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JANUARY 2008 BULLETIN



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed, January 9, 2008	Noon Luncheon Meeting - Carriage House Inn The speaker is Mr. Rene Godin The topic is <i>Nuclear Energy Development in Alberta</i>
Tuesday, January 22, 2008	Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Club
January 22-27, 2008	GYRO INTERNATIONAL Interim Convention in Tucson, Arizona
Wed, January 23, 2008	Noon Luncheon Meeting - Carriage House Inn Business meeting

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.....

A man who has faults he doesn't know about, probably doesn't listen to his wife.....

AN EARLY REMINDER FOR FEBRUARY

Wed. Feb 20, 2008	Mixed & Joint Noon Luncheon Meeting at CANYON MEADOWS GOLF CLUB Program is by the Doctors from the Libin Heart Institute The hosts are the Stampede City Gyro Club The cost of the lunch & program is \$25.00 each
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4th Roy Brookes and Alan Fech
- 5th Dave Jenner
- 10th Roy Day and Wilf Ogden
- 24th Gary Cull
- 29th Peter Wrangham
- 30th Garry Davies
- 31st Jerry Porteous



Have a great day gentlemen !!!!

District VIII Interim Convention

The cut-off date for reserving your hotel room at the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort is January 14, 2008. Everyone should have received an e-mail with the Convention Registration and Hotel Reservation forms attached. They can also be found on our website at:

<http://www.gyroclubofcalgary.com/calendar/calendar.htm>

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

January 22 – 27, 2008

Gyro International Convention
Doubletree Inn, Tucson, Arizona

March 14 to 16, 2008

District VIII Interim Convention
Fairmont Hot Springs, Radium, B.C.

June 12 to 15, 2008

Gyro International Convention
Fairmont Empress Hotel, Victoria, B.C.

August 7 to 10, 2008

Gyro District VIII Convention
Prestige Inn, Nelson, B.C.

CLUB NEWS

CURLARAMA BANFF 2007

Our Club hosted a successful Curlarama 2007 in Banff from November 2 to 4. A total of 78 Gyros and guests participated (up from 51 last year) representing nine District VIII clubs and one District IV club, Port Alberni. The Calgary Club again demonstrated its curling prowess by winning three of the events:

A event - Calgary (John Hodgson and three guests)

B event - Port Alberni

C event - Calgary (Ken Baker, Cliff Deis and two guests)

D event - Calgary (Larry Fenton, Rick Simons and two guests)

Our Club's fourth team, the quartet of Wayne Sinclair, Steve Denny, Dave Jenner and Bill Schultz played without the benefit of any imported "ringers" and lost a squeaker to Ken Baker's rink in the C event semi-finals.

The Gyro Club of the Albernis nosed out Regina to win the Man-Miles trophy.

Greg Jerome of the Stampede Club ran a Texas Hold'em poker tournament on Saturday evening that attracted 32 players with Stampede's Alan Pentney emerging as the overall winner.

Thanks to Larry Fenton for assisting with the administration of this year's Curlarama and to Bill Schultz for spearheading the sale of raffle tickets.

John Hodgson

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Diane and I extend a big thanks to all who attended the Christmas Luncheon. For those who were unable to attend, you missed some great performances and singing by your fellow Gyros. I appreciate all those who took their time to do the Christmas Contest. I have attached the answers for those who would like to know which answers I selected as correct. There is always room for debate as to which answer is the most correct... I am pleased so many tried the contest. I appreciate your efforts. From the two of us, to you, we wish you a Merry Christmas.

I would also thank the Gyros who packaged up the remainder of the food from our Presidents Cocktail Party. Some of the street people helped me take the food into the shelter and I wish all of you could have been there to see their appreciation and excitement. The fellow carrying in the desert tray just beamed and thanked me very much for the contribution. Your kindness made many less fortunate happy with a totally unexpected treat. I thank you for this on behalf of all the staff at Alpha House. We Calgarians can be proud of how we look after our homeless. We shelter more individuals in Calgary than they do in Chicago, which is something like 7 times larger. Gyros are good people.

Ron and Diane Carter

There were 80 Gyros and Gyrettes in attendance at the luncheon and we were treated to some great entertainment which was put on by volunteers (???) from the audience. But I am sure that they had as much fun as the audience did. The afternoon closed off with a singing of Christmas carols, led by Bob Steele and Bob Lane. It was a fun afternoon and our thanks go to Diane and Ron for a job well done !!!



To protect the innocent, no names will be mentioned, but the guy with the hair was the villain.



Again, no names will be mentioned, but the guy with the blue bandana around his neck is a "dog" and the guy in white is a "foot stool".

PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Gyros and Gyrettes:

Thanks to all of you who joined us this afternoon for a great pre-Christmas get together. Sharon and I enjoyed ourselves immensely, and were happy to see so many of you there.

I want to apologize if the flurry of activity at around 4:00 pm left you with the impression that we were closing up shop ahead of schedule. I hope you didn't feel that we were anxious to have you leave. Here's what caused you to get the wrong message.

We knew that we were going to have a lot of food left over. Ron Carter graciously offered to deliver the excess to Alpha House, a shelter at which there were going to be a lot of folks with a roof over their heads, but going hungry. It seemed like an excellent opportunity to see that the food was not wasted and would go to a group that would appreciate it. We started packing up some of the food, and it escalated to gathering up all of the food that was remaining. All this because we thought Ron was going to leave soon, and we didn't want to squander the opportunity.

I regret if we sent the wrong signals, and caused people to leave early. However, we do thank Ron and Diane for taking the time to put the food to good use.

Next year, we'll be more sensitive to the impression we're giving. Thanks again to all of you who joined us and I hope you enjoyed yourselves and will have a very merry Christmas.

Bonar and Sharon Irving



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON QUIZ ANSWERS

For those of you who attended the Christmas Luncheon and completed the two quiz sheets, here are the answers. It should be noted that there may be more than one correct answer to some of the questions.



My understanding was that the point of the exercise was to find out who was the most intelligent Gyro or Gyrette. Going on the honor system, they narrowed the field down to about 6 who claimed to have most of the questions answered (not necessarily the right answer as we did not have the answer sheets). The outcome was that Ken Baker was chosen the winner as the result of a draw.....thinking back to the charity bingo I would have to question as to whether, or not, Ken is the most intelligent Gyro !!!

British Columbia Cities and Towns

Penticton, Burnaby, Trail, Princeton, Yale, Kitimat, Oyama, Hope, Golden, Terrace, Chilliwak, Oliver, Chase, Slokan, Field, Mission, Salmon Arm, New Westminster, Victoria and Boston Bar.

Cities and Towns of Alberta

Milk River, Bashaw, Carstairs, Calgary, Whiskey Creek, Enchant, Acme, Edson, Red Deer, Coronation, Peace River, Gibbons, New Brook, Edmonton, Leduc, Rimbey, Grand Prairie, Rocky Mountain House, Olds, Brooks, Sherwood Park, Spruce Grove, Hobema, Consort, Lacombe, Cochran, East Coulee, Wildwood, Wayne, Crossfield, Penhold, Twin Butte, Legal, Crimson Lake, Slave Lake, Viking, Camrose, Cereal, Boyle, Millet, Cardston, Onaway, Valleyview, Innisfail, Medicine Hat, Fawcett, Cold Lake, Tofield and Vermillion.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR.....

Dave Garreau, Bill Hardman and Dick Skinner and three Stampede City Club members are traveling by train to a convention. At the station, Dave, Bill and Dick each buy a ticket while the three Stampede City Club members only buy one ticket.

Dave asks, "How are the three of you going to travel on only one ticket?"
"Watch and you'll see", answers the Stampede member.

They all board the train. Dave, Bill and Dick all take their seats while the three Stampede members cram into a washroom.

Shortly after the train has departed the conductor comes around collecting tickets. He knocks on the restroom door and says "Ticket, please". The door opens just a crack and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor takes it and moves on. Dave, Bill and Dick saw this and agreed it was quite a clever idea.

After the convention Dave, Bill and Dick decide to copy the Stampede City Club so Dave only buys one ticket. To their astonishment, the Stampede club doesn't buy any tickets. "How are you going to travel without a ticket?" asks Dave. "Watch and you'll see", replies the Stampede member.

When they board the train, Dave, Bill and Dick cram into a restroom and the three Stampede members cram into another one nearby. The train departs the station and shortly afterwards one of the Stampede Club members leaves the restroom and walks over to the restroom where Dave, Bill and Dick are hiding. He knocks on the door and says, "Ticket, please"

Bryan Sherwood – Bulletin Editor



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