



## STAMPEDE CITY GYROPER

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### **EDITORIAL**

Today is Mother's Day – a time to recognize the support of your mother in your life and if you have children then also recognize their mother in a meaningful way. Not that good Gyros don't do that every day LOL.

Life is hard these days in Alberta – we have little to look forward to following the upcoming election except more chaos. Meanwhile I'm disappointed all Canadian teams are out of the NHL playoffs now – I think even the best players from Edmonton and Toronto put on one team could not get past the second round mostly because of terrible defence and no goalies. Hope Seattle wins game seven on Monday.

The US Surgeon General calls Loneliness an epidemic and another study shows it increases with age. I feel fortunate to have my friends in Gyro. I even made a trip to Vernon last weekend for a District 4 Gyro convention to meet up with at about 10 good friends and made more friends including Elvis serving drinks in the hospitality room till 2:30 am Pacific time! Here at home, it sure would be nice to see more of our members more but even so the Wednesday coffee meetings and twice a month events keep us connected and I know I can call anyone at any time. Please call me if you wish to chat about anything.

### **RECENT EVENTS**

#### ***April 27 – Jubilations Theatre***

15 Gyros and guests sang along to wedding songs from the 80's and 90's at the Jubilations Dinner theatre. It was an amusing story about a wedding taking place at the Outlook Hotel in Colorado – where the horror movie *The Shining*, starring Jack Nicholson, occurred. Note the Bride is dressed in black in the picture. The Father dressed in Blue had to be consoled by Alan Lynas in the performance because he could not sing at the wedding. The singing and dancing were worth the price of admission and most of the food choices were of excellent quality and quantity.

#### ***May 9 – Shuffleboard & Election***

Ten members gathered at the Forest Lawn Legion to sort out the executive for the coming year and throw some shuffleboard rocks just for fun. Dinner and drinks were so cheap that I thought we were at McDonalds.



With John Cobb occupied with sailing and weddings until December the decision was to keep him in the Vice President Chair for 2023-24 given that Alan Lynas is willing to step into the President's Chair – thank you Alan! The plan is to have John serve as president for 2024-25. We also endorsed Ridge Forster moving into his second year as Director. Kudos to Dale Green for stepping forward as a Director, and also to Stuart Chalmers for agreeing to extend his Directorship to 3 years. One Director position is open as Alan Lynas vacated it. President Dave will be contacting members to fill it – please step up if asked.

### **50/50 STATUS**

There was another set of winners at the May 9 meeting. Stuart won \$10 and Dave Smith received a leg for the Progressive Pot which will be over \$70 at the next meeting on June 13.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

***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.

You may attend either or both activities.

**To book please contact Terry Lynch:** Phone: 403-931-3427 Email: [terry\\_lynch1@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

***June 7 – Wednesday Coffee Club – 10AM at ATCO Blue Flame Kitchen***

***June 13 – Inglewood Bird Sanctuary – 2425 – 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW***

The Inglewood Bird Sanctuary and Nature Centre have been providing protection for migratory birds since 1929. Volunteers have documented 270 species of birds, 21 species of mammals and 347 species of plants.

This is a mixed event so please bring your spouse for a walk. The time for the event is not decided yet and the venue for a meal is also to be determined. An email notice will go out closer to the event.

### **HEALTH AND WELFARE**

May 30 – Nigel Way Celebration of Life – McInnis and Holloway (12281 40 St. SE)

### **UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

May 17 – Jim Barrette

June 1 – John Cobb

June 5 – Sandy MacLeod

## **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](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/>

## **HUMOUR FOR THE FUN OF IT**

Some Mother's Day jokes:

**Bought my Mum a mug which says, "Happy Mother's Day from the World's Worst Son". I forgot to mail it, but I think she knows.**

**A kid asks his dad, "What's a man?" The dad says, "A man is someone who is responsible and cares for their family." The kid says, "I hope one day I can be a man just like mom!"**

**"If evolution really works, how come Mothers only have two hands?"  
-Milton Berle**

**A mother's sacrifice isn't giving birth. It's nine months without wine!**

**A kid walks up to his mom and asks, "Mom, can I go bungee jumping?" The mom says "No, you were born from broken rubber, and I don't want you to go out the same way!"**

