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

BIRTHDAYS: Bob Rowe-July 17.

ANNIVERSARIES: Greg and Christine Hagan-July 19, Dave and Sharon Stokley-July 24, Tedd and Julie Cowling-July 27.

"No friendship is an accident." – O. Henry

CLUB SCHEDULE:

July 4, 2024, Thur. 3:00 PM – (Couples) July 4th Party at Bill Beadles' home, 3445 Via Montana, N Ft M 33917

July 17, 2024, Wed. 11:45 AM – (Stag) Luncheon at Steve & Patty's home, 1305 SW Ter., CC, FL 33914

August 7, 2024, Wed. 11:45 AM – (Stag Luncheon at Gerry Gurtkowski/Barbara Miller's home, 2251 Palo Duro Blvd., N Ft. Myers, FL 33917

CALOOSA CLUB NEWS:

Here is another communication from World Traveler John Bint:

Hi Everyone,

Continuing my European trip, I flew from Portugal to the United Kingdom to spend time in the village of Standlake, in the county of Oxfordshire. My first destination there was the village pub, called the Bell Inn. This is where I was born and sadly, and also to the annoyance of the villagers, it's no longer a pub and has been turned into a private residence. A dreadful loss, one of the locals told me!!

I then moved on to meet some friends in Northampton, where I had worked for British Timken, a division of The Timken Company, which is headquartered in Ohio. Northampton has a population of nearly 250,000 people and was most famous for its shoe making industry and Timken Bearings.

After this it was on to the city of Oxford, where I had studied and worked. Oxford, of course, is famous for its university and the motor industry, being the home of Morris Motors, makers of the "Mini" and of MG sports cars.

By this time I was getting a little tired of the warm beer (not true, just joking) and decided to go to France and get some wine!!

The city of choice was Colmar, in the region of Alsace, in Eastern France, virtually bordering Germany. Colmar is a beautiful example of medieval architecture and was the home of Frederic Bartoldi, the designer of the Statue of Liberty. Its old town has cobblestone streets lined with early Renaissance buildings and with a Gothic 13th-century church of Saint-Martin.

Colmar, is also where Timken France is located and is the site of the Timken Bearing training school, where I first met fellow Gyro, Brian Webb in 1966.

There are still a number of former trainees living in or around the city, so it was the natural place for a reunion. The Company invited us for lunch and a tour of the plant, which was very interesting for us, as there have been many changes since we worked there.

So after much wine and fantastic food in France I boarded the plane to London and then returned to the USA.

Cheers

John



The Bell Inn at Standlake



Colmar Center in the Evening



Appetizers in Riquewihr, France

Caloosa Club members Steve and Patty Anderson, Bill Beadle, and Heinz Remus attended the International Convention in Niagara Falls, Ontario. More to follow in the District X & International News Message.

Nine Club members and a Guest, Steve Rose, attended a Stag Luncheon on Wednesday, June 19th at Pete Stocker's Home in Cape Coral.

District X and International News:

"Hello Gyro"

Caloosa Gyro Club and District X were represented by the four travelers who managed to stay out of trouble. Well yes, except for the near arrest by the Canadian Border Crossing Agent for improper identification papers. There was no shoot out, but we did pepper him with the Gyro Spirit and finally got a smile and his approval to move along.

Heinz Remus (get-away driver), Bill Beadle (Lookout), and Patty & Steve Anderson (Back-seat Drivers) breathed a sigh of relief as they passed through the DMZ and headed for the Crown Plaza. Make no mistake though there was still plenty of stress in the car as we looked for the 11 story hotel that was our destination. That was simple, but we were unprepared for the Purgatory, Cavernous Parking Garage that swallowed our sense of direction and common sense.

We circled several levels, several (6) times, looking for the arrival welcome sign for "check in." Leadership duties forced President Anderson out of the car to engage the beast on foot. He quickly disappeared into the bowels of this 4 star Inn and was out of sight for several life-times before returning to his wide-eyed & worried fellow travelers with good news, leading half the front desk staff and two luggage carts. Heinz drove off looking for a parking spot. He was not seen for the next 30 minutes. Was it going to be search and rescue or a recovery? Oh, for Lord's sake, let the fun begin, please!

Who is the guy that said, "Getting there is half the fun?" Not Lowell Thomas. He obviously never encountered the Garage of Horrors, no available late night room service, and a room just a bit larger than some walk-in closets. He might have been a masochistic late night comedian. Fun was sure to follow!

Heinz and Steve ventured out of the evil garage the next morning on foot looking for breakfast. A Perkins was in sight, and offered a bit of home comfort. Fun staff, lots of smiles, all presented to prepare you for a basic breakfast accompanied by a \$36.00 tab for one! The bill was submitted to the waitress for adjustment. She just smiled and said "Welcome to the destination city of Niagara Falls."

We found during the day other Gyros having similar experiences, and subtracting the Canadian exchange (35%) rate did little to salve the pain of what might be expected the rest of the week. It was small problem that was quickly diminished by the joy shared with reunions and hugs of Gyro Friends. The singing and dancing and laughter was automatic, remaining at a high level for the next 5 days. During the proceedings, Steve Anderson accepted the Award for Best Mid-Size Club Bulletin on behalf of Pete Stocker. Conventions and Gyro gatherings always provide the most satisfying experience shared by Gyro Friends; Indescribable. Make your plans for the 2025 Cruise Convention. Hello Gyro!

Cheers,

Steve, Patty, Heinz, Bill Beadle.

A few pictures follow:



Patty Partying with a few Canadians



Niagara Falls from the Hotel Window



Diane Bedrick and Patty at Niagara Falls on the Lake



Gyros Beadle & Benhoff Recruiting Everywhere!



Sandwich Shop (or Buy a Friend!)



Comrade Davidik Andersoitch of the Moscow Gyro Club



Ned Barber, 1st International President, with Several Lady Friends!

MISCELLANEOUS GIGGLES:

A few "Parting Shots" from the June American Legion Magazine:

- "You know that you're getting old when you go to an antique auction and three people bid on you."
- A customer at the seafood counter asked the clerk to throw his selection to him. "Why?" the owner asked? "So I can tell my wife I caught it."
- A girl turning 16 asked, "Daddy, do you think I'm old enough to get my driver's license now?" "You?" he replied. "Yes. Our car? NO"
- "I used to have a lot of faith in humanity before the advent of the website 'comment' section." – *Jim Gaffigan*

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

Steve Rose

Bob McCoy

Ed Pasteur (Candidate)

Dan Gauy (Possible Associate Member)

Sponsor: Richard Leister

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Sponsor: Steve Anderson

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NEW MEMBERS:

(None in June)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT and MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

WORDS TO LIVE BY

**You may think that you are completely
insignificant in this world.
But someone drinks coffee from the
favorite cup that you gave them.
Someone heard a song on the radio
that reminded them of you.
Someone read the book that you recommended,
and plunged headfirst into it.
Someone smiled after a hard day of work,
because they remembered the joke that you told
them today.
Someone loves themselves little bit more,
because you gave them a compliment.
Never think that you have
no influence whatsoever.
Your touch, word and good deed which you leave
behind cannot be erased.**

