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NIGEL WAY COMMEMORATION

It is always hard on all of us to have a Gyro friend pass away and fortunately we have not had many. Dave Smith informed us on March 26 that Nigel had passed earlier that day at the age of 95 years following a brief battle with pneumonia. Nigel was a Charter member of the Club in 1962, so every Stampede City Gyro Club member for the past 60 years came to know and love Nigel. He rarely missed a gyro meeting or event and never had a negative or angry word to say. He was always genuinely interested in people's welfare and activities – A true Gyro Friend!

Nigel was often the life of the party and he carried himself through life as a fun loving, sociable, hardworking and generous man. He will be dearly missed and never forgotten by those that knew him. See obituary at: <https://mhfh.com/tribute/details/42230/Nigel-Way/obituary.html#tribute-start>.

Nigel's family is inviting us to a **Celebration of Nigel's Life** at McInnis & Holloway Deerfoot South Reception Centre (12281 – 40th Street SE, Calgary, AB) on **Tuesday, May 30, 2023** at 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The Program begins at 2:30 p.m. They want us to "hoist a few pints, have a few nibbles and perhaps say a few words but overall..... celebrate a life well lived!"

Below is a photo of Nigel happily and proudly receiving his 60-year pin as a Gyro from daughter Emma Smith at the 2022 Gyro Founders Night Celebration!



RECENT EVENTS

Calgary Wranglers Hockey (March 26)

There were over 20 Gyros and family members at this game to cheer on the Wranglers versus the San Diego Gulls. It was fun chatting with Gyro grandchildren and enjoying discount pricing for everything. The Wranglers won 3-2 in an exciting game and now sit in first place in the Pacific Division of the American Hockey League. Goalie Dustin Wolf also played last week for the NHL Calgary Flames.



Crib Night (March 30)

This annual event hosted by the Calgary Club featured a dinner choice, exceptionally cheap drinks, and lots of socializing prior to 16 players playing 5 games. Dale Woodroffe and I attended. I did well with 4 wins until the last game where someone played over their head to push me to 3rd place. Bob Nixon took home the Championship trophy which this Club has never won – so next year let's get 10 guys out cause one of us can win this low skill event.

Left-Right-Centre Dice Game (April 11)

Dale Green hosted 7 guys for this event at the 4th Spot Restaurant. It was Taco night which did not disappoint. Dave Smith won the first game, but the next two games were draws which is unheard of, so we called it a night. Al Clark highlighted a recent New Zealand trip. John Cobb described his next sailing venture up the west coast to Alaska starting in April and running for many weeks. All of us toasted the loss of our good friend Nigel.

Gyro District Hockey Pool (April 15)

Twenty-Four teams were entered in this pool with trades allowed – this took some thinking and was essential to keep near the top. Bill Watson of the Calgary Club finished first, Jay Likely of the Calgary Club finished 3 back in 2nd and I was edged out by 1 point to finish 3rd – still good for \$116. Playoffs start on April 17 so cheer on your favourite team – or second team if you are a Flames fan.

50/50 STATUS

There was another set of winners at the April 11 Meeting. I won \$7 and Al Clark received a leg for the Progressive Pot which will be close to \$70 at the next meeting on May 9 at the Forest Lawn Legion.

FUTURE EVENTS

April 19 – Wednesday Coffee Club – 10AM at ATCO Blue Flame Kitchen

April 27 – Jubilations Theatre – 6 PM at Westbrook Mall (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!

May 3 – Wednesday Coffee Club – 10AM at ATCO Blue Flame Kitchen

May 9 – Shuffleboard & Election – 5:30 PM at Forest Lawn Legion (755 40 St. SE)

There are 3 tables for partner play with burgers and beer. Please join us for the last stag event of the year and to select an executive. John Cobb is already slotted for President so please consider stepping up as 1st Vice or a Director or even a Bulletin Editor. **We are just ending our 60th Year as a Club.**

May 17 – Wednesday Coffee Club – 10AM at ATCO Blue Flame Kitchen

May 23 – Aviation Day – 11:30 AM at Port O'Call Hotel (1935 McKnight Blvd. NE)

This event is organized by the Calgary Club for all Gyro members and their spouses and guests. It starts with a buffet lunch at the Skyharbour Restaurant for \$24.95 per person. At 1:30 PM it moves to the Hanger Flight Museum at 4629 McCall Way (across the street) for a guided tour at \$15 per person.

To book please contact Terry Lynch: Phone: 403-931-3427 Email: terry_lynch1@hotmail.com

June 6 – Auction – Scotsmen's Well – 5:30 PM Creekside Mall (12024 Symons Valley Rd.)

One of the most popular events of the year and our primary fundraiser for charity and event subsidization is coming up soon. Please note the date change from Friday June 2 to Tuesday June 6. Dale Green requests that you plan to attend and bring guests because the real auctioneer is entertaining, there are two free drinks, always a good dinner and you get to compete for amazing auction items. Please get your Auction items to Dale as soon as possible to assist with advertising the event.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Stuart Chalmers is recovering from kidney stone removal. He looks good but he would tell you he always looks good.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

None for next 30 days which is good cause no one is getting older.

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

Thank you to Dale Woodroffe and Jim Barrette for contributing these:

