

IAN GREIG – A GYRO LEGEND IN OUR TIME
July 9, 1941 – March 10, 2022

This is a story about a man who grew up in Gyro – became a leader in Gyro – then worked tirelessly the rest of his life to maintain the friendship of Gyro at the Club, District and International levels. Ian D. Greig was that man.

Ian was born in Calgary Canada on July 9, 1941 with an English – Scottish heritage that he proudly displayed all his life – nary a Gyro gathering could occur without Ian eloquently singing Danny Boy. His father’s time in the second world war influenced his decision to enter University in a military Officer’s Training program where, in the Navy, he learned the importance of working



1974 Club Installation
 Ian - Immediate Past Pres.

with others and the benefits that comradeship brings. Armed with a commerce degree he became a chartered accountant that led to him working at a firm owned by John McClelland who was a Charter member of the Stampede City Gyro Club formed in 1962 in Calgary. Needless to say, Ian gravitated to Gyro in 1968 at the age of 27 like a duck to water with his supportive bride Joan.

Within 5 years he had moved through Club positions to become the 12th President of the rowdy Stampede Club in 1973. Not wanting to miss out on all the Gyro fun Ian made his way through the District VIII Chairs to become

Governor in 1982. This opened up a whole new vista of Gyro as he made life-long friends throughout North America at Governors meetings, District and International Conventions.



1990 Past Pres. Dinner - Ian & Ted Gaffney

Over the next 10 years in Gyro Ian collected a Merit Award for exceptional service at the Club and District level as well

as, the “Honor Key” Award for distinguished service at the international level for assisting the governing body with its accounting. This primed Ian for his next phase of Gyro indoctrination as he was elected as 3rd Vice-President of Gyro International in 1994 so that at the relatively young age of 53 and with 25 years of Gyro experience under his belt, he became International President with his mantra “Keep the fun in Gyro” – which is recognized with an unusual plaque created by his close friend Tom Lennox to be awarded annually to someone like Ian who keeps the fun in Gyro.



1983 Nelson Convention
 Joan & Ian - “A Bicycle Built For Two”



Like most Past International Presidents Ian stayed involved by attending every Interim and Annual Convention. He was a strong advocate for Governors and International Officers making visitations to Clubs and did not tolerate any eroding of governance. If anyone wanted to prevent dues increases or eliminate executive positions or conventions, they were in for a serious discussion with Ian. On the other hand, Ian enjoyed any argument or discussion with many going into the wee hours at conventions.

If Ian could not find a fun Gyro event, he gathered friends to have one – his most ambitious undertaking was co-hosting the 2006 International Convention in his hometown of Calgary. Over



Ian as "Gus" in "Chicago" Skit
2006 International Convention

400 attended with many still raving about the Vegas quality musical "Chicago" performed by the guys and girls that made up the 25-member club. At the President's Ball Ian was awarded the prestigious Ed Steinbacher Lifetime Achievement Award that recognizes a member who reflects the essence of friendship.



2006 International Convention, Calgary
Ian - Life Time Achievement Award
Chris Randall & Emil Baijot

Over the past 15 years Ian moved into a mentoring role for many and kept active in the Annual Curling bonspiel as an observer and diligently prepared twice monthly bulletins on the activities of his Club. He was on the 2012 Centennial Gyroscope

Committee and he even edited the International By-laws 4 years ago. He battled back from a leg crippling disease to manage on his own and he learned zoom technology during COVID so he could observe the monthly International Board of Governors meetings – and always made a contribution "for the good of Gyro". Resting on his laurels was not in the cards for Ian.



2017 - Stampede City Installation
Ian - Founders Night Address

On March 13, 2022 – only 3 days after his passing - 25 of his Gyro friends gathered for a Ceilidh (Gaelic party) where we sang Danny Boy in his stead. In the lyrics from "Danny Boy" I can hear Ian singing "And I'll shall rest in peace until you come to me."