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CALOOSA GYRO CLUB OFFICERS:

President.....John Bint

Secretary.....Pete Stocker

**Directors.....Bill Burns, John Styles,
Richard Leister**

1st Vice President & Treasurer.....Ronn Skolnik

2nd Vice President.....Ed Roever

Bulletin Editor.....Pete Stocker

Membership Chairman.....Steve Anderson

Don't forget to send, or call with best wishes to your friends. Stay in touch!

BIRTHDAYS: Doug Glazier-February 5, Brian Webb-February 7, Joanne Bull-February 22.

**ANNIVERSARIES: Bill & Leslie Burns- February 12, Bob & Barbara Robertson-February 14,
Jerry & Lucy Schliemann-February 20, Steve & Joanne Bull-February 29.**

"Nothing but heaven itself is better than a friend who is really a friend" – Plautus aka Titus Maccius Plautus (c.254-c.184 B.C.)

CLUB SCHEDULE:

February 7, 2024, Wed. 11:45 AM – (Stag) Luncheon at Sea-Craft Waterfront Tiki, Marintown, N Ft Myers

February 14, 2024, Wed. 11:45 AM – (Stag) Luncheon at Sea-Craft Waterfront Tiki

February 28, 2024, Wed 5:00 PM – Installation Dinner at Herons Glen, details to follow

CALOOSA CLUB NEWS:

A lovely Couples' Gathering was held on January 19th at the home of Bob and Barb Robertson. Everyone who attended reported having a great time!

A Board of Directors meeting was held on January 24th, with some of the Agenda Items results as follows:

A new management structure was developed to replace the existing management structure, with the following members nominated for each position (please refer to 1/27/24 email from Steve Anderson with attached Ballot of proposed Slate of Officers (all of whom are Directors):

**President & Membership Chairman,
Secretary
Treasurer**

**Steve Anderson
Bill Beadle
Ronn Skolnik**

Communications Committee Chair, Director
Events Planning Committee Chair, Director

John Bint
Richard Leister

Please submit your votes if you have not already done so, as the Installation Banquet is scheduled for February 28 (the VP position is currently open – please let Steve Anderson know if you have a nomination to submit, or would like to be considered for the position).

For further information, please refer to the President's Memo below.

Ronn/Bill advised that the picnic will be held on March 13th at the Jaycees Park in Cape Coral. The April Party is planned to be organized by John Styles, with a tentative date of April 12th.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

To repeat the entry in the December Bulletin,
The 2024 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, "FRIENDS GALORE IN '24" is scheduled for JUNE 2-6, 2024 in NIAGARA FALLS! It will be HOSTED BY: DISTRICT 3, PORT COLEBORNE NIAGARA SOUTH, and PETERBOROUGH.

The Caloosa Gyro Club has many snowbird members in Ohio and New York who, along with Florida full timers will be attending in mass! Mark your calendars now. Further information will follow on receipt.

MISCELLANEOUS:

A few "funnies":

- What would men be without women? Scarce, sir.....mighty scarce. –Mark Twain
- By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. –Socrates
- Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat. –Alex Levine
- We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through congress – Will Rogers

CURRENT PROSPECTS LIST/NEW MEMBERS: (Please provide names of any new Prospects!)

Ron Neurohr
Ed Pasteur

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello Gyros,

On January 24th we had our first Board of Directors meeting of the year. There were three main topics on the agenda and the minutes of the meeting are given below:

A BOD meeting was held on January 24th, 2024 at John Bint's residence. There were seven Board members present: Steve Anderson, John Bint, Ed Roever, Ronn Skolnik, Bill Burns, Richard Leister, John Styles.

Agenda

1. New Management structure.

Steve explained that a new structure was being suggested to reduce the perceived administrative overload on the President and Secretary. It is hoped that this would encourage more members to accept Officer positions and eventually take on the presidency. The structure would have three Committees reporting to the President. These are Communications, Social Events and Membership. Each Committee would have a chairman, who are still to be elected. The responsibilities of each committee were explained verbally, but will also be given in more detail in written form. (Steve and John to prepare)

The Club Treasurer would continue to report direct to the President. Ronn has agreed to continue in this position.

A motion was made to adopt the structure on a trial basis. This was approved unanimously.

Next step is to fill the positions. John Styes asked not to be considered for any of the Chairman positions. Richard indicated that he would be prepared to be considered. Steve to take further action to fill the positions.

2. Financial Report

Ronn reported on the club finances. The financial statement indicated that club expenditures in 2023 were \$704.18 and income from member dues and raffles were \$831.00. Therefore, there was a surplus of \$126.00. The current bank balance is \$4,162.

Discussions held on what 2024 dues would be. It was decided not to increase club dues this year. We will not be paying District X dues and as yet, we do not know what International Gyro dues will be. The new President will submit a club "Line item" budget for the next year to the Treasurer for approval by the BOD. Toward the end of the year a financial report will be submitted by the President on expenditures and receivables, all within budget.

Steve agreed to contact Intl to find out if a decision has been made on the amount.

3. Events Planner

- a) John reviewed the events through the end of April, which has previously been planned.
- b) The Installation dinner will be held at Herons Glen on February 28th. John to check with the manager if we can use the dining room instead of the private room (private room cannot be closed off)
- c) Ronn/Bill advised that the picnic will be held on March 13th at the Jaycees Park in Cape Coral.
- d) The April party is planned to be organized by John Styles. It is likely to be on April 12th. John Styles to confirm.
- e) Beyond April it will be the responsibility of the new Social Events Committee to plan the events for the rest of the year.

The Dinner to install the new slate of officers will be held at the Herons Glen Country Club on February 28th, as stated above and a flyer with details will be circulated in the near future. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Yours in Gyro Friendship,



John Bint

Message from the Membership Chairman, Steve Anderson

MEMBERSHIP - EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY, EVERYONE'S CHALLENGE

To most of us, autumn and returning Snowbirds is the start of a new Gyro year. We look forward to getting together again with old friends at our regular meetings, and our many social activities.

Hopefully, if our club is well organized and well managed, we will go into the New Year with a plan for the year, with a functional COMMITTEE system, with a BUDGET, and in relation to our long-run health, a membership (RECRUITING) PROGRAM.

It's easy to say, "Gyro is a friendship thing – we just want to enjoy ourselves." However the response begs the questions. No organization succeeds without good management practices, either expressed or implied, but at least understood. Your home, your church, & your business stand to prosper given "good management." The same is true of your club.

Here are some questions which are relevant to this issue.

WHAT ARE WE OFFERING?

Gyro is an international organization; Caloosa Gyro is a member of that organization ; Gyro is a state-of-mind. What we are offering is the opportunity to join a FRATERNITY of friendship which exceeds the concept of friendship beyond the shake- of-the –hand, hello, how are you relationships which are part of our day-to-day.

Gyro represents family oriented relationships within our clubs, regionally and internationally. It presents a chance to participate in a variety of social and community focused activities.

Gyro does not demand your participation – it requests and encourages it. Gyro has no age barriers.

DO WE HAVE A RECRUITMENT PLAN?

Recruitment is an ad hoc activity in too many clubs, not planned, and not managed. We tend to rely on a now, rather tired phrase "bring a friend to Gyro," without having the structure in place to deal that friend into Gyro membership.

Amongst other things, a sound plan will do the following:

- A. Target the number of new members your club is seeking
- B. Devote a specific time period perhaps wherein recruitment becomes a primary focus.

- C. Layout function or functions you club will arrange for the purpose on introducing Gyro to prospective members.
- D. Detail the recruitment process from how we target and invite prospects, to the invitation to join and the orientation process.
- E. Utilize marketing aides, such as the Int'l Gyroscope, Club web site, brochures, & club bulletin,

Who is responsible?

While your directors and executive have primary responsibility for your club's management. Recruitment is basically a grassroots matter. YOU will be asked to consider likely prospects – see below for suggestions. YOU will be asked to participate to invite and introduce your guests, to ensure he is looked after, to let him know Gyro is interested in him, and to follow up the mechanics of the recruitment process.

GYRO PROSPECT LIST:

Relative	Name_____
Neighbor	Name_____
Business Assoc.	Name_____
Old Friend	Name_____
Church Members	Name_____
Husband of wife's friend	Name_____
Previous Gyro guest	Name_____
A professional Advisor	Name_____
Golfing Buddy	Name_____

"IF YOU NEVER ASK, IT IS THE SAME AS GETTING A NO"

Your Caloosa Gyro Club will be entering the coming year with some New Officers, New Directors as Committee Chairman, and a with a club line item budget to facilitate club operations.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

LIVE joyfully **LAUGH** abundantly

LOVE affectionately **GIVE** generously

CARE deeply **SMILE** spontaneously

PRAY faithfully **LISTEN** carefully

FORGIVE freely **PLAY** adventurously

HUG tightly

