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November 2008 Bulletin



Roy Day

Hello Gyros,

It is with regret that I am reporting the sad news that Roy Day passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 15th.

Roy joined our club in 1990, and was a member until ill-health forced his resignation from the club last year. He remained as a Friend of Gyro until his passing.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Anne and the family in this time of sorrow.

A funeral service for Roy was held on Sunday, October 19, 2008.

Gary Cull

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2008	
November 7-9,	Curlarama at Banff, AB. The Stampede City club is the host this year Club contact is John Hodgson.
Wed. Nov 5,	Remembrance Day Luncheon - Carriage House Inn This is a MIXED event. See page 3 for details.
Thurs, Nov 20,	Annual Charity Bingo Royal Canadian Legion Br 285, 9202 Horton Road SW This is a MIXED Event and Guests are always welcome. For details please see Page 4.

Gyro District VIII – 2008



November 7th – 9th 2008, Banff Alberta

Guests, Friends, Curlers and Non-Curlers alike

Weekend Highlights

Friday

- 🍷 Dinner (drinks included) Banff Pub crawl (crawling not mandatory)

Saturday

- 🍷 Dart & Crib Tourney Non-curlers (Daytime)
- 🍷 Texas Hold-em Poker Tourney Curlers & non-curlers (evening)
- 🍷 Wind up dinner everyone welcome (night)

Sunday

- 🍷 Curling finals "Come out and cheer for your favorite team"

Hotel:

Voyager Inn, 555 Banff Ave
www.banffvoyagerinn.com

Price:

\$210.00 per curler, \$160.00 per non-curler, \$75.00 single room
supplement (includes 2 nights accommodations & 2 breakfasts)

REMEMBRANCE DAY LUNCHEON



Our Remembrance Day Luncheon will be held at the Carriage House Inn on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 12:00 P.M. This is a mixed function and guests are always welcome.

Our guest speaker will be Ken Shedden who will talk about the "army regimental numbers" which are on the hillside below the district of Signal Hill in southwest Calgary.

Your host for this event is Alan Campbell.

CONVENTIONS in 2009

Gyro International Interim Convention
Chateau Sonesta Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana
January 7 to 10, 2009

District VIII Interim Meeting
Fairmont, B.C.
March 13 to 15, 2009

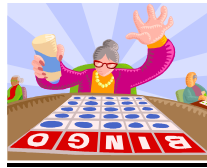
Gyro International Convention
Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Diego, California
June 8 to 14, 2009

Gyro District VIII Convention
Cranbrook, B.C.
September 17 to 20, 2009

DEFINITION:

Diplomacy – the art of letting someone have your way.

DID YOU KNOW.....that during every modern Olympic game, both summer and winter, there has been only one country that has been a constant participant. It is Great Britain.



GYRO CHARITY BINGO

MIXED EVENT and our only CLUB FUND RAISER

BRING A GUEST WITH YOU TO THIS FUN EVENING!!!

DATE: Thursday, 20 November 2008
PLACE: Royal Canadian Legion Branch #285
9202 Horton Road S.W.

ADMISSION:

\$15.00 per person – Includes admission and 2 Bingo Cards. Extra bingo cards may be purchased for \$2.00 each. There is NO LIMIT on the number of Bingo Cards each person can play.

GIFTS:

Each ATTENDEE is expected to bring a gift. These gifts will be used for the prizes that will be given away to the lucky winners of each Bingo game. Wins are limited to 2 per person, with the exception of the Blackout game and the draw prizes.

GAMES:

There are **8** regular games and approximately 10 to 12 prizes are usually won during each game. All ties (if any) are broken by the drawing of cards, as handled by the caller and his assistants. The final game is a **Blackout** game.

TIME:

The doors open at **6:30 PM**. A cash bar will be open at that time, and remain open throughout the evening.

Pay admission and purchase extra Bingo cards from **6:30 to 7:15 PM**

Bingo games start at **7:15 PM** and will continue until approximately 9:30 PM

PRIZES:

Blackout prize is a Texas Mickey donated by the Stampede City Gyro Club.

A prize of **Tickets** in the **Blaskin & Lane** Box at the **Saddledome** to see the **Hitman Hockey Game** at **2:00 PM** on **Sunday, December 14, 2008**. **4 lucky Gyro couples** will be the winners of these tickets, compliments of **Blaskin & Lane Tire Centers**.

Coffee, Tea and Sandwiches WILL BE PLACED ON EACH TABLE AT THE END OF THE BINGO GAMES!!!!!!

Host for this evening is Ken Baker.

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CHANGES TO THE CLUB ROSTER

Ethan & Joan Compton are on the move. Effective November 1st, their address will be:

Ethan & Joan Compton
212, 3028 Don Ethell Blvd. S.W.
Calgary, AB T3E 0C9

Bob Steele now has an active cell phone number: 403-700-8046

The following is a resignation from the Calgary Gyro Club submitted by **Gerald Price**:

Due to other commitments I have been unable to attend any of the club functions this year and it appears the next year will be about the same. With this in mind, I wish to cancel my membership to Gyro.

I thank you all for the opportunity to be part of this organization and wish you all well. Have a great Holiday Season.

Thank you,
Gerald & Marguerite Price

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5th Doug Church
20th Gord Anderson



Have a Great Day Gentlemen !!!

HEALTH OF THE CLUB

Dave Bramsen is having shoulder surgery on November 13th.

Duncan Strachan's surgery went well and he is well on his way to a full recovery.

Tom Bourne had a successful hip operation recently and he is doing well.

CLUB NEWS

The Calgary Gyro Club website is up to date so if you want details on upcoming events for the balance of 2008 or 2009, please go to our website at:

www.gyroclubofcalgary.com

LUNCHEON – October 1

Our regular monthly meeting was held at the Carriage House Inn. It was the first meeting chaired by our new President, Bill McCartney. There were 28 members in attendance.

After a very nice lunch our President proceeded with the business portion of the meeting.

Gord Anderson presented Don Mac Mahon with a plaque in recognition of his 40 years of membership with the Calgary Gyro Club.

George Palardy, who heads the phoning committee, is looking for some volunteers. A couple of the current phoners who have been doing the job for several years would like to take a break and George needs some replacements. It is not a demanding job and it takes very little time, so, if you can help George, give him a call.

Bob Lane spoke about bringing your friends out to a luncheon so that they can see what Gyro is all about and they then may consider joining our club. Bob stated that application forms and brochures are readily available and “we” will even treat your guest to lunch.

Gord Anderson spoke about an area of our club which seems to have neglected recently. The well being of all our members seems to have slipped through a crack and it is now only by chance that we hear about a member who is ill. Gord has volunteered to take on the task of following up when a member is ill. This follow up could be a phone call, a visit, a card or what ever is appropriate. But, for this to happen, every member must keep Gord informed as to the well being of our members. If you know of a member who is ill, don't assume that someone has called Gord. Please call him yourself as it is better that he receives two or three calls rather than no calls.

The meeting was followed with a period of socializing.

The draw was won by Tom Hanson who walked away with \$28.00.....remember, if you are not there, you can't win !!!

LUNCHEON – October 15

Our regular monthly meeting was held at the Carriage House Inn. The meeting chaired by our President, Bill McCartney. There were 35 members in attendance plus our two guest speakers.

After lunch Bob Lane spoke to the members with regards to bringing new members in to the club. Bob stated that everyone must have at least one friend they could bring to a luncheon, and if they don't have a friend, then "rent a friend for the day" !!!

John Hodgson reminded everyone about Curlarama which is taking place in Banff during the weekend of Nov 7 to 9. He stated that his team was short one person, however, upon looking around the room he did not invite anyone present to join his team !!!!

Our guest speakers, Cécile Thorson and Jackie McFarlane, from Helping Hand Estate Services Inc. (HHES), were introduced by Larry Fenton.

HHES is privately owned and has operated since 2001. They specialize in assisting persons who are downsizing, possibly moving in to a seniors complex or are families who have lost a loved one. They sort, organize and set up all of the house contents and then have a licensed appraiser price the items. They advertise the on-site estate sale of the household contents and then dispose of any unsold items by donating them to a charity of the client's choice. They remove all garbage and broom clean the residence upon completion of the sale. This process takes about 2 weeks.

A short question and answer period followed their presentation. One question asked was what was the cost for this service. Ms. Thorson replied that they received a percentage of the sale and that percentage depended on the size of the sale and it could range anywhere from 25% to 40%. For anyone interested in learning more about HHES they have a website: www.HHES.ca

The meeting was followed by a period of socializing.

The big winner this week was Doug Church who walked away with \$35.00 !!!!

FOUNDER'S NIGHT

Founder's Night was hosted by the Stampede City Club this year. It was held October 20th at the Elks Lodge & Golf Club. There were 46 members in attendance, 18 from our Club.

A presentation of piano music was heard during the Cocktail Hour. The pianist was the talented Alison Marshall (daughter of Al & Mary Ann Clark of Stampede Club).

Al Clark was the MC for the evening. Grace was given by Jim Duncan. Dinner was a wonderful buffet meal, including desserts & coffee.

We were privileged to witness the Installation of two new members, installed by Ian Greig (Past International President, Past District Governor).

Alan Pentney did a superb job of The History of Gyro in the form of a Power Point Presentation.

All this was followed by a photo presentation by Don Kesler (owner of Don Kesler Nature Photography). Don is the son-in-law of Ann & Nigel Way, Stampede Club. He shared many of his beautiful photos of various wildlife with us, complete with details of when & where each picture was taken. There were even sound effects with some of the photographs! Photos were available for purchase after the event.

A great event, certainly enjoyed by all who attended. Great job Stampede City Club!

Regards,

Garry Davies

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE submitted by George Palardy

British news paper salutes Canada . . . this is a good read. It is funny how it took someone in England to put it into words... Salute to a brave and modest nation - Kevin Myers, 'The Sunday Telegraph' LONDON:

Until the deaths of Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan, probably almost no one outside their home country had been aware that Canadian troops are deployed in the region.

And as always, Canada will bury its dead, just as the rest of the world, as always will forget its sacrifice, just as it always forgets nearly everything Canada ever does.. It seems that Canada's historic mission is to come to the selfless aid both of its friends and of complete strangers, and then, once the crisis is over, to be well and truly ignored.

Canada is the perpetual wallflower that stands on the edge of the hall, waiting for someone to come and ask her for a dance. A fire breaks out, she risks life and limb to rescue her fellow dance-goers, and suffers serious injuries. But when the hall is repaired and the dancing resumes, there is Canada, the wallflower still, while those she once helped glamorously cavort across the floor, blithely neglecting her yet again.

That is the price Canada pays for sharing the North American continent with the United States, and for being a selfless friend of Britain in two global conflicts.

For much of the 20th century, Canada was torn in two different directions: It seemed to be a part of the old world, yet had an address in the new one, and that divided identity ensured that it never fully got the gratitude it deserved.

Yet its purely voluntary contribution to the cause of freedom in two world wars was perhaps the greatest of any democracy. Almost 10% of Canada's entire population of seven million people served in the armed forces during the First World War, and nearly 60,000 died. The great Allied victories of 1918 were spearheaded by Canadian troops, perhaps the most capable soldiers in the entire British order of battle.

Canada was repaid for its enormous sacrifice by downright neglect, its unique contribution to victory being absorbed into the popular Memory as somehow or other the work of the 'British.'

The Second World War provided a re-run. The Canadian navy began the war with a half dozen vessels, and ended up policing nearly half of the Atlantic against U-boat attack. More than 120 Canadian warships participated in the Normandy landings, during which 15,000 Canadian soldiers went ashore on D-Day alone.

Canada finished the war with the third-largest navy and the fourth largest air force in the world. The world thanked Canada with the same sublime indifference as it had the previous time.

Canadian participation in the war was acknowledged in film only if it was necessary to give an American actor a part in a campaign in which the United States had clearly not participated - a touching scrupulousness which, of course, Hollywood has since abandoned, as it has any notion of a separate Canadian identity.

So it is a general rule that actors and filmmakers arriving in Hollywood keep their nationality - unless, that is, they are Canadian. Thus Mary Pickford, Walter Huston, Donald Sutherland, Michael J. Fox, William Shatner, Norman Jewison, David Cronenberg, Alex Trebek, Art Linkletter and Dan Aykroyd have in the popular perception become American, and Christopher Plummer, British.

It is as if, in the very act of becoming famous, a Canadian ceases to be Canadian, unless she is Margaret Atwood, who is as unshakably Canadian as a moose, or Celine Dion, for whom Canada has proved quite unable to find any takers.

Moreover, Canada is every bit as querulously alert to the achievements of its sons and daughters as the rest of the world is completely unaware of them. The Canadians proudly say of themselves - and are unheard by anyone else - that 1% of the world's population has provided 10% of the world's peacekeeping forces.

Canadian soldiers in the past half century have been the greatest peacekeepers on Earth - in 39 missions on UN mandates, and six on non-UN peacekeeping duties, from Vietnam to East Timor, from Sinai to Bosnia.

Yet the only foreign engagement that has entered the popular non-Canadian imagination was the sorry affair in Somalia, in which out-of-control paratroopers murdered two Somali infiltrators. Their regiment was then disbanded in disgrace - a uniquely Canadian act of self-abasement for which, naturally, the Canadians received no international credit.

So who today in the United States knows about the stoic and selfless friendship its northern neighbor has given it in Afghanistan?

Rather like Cyrano de Bergerac, Canada repeatedly does honorable things for honorable motives, but instead of being thanked for it, it remains something of a figure of fun. It is the Canadian way, for which Canadians should be proud, yet such honor comes at a high cost. This past year more grieving Canadian families knew that cost all too tragically well.

Lest we forget.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR.....

The lawyer stood before the judge only to hear that court would be adjourned for the day and he would have to return the next day.

"What for?", the lawyer yelled at the judge.

The judge, equally irked by a tedious day and the lawyer's rude treatment, roared, "Fifty dollars.....contempt of court. That's why!"

Upon noticing the lawyer was checking his wallet, the judge relented. "That's all right. You don't have to pay the fine right now."

The lawyer replied, "I'm just seeing if I have enough money to say three more words."

A young executive was working late, trying to impress his boss. As he was leaving the office, he found the CEO standing in front of the document shredder with a piece of paper in his hand.

"Listen," said the CEO, "this is a very sensitive and important document, and my secretary left hours ago. Can you make this thing work?"

"Certainly," said the young executive. Excited with the opportunity to kiss up to the CEO, he turned the machine on, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button.

"Excellent, excellent!" said the CEO, "I don't know what I would have done without you." As his paper disappeared inside the machine the relieved CEO says, "Now, I just need one copy."

Bryan Sherwood, Bulletin Editor



KEEP THE FUN IN GYRO