



DECEMBER BULLETIN / 2003

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Wed. Dec. 3 Luncheon Meeting Quality Inn**
 Speaker: Ms. Deborah Klicki from AMA to tell us about the new Driver's Operator Licence.
 Cost: \$10 / person.
- Wed. Dec. 10 Christmas Luncheon Fort Calgary Mixed Event**
 Cost: \$20.00 per person
 Time: 11:00 a.m. bar open. Lunch at 12:00 noon
 Full turkey dinner followed by entertainment.
 Guests are welcome.
 Host: Alan Campbell, Ron Thibault, and Gordon Coates
- Sun. Dec. 14 President's Christmas Party Atrium Square Mixed Event**
 Address: 200, 5920 – 1A Street S.W.
 Time: 2:00 – 4:30 P.M.
 Host: Garry Davies
- Wed. Jan. 7/04 Luncheon Meeting Quality Inn**
 Speaker : Ms Sheila Cooper (from CARP) – Canadian Advocate for Retired People.
- Feb.3 – 8 /04 International Interim Convention Melbourne, Florida Mixed Event**
 If you are interested in attending this fun event please inform Gyro International Headquarters prior to going.

Mar. 26-28/04 District VIII Interim Fairmont Hot Springs,B.C. Mixed Event

I know it's early but in order to be guaranteed a room at the Fairmont Resort with the Gyro special rates you must book before Jan. 25, 2004.

The Resort Registration and Interim Registration forms will be sent with this Gyrodeo Bulletin as attachments. For those of you not on the internet the forms will be available at our next meeting.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

1st Donald Potts

21st Ron Thibault

Have a Great Day Gentlemen.

GYRO CLUB ROSTER ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES:

John Beck now has an e-mail address. It is: jbeck03@telus.net

Duncan Strachan has changed e-mail addresses. The new one is: dstrachan@shaw.ca

Please make these changes to your Club Roster book.

PAST EVENTS:

Gyro Founders Night held at Fort Calgary on Saturday, October 25th, was a great success with 83 Gyros, Gyrettes, friends and relatives from the Calgary and Stampede City Gyro clubs enjoying an evening of friendship, hospitality and fun.

Following a delicious dinner, Gyro Ron Carter spoke on the meaning of Gyro, stressing how fortunate we are to have our friendships. However, we should share more "I am glad you are my friend" with others more often. Ron also showed a funny video which stressed the need for friends.

We then adjourned for half an hour to allow everyone to see the Fort Calgary Museum. This was followed by a hilarious Comedian, Magician, Illusionist who kept everyone laughing for almost an hour helped by Calgary Gyro President Garry Davies and Gyrette Bea Hamilton. The evening wound up with the announcement that Stampede Club Gyrette Joan Grieg had won the early-bird draw of a full cheesecake from the Cheesecake Café. Then the door prize of a return flight for two on Westjet Airline, anywhere in Canada that Westjet flies was drawn by District Governor Al Clark with the winner being Barb Davies, wife of our Calgary President Garry Davies.

The evening wound up with friendship and mingling, then everyone leaving with much laughter after a full evening of Gyro Friendship and fun. Don't forget to tell a friend how much you appreciate his/her FRIENDSHIP. Details of this event were forwarded to Gyrodeo by Gyro Bob Walker. Thanks Bob.

Curlarama 2003

Our Club hosted another successful Curlarama in Banff from November 7th to 9th. Eight Gyro clubs participated in this year's event sending a total of sixteen teams, including three from the Calgary Club.

The quartet of Harold Lissel, Wayne Sinclair, Ken Baker and Steve Denny acquitted themselves well, finishing runner-up to Sherwood Park in the A event. Bridesmaids two years in a row! Larry Fenton, Lyle Carter and two prospective members cruised along before losing an extra end heartbreaker in the A event semi final. The foursome of John Hodgson, Garry Davies, Dave Gareau and Bill Schultz stumbled out of the gate but eventually found their stride and prevailed in the D event final. Cliff Deis filled out a Sherwood Park team and helped them to a runner-up finish in the C event. The B and C event winners were Cranbrook and Nelson respectively. Regina was awarded the man-miles trophy for the greatest aggregate distance travelled (number of participants multiplied by the distance to Banff)

A special thanks to Hank Ernst and Doug Flamme for joining us in Banff to watch some curling and participate in the festivities.

Reported to Gyrodeo by Gyro John Hodgson. Thanks, John.

Gyro Bingo

Just over 100 attended our Calgary Gyro Club Bingo night which was held on Wednesday, November 26th at the Blackfoot Inn. Everyone appeared to be very enthusiastic and anxious to win one (or two) of the excellent prizes which were available to the lucky winners. A lunch of pastries, coffee and tea was served during the evening for those who needed an energy fix. Barb Davies won the traditional "Texas Mickey" which is donated annually by the Stampede City Gyro Club for the blackout game. The 50/50 draw winner of \$207 was Andrea Sherwood, wife of Bryan - a new Gyro member. The lucky people in the special draw for the hockey tickets were Doreen Lissel, Donna Gareau, Shelley Gammelseter, Jim Barr and Peggy Himmelman. They will be attending a Hitman Hockey game and will be hosted by Bob and Marilyn Lane.

Congratulations to all of the winners. The big winners will be the two charities which will be receiving money gathered from the Bingo evening. They are the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank and the Simon House Residence Society. Thanks to Ken Baker, Bob Lane and the many helpers who made this evening another great success.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

As this year's President, I would like to extend my thanks to everyone for their attendance at our events so far this year! It would please me immensely if this trend carried forward into

the New Year. Your Event Chairmen continue to work hard to plan functions to “Keep the Fun in Gyro”. We need to support them. So to keep our attendance up, why not bring a friend to an upcoming event?

On behalf of Barb and myself I would like to take this opportunity to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I’m hoping to see everyone at the upcoming Christmas Luncheon as well as the President’s Christmas Party.

Yours in Gyro, Garry.

HEALTH OF THE CLUB:

There have been no calls to indicate otherwise so let us assume that all is well in our Gyro Club at this time.

DID YOU HEAR.....

Nine Months later...

Mike decided to go skiing with his buddy, Sam. They loaded up Mike’s mini van and headed north. After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible blizzard. They pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night. “I realize it’s terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I’m recently widowed,” she explained. “I’m afraid the neighbors will talk if I let you stay in my house.”

“Don’t worry,” Mike said. “We’ll be happy to sleep in the barn. And if the weather breaks, we’ll be gone at first light.”

The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night. Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way. They enjoyed a great weekend of skiing.

About nine months later, Mike got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the ski weekend. He dropped in on his friend Sam and asked, “Sam, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our ski holiday up North?”

“Yes, I do.” said Sam.

“Did you happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?”

“Yes,” Sam said, a little embarrassed about being found out. “I have to admit that I did.”

“And did you happen to use my name instead of telling her your name?”

Sam’s face turned red and he said, “Yeah, sorry, buddy. I’m afraid I did. Why do you ask?”

“She just died and left me everything.” said Mike.

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure."
"Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised. "Mine says I'm four."

A second grader came home from school and said to her mother, "Mom, guess what? We learned how to make babies today."

The mother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool.

"That's interesting," she said. "How do you make babies?"

"It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change the 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

On behalf of my wife, Sylvia, and myself, we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy year 2004!

**Your bulletin editor,
Gyro Gord A**

"KEEP THE FUN IN GYRO!"