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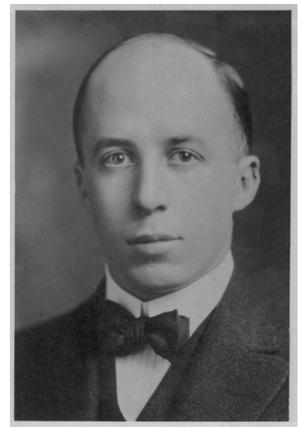
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President's Message

By Alan Pentney

I am pleased that this issue of the Gyroscope features the many Clubs that have been enjoying Gyro friendship for 100 years and are celebrating their anniversary this year and as recently as last fall – Congratulations on this milestone that is a testament to the value of this organization to our members.

In my January newsletter on our website there was some news that I would like to repeat here in case some missed it. The Board of Governors made a decision to reduce the Per Capita fee that Clubs remit by \$20 for the coming year. This means we will use excess funds not spent last year when there was no convention. Some members have asked “Why is there any fee?” the answer is that the organization has not shut down – it still has expenses whether clubs are meeting or not and the Board is implementing improvements. Examples of improvements being worked on includes a Members Portal on our website to replace the outdated and cumbersome database - the portal will also feature a means of social networking. Membership perks and marketing are also being worked on.

the Gyro Board of Governors identified priorities for the next 3 years. In aid of this a survey was sent to all Club Presidents, 1st Vice Presidents and Secretaries to get feedback on how the organization is doing and what opinions were on specific topics. The survey feedback is to be in by March 15. In addition to making changes to improve Gyro, the survey is a way of taking the temperature of the organization and in a sense - assessing our well-being.

Over the past couple months, Executive Council Officers have been calling Club executives to check on their Clubs' well-being during these restricted activity times. The Club official's reception to the calls has been gratifying – they appreciated the call and we got to know each other. In addition, it was encouraging to hear that clubs are cautiously optimistic about the coming year for Gyro.

Everyone's life has changed in ways we never imagined a year ago. My next message in this issue of the Gyroscope is not to dwell on how we all have been impacted by the pandemic situation. Instead, I want to explore for you how a sense of well-being can minimize the challenges of so much change, so many restrictions and conflicting information.

Yes, we have happy days and bad days but the best remedy for keeping an “even keel” is to have a sense of well-being. Well-being can be defined as being comfortable, healthy, or happy which contributes to a positive frame of mind. It could be said that it is easy to have a sense (realization) of well-being if you have good mental and physical health and you are satisfied with where you are with personal needs and your role in society. Psychology Today magazine (January 2, 2019) noted 5 major types of well-being:

- **Emotional Well-Being.** The ability to practice stress-management and relaxation techniques, be resilient, boost self-love, and generate the emotions that lead to good feelings.
- **Physical Well-Being.** The ability to improve the functioning of your body through healthy living and good exercise habits.
- **Social Well-Being.** The ability to communicate, develop meaningful relationships with others, and maintain a support network that helps you overcome loneliness.
- **Workplace Well-Being.** The ability to pursue your interests, values, and life purpose in order to gain meaning, happiness, and enrichment professionally.
- **Societal Well-Being.** The ability to actively participate in a thriving community, culture, and environment.

All of these types of well-being are important and act together to give an overall sense of well-being. The skills to support well-being can come naturally for some but they also can be learned. Obviously, there are many readily available aids to healthy eating and exercising for physical well-being. On the other hand, developing skills for emotional well-being are more difficult but just as critical. Here are some suggestions:

1. **Awareness** – Our minds often wander, especially with little to do, so when it does, practice consciously adjusting it to what is important. Avoid being distracted or detached in favor of being focused.
2. **Connections** – Relationships keep your mind active and your own kindness and empathy build relationships to feed your outlook on life. Belonging to a Gyro Club is a huge asset to well-being. You have current good Gyro friends, and you can get to know them and others better as you build relationships beyond being ac-

quaintances. You can learn to acknowledge differences of opinion and show appreciation. Expanding your Gyro connections to other Clubs through inter-club activities or conventions is also rewarding.

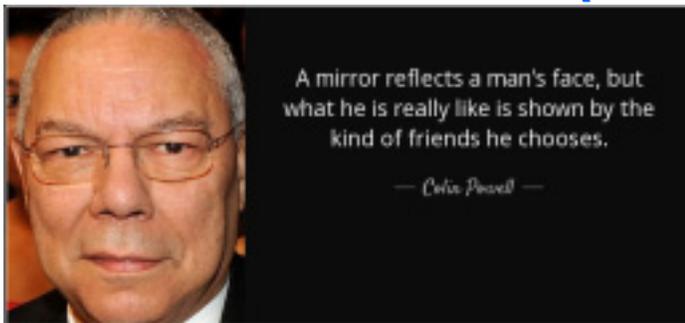
3. **Insight** – Our voice in our heads reviews what we do or have done all day – negative self-beliefs should be challenged as it is too easy to focus on past errors so refocus on successes, family events and your positive self-beliefs.
4. **Purpose** – Having purpose in your life promotes resilience, a topic I addressed in a previous newsletter to Gyros. Purpose can be applied to mundane activities with a meaningful value – this is why volunteering is a means to well-being. Having a setback should be viewed as a challenge to be better. Interestingly, the Gyroscope as our symbol was picked for its Poise, Power and Purpose!

Here are some practical – easy to do things that I do to boost my mental well-being:

- Plan a getaway – the planning and anticipation is calming and lasts weeks
- Finish a project, no matter how small – the satisfaction is long lasting
- Spend time with a furry friend
- Take a 30-45 minute walk in nature - even better if in sunshine
- Talk to a friend by telephone at least but in person if possible.

So please think about improving your well-being as we all get our vaccinations and plan to meet in Winnipeg for the annual convention in August.

Keep the Fun in Gyro and Stay Safe!



A Keeper

Submitted By Steve Anderson

I hope this one gets a wide distribution now that our country is torn apart by hate.

“Why do I have a variety of friends who are all so different in character?”

How is it possible that I can get along with them all?

I think that each one helps to bring out a “different” part of me. With one of them I am polite. With another I joke, with another I can be a bit naughty...

I can sit down and talk about serious matters with one. With another I laugh a lot. I listen to one friend's problems. Then I listen to another one's advice for me. My friends are like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. When completed, they form a treasure box. A treasure of friends!

There are my friends who understand me better than I understand myself. There are friends who support me through good days and bad.

Real Age doctors tell us that friends are good for our health. Dr. Oz calls them Vitamin F (for Friends) and counts the benefits of friends as essential to our well-being. Research shows that people in strong social circles have less risk of depression and terminal strokes. If you enjoy Vitamin F constantly you can be up to 30 years younger than your real age.

The warmth of friendship stops stress and even in your most intense moments, it decreases the chance of a cardiac arrest or stroke by 50%. I'm so happy that I have a stock of Vitamin F!

In summary, we should value our friends and keep in touch with them. We should try to see the funny side of things and laugh together and pray for each other in the tough moments. Some of my friends are friends on-line. I know I am part of theirs because their names appear on my computer screen often and I feel blessed that they care as much for me as I care for them.

Thank you, (Gyro) for being one of my Vitamins! The most beautiful thing about friendship is that we can grow separately without growing apart. Anonymous

Keeping Gyro Membership together during Covid

Submitted by Dan Patterson

At the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic the Board of Directors of the Fraser Delta Gyro Club in District IV met to consider how the Club was to remain viable and vibrant during an unforeseen length of time when physical meetings were out of the question. The first major event to be impacted was the Installation of new Officers in April and this of course had to be delayed until the Fall. Though meetings were limited during the summer the Board continued to meet by phone and Zoom and plan how this new Covid reality could be met. It was determined that the Club should still maintain and publish a structured Calendar of Events that attempted to establish dates and activities that could be undertaken in either a Physical or Virtual environment. Although it was obvious that all events would be Virtual for some time, it was felt it was essential to have a plan in place and published so that the members were aware that the club was still active and they would be able to participate in some fashion or other.

The First event on the new schedule was the delayed Installation and that was undertaken using and took the form of an online gathering where the business of the club was accomplished. But the concept of using ZOOM was established and proved satisfactory for a general Gyro meeting. However the Club wished to develop a more interesting capability for Virtual social gatherings that mirrored the published Calendar and involved more personal interactions by the members and their social partners. A member of the Board volunteered to coordinate various concepts and ideas suggested by members.

The first of the ZOOM Regular Meetings was a BINGO Night with prizes being awarded for the winners of the various Games. A set of BINGO Cards (100 in total) and Balls were acquired online for a very modest price and 4 individual cards were electronically distributed to each member. A set of Rules were also developed to ensure the night was somewhat structured and so that simultaneous "Ties" could be resolved. The ZOOM host calls out the random numbers and the Members check off their own cards. When Bingo is called, the member calls back the numbers to the Host who verifies the numbers and declares the game winner. The way to resolve "Ties" is to have a quick "Play Off Quiz".

The 2 winners receive a bottle of wine. To date we have had 3 Bingo nights and they have been well received and we will probably do more.

The 2nd meeting "Event" we held was for Founders Night. The Meeting Convener developed a Quiz based on the contents of three (3) Fraser Delta Gyro Newsletters published in 1990; 2000; and 2010 respectively. Electronic copies of the Newsletters were distributed to the members a week before the meeting. A copy of the Quiz Questions were "Snail Mailed" to the members with strict instructions not to open the Mail Till instructed to on the night of the Founders Night Quiz.

We are sure that all members adhered to these instructions!

An additional "Online" Quiz was also located on the Internet and this was displayed to the members using the "White Board" feature of the ZOOM product. The distribution of the Newsletters and the subsequent Quiz was well received especially by the newer club members who learned a little more of the history of GYRO.

The 3rd meeting was entitled "Guess Who Night". Members were asked to submit photos of them selves or Significant Others in digital format. They were asked to submit 3 photos at different ages. (ages 2-4, 5-8, and 9-12 were suggested if possible) but this was not absolutely necessary as this was a Gyro friendly Quiz anyway. The Convener Created three (3) "Albums" of 3 age ranges based to the various photos received. The first Album of the earliest age group was E Mailed to all members a few days earlier than the meeting so each member had time to review this Album at their leisure. The Board believes it is important that we try and involve members in the Club at various times in the month and just not on meeting days. During the meeting the first Album is displayed using the White Board feature again so that each member has a chance to view the photos and make a guess as to the person. Each picture had also been labeled with 4 possible names to give the contestants a chance at identification. The process is then repeated for the 2nd and 3rd albums. At the end the winner is the member with the most correct answers. A simple grading system was designed so that a contestant got more points if they guessed the identity on the First Album as opposed to later albums. (Again the recognized GYRO Honour system of marking was in effect). A 2nd Quiz was also found on the Internet that did the same kind of process with famous

people and with 4 possible name being shown. The two Quizzes yielded two winners who both received a bottle of wine.

For the Annual Christmas Party it was decided that again there would be two parts to the entertainment. The members were all asked ahead of time to be prepared to “Dress in Formal or Festive attire”. They were also asked to “Prepare a Festive Desert” that they could exhibit to the other members and of consume at their leisure. They were also asked to be prepared to exhibit a favorite “Christmas Ornament or Christmas Memento” that had particular sentiment for them. The first part of the evening consisted of each member displaying their finery; showing their chosen desert; and displaying and explaining why their special item had such significance for them. Two judges awarded a bottle of wine to the “Best Presentation”.

The second part of the evening consisted of a “Guess that Carol” on line contest hosted by the convener using the Zoom White Board feature again. The winner of this contest also received a bottle of wine. In addition, the Christmas Party Invitation (see attached), also had a small competition to see which member could spot the “Most Rolls of Toilet Paper” hidden in the invitation. A prize of “Leg Shaped Night Light” (manufactured on a laser

The latest Gyro ZOOM meeting was a “Where in the World” night. Members were asked to submit 2 or 3 photos of their various travels around the World. The meeting convener arranged the photos so that the first photo in each group was of a location. Subsequent photos from the contributor could be of additional places or events. As the pictures were displayed to the members they were asked to identify the country where the photo had been taken. The contributor then explained the photo to the group and generally gave us a unique look into the places represented. Interspersed with the presentation, the convener displayed an online Geographic quiz which again consisted of a question with 4 possible answers. The convener then displayed the correct answer and the members tallied up their score. We had 13 members contribute photos in the first contest and 15 geographic questions in the second quiz. The winners again winning the coveted bottle of wine.

For these presentations, we use ZOOM in it’s most simple form and make it as easy as possible for members to interact with it. As we develop more awareness of the capabilities of ZOOM and

become more proficient in the their use we hope to expand our events into Team events and maybe more.

We believe that so far the Gyro ZOOM involvement by our members has been appreciated and has gone a long way in keeping the club together and the members a little less concerned and worried about the Covid Pandemic.

How to submit an article for inclusion in GyroScope.

By Derek Hay

I was asked about 17 months ago if I would consider taking on the role of Editor of the Gyro International Magazine – GyroScope. I had thought about this for a while and said, maybe this is one way I can give something back to the organization, so I accepted. But I had a few conditions.

Firstly, I would be an editor, not a writer. For those who have seen my writing and typing skills, you know why I say this. I really rely on spell check to correct my errors. But, we all know how well spellcheck works at inserting the wrong correctly spelled word. I then said, that while I have done and was currently doing three different newsletters for clubs that I belong to, I have never done a magazine and I do not have the software to produce a quality product that is on par with a magazine. I also use a Windows computer, which is more business orientated than let’s say a Mac, which works great with graphics and layout design that a magazine would need. I asked for the original software discs for the software that was being used at the time by Emil, but they could not be located. And there was no upgrade path available that I could tap into. I did a little research into compatible software and found one suitable candidate. I sent the info off to International, and never heard back on it. But it’s ok, as I was told I would not be starting until the second quarter of 2020, with the April, May, June issue.

Well, the best laid plans...

When suddenly in early 2020 I was asked to take over. So, I did what I was asked and started to create from scratch the format that we are all used to. I quickly came to realize that I could not do that. I was using Microsoft Publisher, self taught, and I just don’t know enough about it to pull off the fancy

work needed to produce a magazine formatted edition, so I took it upon myself to admit defeat and switched to a more familiar newsletter style format. I was able to get the first issue out on time and filled with content, in a layout that mostly resembled the magazine that we were all use to. Issue two was a little easier, as I was not as rushed and better prepared. Issue three brought about better formatting on my part, but breaking everything into sections, rather than one long continuous document. The last issue worked nicely. Which brings us to the current issue. I know have a format I can easily work with. Articles go into certain sections depending on if they are general news, international, district or club news. This allows me to keep pictures or graphics together with the articles already in place when I insert new articles. My only real issue is the Presidents article, which arrives just before deadline and should be at the front of the issue, but I am making room for it as best as I can so that not much needs to be done to fix up the other articles when I insert & format the President's article.

Speaking of formatting, all articles submitted need to be reformatted from whoever I received them to match the font, pitch and style that is used through the newsletter. You can't have a readable newsletter if the fonts are all different or the pitch differs from article to article. I have chosen to use Times New Roman at 12 point in a two-column format with justified margins single spaced and indented first line. With an article name and author name in 20 point, coloured and underlined using the official Gyro colours. Yes, we have Gyro colours in case you did not know. There may be a subheading that is 16-point, halfway between the other two and a different colour as well. I must apologize to my American friends, but I have set the speller to UK language so that words like colour are spelled right. Well, according to Microsoft.

For anyone sending me articles, I need then in a format that I can easily copy and insert into Publisher. So, this means in a text format not in a PDF. You can use plain text, or a rich text, or the Microsoft HTML type text that Word.docx produces. When I insert the article, I automatically convert whatever font and pitch over to the one I use. I also reformat for line spacing and justified margins. Pictures need to fit in the columns which, are 3.6" wide with no border or 3.2" wide with a border if they are to display with the flow of an article. Sometimes a picture will not fit in the column it is intended to fit as it overlaps the top or bottom of the page. So, I need to move it which, is why I ask that a caption or

some text go with the picture, so the context of the picture can be shown with it and not just in the article. Of course, pictures take up the most room, which is why I encourage them. None one wants to read a newsletter that is only text, too much eye stain. We need the pictures or graphics to break thinks up a bit. I try my best to start articles at the top of a page or columns, where I can, by filling in the remain part of the previous column with a small graphic or joke. All of this takes a lot of time to get things as right as I can, considering the deadline of getting the newsletter out. So, I encourage you to send your articles as soon as you can. The sooner I get your article, the sooner I can insert, format and adjust as needed, and still have a personal life. No one needs the stress of deadlines.

Please send your articles to Editor@gyro.org. If you article can not be emailed because it is so large in size with all the graphics or pictures please paste them into the google folder link below and then email me a note saying you uploaded something.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pqfz16N8zoHjvKGaQFbKp8FLtBK6OWfa?usp=sharing>

Or email the pictures and graphics separately. And put place holders in the article where they need to be inserted.

Friendship

Submitted by Don Patterson

A newlywed young man was sitting on the porch on a humid day, sipping ice tea with his Father. As he talked about adult life, marriage, responsibilities, and obligations, the Father thoughtfully stirred the ice cubes in his glass and cast a clear, sober look on his Son.

"Never forget your friends," he advised, "they will become more important as you get older." "Regardless of how much you love your family and the children you happen to have, you will always need friends. Remember to go out with them occasionally (if possible), but keep in contact with them somehow."

"What strange advice!" thought the young man. "I just entered the married world, I am an adult and surely my wife and the family that we will start will be everything I need to make sense of my life." Yet, he obeyed his Father; kept in touch with his friends and annually increased their number.

Over the years, he became aware that his Father knew what he was talking about. In as much as time and nature carry out their designs and mysteries on a person, friends are the bulwarks of our life.

After 70 years of life, here is what he, I and you will have learned:

- Time passes.
- Life goes on.
- Children grow up.
- Children cease to be children and become independent. And to the parents, it breaks their heart but the children are separated from the parents because they begin their own families.
- Jobs / careers come and go.
- Illusions, desires, attraction, sex....weakens.
- People can't do what they did physically when they were young.
- Parents die but you move on.
- Colleagues forget the favors you did.
- The race to achieve slows.

But, true friends are always there, no matter how long or how many miles away they are. A friend is never more distant than the reach of a need, intervening in your favor, waiting for you with open arms or in some way blessing your life.

When we started this adventure called LIFE, we did not know of the incredible joys or sorrows that were ahead. We did not know how much we would need from each other.

- Love your parents, take care of your children, but keep a group of good friends.
- Stay in touch with them but do not impose your criteria.
- And oh by the way, thank you for being my friend

**There are friends,
there is family, and
then there are friends
that become family.**



Gyro Recruiting, Retention & Recovery

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"IT COULDN'T BE DONE"

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
but he with a chuckle replied,
that maybe it couldn't, but he would be one
who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in, with a trace of a grin
on his face - if he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
that couldn't be done - and he did it.

Somebody scoffed, "Oh you'll never do that,
at least no one ever has done it."
But he took off his coat, and he took off his hat,
and the first thing he knew he'd begun it.
With the lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
without any doubt or quibbling,
he started to sing as he tackled the thing
that couldn't be done - and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done;
There are thousands who prophesy failure;
There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,
the dangers that wait to assail you;
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
then take off your coat and go to it.
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing
that "cannot be done" - and you'll do it.

By Edgar A. Guest

**Gyro Friends:
They know how
crazy you are and
still choose to seen
in public with you.**

*Celebrating a
Century!*



Davenport

The idea for a Davenport Club originated in Siberia. Professor Robertson of the China YMCA gave demonstrated lectures to the Russian, American and other allied armies on the gyroscope during the World War I. One of the observers who helped "set up" these lectures was E. T. Heald, General Secretary of the Davenport YMCA, who had served three years in Russia and Siberia during the war. Mr. Heald was so impressed with the qualities of the gyroscope that when he conceived the idea of a sort of Junior Rotary Club, which started with 25 members, the group adopted the suggestion of the name "Gyro" for their club.

Several meetings were held to formulate some kind of a young men's club on the pattern of Rotary, with one member and one associate from each firm, profession, class, etc. The idea was to get as many "Y" members as possible, but not call it a YMCA affiliate, because after World War I the YMCA was not held in such high esteem by the men who had been in service.

The first formal meeting was held April 9, 1920 at the YMCA in Davenport. E. T. Heald acted as the first Chairman and leader, a position he held until the first formal election of officers on May 24, 1920. They approved members, adopted a constitution and by-laws and appointed committees consisting of suborganization committee, social committee, program committee and executive committee. Their meetings were evening dinner meetings held at the YMCA. On May 3, 1920 they held their first meeting at the Hotel Blackhawk. In May 1920, the members elected the first officers for a six-month term of office. By late September 1920 the club had 116 members.

In the fall of 1920, the Club moved to copyright the name "Gyro" with the gyroscope symbol. The fee for the copyright was \$1.00. The copyright was published on October 11, 1920 and copies were re-

ceived on October 25, 1920. A copy of the emblem is shown below. The original color was blue and white, but the exact shade of blue is unknown, (except the letter heads used at that time show a dark shade of blue which probably was close to the same shade as the emblem). A similar emblem is copyrighted today by Gyro International. The club never renewed the copyright and it expired.



The Davenport Club started working to spread Gyro Clubs to other communities. Clubs were attempted to be started in Keokuk, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, IA and Moline, IL These clubs were encouraged to get started by Davenport through members having personal contact in these communities and by writing letters to YMCA's across the mid-west.

At the club's December 4, 1920 meeting it was reported that they had received a letter from the Milwaukee International Gyro Club asking them to join their International Associate of Gyro Clubs which had organized in July 1919. Milwaukee invited Davenport to attend their first International Convention at Cincinnati, Ohio on January 16-17, 1921. They also learned the Gyro Club of Chicago was formed in 1915 and in Cleveland in 1911. This came as a great shock to the Davenport Club, as up

to this point they had no knowledge of any other "Gyro" organization(s).

Consideration was given to remaining an independent Club and renaming the Club. Later a committee was formed that met with a representative of the International Association of Gyro Clubs. The committee recommended that the Davenport Club join the International Association of Gyro Clubs. This was recommended at a meeting of the Club on January 10, 1921. The vote to join was unanimous.

The Gyro Club of Davenport petitioned the International Association of Gyro Clubs for membership on January 10, 1921. Included with the petition was the Constitution and By-laws of the new Davenport Club. The charter was granted January 15, 1921 by the International Association of Gyro Clubs (considered our starting date). The formal presentation of the charter was made at a dinner in Davenport on April 4, 1921. The Gyro Club of Chicago was the sponsoring club. The Davenport Gyro club constitution as adopted in January 1921 with a membership limitation established at 100.

It should also be noted that at that time the Club and International Association of Gyro Clubs was used as a basis for business activity. This shows up in the early Gyroscopes with advertisements from attorneys, men's clothing stores, tailors, real estate and many others. Both the Club and the International Association had a Booster Committee to promote business between members in the Club and members in the International Association. This continued through the 1920's but gradually gave way to being a friendship organization without business ties.

In these first few years of the Club, 60 plus members generally attended the meetings. The Club membership varied between 90 and 100 members. On November 23, 1923 the Club held its first noon luncheon meeting. Prior to this all meetings were evening meetings. Noon meetings remained the schedule from that time on with only a short period of time of having one evening meeting per month. This was done off and on through the 1970's to try to make sure members who had difficulty making noon meetings could attend at night. When Districts were first established in 1922 by International, they were called Divisions for a short time and then changed to Districts. Davenport and all of Iowa started in District IV but were moved to District V later in 1922. In June 1923 the entire state of Iowa was added to District II to join with the states of Illi-

nois and Wisconsin. The only clubs in District II at its inception in 1922 were Chicago (1914) and Milwaukee (1920). Attempts were also made to start clubs in Rockford, IL, DeKalb, IL, New Orleans, LA, and Dallas TX, which at that time Texas and Louisiana were in District II.

In 1925 Davenport hosted its first District II Convention. Clubs in attendance were Cedar Rapids, Clinton, Des Moines (old club), Davenport, IA, Madison and Milwaukee, WI, Chicago, Moline, Dixon and Sterling, IL. They had 200 in attendance with 125 being from out of town.

The name Gyrette first appeared in our records in 1930. On October 16, 1937 the Gyrettes met and formally organized as a permanent group, electing their first officers.

The Club was to host the International Convention in June 1942. In April 1942 the Convention was cancelled because of World War II and a Board of Governors meeting only was held in Windsor, NS.

Prior to 1949 Club election of officers was always held with the calendar year. In 1949 they started having elections in late April with installation to take place in late April or early May. This continues yet today. In January 1950 the Club hosted the International Interim Meeting at the Blackhawk Hotel for a two-day meeting. All International Officers and District Officers were in attendance. In 1967 Ernie Ryan was awarded the Honor Key from Gyro International. This was the first to a member in the Davenport Club. Arnold Crass received the award in 2005. Merit Awards from Gyro International also went to Ernie Ryan in 1969, George Fuller and Roger Fair, 1996, Arnold Crass, 2002; and Neil Baker, 2012.

In 1996 the Club celebrated its 75th anniversary with a big celebration at the Davenport Outing Club. They also celebrated its 80th anniversary on June 14, 2001 and 90th on April 16th, 2011, both with a dinner at the Outing Club.

At the International Convention in Winnipeg, Canada in July 2000, the Davenport Club had its first International Officer selected. Arnold Crass was voted in as the new 3rd International Vice President of Gyro International. He went through the chairs of the International and in Salt Lake City in July 2003, became President of Gyro International. The Davenport Club had thirteen couples attend the convention! When Arnie was installed the whole group of Davenport Gyrettes came out representing

Arnie's Army. They presented a song to the tune of "When Johnny Comes March Home Again" with special words by the club members. What outstanding support the Club gave to Arnie at this convention. To have thirteen couples from a club of 30 members make that long journey was outstanding.

The Davenport Club has a long list of Governors in District II. We have had 18 members serve 21 years as Governor of the District. In the 100 years since District II has been in existence, the Davenport Club has filled the Governors position more than 25% of the time. District II was selected to host the 2018 Gyro International Convention. This was the first time a complete District (rather than just a club) hosted an International Convention. Neil Baker, a member of the Davenport and the Chicago clubs at the time, and spouse, Lolita, became the Convention Chairs responsible for the planning of the convention, including all the preparatory marketing visits etc. The convention was held in June 2018 at the Abbey Resort, Lake Geneva, WI. Many attendees were pleasantly surprised by the beautiful location for such an event. In addition to all the normal Gyro business meetings, we had a tour of the celestial observatory, catered boat cruise to observe the many lake shore mansions, presentation on restoration of antique cars, and golf outings, etc. The District received many favorable comments regarding the convention.

The current annual social calendar of the Davenport Gyro Club consists of the following:

April - Officer Installation Dinner

June/July - Attend Quad Cities minor league baseball game

August - Sailing Club party along the Mississippi River

Sept. - Golf Outing

Oct. - Octoberfest at one of the local parks

Nov. - Tom and Jerry Party

Dec. - Christmas Party at local Country Club

Submitted by Neil Baker PDG D-II

Victoria

When a group of friends got together and formed the Victoria Gyro Club in April 1921, they would have been so proud to know that 100 years on the Club would be thriving and going strong. Over the years there have been many notable club events and activities, probably the best known, the creation of Cadboro Bay Gyro Park

In early 1953, the Victoria Gyro Club, under the



leadership of President Wilf McGregor, acquired 4.4 acres of land on the shore of Cadboro Bay from the estate of Mary Goward for the sum of \$4,500. The Goward family had achieved financial success through their involvement in the B.C. Electric Railway Company. Perhaps not coincidentally, another member of the Goward family had been a member of the Victoria Gyro Club since 1941. The money for the purchase was raised through the Club's hugely successful annual hole-in-one contests. In April 1954, the Club donated the land to The District of Saanich for the purpose of creating a "public park or pleasure ground for the use, recreation and enjoyment of the public, under the name Cadboro Bay Gyro Park." The speed with which the entire transaction took place suggests that it was the Club's intent from the get-go to donate the land for that purpose.

Between the time it was purchased and then transferred to Saanich, the land, much of it marsh, was filled with 65,000 cubic yards of hog fuel (chips of bark and wood fiber), using equipment, materials and labor donated by Club members. In August 1954, the seawall bordering the high tide mark was completed. Gyro members continued their contribution to the construction of the park. One member was the architect and another the building contractor who together constructed a two story bath house and a caretaker's residence.



To this day the park is enjoyed by all, with many of today's parents holding fond memories of their childhood experiences at the park while watching their own children play and explore.

When asking several of the club's most senior members for memories of their Victoria Gyro experiences, without exception the reply was the fun, friendship and camaraderie within the club coupled with members supporting each other in time of need.

It is unfortunate that as a result of COVID-19 the club missed out on hosting the 2020 International Convention and will be unable to fully celebrate it's 100th year anniversary this coming April 5. However, a celebration for our 48 members is to be planned when health regulations permit.

Submitted by Stephen Ingle—President

Winnipeg

The birth of the Winnipeg Gyro Club can be traced back to the late 1920's when Joe Bannigan of Toronto introduced the idea of starting a club in Winnipeg with Ted Hargreaves, a local paint executive. Ted was extremely interested in what Gyro had to offer and, thus, the ball was set in motion. Ted subsequently got four friends together to discuss the idea of forming a club and, soon thereafter, they were joined by friends who were equally infatuated with the concept. Those friends, in turn, spread the word with their friends and the "snowball effect" took over.

The club applied for its charter, with the Toronto club as our sponsor, and this was granted on December 27, 1920. Thereafter, we set about our membership drive and were formerly installed on May 6, 1921 with a total of 101 members. Needless to say, Ted Hargreaves became the first President of the Winnipeg Gyro Club. The impressive numbers were attributed to veterans returning from World War 1 who were restless and seeking an outlet to burn off some excess energy. Winnipeg became the fourth club in Canada following Toronto, Hamilton and Vancouver. It is worth noting that the father of our oldest member, Dr. Don McInnes, was one of the original members. The Winnipeg club subsequently sponsored clubs in both Calgary, Alberta and Regina, Saskatchewan.

The Winnipeg Gyro Club, like many others, has seen membership decline over the years however we

(Copy of Winnipeg original petition to Gyro)

We, the undersigned, do declare ourselves an association of young men gathered together to further the interests of the members by bringing together in one organization an all-inclusive representation of commercial and professional activity, to encourage the discussion of commercial and civic questions, and make business and pleasanter occupation by the promotion of genuine friendship, based upon the belief that personality is a much neglected factor in business, and, having adopted the uniform Club Constitution and By-laws as laid down by the International Association of Gyro Clubs with necessary changes to suit our local organization. We therefore apply for a charter and membership in the International Association of Gyro Clubs.

R. Burritt
Arthur W. Woodhouse
Aven E. Bryan
James Gibson
C. J. Bodle
A. R. Hill
Douglas McHurray
J. Stewart McInnes x
J. D. Hargreaves
D. A. B. Murray
G. A. McPhillips (?)
R. M. Balmer
Allen Robinson
N. J. D'Arcy
F. E. Mathers
A. E. Windalt (?)
J. White
M. S. Warbough (?)
Douglas Robb
(?) Murray
Douglas McLean
F. J. Toner
H. Mackintosh
F. J. Stevenson

W. E. Hargreaves
President

C. A. W. Murray
Secretary

maintain a strong nucleus and hold regular mixed social functions. Although we are not a service club, we do hold two functions per year that generate a fair amount of money which we donate to children's charities. Prior to the delineation of children's charities as the recipient of monies raised, the club paid for benches in Assiniboine Park which bore brass plaques recognizing the club's donation. As well the club purchased hearing aids for under privileged children with congenital hearing deficiencies.

The club originally held luncheons every second and fourth Wednesday however these were discontinued due to poor attendance. At the same time, dinner meetings were convened on the first and third Wednesday of each month, a practice that continues to this day. The club makes every effort to have speakers at their dinner meetings and the selection has included a variety ranging from a world renowned escape artist to a demonstration put on by a drug sniffing member of the local K9 unit.

Edmonton

Edmonton- The first of our clubs in District VIII to Charter on July 29th as the 18th Club in Gyro International was spearheaded by Reg Henry and Harry Fuller. Of special note is that a gavel was presented by the installing officer, Rowe Holland from Vancouver. This gavel was made from material from the old Hudson's Bay Company steamer, the Beaver, the first such ship to sail into Burrard Inlet in Vancouver.



Gyro Playground No. 1 Patricia Square



April 28, 1952

Back Row: Lorne Graben, Troy Beaver, John Halford, Roy Miller, Jack Agnew, Dave Francis, Bernie Brown, Alf Naunton.
 Front Row: Russ Carter IP, Frank Newson, Jim Duncan, Bob Sheldon, Steve Schmaltz

Immediately after chartering, the Club established their "Objective" to provide "Playgrounds for the Children". Monies were raised by running carnivals with all proceeds going to the building, supervision, and maintenance of new playgrounds. The first playground opened in August 1922 and eight others followed before they were taken over by the City Parks and Recreation Department in the late 1940's.

The club's benevolence continued with a focus on supporting students in the arts, drama, and music. The club's current Benevolence Vision is to support children/youth and seniors. One endowment fund provides annual financial contributions to the refurbishing of playground equipment in Edmonton inner-city playspaces. The second fund awards scholarships annually to undergraduate and graduate

students who are focusing on gerontology studies and research at the University of Alberta.

The club has provided 13 District Governors and two International Presidents and hosted three International Conventions. The relatively large membership has been maintained by active recruitment and the highly successful use of guest speakers at luncheon meetings.

Calgary

The following can be found on the calgarygyroclub.com website.

"In 1920 some prominent Calgary businessmen including Clarence Lougheed and OC Arnott were visiting Banff. Clarence Lougheed was the uncle of former Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed. They observed a group of men, all wearing Gyro lapel pins, having a wonderful time with no other apparent reason then enjoying each other's company. They struck up a conversation with these gentlemen to find out more about them and the club they represented. When they learned of the purpose and objectives of Gyro, they were so impressed they immediately started gathering a group of Calgary businessmen together to form a Gyro club in Calgary.

The first club in Calgary, the Gyro Club of Calgary, officially came into existence in 1921. This club was immediately successful, and membership rose to a high of 200 by 1927. What was it about Gyro at that time that caused such a surge in popularity?

An appreciation of the ideals of the early founders of Gyro Clubs can be gained by reading the preamble to the Calgary Gyro Club's first 1921 constitution:

"We the undersigned do declare ourselves an association of young men gathered together to further the interests of members by bringing together in one organization an all-inclusive representation of commercial and professional activity, to encourage the discussion of commercial and civic questions, and make business a more pleasant occupation by the promotion of genuine friendship, based upon the belief that personality is a much neglected factor in business."

Today, the social aspect of Gyro is emphasized by the Club and is strongly supported by an active Gyrette Club. Gyro friendship has consistently remained the core concept of the Calgary Gyro Club

and the Club has maintained its membership by recruiting recent retirees”.

If you take the time to visit our website, you will find our complete club history along with bulletins and pictures over the past 20 years detailing club activities. The club history page details the names of club presidents for each year (complete with pictures) and lists the names of those members that have served Gyro at the International and District levels. The website also includes a calendar of activities (none planned at present due to Covid), pictures of the Club Executive, and all other things Gyro.

One hundred years is a big milestone! Prior to Covid, the Calgary club had planned to Host the District VIII convention in June of 2021 (now cancelled). We had talked about having a Centennial Celebration either tied to Founders’ Night or our Club Installation of Officers. Now we are hoping to have the District convention in September, maybe a Centennial Celebration in October. Unfortunately, none of us can predict the future. We can only hope that the passage of time will enable the world to return to normal. When that happens, we will be able to sit down and make some long-range plans. In the meantime, we will try our best to stay safe and wait for much of the population to be vaccinated.

Rochester

With 2021 the 100th anniversary of the Rochester Gyro Club, and because I am the son of one of the Charter members, I was asked to write an article covering the history of the Club. I have memories of Gyro from the late 1930s watching Mom and Dad, all dressed up on their way to a Gyro dinner at the Rochester Club. In the late 40s, I left Rochester. When I returned in 1958, Dad had died so Gyro was unknown to me until after I had retired when one of my golfing friends reintroduced me. It has been 30 years of wonderful friendships made all over the USA and Canada.

Prior to 1917, Claude Hutchins, a Buffalo Gyro, had conversations with George Lennox in Rochester regarding the organization of a Gyro Club. However, due to WW1, actions were suspended.

On December 7, 1921, the Buffalo Gyros met with a Rochester group at the Powers Hotel to acquaint the local men with the aims and purposes of Gyro. As a result of this meeting, a charter was for-

mally granted on December 22, 1921, and a formal installation date was set for February 4, 1922. Forty Buffalo Gyros and eight Syracuse Gyros were in attendance. Ed Kagy, one of Gyro’s founders and the International Secretary-Treasurer, conducted the meeting. Eugene Carson, District-III Governor, installed the 13 Charter Members. By the end of 1923, the Club had 44 members.

Meetings for a time were held in the Rathskeller of the Powers Hotel, then moved to the basement of a restaurant on Clinton Avenue South in a room that was identified as the “Bucket of Blood”. Subsequent meetings were held at the Seneca Hotel, the Sagamore Hotel, the Rochester Club, and currently at Oak Hill Country Club. Our current membership is about 57.

Rochester has hosted two International Conventions and eight District-III Conventions. Thirteen of the Rochester Gyros have served as Governor of D-III, and one has served as International President. The Rochester Club sponsored the Brooklyn Gyro Club, the Montreal Club, the Geneva Club, the Elmira-Corning Club, and was the seconding Club for Binghamton. Sadly, all of these Clubs have surrendered their Charters.

In the early 1920s, Rochester Gyro had a softball club, which participated in an inter-club league, and one year even won the championship. Peculiarly enough, they were known as the “Singing Gyros” and, apparently without provocation, would gather at the pitcher’s mound and burst into song. In 1925, the Locust Hill Country Club, which hosted for years an LPGA Tournament, was founded by four Rochester Gyros.

Through the Club sponsored projects as Braille writers for the blind to the Association for Blind for the pur-needed equipment. Club also contributed cal instrument to the tic Center for the Impaired and was a regular contributor to the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.



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In the early 1950s, the Rochester Club sponsored a boy’s camp, Kamp Kontent, for underprivileged children on Conesus Lake, one of the Finger Lakes south of Rochester. The Kamp’s activities

included baseball, swimming, craftsmanship, nature hikes, religious services, and campfires, and, most of all, the creation of new friendships.

In the early years, Rochester hosted an annual spring party to which members of the nearby American and Canadian Clubs were invited. There were several bowling and golf matches between the Buffalo and the Rochester Clubs. Another popular event was the monthly director's meeting at the home of one of the Directors. A light snack was featured at the conclusion of each meeting with the host being reimbursed by the attendees. Each one left a one-dollar bill on the fireplace mantel.

Starting in the 1960s and continuing into the 2000s, a Christmas dinner dance with the Gyrettes was held at various locations. A weekend "River Rats" three-day party was held for a few years with the Syracuse Club in the Thousand Islands. In the mid-1990s on Friday afternoons, we would have tours of local companies followed by a BYOB at one of the member's homes.

After the shutdowns caused by the Covid virus, our calendar schedule will probably continue with two luncheon meetings a month at Oak Hill Country Club with speakers, a Valentine's Day Luncheon for the Ladies, "Derby Day" with mint juleps and prizes for the best ladies' and men's hats, and, of course, wagering. Our Pig Roast is in June; July is another day at the races; in September, a Steak Roast; in October, a Lobster/Clam Fest; and in November, a Bingo Party. All of which include the ladies. Once the shutdown is over, we should resume most of these activities along with new ideas proposed by the membership.

Our special thanks to the Lennox family of Gyros: George, Fred, and Charles as charter members. George for his contribution in the Chartering and as an early District III Governor. Fred as a District III Governor and organizer for the Brooklyn Gyro Club. I was more recently honored to serve as District III Governor and International President.

--submitted by Tom Lennox



Missing Opportunity

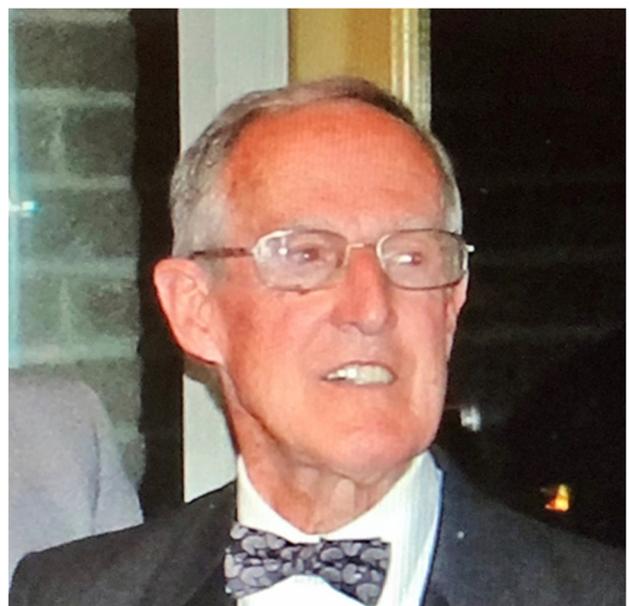
A few clubs turned 100 last year and would have been mentioned at the International AGM if it were to not be postponed like all our lives.

Gyro Club of Vancouver BC

A year ago, we formed a committee to celebrate our club's 100th year celebration. Then Governor Don Patterson suggested to merge the District IV AGM with our celebration and thereby open up the celebration to the whole district. The suggestion was a win-win situation, as the event would symbolize the 100th year of the entire district and greatly expand the celebration! We had planned for an entertaining October weekend of dining, music, dancing and entertainment, with a "Roaring 20's" theme.

Our club started in 1920, only a year after the influenza epidemic of 1918-19. It grew quickly and steadily and in fact, had to split up into smaller clubs in the Vancouver region. Clubs were created throughout the district, and it was expected that many from these clubs would attend to enjoy the centennial party. Unfortunately, Covid-19 blocked our party. So, what to do?

The VANCOUVER Gyro club then decided to have a "ZOOM Christmas Non-Dinner and 100-Year Celebration". On December 16th, the party was their first Zoom event and it was celebrated with 20 members and wives along with Fraser Delta



Peter Howes

President Don Stone and International Gyro President Alan Pentney.

President Peter Howes read out a letter from Governor Matt Williams who wrote sincere congratulations to the Club for achieving its 100th year. International President Al Pentney also congratulated the Club, describing how many Governors and International presidents were spawned from the Vancouver club and its significant impact on the District and at the International level. He acknowledged the Vancouver Club was the first to achieve the 100-year milestone in the District and had to forgo a larger celebration in October due to Covid.

Bob Tulk was recognized for becoming a 50-year member, and joined Bernie Fahy with 63 years, John McLean with 56, and Ray Hunter with 55 years of membership. Peter Howes was taken by surprise as he was awarded a special Award of Merit, recommended by his Club and approved by Gyro District and International.

Host Doug Mackenrot arranged for a Mystery Guest – Marilyn Monroe - to sing “Happy 100th Birthday” to the club and provide an entertaining ‘Covid’ version of “Twas the Night Before Christmas” to the surprised members!

There were 3 break-out groups and we each discussed what was happening in our lives and how we were managing with the Covid. Prizes were given to the best hat and there were door prizes for bottles of wine.

- , submitted by:

Doug Mackenrot, Treasurer, Gyro Club of Vancouver BC

International News

Email Aliases for Gyro

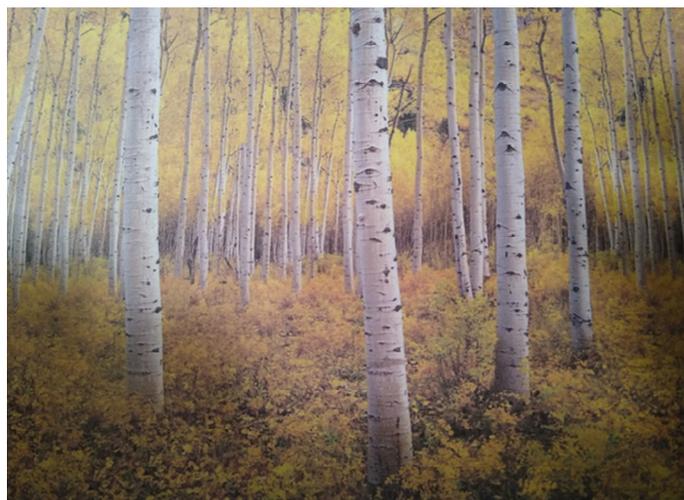
The technical committee has been busy setting up generic email addresses for Gyro chairs, & executive. So now you do not need to know who the current chair of a committee is, all you need to know is the chair name or the executive position name. The following email aliases are currently available for use. any email sent to these addresses will be automatically forwarded to the appropriate Gyro's.

Betterment@gyro.org	Betterment Fund Chair
Trustees@gyro.org	Board of Trustees, Chair
Finance@gyro.org	Financial Administrator
Editor@gyro.org	Gyroscope Editor
Wellness@gyro.org	Health & Wellness
Membership@gyro.org	Membership Chair
Parliamentarian@gyro.org	Parliamentarian
Technology@gyro.org	Technology Chair
Webmaster@gyro.org	Webmaster
President@gyro.org	President
1stVP@gyro.org	1st Vice President
2ndVP@gyro.org	2nd Vice President
SecretaryTreasurer@gyro.org	Secretary-Treasurer
PastPresident@gyro.org	Immediate Past President
GovernorD1@gyro.org	Governor District I
GovernorD2@gyro.org	Governor District II
GovernorD3@gyro.org	Governor District III
GovernorD4@gyro.org	Governor District IV
GovernorD6@gyro.org	Governor District VI
GovernorD7@gyro.org	Governor District VII
GovernorD8@gyro.org	Governor District VIII
GovernorD9@gyro.org	Governor District IX
GovernorD10@gyro.org	Governor District X

bership in Gyro. Historical perspective shows the peak in Gyro membership and clubs was in 1979, and 126 clubs had 5560 members. By 2010, totals were 101 clubs with 3468 members. By October 31, 2020, 74 clubs with 2004 members. Thus clubs dropped to 73% and members dropped to 58% during the past 10 years. The speaker was a co-pastor in the Presbyterian Church I've belonged to in St Paul for the past 50 years. She had the staggering statistic for Presbyterian Church USA having 2.8 million members in 1993, dropping to 1.3 million members in 2020!

She opened with the notation: "a person can do without air for 3 minutes, without water for 3 days, without food for 3 weeks, and without companionship for 3 months." The last clause may be overstating a bit, but the point was made that "people need people". And yet, a "lack of connection" is documented in our societies by many books and essays. Loneliness has been a major problem for much longer than the current pandemic crisis. General population studies indicate that only 53% report having a "meaningful, social interaction." The number rises to 73% for the segment of youth and young adults.

She described a wonderment of nature as an illustration. It is named PANDO.



Located in south central Utah, it is 107 acres of quaking Aspen, numbering 47,000 trees. Having

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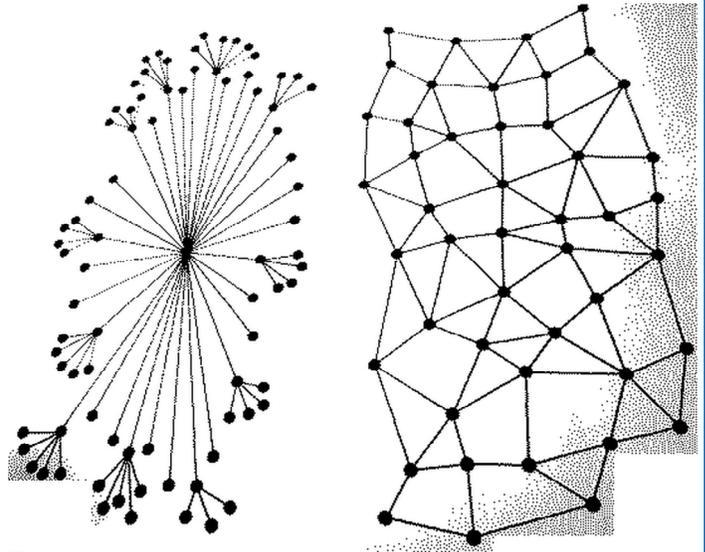
A couple of talks I've listened to recently really resonated with me about all our concerns over mem-

been studied extensively, all the trees are genetically identical. They are all connected to a single root system that connects below the ground. They form the largest single plant in the world. It is estimated that the overall system weighs 6000 tons. The older trees are dying as expected, but in recent years new trees are being destroyed by grazing animals. In certain fenced in areas, the new growth continues. It's like having a town of 45,000 people, but everyone in 80+ years old. Where is the next generation?

Now, Gyro is certainly not 2000 members who are genetically identical. Far from it. But we are 2000 members who are connected through our 3 circles of friendship. We came into Gyro via a local club, and we became a part of an international organization. The Gyro Organization was founded this way over 100 years ago, and with growth occurring over a large geographical area, infrastructure of districts came into place for more opportunities of being connected to more people than just the individual club.

The already asked question, "where is the next generation" certainly is applicable to our Gyro clubs. In recent activity of talking with each club president by an executive council member, I was struck by how many of our clubs have an average age of 80+ years. The next generation is 50-60 years, and the second is 25-50. For current members who are those latter two generations, you have the work-networking opportunity, as well as 'bring a friend'. But we older generation members can and should remain active in recruiting members in our and the next generations.

How we connect is important. The classic way of "Be a friend. Bring a friend" remains a very important one. However, that does require personal contact, which is harder to do with pandemics, but also not as available in the 80+ generation. More interesting information about the best way for people and groups to stay connected has been part of what I've been listening to also. The 'burst' (upper right) is called the "firecracker approach". A single center is the origin of reaching out. It may reach a lot of points, but it suffers from a lack of interconnectedness. The other is called the "fishing net". It demonstrates an interconnectedness between more than just two points. It could be many more, and would determine how fine the coverage. Research in this area suggests the latter is more successful in keeping an organization better connected



Your membership committee is working on ways Gyro can be more like the fishing net. Our upgraded data base will allow data to be used that could make it much easier for members in different clubs, as well as districts, to become connected. One of the clubs I talked to recently is doing this in their new member recruiting. It a group of the club in going skiing, or playing golf, then that limited activity is the place where prospective members are ask to join. In that smaller setting of a fun activity, the prospect may see what there is for him in this Gyro Club..



All male friendships are essentially quixotic: they last only so long as each man is willing to polish the shaving-bowl helmet, climb on his donkey, and ride off after the other in pursuit of illusive glory and questionable adventure.

— Michael Chabon —

District News

No District news or events were submitted this issue.



Club News & Events

No club news or events were submitted this issue.

Humour Page(s)

After I'm Gone

John was on his deathbed and gasped pitifully, "Give me one last request, dear," he said. "Of course, John," his wife said softly. "Six months after I die," John said, "I want you to marry Bob."

"But I thought you hated Bob," she said.. With his last breath John said, "I do!"

The Rabbi

A man goes to see the Rabbi. "Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it."

The Rabbi asked, "What's wrong?"

The man replied, "My wife is going to poison me."

The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asks, "How can that be?"

The man then pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's going to poison me. What should I do?"

The Rabbi then offers, "Tell you what. Let me talk to her, I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know."

A week later the Rabbi calls the man and says, "I spoke to your wife on the phone for three hours. You want my advice?"

The man said, "Yes" and the Rabbi replied, "Take the poison."

Proper way to call a Golfer a Bastard!

A guy was getting ready to tee off on the first hole when a second golfer approached and asked if he could join him. The first said that he usually played alone, but agreed to the twosome. They were even after the first two holes. The second guy said, "We're about evenly matched, how about playing for five bucks a hole?" The first guy said that he wasn't much for betting, but agreed to the terms.

The second guy won the remaining sixteen holes with ease. As they were walking off number eighteen, the second guy was busy counting his \$80.00. He then confessed that he was the pro at the neighboring course and liked to pick on suckers. The first fellow revealed that he was the Parish Priest. The pro was flustered and apologetic, offering to return the money.

The Priest said, "You won fair and square and I was foolish to bet with you. You keep your winnings." The pro said, "Is there anything I can do to make it up to you?"

The Priest said, "Well, you could come to Mass on Sunday and make a donation of \$80. And, if you want to, bring your Mother and Father along, I'll marry them.

Progressive Thinking

A man, called to testify at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), asked his accountant for advice on what to wear. "Wear your shabbiest clothing. Let him think you are a pauper," the accountant replied.

Then he asked his lawyer the same question but got the opposite advice. "Do not let them intimidate you. Wear your most elegant suit and tie."

Confused, the man went to his priest, told him of the conflicting advice, and requested some resolution to the dilemma. "Let me tell you a story," replied the Priest. "A woman, about to be married, asked her mother what to wear on her wedding night. 'Wear a heavy, long, flannel nightgown that goes right up to your neck.'" But when she asked her best friend, she got conflicting advice. "Wear your most sexy negligee, with a V neck right down to your navel."

From the Editor ...

This has been a brutal winter. Not because of the weather, and not really because of the covid, but because of the lack of friendship. I have a group of girlfriends I hang out with, and I miss their hugs, I have a group of curling friends I hang with and I miss their casual bull shite. I miss sitting with them at this time of year and watching the various curling playoffs and world championships, and pretending that we are better than those out on the ice. We know the right shots to call and play. And then I have a group of Gyro friends, who I truly miss. I miss the dinners, I miss the events, again the casual bull shite between friends.



We would solve a good portion of the world problems, when we would meet. We would definitely fix any problem that any of us had. We would have better coaching ideas that would of course propel our team into 1st place. We would reminisce about long lost friends, and certainly about many prior events and functions. Remember when... Oh, ya, that was a great time. But also, when ... And we would do all this in just a couple

membership stats	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
D-I	279	273	269	250	236
D-II	192	191	171	150	143
D-III	353	335	310	303	303
D-IV	578	574	544	505	484
D-VI	121	117	114	69	64
D-VII	239	239	248	229	222
D-VIII	341	323	313	317	315
D-IX	143	137	138	135	135
D-X	68	65	41	45	34
D-XIII	6	2	2	0	0
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of hours. A few times a year, we would meet with their wives and partners. Maybe we would dress up for the occasion, maybe we would just be casual at a house party. No matter what it was, you know that you would leave at the end happy and glad you have friends like this.

I am just so looking forward to the day when we can put all this lockdown behind us. But we now know that we will have this covid and all its variants with us for years to come. Each year along with the flu shot, many of us Gyro's will also get a covid variant shot. This will be the new norm.

The big thing that we need to overcome is the lockdown, the masks and the social distancing. Gyro was not built for this. Gyro was built for hand shakes, pats on the back, sitting together have a drink with friends. Mocking that slice off the 4th tee box, or say how nice someone's new car is. Congratulating someone on their 2nd or 3rd wife, or just calling it like it is. Gyro was built for friendship and the sharing of that friendship. Gyro was built for social not social distancing.

I miss Gyro, I hope you do as well. And I hope that when your club starts to be able to meet again, that your club executive is planning something big. But for now, at the very least, participate in any club video virtual meeting they may be having. Because mostly we miss that ugly mug of yours, and what fun is it to talk about you if you are not there with us.



Fact:
Male friends are more loyal than female friends

Member/Country	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
U. S. Members	1127	1097	1030	967	928
Canadian	1197	1157	1118	1036	1009
Japanese	6	2	2	0	0
Int'l. Associates	32	32	29	28	25
Total Members	2362	2288	2179	2031	1962

Members we have lost

CLUB	MEMBER
Oryg	Arthur H. Koch
Prince George	John Whitwham
Golden Ears	Tony Pratt
Alron	Matthew J. Battista
Kamloops	Ron Hunt
Oryg	John C. McNulty
San Jose	Michael Bonasera
Madison	Art McClure
Truro	Fred M. Taylor
International Associate	Robert Galbraith
Marion	Sam Justice
Fraser Delta	Robert Pederson

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



Conventions

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DISTRICTS

- District I Convention
- District II Convention
- District III Convention
- District IV Convention
- District VI Convention
- District VII Convention Winnipeg Aug 4-8, 2021
<https://2021international.gyro.org/>
- District VIII Convention Calgary September 23-26, 2021
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<http://district8.gyro.ws/index.php/district-conventions/>
- District IX Convention
- District X Convention



INTERNATIONAL

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