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October 2008 Bulletin



Fay Anderson

It is with regret that I pass along the sad news that Fay Anderson passed away on Friday, September 5th.

Fay was a long time Gyro, joining our club in 1951. He, and his wife, Shirley, were strong supporters of both the Gyro and Gyrette clubs. Fay was a Gyro member for nearly 57 years. He was President of the club in 1968-1969.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Fay's family in this time of sorrow.

A funeral service for Fay was held on Saturday, September 13th, 2008.

Marguerite Duguid

Also, it is with regret that I pass along the sad news that Scot Duguid's wife, Marguerite, passed away on Tuesday, September 9, 2008. Marguerite was a long and loyal member of Gyrettes and was the President of that club in 1988-1989.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Scot and his family in this time of sorrow.

A funeral service for Marguerite was held on Saturday, September 13, 2008.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2008	
Wednesday, October 1, 2008	Noon Luncheon Meeting - Carriage House Inn
Monday, October 6, 2008	Stampede City Club – Laser Tag – See page 5.
Wednesday, October 15, 2008	Noon Luncheon Meeting – Carriage House Inn
Monday, October 20, 2008	Founders Night – Hosted by Stampede City Club See page 5 for details.

CONGRATULATIONS to Fred and Hazel Gossett who will be celebrating their 75th Wedding Anniversary on October 18th, 2008 !!!!!



DID YOU KNOW.....

Computers make very fast, very accurate mistakes !!!

Gyro District VIII - 2008

Curlarama

November 7th - 9th 2008, Banff Alberta

Your proud hosts, **Stampede City Gyro**

Worried about how slippery the ice is going to be?

Worried that you haven't curled in "awhile" or have NEVER curled?

Worried your arm isn't long enough to reach the ice?

Worried if you don't curl you are going to have nothing to do?



Worrying and prepare for a **WEEKEND of FUN!**

Before curling Saturday morning, a curling "legend" has been booked to give a demonstration on how to use the greatest curling invention "EVER"

"the curling stick" - no more bending over to throw your rock, no bending over to reach the ice..



We also have secured "non-slip" rubbers (minds out of the gutter now?) These rubbers will prevent **anyone** from slipping on the ice!

Weekend Highlights

Guests, friends, Curlers and non-curlers alike

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"



Great event to invite friends and introduce the fellowship of GYRO!

- Host** Stampede City Gyro
- Dates:** Nov 7th - 9th, 2008. (Hospitality starting at 5:00 Nov 7th, Curling, prizes and wrap up starting at noon on the 9th)
- Location:** Banff AB
- 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)
- Price includes:**
-  Curling - minimum 3 games, 6 ends per game
 -  2 nights hotel
 -  2 breakfasts
 -  Gyro Hospitality Friday night, includes food and all you can drink
 -  Friday night Pub crawl
 -  Saturday afternoon darts
 -  Saturday night banquet (no host bar)
 -  Saturday night poker tournament

Prizes

- Curling**  winner and runner up in each of the 4 curling divisions
- Darts**  winner and runner up
- Poker**  winner and runner up

*Deadline for entries to be received by Oct 15th, 2008
Paul Stout 247 Sunset Circle, Cochrane, AB T4C 0C6
(please allow time for mailing)*

- Contacts**
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 -  Dale Green dale@dalegreen.com 403-608-1410

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STAMPEDE CITY CLUB LASER TAG – October 6th



Our next meeting is an activity night.

- * Date: Monday Oct 6th ---- TIME 6:00 PM
- * Laser Tag at Laser Quest (9827 Horton Road SW) - just west of the MacLeod Plaza Shopping Center at Southland and MacLeod Trail
- * Cost of Laser Tag is \$10 per person
- * Dinner (at 7:00PM) to follow at Red Carpet (Prime Rib) for the "all in one" price of \$25.00 per person (corner of Elbow Dr and Glenmore Trail)

Please plan to attend (It is a lot of fun and not strenuous). INVITE FRIENDS as we need to have enough players to pay the set cost.

Note: Although the cut-off date was September 25, please call Al Clark if you are interested in joining in on the laser tag as they may still have room for more players.

FOUNDER'S NIGHT – Monday, October 20th



Location: Calgary Elks Lodge & Golf Club located at 2502 6th St NE

Price: \$60 per couple (\$30 per person)

Time: Cocktails at 6:00 PM and Dinner at 7:00 PM.

Buffet style meal: Roast beef , lasagna, salads, and a variety of Vegetables. Pies and fresh fruit for dessert.

Bar prices: (Highballs & Domestic Beer) \$4.50, Wine (glass) \$5.00, (bottle) \$28.00

Program:

Founders Night Address
Entertainment - an outstanding nature photography presentation by Don Kesler Photography

Hosted by the Stampede Gyro Club.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3rd Bill McIntyre
5th Bill Hardman
14th Gordon Coates
19th Doug Flamme

20th Alan Campbell
24th Jack Douglas
28th Scott Porteous
31st Bruce Ferguson



Have a Great Day Gentlemen !!

CHANGES TO THE CLUB ROSTER

Jim and Cottie Dobson are on the move..... to California.

Tom Hanson's e-mail has changed to: tom-hanson@shaw.ca

Trudy Fordyce has moved. Her new address is 202, 2400 Sorrel Mews SW. T2T 6H8

Wayne and Sandra Sinclair have moved to Saskatchewan:

"Please find our new contact information below. We will certainly miss meeting and socializing with our Gyro/Gyrette friends, but are looking forward to our new venture here in Saskatchewan. Thank you everyone for your well wishes. "

Wayne & Sandra Sinclair
Box 98
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Ph.: 306-962-3698
Email: wsinclair1@sasktel.net

HEALTH OF THE CLUB

Peter Wrangham is back home from the hospital and recovering from his fall.

Gary Cull is also back home after his shoulder surgery and will soon start his physiotherapy.

Ron Thibault is recovering from his surgery. He is up and around and back at Gyro events.

Ron Carter is awaiting knee surgery.

Duncan Strachan is scheduled for surgery in October.

CLUB NEWS

LUNCHEON – September 10th

The first luncheon of the season was held on September 10th at the Carriage House Inn. In Bonar Irving's absence, the meeting was chaired by Bill McCartney with 40 members in attendance.

After a delicious dinner, a special guest made a presentation to the club. Mr. Tom Whitehead, son-in-law of Fay Anderson, presented the club with a bottle of wine. Tom told the club that upon going through Fay's personal effects, he found the bottle of wine which was given to Gyro members on the 75th Anniversary of the Calgary Gyro Club. The label on the bottle of wine listed the names of all the current members. This very special bottle of wine was subsequently turned over to Bob Steele, the club historian.

Our speaker at this luncheon was our own Ron Carter who gave a very interesting and informative talk on homelessness in Calgary.

Wilf Ogden won the draw and walked away with \$40.00.....you can't win if you are not there !!!!

SOUND FAMILIAR.....

A lady noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scale , sucking in his stomach. Thinking he was trying to weigh less with this maneuver, she commented, "I don't think that's going to help." "Sure it does," he said. "It's the only way I can see the numbers."

My wife invited some people over for Thanksgiving dinner. At the table, I turned to our six-year old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," she replied. "Just say what you hear mommy say," I said. Our daughter bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

CALGARY GYRO CLUB ANNUAL INSTALLATION – September 19th



Executive 2008-2009
Chet Mills, George Palardy, Steve Denny
Bill McCartney, Duncan Strachan,
District Governor Joe Vingo, Ron Carter
and David Jenner
Missing: Bonar Irving, Richard Simmons
Gary Cull and Larry Fenton



Bill McCartney, with his wife Sally, being
installed as President by District Governor
Joe Vingo.

The Installation of our Club officers was held on Friday, September 19, at the Carriage House Inn. The evening began with the usual cocktail party and was followed by a nice dinner.

Before Bill McCartney could be sworn in as our new President, Bonar Irving had to be sworn in as Immediate Past President. Because Bonar was going to be in Europe, this was going to be a problem. It was decided that Past District Governor, Steve Denny, would install Bonar Irving as the Past President prior to his departure. Your event hosts thought it would be important for all to witness Bonar's "swearing out", and a video was commissioned. Once the technical problems were solved, we witnessed Bonar's installation as Past President, his final remarks, and the presentation of his Memory Book by Ann Baker.

The podium was then turned over to our District Governor (new grandfather of twins), Mr. Joe Vingo, who performed his duties as installing officer. In addition to installing our new executive, Governor Joe also presented our editor, Bryan Sherwood, with the District VIII "Best Bulletin Award" for 2007-2008.

In attendance at our installation were the Aspeslets from the Lethbridge club, and the Clarks, Greigs, and Pattisons from the Stampede City Gyro Club.



Gerri and Bob Walker



Shirley and Doug Colton on the dance floor

Following the installation of officers, we were treated to a slide show entitled, "Gyro, A Year in Review", which took us through Bonar's year as president. This was followed by socializing and dancing to the great music of "Music by Starlite".

Your hosts for this event were Steve Denny, Bill McCachen and Ken Baker.

Submitted by Ken Baker (Photo's by Ken Baker)

EDITORS NOTE:

In his report on the Installation, Ken Baker, the modest person that he is, neglected to tell the real story of the slide show and film clips.....he made it sound so ho-hum !!!! The slide show, complete with music, went off without a hitch, and it was great !!

When our Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Steve Denny, announced the film clip of Bonar Irving being installed as Past President the fun started !! There were a few technical hiccups, and then, we saw Mr Denny installing Bonar as the Past President. Then, Bonar was on the screen again talking, but there was no sound. Mr Denny announced that Bonar had a few words to say, but Mr Baker was saying, "No, no, not now". Then, Ken stood in front of the projector to hide the picture on the screen. Ken was finally able to stop the film and the Installation of the new executive was able to continue.

Once the installation of the executive was completed, Ken returned us to viewing the film for a few words from Bonar, our new Past President. That went off with no problem. The next film clip was that of Ann Baker presenting Bonar with his book of "Memories" and giving Bonar a kiss. We saw it once, then again, then again, and then again....I am not sure how many times we saw it !! I lost count !! I was told later that the scene had to be shot many, many times until finally the scene worked and was acceptable. Apparently, poor Ann had chapped lips from so many kisses !!!!!

A big "thank you" to our hosts who did a wonderful job and a special "thank you" to Ken Baker for the many hours he put in on the slide show and movie clips to make it all work. Also a big "thank you" to Ann Baker for going above and beyond the call of duty..... chapped lips and all.....I just keep wondering....who really wanted to keep shooting that scene time after time ????? Ann is not saying anything, so I guess, none of us will ever know !!

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR.....

A big city lawyer was representing the railroad in a lawsuit filed by an old rancher. The rancher's prize bull was missing from the section through which the railroad passed. The rancher only wanted to be paid the fair value of the bull.

The case was scheduled to be tried before the justice of peace in the back room of the general store. The attorney for the railroad immediately cornered the rancher and tried to get him to settle out of court. The lawyer did his best selling job, and finally the rancher agreed to take half of what he was asking.

After the rancher had signed the release and took the cheque, the young lawyer couldn't resist gloating a little over his success, telling the rancher, "You know, I hate to tell you this, old man, but I put one over on you in there. I couldn't have won the case. The engineer was asleep and the fireman was in the caboose when the train went through your ranch that morning. I didn't have one witness to put on the stand. I bluffed you!"

The old rancher replied, "Well, I'll tell you, young feller, I was a little worried about winning that case myself, because that durned bull came home this morning."



Bryan Sherwood – Bulletin Editor



KEEP THE FUN IN GYRO