadness a plenty,
We'll never forget
The year 2020.

And just 'round the corner -
The holiday season,
But why be merry?
Is there even one reason?

To decorate the house
And put up the tree,
When no one will see it,
No-one but me.

But outside my window
The snow gently falls,
And I think to myself,
Let's deck the halls!

So, I gather the ribbon,
The garland and bows,
As I play those old carols,
My happiness grows.

Christmas ain't cancelled
And neither is hope.
If we lean on each other,
I know we can cope.





We wish you and your home a holiday event filled with love, laughter, and joy with family and friends. We also wish that 2021 brings you and your loved ones, peace, good health, and happiness.

Alan and Tara Pentney

President's Message

By Alan Pentney

1st VP Greetings



With 2020 behind us and evidence of successful vaccines soon to be available I am very optimistic about public health, about the stability of the economy, and about Gyro resuming its fun filled events! Yes, there is still some difficult times ahead, but with true Gyro positivity I have booked a room for the Winnipeg Convention in August and look forward to seeing you there.

I asked Tara to pose with me and a gingerbread house – no we did not make it. A restaurant chef put the intricate structure together. Please indulge me as I relate how this reminds me of our Gyro house and the positive influence it has on our lives – I think of all Gyros as family and the organization as the house we live in. There are many different rooms for all the diverse clubs that make up Gyro. There is also a formal room where meet to celebrate special events. There is a recreation room for kicking back with friends in fun events we all enjoy. There is a board room for conducting the business of continually improving Gyro at the Club, District and Board of Governor levels. Yes, there is even an office and the house is being wired for multi-media so we can all communicate better. Most importantly, Gyro doors are always open for guests!

Greetings to all Gyros and Gyro Ladies
Bonnie and I wish for all of you the most joyous
Holiday Season,
And hope for you and your families
A healthy and Happy New Year !!!



2nd VP Greetings



At this wonderful time of the year, Eileen, Winston (center) and I hope – however you celebrate the season – that your World is Festive and Bright!

During this pandemic, stay Safe and Positive; and know that there are better times ahead, for us all!

So, embrace the Christmas Spirit, and Celebrate the Season!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Peter Carter—2nd VP

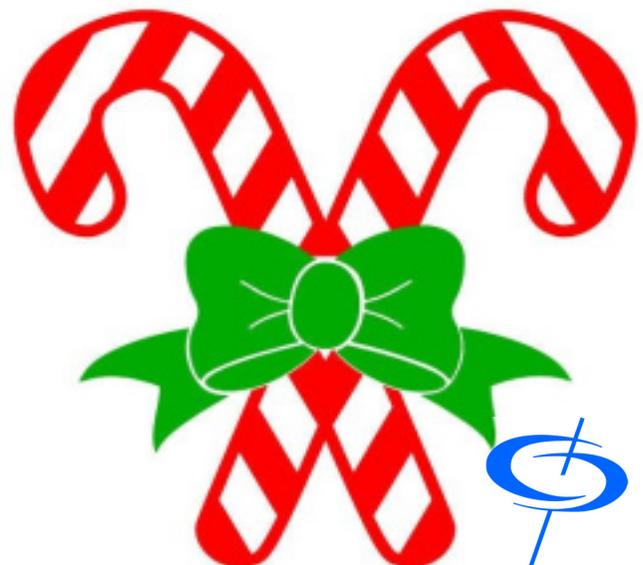
EVERY CHRISTMAS
IS MERRIER
BECAUSE YOU'RE
A PART OF IT,
MY FOREVER FRIEND.



“What It Means to be Friends” Written By PIP Larry Duba

Being friends means ...

- Holding each other up when things get slippery!
- Sharing friendship with those around you by inviting a Friend to Gyro.
- Helping out when your special talents are needed.
- Taking the time to do something a little extra special.
- Spending time together and having fun at Gyro social gatherings.
- Sharing the special happiness of celebrations of membership and leadership achievements.
- Spreading happiness everywhere you go.
- Making ordinary times special by being together at Club, District and International Conventions.
- Learning new ways to make each other smile.
- Accepting each other for just what we are.
- Being grateful for the gift of each other.
- Turning every season into one of smiles and laughter.
- Accepting others as they are, since we all have idiosyncrasies.
- Mentoring those you have invited after they join Gyro.
- Helping with the administrative tasks of the Club, District and Gyro International.
- Taking time to keep in contact with your friends using the telephone, in person or electronically.
- Occasionally expressing that you appreciate and value their friendship.



Here is a thought

By Derek Hay – Gov. D-VII

With our boarders being closed down still and rightfully so (although I'd like to be able to pick up packages), any district that straddles the boarder was forced to either have a virtual annual General Meeting, or had to cancel the meeting. Also, number of our club members are weary of going out to Gyro functions and dinners, because of their age, underlying health conditions or the possibility of passing on covid to a family member. And with a second wave affecting most areas of North America, it is understandable why some choose to stay home. Good for them to choose health above a meal. But for those clubs that are meeting, and those district Governors who can't get out to visit the clubs in their district, why not take a laptop to a meeting and run a video conference (zoom meeting as it seems to now be called) so that those members and friends of ours who can't get out, can still participate, albeit remotely.

Depending on how long your meetings are, will depend on if you will need to purchase a video conference system (more on this later). There are basically 4 popular systems on the market and these were touched on in a previous issue of The Gyroscope. All of them now offer a free version but, the free version comes with a limited meeting length and a limited number of participants. Most are limited to 50 minutes of meeting duration. And capped at 100 participants. While most clubs are no where near 100 members, a district AGM can exceed this number. So, if you want to have a meeting longer than 50 minutes, your club will need to purchase the app. The cost for Zoom for one year is \$200.00cdn-probably half that for US customers. And while not terribly a lot of money, it is still substantial for some smaller clubs for something you will only use once or twice a month.

But what if your District were to purchase the application and then share the login ID with the club presidents in the district. That way the members will still be getting a value for their district dues paid. The district is already saving on travel expenses and the governor can easily attend any club meeting virtually. Clubs can bring in their members who are not comfortable going out. This is a win-win all around. Coordination of the bookings will need to be done on a shared calendar to ensure that there are no double bookings of the application.

Or maybe, you don't have to purchase the application. Perhaps one of your members has Google suite, or Microsoft Office 365. Both of these come with video conference app's built into them - Google Meet & Microsoft Teams. As an example, I happen to have a two-user license for Microsoft office 365 and I am only using one license. So, I created one user called Group user and I have a shared calendar where the clubs in District-VII can book the use of the Microsoft teams video conference. There is no additional cost to myself and the clubs get to have access to an unlimited meeting length video conference, if they want to use it.

Something to think about as we try to figure out this hybrid model of having Gyro events and meetings.

Steve Anderson always Keeping the Fun in Gyro

By Matt Johnson

The "Keep the Fun in Gyro" award was initiated by Tom Lennox of the Rochester, NY Gyro



club. The first recipient, in 2013, was Ian Greig of the Stampede City Gyro club. The award itself is a continuation of the “theme” of Ian Greig’s term as International President, “Keep the Fun in Gyro”. Ian and Tom understand our members, our clubs and our entire organization will only continue to be successful if we are having fun. Friendship, and fun, are what keeps our members engaged, and helps attract new members.

The award is to be given to a Gyro each year who helps maintain and encourage fun throughout the organization. A member whose actions help encourage the feeling that fun is paramount to success in our organization. The recipient each year is chosen solely by the winner of the award the prior year, and all winners are encouraged to present the award to a member from a different District than their own, in an effort to ensure the award is well circulated throughout the Districts.

I was honored to be presented the award by prior recipient Randy TARRIER of the Powell Gyro Club. The award is supposed to be passed to the next recipient at the Annual General Meeting held during the Convention. Unfortunately, no Convention this year. I apologize for the delay in getting this awarded to the next winner.

I have decided the “Keep the Fun in Gyro” award should be presented to Steve Anderson of the Caloosa Gyro Club. Steve and Patty have been members of Gyro for over 37 years. First in Seattle then the Caloosa club when they relocated to Florida. I am sure they miss the rain!! They frequently host visiting Gyro’s from up “north” and have hosted Lisa Kay and I for a few days. Steve is now the Governor of District X, for at least the second time. Steve and Patty are excellent promoters of fun and friendship in our International organization. It is honor to present this award to my good friend, Steve Anderson. I only wish I could present it in person. Cheerio my friend and a big hug for Patty. Lisa Kay and I miss you both and look forward to seeing you again very soon.



Gyro International A Fraternity Of Friendship Submitted by the Membership Committee

*updated from July/August 2012 article
by Larry Duba, PIP*

Gyro International is celebrating over 100 years as it was established in 1912.

Your initial social contacts with other members may soon transition into friendships.

Relations between members in the United States and Canada provide enjoyment.

Opportunities abound to travel to destinations you might not otherwise go to on your own.

International Officers install the District Officers and provide info as well as listen to the members’ concerns.

No race, religion or occupation will prohibit a person from becoming a member.

Total compliance with the Gyro International Constitution and Bylaws will help the organization be unified.

Every member can obtain items from the Gyro Store for recognition of members or to wear to identify you as a member.

Representatives of the members should solicit the members’ opinions before voting on important issues.

No organization can operate successfully without structure and cooperation of its members.

Articles in the GyroScope help everyone keep up to date as to what districts and their clubs are doing to create Gyro fun.

Toronto was the first club in Canada in 1919, and this made the organization a truly international organization.

Information about your clubs and members is maintained at headquarters in Painesville, Ohio.

Office support by the staff at HQs is valuable for an organization that has clubs and funds in both the US and Canada.

Now, we need database administrators to keep the data current for club members, for use of all Gyros.

All members are encouraged to use the Gyro website and database, in order to be kept informed.

Leadership development training sessions are conducted by International for Governors and Lt. Governors.

All about friendship for friendship sake.

Friends being asked by friends is the portal to gain admission to Gyro International.

Relationships may be social in nature initially, but usually they grow into true friendships.

All sponsors of members need to guide and support those they invited to join.

Trust is Solid as a Rock.

Every member should try to greet each member at each meeting.

Respect for one another and another person's views is critical.

New members need to volunteer to help their club in planning activities, as well as serving as officers.

Invoke a Friend to Gyro.

Training in Leadership classes helps the officers perform their duties for the benefit of the members.

You only need to go to one convention to find out that you will enjoy yourself more by attending others.

Opportunities to travel to new and exciting locations are easier when you know that friends will be greeting you.

Frequent communications between Executive Council, District and Club officers will help everyone perform better.

Friends show concern about your health and family.

Reasons for joining Gyro International are many and start with the need for human contact.

International organizations expand one's thinking and concern for other nations.

Every person can learn from others as they spend time together.

New members are vital for the survival of every organization.



Dedicated officers are needed at the club, district, and International levels.

Share the fun with a friend.

Health is enhanced for those who have good friends and attend social activities.

Iwish I had joined Gyro International sooner so I could have experienced more fun in our lives.

Peace in the world is enhanced by people belonging to international organizations.

We Three Kings

Pandemic Parody

Words: R. G. Huff
A Serious Hymn-writer Gone Rogue

John Henry Hopkins, Jr.
KINGS OF ORIENT



1. We three kings are six feet a - part. We'll Pur - ell be fore we de - part.
2. Mel - chi - or is now quar - an - tined! Stuck in Per - sia, so ___ it seems.
3. Bal - tha - sar has lost ___ his taste. Eat - ing food is such ___ a waste.
4. Cas - par left the car - a - van. He post-poned his star-gaz - ing plans.



We've been test - ed as sug - gest - ed. Care - ful are we, and smart!
No more trav - el on a cam - el 'til there's a good vac - cine.
How dis - quiet - ing, now he's diet - ing. Life now is slow - er paced.
No more roam - ing; Cas - par's hom - ing, scrub - bing his red - dened hands.

REFRAIN

Sing Only after Stanzas 1 & 4



O ___ Do our masks go with our gowns? Do these face shields hide our crowns?
Still our masks clash with our gowns! Face shields hide our top - pled crowns!



We've had plen - ty twen - ty, twen - ty! Still we head t'ward Da - vid's town.
We've had plen - ty twen - ty, twen - ty! Soon we'll head t'ward Da - vid's town.

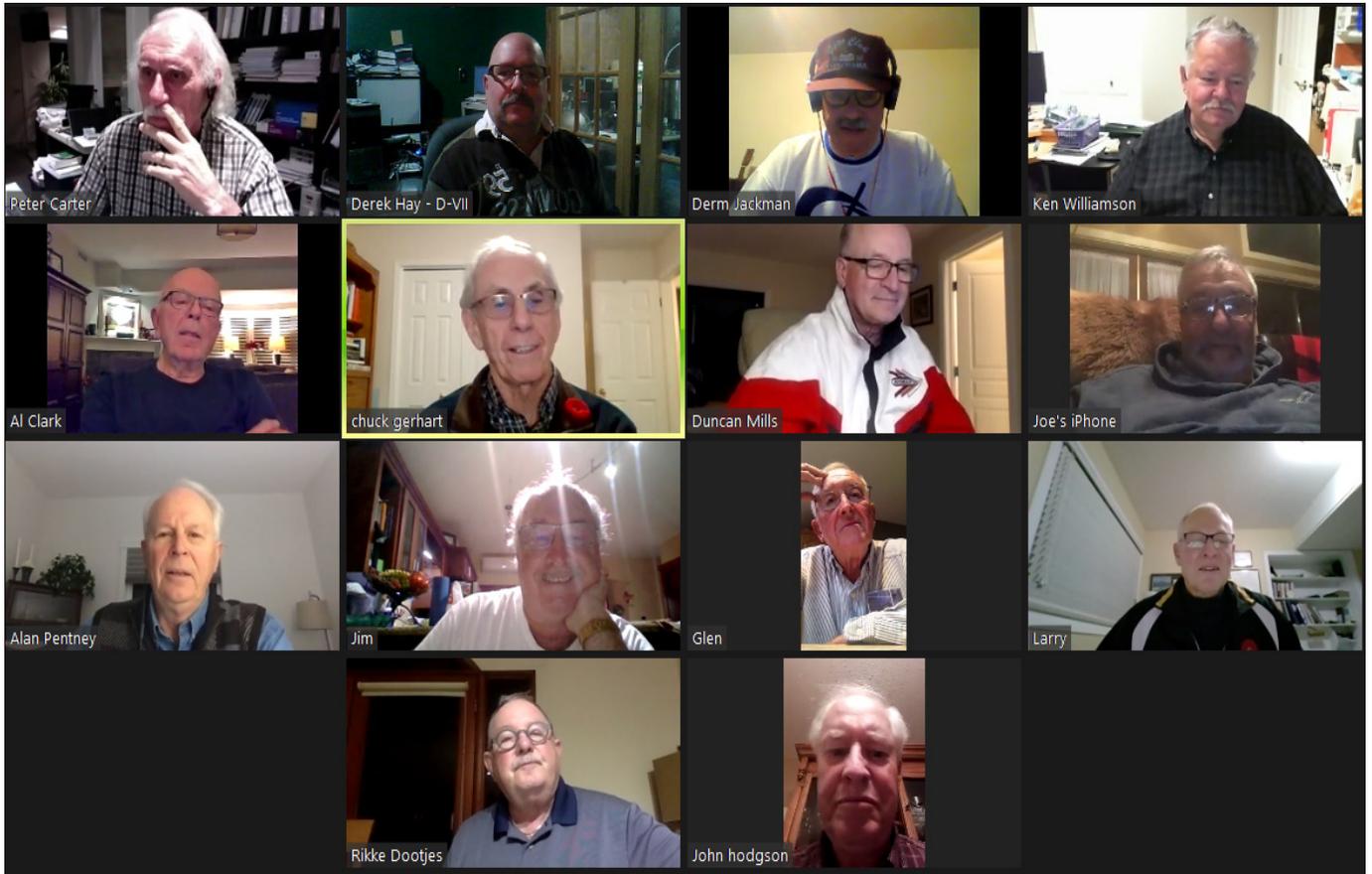
Optional Stanza 4:
Caspar blames it all on Amahl--
One night's visit on the long haul.
Coughs and sneezes,
Short-breaths, wheezes.
Li-co-rice cures it all.



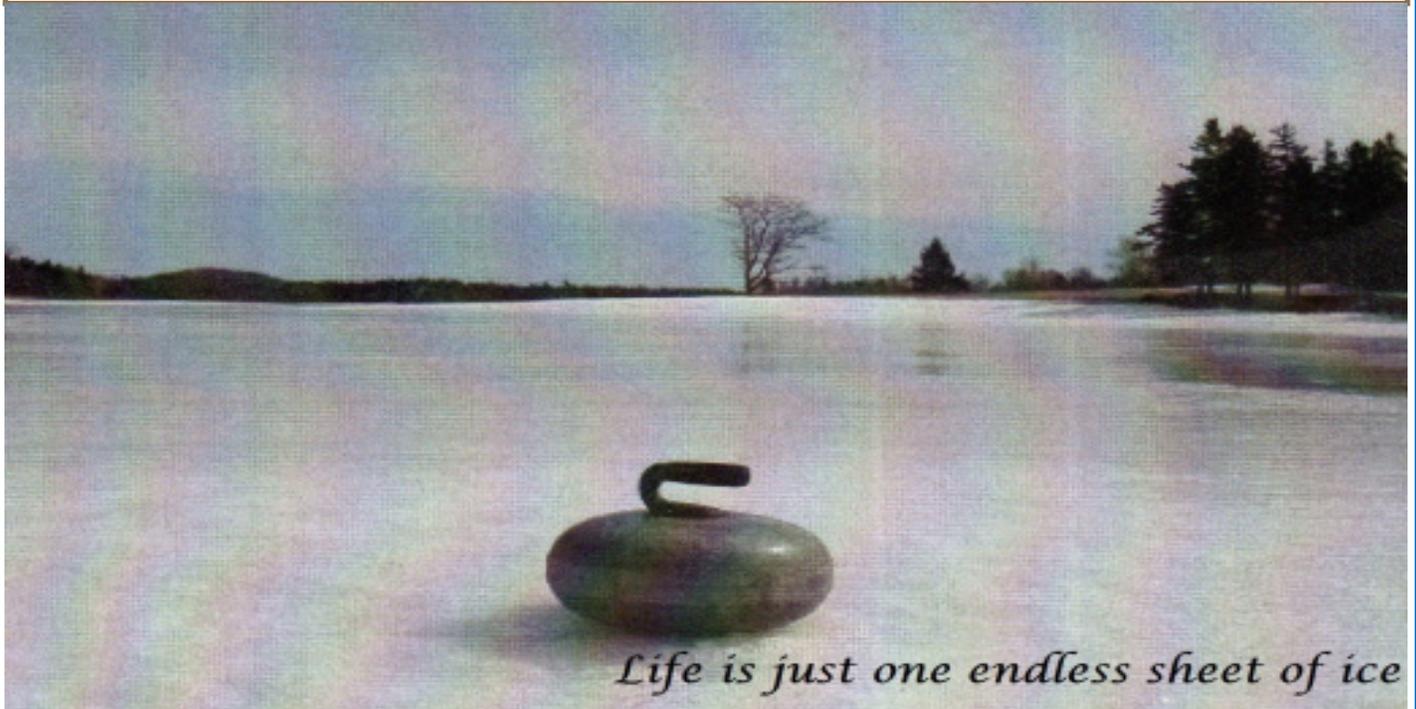
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Curl-A-Rama



Curl-A-Rama was cancelled this year, but that did not stop fourteen die-hard curlers from joining together to reminisce about their best shots and of course stories over a cocktail or two. Hopefully, next year the trophy can be challenged once again. Curl-a-rama has been running yearly since the mid 60's. Neither rain, sleet, snow or fog has stopped the event, until now.



International News

PERPETUATING GYRO

By Alan, President

If you can leave a legacy and provide for the continuance of Gyro, then you have achieved two noble goals! Two former International Presidents; John Holtzbauer (1973-1974) and Chris Randall (1999-2000) have recently done that through donations from their estates.

The entire Gyro organization expresses our sincere condolences to Judy Randall on the passing of Chris who was a member of the Victoria Club and acted as legal advisor to Gyro for many years. We also express sincere condolences to the family of Alvera Holtzbauer as she passed in late 2019 and as a result, the legacy from her husband John (Des Moines Club) was forwarded to Gyro in remembrance of his passing in 1993. This article is to reflect on the reasons and benefits of donations or bequests to Gyro in the estate planning process.

When a person feels strongly about a cause or an organization, they may provide financial or in-kind support during the time they are involved. Some individuals may also want to recognize the enjoyment they received from Gyro and provide a legacy so others may benefit after they are no longer able. The contributions noted above were placed in the Gyro Memorial Fund which is overseen by a Board of Trustees.

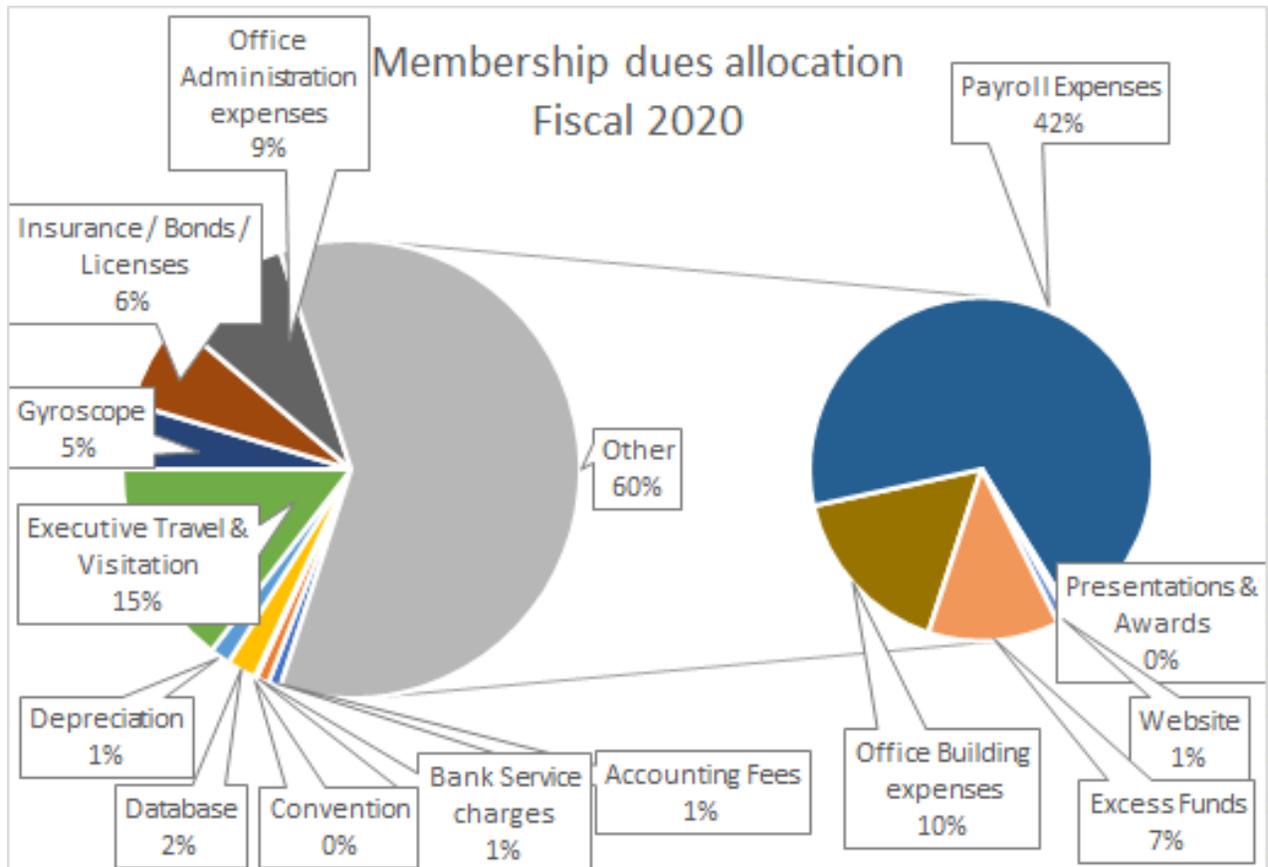
The Memorial Fund is maintained for the purpose of perpetuating and promoting the work and welfare of Gyro. It receives contributions from Clubs and members on a single or subscription basis as well as bequests. Gyro cannot issue a tax receipt but those that make contributions, do so with the benefit to all of Gyro in mind. Donations and bequests may also be made to the Gyro Betterment Fund, which is for the purpose of perpetuating, promoting, and expanding the concepts, membership, welfare, and influence of Gyro. Typically, the fund is used by clubs for recruiting new members. An application form for the use of this fund is available on the gyro.org website at the tab titled "Special Funds".

It is hoped that more Gyros will make financial contributions to their club, or the funds mentioned above. Revising an estate plan may be difficult for some so making your family aware of your wishes or making a donation while still a member is recommended. It can even be made for a specific purpose that you feel strongly about. For example, Larry Duba of the Fresno Club made a donation this year to reduce the dues for all Gyros. His generosity is appreciated by all members.



Have you wondered where your membership dues go for Gyro International?

AS per the Gyro International Constitution & Bylaws, it is the clubs that are the members of Gyro International. Ans it is the clubs that remit membership (per Capita) dues for each members they have on their membership role as of April of each year.. The following chart is a breakdown of the expenses for the fiscal year ending April 20th, 2020. Gyro is not in the business of making a profit, and the intent is to break even or retain a slight profit as a carryover to the next year.. The fiscal year 2020 had 2 months of corvid in it which really did not affect the bottom line.



District News



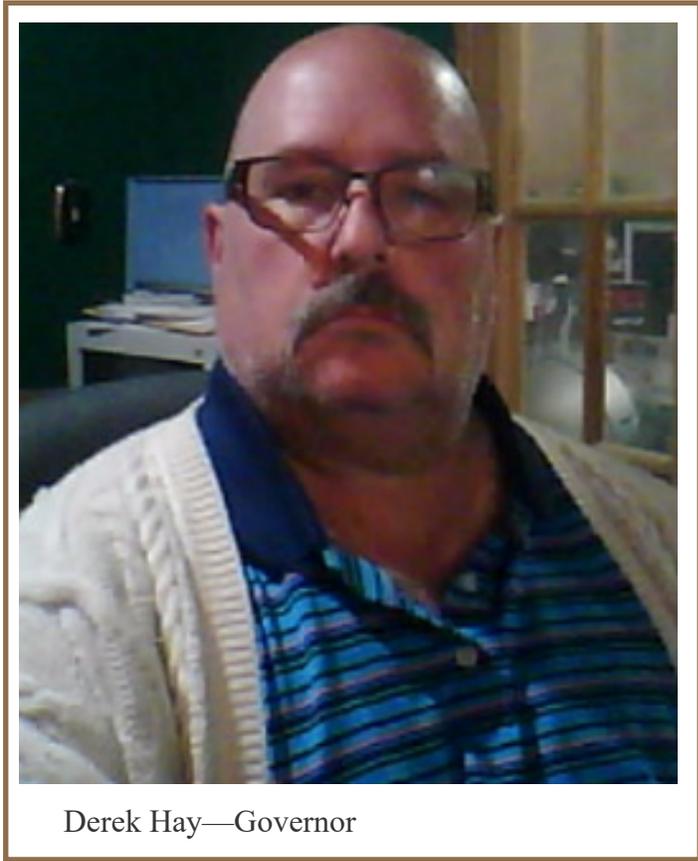
District-VII Annual General Meeting

After waiting until the last minute in hopes that a physical convention could be held, before cancelling, District VII held their Annual General Meeting via a video conference app on October 1st.

Governor John brought the group together, followed the standard agenda items, Introduced the guests (Gyro International President Alan Pentney, Past International President Ted Shewchuk, International VP Blanton Bessinger & International 2nd Vice President Peter Carter and got right into the meat of the meeting. Officer Reports, Club reports and new business.

Awards were announced for Winnipeg as the best bulletin, and Bob Bullard for old member in attendance.

Club dues were reconfirmed at the cap of \$35.00 per member, with the group agreeing to a review of the cap before the next AGM.



Derek Hay—Governor



Gary Sirek—Lt Governor



John Barber—Past District Governor



Tyler Seman—Secretary Treasurer

The entire executive then retired from their two year terms, and Past District Governor Blanton, as the nominating chair presented a slate of officers for the next two year term. Gary Sirek (ORYG) - Lt. Governor, Derek Hay (Winnipeg) – Governor. And the appointment of Tyler Seman (Winnipeg) Secretary/Treasurer and John Barber (Port Arthur) Past District Governor

Thank you to Greg Alexander for keeping our accounts and minutes up to date for the couple of years he was in charges of the treasury. And thank you to Blanton for his many years as a District officer.



Club News & Events

Edmonton—Founder's Day Submitted by Fred Schute

Founders Day Celebration, The Gyro Club of Edmonton—via zoom video conference—October 20, 2020

The Edmonton Gyro Club has been fortunate to have many long-standing members.

Stanley Noel Smith holds the record for the longest membership to date, 1928-1996 (68 years). Stan Smith was a First World War veteran who returned to Edmonton in 1919 at age 20. He was Manager of the Sample Shoe Store on Jasper Avenue for many years and served as President of the club in 1943-44. He wrote magnificent letters to his club and his friends; he contributed his ideas and his beliefs to the "letters to the editor" pages of our local newspaper and he shared his world view openly and joyfully. He died at the age of 97 on September 30, 1996.

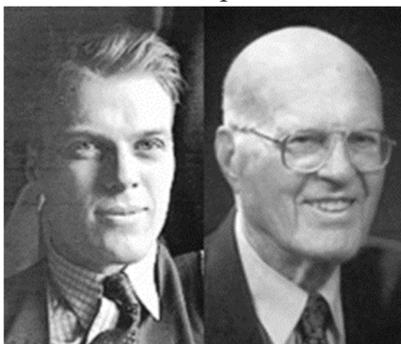
STANLEY N. SMITH
BOOTS AND SHOES

Manager
SAMPLE SHOE STORE LIMITED
10128 Jasper Avenue Phone 2102

Residence
10217 132nd Street Phone 83381

Stan

David Duchak was member of Gyro for 67 years. His athleticism and leadership skills shone brightest in hockey. Dave led the Trail Smoke-Eaters to win the Allan Cup in 1937-38. He joined the Gyro Club of Calgary in 1943 and was employed by the Calgary Brew-



ing and Malting Co. David was transferred to Edmonton in 1962 to manage the Brewery's soft drink plant and joined the Edmonton Gyro Club the same year. He and his wife Lauraine loved the Gyro friendship and the square dancing. Dave died in his 97 year in July 2010.



Nelles Buchanan, a charter member of the Edmonton Club came to Edmonton with his parents in 1899 from Crystal City, Manitoba. He served in World War I as a member of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery and received the Military Cross in 1917 for gallantry in action. In 1921, Nelles received his Law degree from the University of Alberta, joined the Gyro fraternity the same year and served as President of the club in 1923-24. In 1925 he became the first District Governor from the Edmonton Club. He was named King's Counsel in 1941 and on April 12, 1952 became a judge in the Northern Court of Alberta. Nelles continued to play important roles in the club and was the Chairman of the Gyro Scholarship Committee in 1969. Nelles had completed 65 years of Gyro membership at the time of his death in 1986.

Wes Van Dusen was born in Griffin, Saskatchewan in 1907, one of six boys and four girls in the family. Work was scarce during the 30's, so he climbed aboard a CPR boxcar and "rode the rails" to Calgary. Here he found work as an electrician, wiring homes and garages. In 1932, Wes sent word to

his younger brother Bryce to join him. Wes eventually headed to Edmonton where he started up the Sun Specialty Company which included carnival equipment. Bryce joined him later in Edmonton in 1934.

The so called "Dirty Thirties" were difficult economically and not much better for Canadians psychologically,

but on a social level people still knew how to find ways to enjoy life. Fairs and carnivals were popular because people could gather to test their skills at plowing or horse riding. Children would ride the merry-go-rounds, or the Ferris Wheels and the adults could try their luck on games of chance such as



Wes & Ruth Van Dusen

roulette or crown and anchor wheels. Into this world moved the Van Dusen brothers. They managed to buy a few "wheels" and other carnival paraphernalia and toured the province adding their "magic" to the wonderful world of fairs and carnivals.

The Van Dusen brothers started the first legal casino ever operated in Canada. The years passed and the company name **changed** to Acme Novelty Ltd. with branches in Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria, Saskatoon, and Regina. In 1968 the business was sold to Neonex which was owned by Jimmy Pattison.

In 1940, Wes became a member of the Gyro Club of Edmonton. He served as President in 1948-49 and received the Award of Merit for outstanding service to Gyro in 1993. Wes retired and moved to Vancouver in the late sixties and started the Kerrisdale Travel Agency. Wes joined the Vancouver Gyro Club and was an Honourary Member of the Edmonton Club until his death in December 2001 having been a member of Gyro for 61 years.

Gordon Rennie was born in Croydon, England on April 24, 1912, nine days after his biological father went down with the Titanic. His mother remarried and the family moved to Canada and Ed-



L-R: PIP Marty Larsen, PDG **Gordon Rennie**, PDG Gerry Glassford

monton where Gordon was raised with three brothers and three sisters. Gordon joined the 92nd Battery, Canadian Artillery on September 20, 1940, married Ivy on March 15, 1941 and embarked for England in the fall of that year leaving behind a pregnant young wife. Their daughter, Jean Rennie Warrack was not to see her father until 1945.

A whole new future opened for Gordon when he returned to Edmonton. After a chance meeting with an overseas army friend, he started working for Veteran's Affairs. This group helped thousands of returning veterans to find work, land, medical care, and educational opportunities. He remained with Veteran's Affairs until his retirement in 1973.

One day in 1950, a friend, Harold Wright suggested to Gordon that he attend a Gyro luncheon. Gordon met Russ Carter and Stew Graham and as they say the rest is history. He became so immersed in Gyro, that over 60 years, Gordon became to be known as Mr. Gyro. In 1960-61, he was Club President and District Governor in 1965-66. He was given the Award of Merit in 1969, the Honour Key Award in 1985 and presented personally by Bud Mitchell with the first International Gyro of the Year Award in 1991. Gordon also took on the responsibilities of Club Historian, following in the steps of Roy Miller. He was also Gyrolog Editor for many years until the reins were passed on to Allan Douglas in 1995. Gordon died on October 18, 2010 at the age of 98.

Stew Graham was sponsored by Russ Carter in 1940, served as President in 1962-63 and died in October 1997 after 57 years.

Marty Larson was sponsored by Wes Van Dusen in 1964. He was President 1974-75, District

Governor 1986, Award of Merit 1989, Jimmie Hubbell Award (External Expansion) 1992, International President 1993, Honour Key Award 1994, Lifetime Achievement Award 2005. Marty is still active after 56 years.

The Rev. Bill Graham was sponsored by Cyril Shaw in 1954, was Club Padre for many years and died in March 2004 after 50 years of membership.

In addition to these eight 60 and 50 plus years members, there are currently nine other members who have been members for 30 plus years:

- David Burnett 46 years
- Allan Warrack 40
- John Ross 38
- Roger Russell 37
- Larry Dobson 35
- Barry Walker 34
- Mike Matei 32
- Jack Ellis 31
- Gerry Glassford 30

Albernis Gyro's Donate to Hospice

By Bob Kanngiesser, PP PDG

The Gyro Club of The Albernis assisted the Ty Watson House Hospice with a donation of \$2,720 in October 2020.

Club President Mark Zenko noted that the donation was started by PP Dan Mihaychuk who had won a Club on-line joke contest and donated his share if the prize to Ty Watson House. Then PP Don Ferster, a long-time supporter of Ty Watson



Club President Mark Zenko presented a cheque to Teresa Ludvigson, (right) Executive Director Alberni Valley Hospice Society and Chris Mellin, (left) House Manager Ty Watson House

House, challenged all other Albernis Gyros to make in a donation. In total \$2,720.00 was raised and presented.

Ty Watson House is a hospice facility in Port Alberni BC operated by the Alberni Valley Hospice Society. Due to the current COVID 19 pandemic, traditional fundraising activities had to be cancelled leaving the Society short of funds for some needed roof and gutter repairs and other maintenance issues.

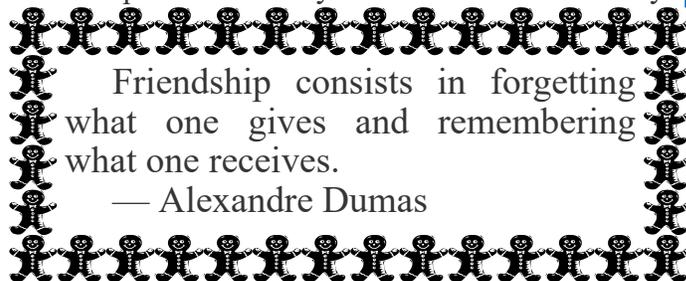
The house was the former residence of local Pharmacist Ty Watson. He bequeathed the home to the Hospice Society a number of years ago. Mr. Watson was a concert pianist, gardener and seed collector, and played the stock market where he amassed a considerable portfolio.

The Gyro Club of The Albernis is pleased to assist this deserving local community asset.

Edmonton Donates to Hospice Submitted by Free Schulte

The Gyro Club of Edmonton held a Zoom Video Teleconference Meeting on November 3rd, 2020. Monica Robson, Executive Director, Pilgrims Hospice Society presented information on the programs the Society has offered for the last 26 years. The No One Dies Alone Program is offered in home or institution from 4 pm to midnight and includes adults, teens, and children. Adult caregiver support is offered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Volunteers make up a large part of our workforce! "Quality of Life should include death".

A new standalone hospice facility, the Roozen Family Hospice Centre will open in January 2021. The Centre will be a warm and family-friendly, end-of-life residence with 12 comfortable suites for individuals in the final stages of life who do not require acute medical care. Each residential suite will contain a hospital bed designed for a hospice. The bed can be expanded sideways to accommodate family


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

and the length can be extended for taller guests. There will an overhead lift system to move guests and there is a pull-out couch bed. Each suite has a private washroom and an electric fireplace. The outer building doors are big enough to move a hospice bed outside. The facility also contains two therapeutic bathtubs.

There has been no construction financing and no government funding. The \$15 million capital cost is within \$1.2 million of the total fundraising goal.



Monica Robson was presented with a “virtual” cheque for \$5000 from President Chuck Gerhart, on behalf of the Gyro Club of Edmonton.

Gyro pens timely book By Lawrence Matrick M.D.

President, North Shore Gyro

Mental illness affects us all: whether it’s our own mental health, a friend or loved one, or just the impact that mental conditions have on society. And yet, it is still a topic that is largely kept quiet, spoken of only when necessary and often in hushed tones. Well, no more.

JOSEPH is a father trying to reconnect with his sons, despite the fact that he’s convinced that everyone else living on the streets of Vancouver is out to get him. There’s only one friend he can truly rely on—but some days he’s not sure whether that friend is real or merely a hallucination.

REG jogs a regular route every day, but one morning his path is interrupted by a woman hanging off the Lions Gate Bridge. He has to convince her not to jump, a task made more difficult by the apathetic drivers who are more concerned about being late for work than the depressed woman’s fate.

The CHEUNGs are a family facing a harsh decision: they want to do what’s best for their father, but

how do they know what that is when his Alzheimer’s leaves him unable to even recognize them most days?

In his collection of short stories, M.D. Confidential (It’s All Very Hush-Hush), Dr. Lawrence Matrick explores the topic of mental illness and how it is perceived in society. Our mental health is just as important as our physical well-being; so why, then, don’t we want to talk about it? Why is it kept so very “hush-hush”? Dr. Matrick’s stories examine this phenomenon and how it affects those whose mental health is in jeopardy.

Through stories like that of a family trying to combat their young daughter’s phobias, and cautionary tales such as a woman experiencing mental distress in the middle of an interstate flight, M.D. Confidential illustrates those challenges that face not only those afflicted, but also their friends, family, and community.

Dr. Matrick then goes one step further: after each story, he devotes some time examining each condition in question, informing readers about the disorder and the support and recourses available to those affected. Since refusing to acknowledge the issue of mental health only serves to perpetuate the problem, he invites readers to a place of understanding, where we can combat the stigma of mental illness and open a discussion around it—keeping mental illness from remaining a “hush-hush” affair.

Humour Page(s)

Here is an insight to what is coming.

1. — Auto repair shops will disappear...
2. — A gas/diesel engine has 20,000 individual parts... An electrical motor has 20... Electric cars are sold with lifetime guarantees and are repaired only by dealers... It takes only 10 minutes to remove and replace an electric motor...
3. — Faulty electric motors are NOT repaired in the dealership but are sent to a regional repair shop that repairs them with ROBOTS...
4. — Your electric motor malfunction light goes on ... so you drive up to what looks like a car wash, and your car is towed through while you have a cup of coffee... Then your car comes out on the other side with a new electric motor or component...
5. — Gas stations will go away...
6. — Street corners will have meters that dispense electricity... Companies will install electrical recharging stations ... in fact, they've already

- started in the developed world...
7. — Smart major auto manufacturers have already designated money to start building new plants that build ONLY electric cars...
 8. — The "Coal Industries" will go away... Gasoline/oil companies will go away... Drilling for oil will stop... So say goodbye to OPEC... The Middle East is in trouble...
 9. — Homes will produce and store more electrical energy during the day than they use... It will be sold back to "The Grid"... The Grid will store and dispense it, to the industries that are high electricity users. Has anybody seen the Tesla roof??
 10. — A baby of today will only see "personal cars" in museums. The FUTURE is approaching faster than most of us can even handle...
 11. — In 1998, Kodak had 170,000 employees and sold 85% of all photo paper worldwide... Within just a few years, their business model disappeared and they went bankrupt... Who would have thought of that ever happening??
 12. — What happened to Kodak and Polaroid will happen in a lot of industries in the next 5–10 years ... and most people don't even see it coming...
 13. — Did you think in 1998 that 3 years later, you would never take pictures on film again? With today's smartphones, who even has a camera these days??
 14. — Yet digital cameras were invented in 1975... The first ones only had 10,000 pixels but followed Moore's law... As with all exponential technologies, it was a disappointment in the beginning ... before it became superior and mainstream in only a few short years...
 15. — It will now happen again (but much faster) with Artificial Intelligence (AI), health, autonomous and electric cars, education, 3D printing, agriculture and jobs...
 16. — Forget the book, "Future Shock," welcome to the 4th Industrial Revolution...
 17. — Software has disrupted and will continue to disrupt most traditional industries ... (in the next 5 to 10 years...
 18. — UBER is just a software tool (they don't own any cars), and are now the biggest taxi company in the world... (Ask any taxi driver if they saw that coming...)
 19. — AIR-BnB is now the biggest hotel company in the world ... (they don't own any properties)... Ask Hilton Hotels or the Marriott if they saw that coming...
 20. — Artificial Intelligence (AI): Computers become exponentially better in understanding the world... This year, a computer beat the best Go-player in the world ... (10 years earlier than expected)...
 21. — In the USA, young lawyers already don't get jobs (because of IBM's WATSON) ... you can get legal advice within a few seconds so far the basic stuff ... with 90% accuracy compared with 70% accuracy when done by humans... So, if you're studying law, STOP IMMEDIATELY... There will be 90% fewer lawyers in the future, what a thought and only omniscient specialists will remain...
 22. — WATSON already helps nurses diagnosing cancer ... it's 4 times more accurate and many times faster than human nurses...
 23. — Facebook now has a 'face recognition' software that can recognize faces better than humans... In 2030, computers will become more intelligent than humans..
 24. — Autonomous cars: In 2018 the first self-driving cars were already here... In the next few years, the entire auto industry will start to be disrupted... You won't want to own a car any more as you will call a car with your phone, it will show up at your location and drive you to your destination...
 25. — You will not need to park it, you will pay only for the 'driven distance' and you can be productive while driving. The very young children of today will never get a driver's licence and they will never own a car...
 26. — This will change our cities because we will need 90% to 95% fewer cars... We can transform former parking spaces into green city parks...
 27. — About 1.2 million people die each year in car accidents (worldwide). That includes distracted or drunk drivers... We currently have one accident every 60,000 miles driven.. However with autonomous driving that will drop to 1 accident in about 6 million miles... That will save a million plus lives, worldwide each year.
 28. — Most traditional car companies will doubtless become bankrupt... They will try the evolutionary approach and just build a better car ... while tech companies (Tesla, Apple, Google) will do the revolutionary approach and build a computer on wheels...
 29. — Look at what Volvo is doing right now ... no more internal combustion engines in their vehicles starting this year with the 2020 models... They are using all-electric or hybrid only (with the intent of phasing out hybrid models in the not too distant future)...
 30. — Many engineers from Volkswagen and Audi

are completely terrified of Tesla... Look at all the companies offering all-electric vehicles... That was unheard of, only a few years ago...

31. — Insurance companies will have massive trouble too ... because, without accidents, the costs of insurance will become cheaper... Their car insurance business model will disappear...
32. — Real estate will change... Because if you can work while you commute, or you can work from your home ... people will abandon their towers to move far away to more beautiful and affordable properties.
33. — Electric cars will become mainstream by about 2030... Cities will be less noisy because all new cars will run ONLY on electricity...
34. — Cities will have much cleaner air...
35. — Electricity will become incredibly cheap and clean, eventually free...
36. — Solar production has been on an exponential curve for 30 years ... but you can now see the burgeoning impact ... and it's just starting to get ramped up...
37. — Fossil energy companies are desperately trying to limit access to the grid ... to prevent competition from home solar installations ... but that simply cannot continue. Technology will take care of that strategy in the not too distant future..
38. — Health: The Tricorder X price will be announced this year... There are companies who will build a medical device called the "Tricorder" from Star Trek that works with your phone, which takes your retina scan, a sample of your blood, then you breathe into it... It then analyzes 54 biomarkers that will identify nearly any disease... There are dozens of phone apps out there right now for health..

WELCOME TO TOMORROW — To think, I used to complain about my parents and grandparents being "out of it."

Fishin'

The rain was pouring down outside O'Connor's Irish Pub.

There, standing in front of a big puddle outside the pub was an old Irishman, drenched, holding a stick, with a piece of string dangling in the water.

A passer-by stopped and asked him, "What are you doing?"

"Fishing", replied the old man.

Feeling sorry for the old man, the gent says, "Come in out of the rain and have a drink with me."

In the warm ambiance of the pub, as they sip their whiskies, the gentleman, being a bit of a supe-

rior smart ass, cannot resist asking, "so how many have you caught today?"

"You're the 8th", replied the old man.

The Cranky Wife

She was cranky because her husband was late coming home again, decided to leave a note, saying, "I've had enough and have left you...don't bother coming after me". Then she hid under the bed to see his reaction. After a short while, the husband comes home and she could hear him in the kitchen before he comes into the bedroom. She could see him walk towards the dresser and pick up the note.

After a few minutes, he wrote something on it before picking up the phone and calling someone. "She's finally gone...yeah I know, it is about time, I'm coming to see you, put on that sexy French nightie. I love you...can't wait to see you...we'll do all the naughty things you like." He hung up, grabbed his keys, and left.

She heard the car drive off as she came out from under the bed, seething with rage and with tears in her eyes. She grabbed the note to see what he wrote. - "I can see your feet. We're outta bread; be back in five minutes."



Fun Fact:

Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men actually spend thinking.

From the Editor ...

I am now four issues into being the editor of the Gyroscope Newsletter. So at this time of reflection and Christmas thoughts of friends, we are not allowed to see in person, I want to thank everyone who has submitted articles for inclusion in the newsletter. I also want to thank everyone for putting up with my grammar errors, spelling errors,, skipped words here and there and whatever else that may have been a faux pas in the past year. As the new year approaches, I'm not saying I'm going to get any better at it, but I am saying you will just get more used to ignoring them.

I hope you have liked the changes in the format of the newsletter and that I have changed it from a Magazine to a newsletter. Emil did such a good job on the magazine over the year he was the editor, but I felt I could not keep to his standards, so hence the change in format. Plus this give me a little more leeway of inserting articles as needed. Speaking of which, I am always in needs of anything Gyro. I am particular looking for pictures of Gyro events, club functions, milestones reached. As well as District news and highlights.

This year coming up will mark 100 years for a number of Gyro clubs and as you celebrate your clubs centennial, please remember to take pictures and have someone write up an article on the celebrations..

So now I can put this issue to bed and wish every a Very Merry Christmas and continues friendship in 2021



membership stats	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
D-I	279	273	269	250	249
D-II	192	191	171	150	144
D-III	353	335	310	303	304
D-IV	578	574	544	505	500
D-VI	121	117	114	69	68
D-VII	239	239	248	229	225
D-VIII	341	323	313	317	318
D-IX	143	137	138	135	133
D-X	68	65	41	45	34
D-XIII	6	2	2	0	0
INT'L. Assoc.	32	32	29	28	25
	2352	2288	2179	2031	2005

Member/Country	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
U. S. Members	1127	1097	1030	967	954
Canadian	1197	1157	1118	1036	1026
Japanese	6	2	2	0	0
Int'l. Associates	32	32	29	28	25
Total Members	2362	2288	2179	2031	2005

Welcome New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Peterborough	Howard Barker	
Kitchener-Waterloo	David Marskell	
San Jose	Carl Ferrigno	Gordon McDonald
Canton	Paul E. Hershberger	Richard Herbert
Camosun	Peter Gosniak	Conrad Rusnak
Nanaimo	Brett Anthony	
Nanaimo	Craig McBride	
Sherwood Park	Nestor P. Slipchuk	Sidney Slade Bernie Kropp
Port Arthur	George Milne	
Port Arthur	Rick Harms	
San Jose	John Neil Brezzo	Chris Hygelund
San Jose	Finn C. Jenssen	William Peacock
San Jose	Rick Dean Leisinger	Chris Hygelund
San Jose	Mark John Petersen	Steven Gossett
San Jose	Patrick Nolan Quinn	Steven Gossett
Painesville	Donald A. Patt	Roger Sustar

Members we have lost

CLUB	MEMBER
Clinton	David L. Langfitt
Regina	William F. Ready
San Jose	Roy V. Billings
Des Moines	Bernie Saylor
Camosun	Edmund Navickas
Vancouver BC	John J. O'Neill

Deadlines for the next GyroScope
March 20, June 20, September 20, December 20



Conventions

To learn more <https://gyro.org/conventions/>

DISTRICTS

District I Convention
District II Convention	New Glasgow
District III Convention	St. Catharines.....
District IV Convention	Vancouver Gyro
District VI Convention
District VII Convention	Winnipeg Aug 4-8, 2021 https://2021international.gyro.org/
District VIII Convention June 10 -14, 2021 Calgary, Alberta, ...Deerfoot Inn & Casino
District IX Convention	Jackson, CA.....
District X Convention



INTERNATIONAL

International & District VII - Winnipeg.....	August 4-8, 2021 https://2021international.gyro.org/
International & District I— Cleveland.....	2022