

# **GYRO INTERNATIONAL E-NEWS**

**Feb. 13, 2004**

Gyro International Interim Melbourne, FL Feb. 3-7, 2004

We had 151 Gyros and Gyrettes in attendance to do the work of Gyro and have some good fellowship and friendship. We had a very large hospitality suite overlooking the ocean and had some wonderful times there at the direction of our great bartenders, Jim and Jean Roberts.

For those of you who were there, thank you for coming and making it a successful get together. The members of the Executive Council, the Board of Governors, the Past District Governors and all other attendees made it a successful get together. A personal thanks to all of you. For those who were not able to make it, try to put some future International Interim or Convention on your schedule. You will find the fellowship and friendship only expand the value of your Gyro membership.

When the Past District Governors met they proposed that in the future the length of both the International Interim Meeting and the International Convention be reduced by one day. This was recommended to the Board of Governors and they voted to implement the change. The shortened Interim Meeting days will begin in 2006 and the shortened International Convention will begin in 2007. This is the earliest that they can be implemented due to commitments at hotels.

Gyro International finances are on general course with the budget adopted in Salt Lake City. The income from the Gyro store is up about 20% over the budget due to increased buying since Salt Lake City. Keep up the good work.

Ed Benhoff of the Cleveland Heights Club was awarded the Honor Key and it was presented to him on Friday night. One Merit Award was granted but in keeping with the policy, the name of the recipient is sent to the District Governor to make the award.

The St. Catherine's Club of District III will be hosting the 2007 International Convention. This gives us host Clubs or host Districts through 2008 and Cincinnati will host the 2012 Centennial Convention. This leaves 2009, 2010 and 2011. Speak up if you have not hosted in sometime—District IX and District X ??

The Executive Council will ask the Past District Governors to assist them in putting together a wide-ranging plan for where will be at on our Centennial Year (2012). We hope this will cover all aspects, such as membership, finances, paper work, Conventions and meetings, property, records, etc.

It was reported that approximately \$16,000.00 was raised for the Kelowna Fire Victims. A final report will be issued on this later in the year.

Beginning at the Interim in Las Vegas we will have an officers training session in place of the membership seminar. After that we will alternate between membership seminars at the Convention and officers training at the Interim.

Carl Hansen and Tom Lennox were elected to the Betterment Fund Board of Directors to replace Don Grieg and Jim Friedl. Ed Benhoff has been elected as the new Chairman.

The Saturday morning Membership Symposium was one of the best ever. Our membership report showed we had 4044 members as of Jan. 30, 2004. We started the Gyro year on June 1, 2003 with 4061 but immediately had to deduct 22 for the loss of the Grand Forks Club who had ceased operation earlier in the year but we did not officially accept the charter surrender until the Salt Lake City Convention. This brought our membership to 4039 so you can see that if we look past the lost club we have actually shown a net increase of 5 members for the year. You all are doing a great job on membership and I commend you and ask for continued efforts. Let's make this a year of growth. We still have four months to go and hopefully because of your effort we can make them show growth.

Reports of Club potentials were reviewed and it appears a new club in Bracebrige, ON will be chartered in June of 2004. Potential exists for new Clubs in Phoenix, Florida and possibly some others but they are more to the future.

The participants in the seminar broke down by District and tried to list what they have done that works and what else they are looking to do in the near future. After they compiled these each District presented these to the entire group. With over 50 Gyros in attendance this was a very enthusiastic group that left the meeting.

Before the membership symposium I had the honor of installing Lonnie Turner as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Governor of District X. Lonnie was elected at the District X Interim meeting to fulfill the unexpired term of an individual who could not continue in the office. Lonnie will be installed in April as the new 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Governor. How many of you served only three months as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Governor?

Help me with e-mail contacts.

I have the e-mail address of a lot of the Club Presidents and where I don't have the President I have tried to find an alternative source to send the e-news to but I still have the following Clubs that I have no one on the mailing list that I am aware of:

CLUB  
Dawson Creek  
Forest City  
Halifax  
Kitchner/Waterloo

Minneapolis  
Northwest Indiana  
Painesville  
Riverview  
Sackville  
St. Paul  
Trail

Any information you can provide me would be appreciated.

Now is the time to make your plans for Syracuse and the International Convention on June 24-27, 2004 and the Las Vegas Interim Meeting on Jan. 23-27, 2005. The Syracuse Club is planning a great Convention and Denis and Diane Moffatt will host the Las Vegas Interim and they are looking forward to a large contingent visit the “quiet” little community of Las Vegas.

One of the sidelights of the Interim was a launch of a communications satellite in the darkness of early evening. I great show to watch and many watched it from the hospitality suite with a lot of good fellowship.

I hope to see you all in the very near future. And remember to “Keep the fun in Gyro”.

Arnie Crass