



STAMPEDE CITY GYROPER

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EDITOR'S RANDOM COMMENTS

Global Cooling descended on us in November but being hardy Canadians some of us went south, (Stout, Green, Williamson, Stein) or we stayed home! Good thing because there are an amazing number of driving challenged persons who should never take the car out in winter. After watching some World Cup Football (Soccer) I wonder if our best players are in hockey. Not a fair comment but at least more youth will take up an affordable game in Canada.

Now that we are in December it is a time for celebrating – St. Nicolas Day on Dec. 6 for a 4th century Turkish Bishop who gave his wealth to the poor, called Sinterklaas by the Dutch – hence Santa Claus in the USA in the 1600s; St. Lucia's day on Dec. 13 for women bringing food to Christians in Roman catacombs – celebrated now as St. Lucy's Day in Scandinavia; Jewish Hanukkah on Dec. 18 for 8 days; and of course Christmas and New Year's. There are others as well and it is a magical time as we light up our properties and homes, prepare and enjoy special meals, and give gifts and assistance to others! May all of you and your loved ones have Joyous holidays and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

RECENT EVENTS

Plastic Surgery Speaker

Dr. Gord Wilkes journeyed from Edmonton to provide a very educational presentation on the origins of plastic surgery in 1916-17 in World War 1 and how it evolved as well as how important it was for persons severely damaged by war and fires as well as congenital deformities. He spoke of providing patients with new ears and noses as well as repairing clef palates – even in animals. What was striking was the severity of deformities that can be repaired which is in stark contrast to the commonly known movie star alterations for cosmetic purposes. The members voted to provide a \$500 donation to the Institute for Reconstructive Sciences. Dr. Wilkes is shown here with his Cousin, Gyro John Cobb.



Calgary Club Charity Bingo

The Calgary Club hosted 90 Gyros and friends for a Bingo that included a meal on November 18th. Our club only had 6 persons there, but we all came away with prizes and had a great time. Governor Ken Williamson installed 2 new members and President Dave Smith called the final game where our donation of quality adult beverages was the prize.

Grey Cup Party

Paul Stout hosted Gyros and Gyrettes for a heck of a CFL Football game that went down to the wire. A 100 square pool was run with winners being Mina Williamson 1st quarter; Carrie Hind – Half; Ken Williamson – 3rd quarter; and Paul Stout – Final. Half time meal consisted of a pot of Chilli and Lasagna. Thank you Paul for lots of laughs and memories!

Roughnecks Lacrosse Game

This was one of the most entertaining events we have ever held. Six Gyro's attended on Nov. 26, but we had 6 other grand kids, spouses, children, and friends join us for a raucous evening of cheering on our team versus the nasty Saskatchewan team (they won in overtime). We learned it is a game of possession and shooting within a time limit, much like basketball. The players skill at passing and shooting was phenomenal. I especially liked the ongoing commentary of the announcer that engaged the audience combined with ongoing music – all for \$10!



50/50 STATUS

There was another set of Winners at the November 8 Meeting.

Dave Pilkington won \$8 and Alan Lynas received a leg for the Progressive Pot which is now at \$28.

FUTURE EVENTS

Tuesday December 6, 2022 – Mini-Olympics – Shanks – 9627 MacLeod Trail

Alan Lynas is hosting this perennial favourite event where we compete in various non-strenuous sporting events. Cocktails at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00 and starting blocks at 7:00.

Saturday December 10 - Mixed Christmas Party - Winter Club

The Evite invitation has expired on Dec. 2 for this joint Calgary and Stampede Club event being organized by Dale Green. Over 70 persons have confirmed - be sure to come at 5:30 PM.

Tuesday December 20 – Men's Christmas Gift Exchange – Dog and Duck 5430 2nd St SW

Lots of laughs and fellowship will occur at the event starting at 5:30 pm. Please bring a new gift (not regifted) in the \$30 price range that you would like to have, or you think others would appreciate. Santa usually makes an appearance.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Stuart Chalmer's Prostate surgery was successful. Looking forward to him getting back in the saddle - so to speak.

Mary Ann Clark is now scheduled for much needed hip surgery.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 22 - Dave Smith (61) davenemma@shaw.ca

Dec. 27 - Ted Gaffney (87) gaffte@shaw.ca

INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT NEWS

The **2023 District VIII Convention** is going to be hosted by the Calgary Club at the Deerfoot Casino in July. More information to come from Chairman Ken Baker.

Lt. Governor Dunc Mills has been inducted into the Alberta Golf Hall of Fame for his work as a volunteer for youth in Golf.

The **2023 International Convention in Winnipeg** is now scheduled for August 23-27, 2023. The theme is Northern Lights and Summer Nights. They promise we will have a new experience.

HUMOR FOR THE FUN OF IT

Most of the generation of 60+ years were HOME SCHOOLED in many ways. See below - in our parents own words! The Headings are hilarious because this is not about how hard our life was.

My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL: "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My father taught me LOGIC: " Because I said so, that's why."

My father taught me IRONY: "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about STAMINA: "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY: "If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"

My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE: "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

My mother taught me about BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION: "Stop acting like your father!"

My mother taught me about ENVY: "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

My father taught me HUMOUR: "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My mother taught me WISDOM: "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

My father taught me about JUSTICE: "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"