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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: John Styles-November 6, Judith Weyne-November 17, Pete Stocker-Nov. 25.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ronn & Jo Anne Skolnik-November 20, Dewey & Candy Swalheim-November 20

*"A friend is a person with whom I may be sincere. Before him I may think aloud."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

CLUB SCHEDULE:

November 1, 2023, Wed. 11:45 AM – (Stag) Luncheon at Sabal Springs-Standard Restaurant Bint
November 5,, 2023, Friday, PM Time TBD, Golf Scramble & Dinner at Hiway CC, Ft. Myers Cowling/Roever
(Refer to Flyer emailed by Tedd Cowling on October 12.)

November 15, 2023, Wed. 11:45 AM – (Stag) Luncheon at Perkins Restaurant-13620 N Cleveland Ave Roever
November 30, 2023, Thu. 2:30 PM-Couples Gathering featuring PIP Peter Carter and wife Eileen,
At the home of Steve and Patty Anderson, 1305 SW 15th Ter., Cape Coral 33991

CALOOSA CLUB NEWS:

John Bint and Ronn Skolnik are both back from their summer northern travels.

The Golf Scramble originally scheduled for October 27 was re-scheduled to November 5, 2023. There were no other couples' functions in October.

DISTRICT X NEWS:

Governor Steve Anderson has submitted the following:

The Gold Coast/Ft Lauderdale Club has resigned its charter effective immediately. Caloosa Gyro is now the only active club in D-X. Our good friends on the Florida East Coast are advancing in age and demonstrated reluctance to contribute to their club by serving as officers, or volunteering for any projects. A malady we wish to avoid in the Caloosa Club. Serving the "Good of the Order" is not burdensome, but rewarding in its results. Consider what you might contribute to strengthening and perpetuating our fellowship.

Your Governor hopes to charter at least two new clubs to re-energize the District. How might you assist? Would you serve on an "External Expansion Team"? If so, let me know. Action steps are outlined, budget being developed, target areas and organizations identified. Are you a "Johnny Appleseed"? If so, you may have the skill sets required.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

Peter Carter and his wife Eileen, of Edmonton AB, will be the Guest of Honor at Steve and Patty Anderson's on November 30. Peter is a member of the Edmonton, AB Club, Immediate Past International President, former Governor of District VIII, Merit Award Recipient and Gyro International Webmaster. It should be a jolly gathering!

MISCELLANEOUS:

W.C. Fields (William Claude Dukenfield) Philosophy on Drinking:

"Nobody minds a man having a morning eye opener, and it's OK to have a bracer around 10 AM, and a couple of drinks before lunch.

A few beers on a hot afternoon keeps a man healthy, or at least, happy.

And, of course, everyone drinks at cocktail hour.

A man can not be criticized for having wine with his dinner, or a Liquor afterwards, and a highball or two in the evening.

BUT, this sip, sip, sip all day has got to stop!"

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,

In today's turbulent world it is so good to be back in SW Florida to enjoy the peace and friendship that is provided through our Gyro club. We often get asked about the name Gyro and what it represents. Steve Anderson has written about this in his current article and I would like to add a quote from a former President of Gyro International Larry Duba, which complements Steve's message:

"The Gyroscope is our symbol. As it spins it is impervious to outside influences. This is what a true friendship is about. No matter what is happening around the world, we have the connection with our friends and that can't be interrupted."

This is so true.

Our main season is now underway and November will have two Stag meetings and two Couples events. The first Couples event is the Golf Tournament and then the visit of Past International President, Peter Carter.

Also on November 8th we will have an Events Committee meeting to plan events for the first part of 2024. If you have any ideas of what you would like included in our program, please let me know.

Yours in Gyro Friendship

John Bint



Message from the Membership Chairman, Steve Anderson

Are you tending to your Friendship Garden?

All of us require friendship, but sometimes we are timid about starting one. When you embrace the Gyro Philosophy, you have exposed yourself to materially add to your friendships. A recent Harvard study showed that being involved with other people can add considerably to one's life span. The opportunity is yours--- there for the taking.

The world is so empty if one thinks only of the mountains and rivers and cities, but to know someone here and there who thinks and feels with us, and who, though even if distant is close to us in spirit—this makes the earth for us an inhabited garden. This defines Gyro and the bond that all members share. It suggests that we cannot survive without friends. Gyro and Friendship are synonymous.

The Gyroscope Emblem: *Jimmie Hubble, the instigator of the Gyro symbol, expressed its representation in eloquent words---too long to review here. Simply stated he referred to the attributes of Power, Poise and Purpose exemplified by the gyroscope that are reflected in Friendship.*

Gyro has endured and grown in stature for over 110 years on these precepts and with dedication will grow and prosper for generations to come. Gyro is an astounding organization – what might be called, an array of friends bound together in a Fraternity that has no high costs of membership, no secret passwords and no class distinctions. Membership is only gained through word of mouth and personal invitation. All members are committed to be a friend to other Gyros. That is what sets Gyro apart from other organizations.

Many years ago a young lad, a “Gyrunt” was heard to say to his Gyro Dad, “I think Gyro is just one big family, with different last names.” One member, an older, wiser member, summarized his Gyro experience as follows: “Gyro is like a journey through life, and the only passport required is a handshake.”

This passport, this path-way, is what has prompted me to shake hands with all members at any gathering, when possible. It has challenged me to extend my hand in greeting to any guest present, with which I am unacquainted. I believe that at the end of a Gyro Handshake extended in greeting awaits a new friend. Yes, I'm tending to my garden, and the joy it brings. It is beautiful, and it blooms all year. Thank you all for the beauty you bring to my life. “Hello Gyro”



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