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EDITORIAL

Never start a speech or a letter with an apology! So, I won't but I will note that this Bulletin should have been out in June. Given that the events for the Club concluded in June there is some news below on what happened but the only pending Gyro events are the District Convention in Calgary July 27 - 30 and the International Convention in Winnipeg August 22 – 27. If you have time please consider going because these events are worth it for the experience, memories, and friendships. In addition, this club won a boatload of golf and bocce trophies last year so defending them is in the cards.

Our own Ken Williamson ends his term as District Governor at the Calgary Convention. Many thanks are extended to him for representing our club in fine fashion and for his service in contributing to the continuity of this great organization we belong to. Our club has a lot of talented members with good leadership skills who could also fill the Governor's role (currently we have four Past Governors on our roster). I have approached some of you but there are others who I am going to lean on. If you have an interest, please let me know.

I have enjoyed passing on Gyro news this past year – hard to believe this is the 10th bulletin (even though it is late). I hope this news has been useful for you and I hope to continue the format that Ian Greig piloted (Bless his heart) unless someone else wishes to pick up the reins.

RECENT EVENTS

May 30 – Nigel Way Celebration of Life

It was a full house with many Gyros in attendance to remember Nigel. Dale Green was the Master of Ceremonies which featured family members and Nigel's friends relating experiences with Nigel and Ann. (Nigel's daughter, Emma Smith speaks in the picture here).

Al Clark spoke on behalf of the club about how dedicated Nigel was to Gyro as a Charter member of the Club. Nigel was always the life of the party and rarely missed an event. His Radium cottage was a family focus for activities and a stopping point for Gyros when traveling through. He was kind, positive and gentle. He is sorely missed.



June 6 – Auction – Scotsmen’s Well

Thirty-nine Gyros and friends gathered to enjoy a few adult beverages, a great meal and a boisterous time bidding with a live auctioneer on 27 quality auction items to support charitable causes and club activities.

Thank you, Dale Green and Brad Hinds, as well as Browns Auctions for making this annual event as good or better than past ones. Kudos to the Calgary club for having 5 persons attend and for donating an item.



June 13 – Inglewood Bird Sanctuary

Alan Lynas provided a guided tour for Tara and me. Unfortunately, an invite did not get sent out and there was a cloudburst just before the event so others did not attend. For those that did not here is the synopsis. We enjoyed a walk along a lagoon that receives spring water and drains into the adjacent Bow River. Many species of birds and waterfowl as well as deer were observed. Of most interest was the history of the sanctuary narrated by Alan. He explained that his grandfather, Colonel James Walker settled the land in 1883, that is now occupied by the Sanctuary. In 1910 the current brick house—named Inglewood—was built, and the surrounding area was named for the house.



In 1929, Colonel Walker's son Selby applied to the Federal government to have 59 acres on the west side of the Bow River be designated as a Federal Migratory Bird Sanctuary. In 1970 the City purchased the property and operates it as a nature reserve. Alan showed us his grandfather's impressive home which is now rented out and used by Volunteers to keep it functional. He even pointed out where his bedroom was when visiting. We finished the one hour tour with Dinner at the Hose and Hound pub in Inglewood.

50/50 STATUS

There was no June 13 meeting, so the year ends with \$63 left in the progressive pot. Guys with a leg are Dave Smith; Al Clark; Brad Hinds; Ridge Forster; John Cobb; Alan Lynas; and Ken Williamson. The extra 50/50 draw instituted this year collected \$66 for the club (which I still need to pay the treasurer!)

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Alex Dickson, former member, passed away on May 15. Condolences are extended to his wife Lynda. Paul Stout experienced more knee issues hiking in Europe so surgery may be necessary.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

July 9 (Belated) – Alan Lynas

July 11 (Belated) – Wes Fillo

July 18 – Paul Stout

August 11 – Stewart Chalmers

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

The following members have recently achieved commendable years in Gyro:

Bob Howell – 55 yrs.

Garry Pattison – 30 yrs.

Keith Aird – 20 Yrs.

INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT NEWS

The 2023 Gyro 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 which means dress in your best denim and sparkles or fancy cocktail attire with bling.

The Calgary Club supported our convention last year so please make time to attend. It is convenient in that you do not have to book a hotel room. However, I booked a room for the Friday night as that is when the Banquet occurs. Saturday features an afternoon party at the Mahogany Beach Club with Bocce and Musical Trivia followed by Dinner and Horse Races.

The 2023 Gyro International Convention is scheduled for **August 23 - 27 in Winnipeg**. 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.

Check out the new Gyro Podcasts on the International site – Gyro.org or click the following link to listen:

<https://gyro.org/gyro-podcasts-2/>

SUMMER HUMOUR FOR THE FUN OF IT

Q: What did the pig say at the beach on a hot summer's day?

A: I'm bacon!

Q: What do you call six weeks of rain in Scotland?

A: Summer!

Q: How do you prevent a Summer cold?

A: Catch it in the Winter!

Q: What do you call a french guy in sandals?

A: Phillipe Phloppe.

Q: When do you go at red and stop at green?

A: When you're eating a watermelon.

Q: How do men exercise at the beach?

A: By sucking in their stomach everytime they see a bikini.

The Beach - Our first day at a resort my wife and I decided to hit the beach. When I went back to our room to get something to drink, one of the hotel maids was making our bed. I grabbed my cooler and was on my way out when I paused and asked, "Can we drink beer on the beach?" "Sure," she said, "but I have to finish the rest of the rooms first."

How to Get Regular Visits.

A couple of old ladies were sitting on a patio and speaking to each other about their grandchildren. "I send gifts, greeting cards and checks to my grandchildren," complains one, "and still they barely visit me!"

The second old lady said, "Oh I too send checks to my grandchildren and they visit me all the time!" "You are so fortunate to have more grateful grandchildren than my own." said the first one sadly. The second old lady smiled: "No my grandchildren are about as grateful as yours."

"So what do YOU do different? Are your checks bigger than mine?" Asked the first one, surprised. "No," chuckled the other old lady, "I just don't sign mine."