



STAMPEDE CITY GYROPER

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EDITORIAL

Our Club is embarking on its 61st year. A remarkable run! Despite our membership at a 30 year low of 19, we are still having fun and I am always impressed that we attract good people.

Please remember to invite those persons that purchased your activity at the annual Auction. Not only is the commitment met but you are going to have fun.

There is some good news and bad news in this edition. We are all busy with families, holidays, work (for some of us) and health issues. Please take care of yourself and for your mental health either give another member a call and/or come out to an event.

RECENT EVENTS

July 26 - 28 – District 8 Convention in Calgary

The Calgary Club, led by Ken Baker, hosted an excellent convention at the Deerfoot Casino with almost 40% of our club members attending including Dale and Mary Ann Woodroffe; Ken and Mina Williamson; Al and Mary Ann Clark; Alan Lynas; Paul Stout; Garry Pattison; and me and Tara.



We all had a great time with Gyros from BC and Alberta participating in a silent auction, where many of us found items, golf, a rowdy hospitality room that had the usual warnings from a security detail, exceptionally good meals, and a really good band at the Governor's ball. I did not attend the Saturday Mahogany Beach trip, but reports are the Bocce, horse



races and name that tune plus the meal was a fun day. Our club came in second on Low Gross golf (me); low net golf (Garry), and Bocce (Mary Ann Woodroffe).

Governor Ken Williamson officiated at the AGM where awards were handed out and dues were set at \$40 for the year. The incoming executive is now Dunc Mills from Edmonton as Governor; Ted Ewanchuk from Sherwood Park as Lt. Governor and Ken becomes Immediate Past Governor (shown above receiving a plaque from International President Peter Carter). Thank you for your service, Ken.

Looking forward to next years event which might be in Fairmont in May as there is no host. In 2025 our District Convention is hosted by the Edmonton and Sherwood Park Clubs tentatively planned to be on a cruise ship to Alaska with an International Convention in June.

August 23 – 27 – International Convention in Winnipeg

Dale W., Ken W. and I attended the 103rd international convention with our brides. We had a lot of fun interacting with Gyros from all over the continent at a dinner with polar bears at the zoo and a competitive trivia contest as well as a tour of the National Human Rights Museum and a Music Tour e.g. *Guess Who*. We participated in seminars on improving Gyro which you should hear about soon via email from the membership committee. The dues for next year are now \$70 which is a return to normal after 3 years of \$20 rebates. The new Executive includes: President, Dan Durbin, Olympia WA; 1st VP, Mike Eisner Blake Lake CA; 2nd VP, Ned Barber Buffalo NY and IPIP Peter Carter, Edmonton AB.

Next year's event will be in Niagara Falls so I encourage everyone to have a second honeymoon there (details below).

UPCOMING EVENTS

A schedule of activities is being worked on by the executive with our first meeting planned for September 11. Some info is below but look for evites in your inbox.

Monday, Sept 11 - an evening in an escape room followed by drinks and dinner at a nearby pub. Plan to arrive at 5:30pm for a briefing before entering the escape room at 6pm. The venue is ESCAPE60, 1638-10th Ave SW (near the Sunalta LRT Station). Parking is available in the ESCAPE60 lot. Cost is \$37 (reduced to \$20 for Stampede City members after club subsidy). Assuming we can escape, we'll meet afterwards (at around 7pm) at Tailgunner Brewing, 1602-roth Ave SW for dinner and a drink.

Wednesday, Sept 20 – Coffee at Atco Blue Flame Kitchen 10:00am.

Wednesday, Sept 20 – Calgary Club Lunch and Pool at the Horton Road Legion.

Tuesday, Sept 26 - Miniature golf at GolfFuture YYC 5:30pm followed by dinner and drinks at Ogden Pizza.

50/50 STATUS

There is \$63 in the progressive pot. Members with a leg are Dave Smith; Al Clark; Brad Hinds; Ridge Forster; John Cobb; Alan Lynas; and Ken Williamson.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Jim Barrette's wife Linda passed away on August 13 after a long illness. A Celebration of Life is to be held. Our thoughts and best wishes are with you Jim during this devastating time for you.

Alan Clark has just been diagnosed with adult Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). He is receiving Chemotherapy and other treatments to combat this aggressive disease. He is feeling tired but good in general.

Ted Gaffney just finished 10 weeks in the hospital with an infection. He says they forgot he was there lol. His wife Pat is dealing with recurring knee and back pain from operations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

September 25 – Alan Pentney - No need to send gifts, just come to a meeting and we can share some laughs.

INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT NEWS

The **2024 Gyro District VIII Convention** does not have a host so unless one comes forward the District Executive is likely to hold the event in Fairmont BC in late May.

The **2024 Gyro International Convention** is scheduled for **June 2 (Sunday) to June 7 (Thursday)** in **Niagara Falls at the Crowne Plaza Hotel**. The website is not developed yet so Registration is not possible until late October or so. The dates are different than normal to take advantage of rates.

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

