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RANDOM COMMENTS

Spring is only a week away! Fortunately, some like me missed parts of the deep freeze by escaping to Mexico. That explains why I did not produce a February issue of the Gyroper. There also were a couple of event cancellations.

With St. Patrick's Day nigh here is an Irish blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back.

May the sunshine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

RECENT EVENTS

Flames Game Night

There was a good turnout at the Grey Eagle Casino on January 10 with 13 of our members, 3 Calgary members and a guest. Great wings and lots of suds! Flames gained a point but lost in overtime 3-4.

Moroccan Restaurant Night

We entered a foreign world on January 26 at the Casbah restaurant (See decorations on the right). Seventeen guests arrived including Jim and Renata Barr of the Calgary Club. The flavours of all the dishes were amazing and the couscous was the best I've had.



Calgary – Early Years Presentation

Eleven of us including Bob Nixon of the Calgary Club gathered at the 4th Spot on Taco night and hear a presentation by Alan Lynas (Pictured right), who is a member of the Southern Alberta Pioneers Club. Alan provided us with excerpts of the early history of the city. At one time in the late 1800s there was only 200 persons west of Winnipeg on the prairies. The importance of construction of Fort Calgary was explained and we heard interesting stories of Alan's grandfather Colonel James Walker who settled in Calgary where the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary now is. He had several accomplishments including the first telephone system (1884 - 30 customers); securing the present site of Victoria Park for the Exhibition Board and establishing a sawmill in Cochrane.



50/50 STATUS

There was another set of winners at the February 28 Meeting. Brad Hinds won \$11 and Ken Williamson received a leg for the Progressive Pot which will be close to \$60 at the next meeting.

FUTURE EVENTS

Sunday March 26 at 7 PM – Calgary Wranglers Hockey – Saddledome

The Calder Cup playoff-bound Wranglers sit in first place in the Pacific Division of the American Hockey League standings with a record of 41-15-3. This is exciting hockey with very affordable tickets. They play the San Diego Gulls at this game.

Thursday March 30 5:30 PM – Crib Night – Horton Rd. Legion

This is an annual event hosted by the Calgary Club. Typically, it features a buffet dinner followed by 5 random opponent games of crib. There is a trophy and prizes.

Tuesday April 11 – Left-Right-Centre – Dog and Duck Pub

Dale Green is hosting a fun dice game! Some cash could be on the table.

Thursday April 27 – Jubilations Theatre – 1002 - 37 St. SW

Come and sing along to all your favourite wedding songs from the 80's and 90's, Jubilations Dinner theatre presents... Wedding Singer 1999!

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Stuart Chalmers is having difficulty with some infections. Hopefully better soon.

Linda Barrette has moved to better facilities at AgeCare Mackenzie 80 Promenade Way SE. Jim says she would appreciate visitors to room 1122 (Canterbury Court).

Denis Wilson has decided to leave the Club as he is unable to get out. He will still be a friend.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

March 12 – Keith Aird (86) mkaird@nucleus.com

INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT NEWS

The **2023 District VIII Convention** is to be hosted by the Calgary Club at the Deerfoot Casino on **July 27 – 30**. The Theme is Denim and Diamonds.

The **2023 International Convention in Winnipeg** is scheduled for **August 23 - 27**. The theme is Northern Lights and Summer Nights including an exciting Friday evening dining in a room underneath swimming polar bears and seals. Website: https://2021international.gyro.org/?page_id=63

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Winnipeg Airport West (\$129/night booked for 23-27 on the site with a group code identified in the site as you book). Talk to me if you need help.

HUMOUR FOR THE FUN OF IT

MARCH 17 IS UPON US

An Irishman's first drink with his son:

"While reading an article last night about fathers and their sons, memories came flooding back to the time I took me son out for his first pint.

"Off we went to our local pub, only two blocks from the cottage.

"I got him a Guinness. He didn't like it, so I drank it.

"Then I got him a Kilkenny's, he didn't like that either, so I drank it. Finally, I thought he might like some Harp Lager?

"He didn't. I drank it.

"I thought maybe he'd like whisky better than beer so we tried a Jameson's; nope! "In desperation, I had him try that rare Redbreast , Ireland 's finest whisky.

"He wouldn't even smell it.

"What could I do but drink it!

"By the time I realized he just didn't like to drink, I was so shit-faced I could hardly push his stroller back home!"



~ Irish Blessing ~

May the wind at your back not be the result of the corned beef and cabbage you had for lunch.

(Maxine)