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CALOOSA GYRO CLUB OFFICERS:

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

BIRTHDAYS: Elizabeth Wright-August 3, Tedd Cowling-August 3, Julie Cowling-August 3, Bob Robertson, August 10, Christine Hagan-August 14, Bill Stein-August 19, Steve Bull-August 31.

ANNIVERSARIES: (None in August).

"Friendship consists in forgetting what one gives and remembering what one receives"
-Alexander Dumas

CLUB SCHEDULE:

August 7, 2024, Wed. 11:45 AM - (Stag) Luncheon at Sea-Craft Waterfront Tiki, Marintown, N Ft Myers
Gurtowski Venue CANCELLED as of 8/2/24 (See separate 8/2/24 email from Bill Beadle)!

August 23, 2024, Fri. 4 PM – (Couples) Potluck Dinner at the Home of Bob & Sue McCoy in HG, 2091 Palo Duro Blvd., N Ft Myers, FL. 33917. Additional Info will be included on a Flyer, to be sent out separately.

CALOOSA CLUB NEWS:

Bill Beadle held a July 4th afternoon party in Herons Glen, which was attended by 23 lively folks, (2 No-Shows), including 8 guests, including neighbors George Buzuvis, John and Beverly Avigliano, Joy Venker and Ruth Poster, Ed and Candace Huetteman (pending induction as members), and Bryan Cleary, pastor of All Souls Episcopal Church. A good time was had by all (even without fireworks!).

A few pictures follow:



Steve Anderson and Bill Beadle



Barbara Miller, Gerry Gurtowski and Sue McCoy



Sue McCoy & Candace Huetteman



Richard Leister & Bill Beadle



Suzanne Flynn & Nancy Attalla

Bill Burns provided a full narrative of his and his family's trip to Europe, to include Germany:

Leslie, my son Bob and I embarked on a three-week trip to Europe.

We departed Boston and landed in Barcelona, Spain where we spent five days exploring this beautiful city. The city of Barcelona is one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Europe. It is known for its stunning architecture including Gaudi's Basílica de la Sagrada Família. Construction of this cathedral started in 1882 and is ongoing to this day. I can't stress more how immaculate the city of Barcelona is.

Next, we flew to Lyon, France and spent a week in a small town called Mondragon. We stayed in a stone farmhouse surrounded by acres of vineyards and olive groves. This time we rented a car and traveled throughout the south of France's Provence region including Lyon, Marceille, Avignon and Grenoble (Site of the 1968 winter Olympics). We were fortunate to find the famous lavender fields in bloom this early in the year. Leaving the South of France we travelled to Strasbourg near the border of Germany and enjoyed two days in this delightful city which is sometimes known as little Paris. From Strasbourg we travelled by train to Munich, Germany staying at a hotel and spending a few days sightseeing. Munich is a vibrant city now best know as the host of Oktoberfest but also known for where Adolf Hitler and other key figures in the Nazi regime launched their political careers.

Knowing we were near Dachau, I cautiously suggested we visit the concentration camp. It turned out to be a haunting and extraordinary decision. I was impressed by the fact that many groups of older teens were visiting. Before entering the camp they were laughing and acting like typical teenagers on an outing. But, as they progressed through the camp they became quiet, thoughtful and clearly affected by what they were learning.

Leaving Munich and travelling through the black forest took us to the famous fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle which apparently inspired Walt Disney's Cinderella castle. The next and last stop was Mainz, Germany on the banks of the Rhine. Due to heavy rains the previous week the Rhine was fast flowing. Many of the river tour boats ceased operating. However, we found one that was running and we spent a few hours onboard viewing the countryside and the many castles overlooking the river.

Bob and I have a distribution company in New Hampshire that sells to the pharmaceutical industry. From our Air B&B apartment in Mainz we travelled by train to Frankfurt, the site of a trade show which included one of our suppliers of pharmaceutical test equipment.

After almost three weeks on the road we were ready to return home and flew back to Boston.

Best Regards,

Bill Burns



Neuschwanstein Castle



Bob Burns, Leslie Burns, Castle Behind

More Pictures Follow:



Flamenco Dancers in Barcelona



Burns' Apartment Building in Barcelona



Lavender Field in Provence, France



Koblenz Germany where the Rhine & Mosel Converge



A Beer Garden in Munich



Hofbrauhaus in Munich



Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial



Entrance to Concentration Camp Memorial Site

Other Club News:

"Message from the Communications Committee:

Our club is entering a new age of Communications with a Website and Facebook platform. Just because many of us are way beyond the "three score years and ten" age, doesn't mean that we cannot be part the ever changing world of electronic communication.

The Caloosa Gyro Club website is now up and running, thanks to the hard work put in by webmaster Bill Burns. In addition to that website we have a group site on Facebook. As many of us are less than expert online, we are going to have another teach-in session with Bill, to show us how we can visit both of these sites and take full advantage of what they have to offer.

One of the "tabs" on our site is the Member Roster and we are planning to upgrade to this to be more useful by adding some biographical information of all of our members. You will have received an email recently (7/31/24), asking for some profile information, and we hope that you will participate in this as it will be another "arrow to our bow" for making conversations at our meetings more interesting and enjoyable."

District 1 Convention 2024, Invitation to Gyro Caloosa Club Members:

D1/POWELL GYRO CLUB CONVENTION

TAILGATE PARTY

2024 D1 CONVENTION

September 13, 14, and 15

Convention will be held at

THE FAIRFIELD INN

9000 Worthington Rd

Westerville, Ohio 43082

614-568-0770

Standard Room \$135 + tax Ask for GYRO CONVENTION

Registration for Early booking: \$250/Couple \$125 per person

After August \$300/Couple \$150 per person

Saturday Activities: GOLF and daytime activities TBA

Saturday Evening: FOOTBALL GAME

Registration Form Follows Below:

POWELL / D1 CONVENTION

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM:

Gyro Name: _____ Spouse or Guest Name: _____

Gyro Mailing Address: _____

E Mail Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Gyro Club: _____

Names for the Convention Badges: _____ (Spouse/Guest) _____

Is this your first District Convention? ____ Yes ____ No Are you staying in the hotel? ____ Yes ____ No

Activities: Men's

____ Yes ____ No Are you interested in Golfing on Saturday afternoon? 9 holes at Aarrowhead Golf
Course

Transportation provided to/from by hotel shuttle. No. of golfers ____ (in your party)

Need number of people to reserve shuttle

____ Yes ____ No Is your Spouse/Guest interested in doing the Columbus Tour Lunch?

TY-Shirt size: Men's Med/Large/X-Large? _____

Registration Fees:

Convention @\$125 each Early Bird

Tailgating Food

After August 1, \$150 each

Total Enclosed.....\$ _____

Mail Registration for and your check made out to

District 1 Convention

2899 Clifton Rd

Columbus, Ohio 43221

DISTRICT X NEWS:

Plans for Rebuilding District 10

Plans for rebuilding D-X have been drafted on four platforms. See the Caloosa Capers bulletin, May issue on our club website: caloosa.gyro.org.

Platform #2: Babcock Ranch is a newly developed self-sustaining, solar powered, “Green City” with over 300 homes and more being built. They have their own school system, Security, Citizens Committee, Special Interest clubs, Grocery Stores and Shops. Etc.

District X Governor Steve Anderson is scheduled to present a Gyro Club introduction to the Babcock Rotary Club scheduled for August 12, 2024. All Rotary Club members are Babcock residents. The presentation will be provided with a 15 minute introduction, followed by 45 minutes of question / answer period. Packets similar to the New Member Kit will be available.

The goal is to either recruit new members into the Caloosa Club, or motivate the formation of the Babcock Ranch Club. It may be possible to launch 2 smaller clubs making the logistics of planning and implementing social gatherings at restaurants and for home parties much easier. Stay tuned for results.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

Gyro International Convention 2025 (Alaska Cruise)

Below is a copy of an email from Nicholas Ewanchuk, District 8 Governor, dated June 26, 2024:

From: Nicholas Ewanchuk [mailto:members_portal@gyro.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 1:32 PM
To: tewanchu@shaw.ca
Subject: Gyro International Convention 2025 (Alaska Cruise)

Greetings Fellow Gyros

Sherwood Park and Edmonton Gyro Clubs (District 8) invite you to the 2025 Gyro International Convention to be held June 3 to June 10, 2025.

The convention will be held in conjunction with an Alaska Cruise 7-Day Inside Passage (Roundtrip Vancouver, Canada).

I am attaching a brochure describing the cruise details and expected costs including taxes and port fees. All costs are quoted in Canadian Dollars. As this is a 7-day cruise including all meal and associated costs, there will be no convention registration fee.

For more information please use the following link: [Cruise Details - 7-Day Inside Passage \(Roundtrip Vancouver\) - Princess Cruises](#)

Book with \$500CAD per cabin before Dec.5, 2024. For more info or to book contact:

Terra Travel 2007 Inc. Established in 1979

Summer Office hours April 1-September 30, 2024: Monday-Friday 8AM – 4PM MST

Call Kelly Bergquist at (780) 477-1977 or Email kelly.terratravel@gmail.com

Please copy me if interested at: tewanchu@shaw.ca

Yours in Gyro Friendship

Ted Ewanchuk, District Governor

The referenced Brochure (Flyer) is a .pdf attachment (9 pages) which is attached to the email sending out the July Bulletin.

MISCELLANEOUS GIGGLES (A Few “Parting Shots” from the July American Legion Magazine):

- A Patient was in the hospital recovering from surgery when a nurse asked how he was feeling. “I’m OK, but I didn’t like the four letter word the doctor used in surgery,” he replied. “What did he say?” the nurse asked. “Oops!”
- What do you call someone who can’t stick with a died? A deserter.
- My wife says she’ll leave me unless I stop playing with this walkie-talkie, OVER...
- “I’ve always wanted to go to Switzerland to see what the army does with those wee red knives.” –Billy Connolly

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

Steve Rose	Sponsor: Richard Leister
Bob McCoy (Candidate)	Sponsor: Richard Leister
Ed Pasteur (Candidate)	Sponsor: Steve Anderson
Dan Gauy (Possible Associate Member)	Sponsor: Steve Anderson
Rich Monroe	Sponsor: Steve Anderson

NEW MEMBERS:

(None in July)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT and MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Membership Satisfaction

To most members, what they see and experience, *is the club*. Club leadership is responsible for creating a club environment, or climate, that produces satisfaction. The leadership's primary task would be to assist the club toward more interesting, fun, and attractive experiences. The focus is *internal* club operation.

Without doubt membership satisfaction is the centerpiece of club existence. It can be argued that the Gyro experience is primarily three things: friends you admire and enjoy being with, interesting meetings/events and venues, which combine to produce fun, rewarding, & memorable experiences. Clubs that accomplish these outcomes are flourishing. Caloosa Gyro Club continues to grow every year.

Club members are always encouraged to offer comments and suggestions that work for the "good of the order." They also may find a program or project that motivates their volunteer involvement to implement a positive result for the club.

It is, after all, your club. Typically, Gyro Members and Ladies reflect personalities of enthusiasm, with wide professional experience and skill sets that are applied to the *fellowship experience, and to internal club operations*. A quick review of the Caloosa Club roster reveals that to be very true. We are so fortunate to have a friendship

group such as ours that demonstrates an understanding of the saying, “bring a friend to Gyro.”

A suggestion by one member, to consider improving the club roster, on our developing Caloosa Club Website, by adding personal photos (portrait) and a brief profile of each member is being implemented and is work in progress.

One of our members is contributing by developing and implementing our club website. Our Events Planning committee is working to ensure a variety of dining experiences, dinner shows, speakers, & field trips to museums. Special interest groups within the club are being suggested; Such as a shooting enthusiast group, perhaps a gourmet diner group or a Mahjong group for ladies. All of that provides a buffet of activities that truly help to keep the fun and friendship in Gyro. Hello Gyro! *So glad we are friends.*

