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CALOOSA GYRO CLUB OFFICERS:

President.....Steve Anderson

Secretary.....Bill Beadle

Directors – Committee Chairs:

John Bint (Communications),

Richard Leister (Events Planning)

Vice President.....(Vacant)

Treasurer.....Ron Skolnik

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: **Ed Roever-September 6, Sherry Roever-9-8, Lucy Schliemann-September 8, Sharon Stokley-September 9, Steve Anderson-September 10, Yvonne Holstein-September 10, Roxanne Lawrence-September 13, Richard Schilling-September 17, Barbara Robertson-September 29.**

ANNIVERSARIES: **Ron & Cheryl Neurohr-September 20.**

"Of all possessions, a friend is the most precious." –Herodotus

CLUB SCHEDULE:

September 4, 2024, Wed. 11:45 AM - (Stag) Luncheon at Sea-Craft Waterfront Tiki, Marinatown, N Ft Myers

September 20, 2024, Fri. 5:00 PM, Herons Glen, Main Dining Room, Separate Checks, Order from Menu.

Bring a Friend! (Flyer to be sent out separately) RSVP to Gerry Gurtowski by email, ggurtowski@aol.com

September 18, 2024, Wed. 11:45 AM (Stag) Luncheon at Perkins Restaurant, N Cleveland Ave., N Ft. Myers

CALOOSA CLUB NEWS:

Prospective members, Bob and Sue McCoy, Hosted a "Pot Luck" Dinner on a beautiful evening at their lovely home, looking out over a lake in Herons Glen, featuring delicious "Sloppy Joes" by Sue and Bob, along with various sides and desserts, prepared mostly by the attending Gyrettes! There were sixteen people in attendance, an abundance of chatter and laughter, and a great time was had by all! Pictures follow:



Cathy Styles, Nancy Attalla, Roxanne Lawrence, Sue McCoy, Judith West, Candace Huetteman, Jo Anne Bull, Patty Anderson



Steve Bull, Ed Huetteman, Steve Anderson, Bill Beadle, Gary Attalla



Bob McCoy, Richard Leister



Bill Beadle, Gary Attalla, Steve Bull, Ed Huetteman

There are three new Caloosa Gyro Club Members who have been inducted in recent months: Gary Attalla, Greg Hagan, and Ed Huettelman, all of whom were inducted by President and District X Governor, Steve Anderson. President Steve also presented Pete Stocker the Gyro Int'l Medium Club Best Bulletin Award for 2023-24 at the August 7 Stag Luncheon. A few Pictures (thanks to Ed Roevers and Gary Attalla), follow:



Steve A., Greg Hagan, Gary Attalla



Steve A., Ed Huettelman



Pete Stocker, Steve A.

Other Club News:

"Messages from the Communications Committee:

(A partial message from the July Bulletin):

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.

Another Message, from John Bint Regarding the District 1 Convention in September:

Hello Gyros,

As mentioned in last month's Bulletin, District 1 will be having its Annual Convention on September 13th, 14th, 15th. It will be held in Westerville, Ohio, and promises to be a very interesting and enjoyable event. There will be the regular General meeting for all attendees on Saturday morning and in the afternoon golf for anyone interested. Also, a shopping tour of Columbus and an all-day Hospitality Suite, for attendees that just want to interact with members from other clubs.

I believe that one of the main topics in the morning general meeting will be a discussion about the proposed organizational change from ten Districts to three Regions, which President Steve has discussed with us and sent out details to you all. This will be a very interesting discussion and provide answers to the many questions that have been raised about the change.

On Saturday evening there will be an informal "Tailgate" dinner.

I plan to attend the Convention and it is not too late if any Ohioan Snowbirds want to sign-up. If you would like to attend, please get the details from last month's bulletin or give me a call. I hope to see you in the Hospitality Suite!!

John Bint

330-605-3382

DISTRICT X NEWS:

RE: Proposed New Structure for Gyro – Message from Governor Steve Anderson

Gentlemen Gyros,

Each Caloosa member has been emailed the Power Point Presentation that has been used to describe the changes being considered. It is simple and straight forward.

Please take your time reading each section. Voting to accept or decline the proposal will be around Oct 1st.

We will be discussing the proposal during our Sept. stag meetings. Most important for our Snowbirds is to be pro-active and email, or call me with comments and questions, on how you may wish to vote. Please include in your response, the consideration of contacting me, eliminating the need for me to make a large number of calls.

It is understood that some of our recently installed members may not understand the whys of the issue. We would still like to hear from you, as your perspective may add clarity to the discussion.

Please be aware that during the two year period of ramping up, questions, and concerns will continue to be considered and may affect the final structure.

Simple outline: 10 Districts become 3 geographical Regions North and South through the U.S. and Canada. District Governors will be replaced by 3 Regional Directors as part of the Executive Council. No District Conventions, eliminating District dues, and only 1 annual Int'l Convention per year. It is hoped the clubs in close proximity to each other will continue to plan intra-club gatherings that are so important to our Gyro Friendship.

Cheers to all and hope this finds you well.

Steve Anderson (Goose)

District-10 Governor

239-257-7884

Here are some additional remarks by Matt Johnson, Int'l Secretary, regarding the proposed restructuring:

Here is the proposal, what I would add:

The plan will take two years to implement with numerous questions and details to work out, including plans to insure funds currently at District level are appropriated, pro rata, to those Districts members.

The implementation process will be conducted by a Committee intended to have representation from every current District and overseen by the Board of Governors and Executive Council. It is understood the process will take time and discussion.

For 112 years our Organization has Amended our Constitution and By-Laws, this process is just one more step, albeit a large step, in that history. The objective is to adapt to promote success and growth.

I hope this helps.

Your friend,
Matt

NOTE: For convenience, the original proposal (in pdf) is provided as an attachment to the email along with the August Bulletin (it was originally forwarded by Steve Anderson in a May 5, 2024 email).

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

Gyro International Convention 2025 (Alaska Cruise) – REMINDER:

Below is a copy of an email from Nicholas Ewanchuk, for Ted Ewanchuk, District 8 Governor, dated August 25, 2024:

From: Nicholas Ewanchuk [mailto:members_portal@gyro.org]
Sent: Sunday, August 25, 2024 5:00 PM
To: tewanchu@shaw.ca
Subject: Gyro International Convention 2025 - Alaska Cruise

Greetings Fellow Gyros

This is a reminder that 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).

As this is a 7-day cruise including all meals 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](#) **NOTE: you may need to type the links from this Bulletin unless you still have the original email.**

Our travel agent has secured fixed pricing for the Ocean view and Balcony cabins until December 5, 2024. However, this does not guarantee cabin availability, and cabins are booking quickly. If you intend to attend the cruise, I suggest that you book your cabin as soon as you can. Please book through the travel agent as we get points for each cabin sold which can be used for a Welcome Reception or private dining room for the President's Dinner

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

Yours in Gyro Friendship

Ted Ewanchuk

District 8 Governor

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

MISCELLANEOUS

A few Quotes of Steven Wright (compliments of Bill Burns):

- I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand.

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

Steve Rose

Bob McCoy (Candidate)

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 August)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT and MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Friendship Hug:

Always pray to have eyes
that see the best in people.
A heart that forgives the worst,
A mind that forgets the bad,
and a soul that never loses
faith in your friends.

