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

BIRTHDAYS: Jo Anne Skolnik-December 1, Barbara Miller-December 4, Jim Commodore-December 11.

ANNIVERSARIES: (None in December)

*"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."
-Norman Vincent Peale*

CLUB SCHEDULE:

December 6, 2023, Wed. 11:45 AM – (Stag) Luncheon at Sea-Craft Waterfront Inn

Bint

December 9, 2023, Sat., Time TBD, Christmas Party at Steve & Patty Andersons'

Steve & Patty

December 20, 2023, Wed. 11:45 AM – (Stag) Luncheon at Perkins Restaurant-13620 N Cleveland Ave

Roever

CALOOSA CLUB NEWS:

On November 5th we held our second golf tournament of the year at the Hideaway Country Club in Fort Myers. Twelve golfers took part and divided into three groups of four players. The winning foursome were Sherry Roever, Bob Rowe and guests Barry Womack and Linda Dodge. They each received a handsome mug inscribed with the Gyro logo.



Bob Rowe also won the longest putt, Dale Daniels the men's longest drive and Cindy Hinote, the ladies longest drive. They all received a sleeve of golf balls as their prize.

Following the golf we all had lunch at the club and were pleased to have some non-golfers join us.

A great day was had by all and our thanks to Tedd Cowling and Ed Roever for organizing the event."



And then, on November 30, 2023, there was a gathering of cowboys and cowgirls for a western-style BBQ at the ranchette of Steve and Patty Anderson, honoring our esteemed Immediate Past International President Peter Carter and his lovely wife Eileen, who were here from their home in Edmonton, Alberta and visiting for a couple of days, and then on to a Caribbean Cruise! Peter presented Steve Anderson with a plaque awarding Steve "Gyro of the Year", and Steve presented Peter with a plaque awarding Peter the first Caloosa Gyro "Down-the-Drain" winner. A raucous crowd was brought under control with superb BBQ vittles and wet whistles. No chairs were thrown through windows (fortunately the sliding glass doors were fully open), and a good time was had by all. It has been determined by a committee of two or three that if there had been an award for the Best-Dressed Cowboy, it would have been to "Texas Tedd" (formerly "Oklahoma Tedd" Cowling! A few pictures follow:







And Finally, a sad note:

Our Caloosa Gyro esteemed colleague and friend, Bruce Weyne, passed on November 5, 2023. Bruce will be missed by all the Caloosa Gyros, and especially his friends in Herons Glen. Our condolences go to Judith.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A message recently received from one of our members gives us food for thought:

"I recently talked with a fellow Gyro who indicated that there was an email, perhaps sent by another Gyro, that was somewhat offensive. Not completely over the top, but something that just struck a wrong chord. I have no idea if this was a video, a cartoon, or a simple email, but it kind of tainted his perception of the Gyro organization.

Perhaps, we don't always think about recipients of our emails, and how many times these may be forwarded through group emails.

If you think about the diversity within the Gyro organization, you will find many nationalities, religions, cultures, beliefs, and personal values that each of us share,

As an International organization, we have a higher code to which we hold ourselves.

I do not propose that we set up guidelines for emails, but I would advise our members to be cognizant of any emails that contain political views, religious slants, cultural innuendoes, or other issues that may compromise the standards that each of us hold as Gyros.

Just wanted to pass this along as an observation and the possible formation of a best practice."

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

The main news for us at the Caloosa Gyro Club was the visit by the delightful couple, Peter and Eileen Carter!

For additional International News, please refer to the next issue of the Gyroscope.

MISCELLANEOUS:

LUNCH and then it was Winter (Forwarded by a Gyro Friend)

I first started reading this email & was reading fast until I reached the third sentence. I stopped and started over reading slower & slower, thinking about every word. This email is very thought provoking & makes you stop & think.

Read slowly!

AND THEN IT IS WINTER - *Anonymous*

You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change...Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...its over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after.

Make it a fantastic one.

- LIVE IT WELL!
- ENJOY TODAY!
- DO SOMETHING FUN!
- BE HAPPY !
- HAVE A GREAT DAY

Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."

LASTLY, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING: TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN,

YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE SO - ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.

Your kids are becoming you.....but your grandchildren are perfect!

Going out is good.. Coming home is better!

You forget names.... But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!

You realize you're never going to be really good at anything....

The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.

You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".

You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.

You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"... ???

You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!!

What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

Everybody whispers.

You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

But Old is good in some things:

Old Songs,

Old movies, and best of all,

OLD FRIENDS!!

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" Send this on to other "Old Friends!" and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!!

"It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived."

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

SPONSOR:

Ron Neurohr-Prospect
Mike Wojchick-Prospect
Ed Pasteur – Prospect

Dave Stokley
Dave Stokley
Steve Anderson

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello Gyros,

Things are heating up in South-West Florida and I'm not talking about the weather, but rather Caloosa Gyro activities. We are now back to two Stag meetings per month and some great Couples socials. What a super party at Steve and Patty Anderson's home last Thursday, to greet Past President of Gyro International and first lady, Peter and Eileen Carter. And to add to the significance of the occasion, was the presentation to Steve of the award of "Gyro of the Year". Congratulations Steve, you truly deserved the award.

Recently, Lucy Schliemann reminded me of a very enjoyable evening meal that some of us had at her home earlier this year. Lucy invited us to a STONE SOUP dinner, which sounds strange, but the story below from Wikipedia will give you a better idea of what it was all about.

"Some travelers come to a village, carrying nothing more than an empty cooking pot. Upon their arrival, the villagers are unwilling to share any of their food stores with the very hungry travelers. Then the travelers go to a stream and fill the pot with water, drop a large stone in it, and place it over a fire. One of the villagers becomes curious and asks what they are doing. The travelers answer that they are making "stone soup", which tastes wonderful and which they would be delighted to share with the villager, although it still needs a little bit of garnish, which they are missing, to improve the flavor.

One villager, who anticipates enjoying a share of the soup, does not mind parting with a carrot or two, so these are added to the soup. Another villager walks by, inquiring about the pot, and the travelers again mention their stone soup which has not yet reached its full potential. More and more villagers walk by, each adding another ingredient. Finally, the stone (being inedible) is removed from the pot, and a delicious and nourishing pot of soup is enjoyed by travelers and villagers alike. Although the travelers have tricked the villagers into sharing their food with them, they have successfully transformed it into a tasty meal which they share with the donors".

So you get the gist!!

Lucy and Jerry's dinner was great fun and very tasty and we think that this is a good idea to have as a club event sometime this season. Let's talk about it at our next get together.

Yours in Gyro Friendship



John Bint

Message from the Membership Chairman, Steve Anderson

Gyro Immediate Past International President Peter and First lady Eileen Carter

CANADIAN CONSTABLE CARTER CORRALS CALOOSA COWBOYS

During a shifty maneuver, giving evidence and cause that a Mexican Wall on our northern border might be appropriate, Pistol Pete Carter and his "Redcoat" female Deputy "Crash Carter" slipped into U.S Territory in the late hours of Nov. 24th. Failing to form a posse after four days negotiating with the Orlando Sheriff's Department, Territorial Marshall, "Mickey the Mouse" sent the Canadian couple packing. Knowing they were dangerously outnumbered they continued south with a contingency plan to capture a dangerous group of "Merry Marauders" known as the "Caloosa Caballeros."

Pete and "Crash" reckoned they might sneak up on these "Highway Men" and their "Inamorata's" (more ruthless than their Hombres), and catch them drowsy after quaffing barleycorn and gorging on campfire beef and beans. However, this long and lanky Canadian Mountie, and his smiling partner were quickly spotted, surrounded, and forced to become Honorary Associates of these Caloosa Cowboys. Then, the party really got started with a Florida version of a good old Texas BBQ.

Within a very short time these now converted constables were heard to say they might just hunker down and linger a bit longer. They humbly accepted their Honoree status as Associate Members. Sadly however they disappeared the next morning rumored to be heading east across Alligator alley to find a band of treacherous Caribbean Pirates ensconced in FT. Lauderdale, and joined their ship sailing into the rising sun.

*"Beware of this couple so easy to meet,
So affable, sincere, a warm handshake to greet.
They will laugh at your jokes, and drink all your booze,
Then stealing your silver, head off for a cruise.
It's not really true and we say it in jest,
They've become great friends and maybe the best.
Others they meet will all say the same,
This friendship they share is more than the name."*

Thanks Peter and Eileen you are truly great ambassadors for Gyro.



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