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CALOOSA GYRO CLUB OFFICERS:

President.....John Bint

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**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: Jerry Schliemann-May 2, Dave Stokley-May 2, Patty Anderson-May 12.

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian and Cathy Webb-May 11, Ed and Sherry Roever-May 24.

*"Friendship is the shadow of the evening, which strengthens with the setting sun of life"
– Jean de la Fontaine (1632-1695)*

CLUB SCHEDULE:

May 3, 2023 Wed. 11:45 AM - (Stag) at The Standard Restaurant, Sabal Springs

May 17, 2023 Wed. 11:45 AM – (Stag) Luncheon at Beef O'Brady's, Santa Barbara

**May 19, 2023 Thur. 3 PM – Couples' Entertaining at the Styles Home, Heron's Glen
(See April 21 email from John Bint)**

Bint

Stocker

John and Cathy Styles

CALOOSA CLUB NEWS (Submitted by Steve Anderson):

Our Caloosa Raiding Pirates invaded Rumrunners river inlet headquarters on Wed April 20th with a landing party of 22 marauding cutthroats eager for feasting and frolicking. They met with little resistance and in fact were served as royalty by the proficient host crew. The laughter was loud and the chatter was non-stop. Who knows, they might have been Gyros. They vanished as quickly as they appeared and wanted posters have been distributed for these sassy octogenarians with aliases such as: " Bruiser Bint", Rowes Rebels, "Bonecrusher Burns", "Badass Beadle", "Slasher Styles", Hairless Heinz", " Gunner Gurtowski", "Reaper Roever", "Wicked Weyne", "Gutsy Glazier", "Mad Dog Anderson", Riptide Robertson". The beautiful Bawdy ladies kept things stirred up as usual.

Many thanks to "Bonecrusher Burns" for setting up the successful mission. Great night for feasting with Gyro friends.

Mission #23, 4-29-2023 Honor Flight to Washington DC had left in the early morning from Ft Myers Airport with 83 military veterans and their escorts. Now returning at 9:52 pm the same day 1½ hours late, it is almost certain these retired warriors would be exhausted from an entire day of roundtrip flights that "sandwiched" visits to various war memorials, and ceremonies in our Nation's Capital, offering respectful recognition for their military service.

Exiting the concourse to a cacophony of cheers, waving flags hoisted by an excited gathering of hundreds of well-wishers, and the dramatic music of a Scottish bagpipe band, their shoulders straightened and smiles painted their faces. A little spring

returned to their step. Their families and friends, who had waited patiently, were more than ready to show their respect and admiration as loudly, and energetically as possible. What a beautiful and gracious moment.

One of our own Caloosa Gyros, Ed Roever, (U.S. Air Force, Retired) was a deserving member of this Honor Flight. He was greeted by his wife Sherry and friends, as well as Gyro brothers John Bint and Richard Leister. Congratulations Ed. And thank you for your service, and for your friendship. Well done!



(That's Ed in the Red Shirt – Both Pictures)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

Here is the body of an email from Derek Hay, Gyroscope Editor and President of the Winnipeg Gyro Club:

Subject: 2023 Convention & AGM - Hosted by Winnipeg

Just some of the known facts about Winnipeg:

Winnipegger Charles Thorson, who began his career as an illustrator for the department store Eaton's, spent most of his spare time at a local café flirting with a young waitress named Kristen. In 1935 Charlie left for Los Angeles where his talent for character design landed him positions at Disney Studios and Warner Bros. At Disney, his inspiration for Snow White was based on Kristen, the café Waitress and then at WB he created Elmer Fudd and designed and named Bugs Bunny.

In 1941, a World War 1 captain from Winnipeg, Harry Colebourn, took a black bear cub to England as his regiment's mascot. When Colebourn shipped out to France he donated the bear, named Winnie as his hometown, to the London Zoo. Author A.A. Milne and his son Christopher Robin loved "Winnie the Bear" and Milne crafted the much-adored stories about his boy and the bear that we still enjoy today, known as Winnie the Pooh.

Our cultural diversity leads to over 100 languages being spoken in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg has the highest population of Filipinos living outside of the Philippines.

Manitoba has the high population of Indigenous people in Canada.

The largest collection of Ukrainian language books outside of Ukraine is housed in Winnipeg.

The cell phone was invented by Winnipeg Martin Cooper.

James Bond 007 was inspired by a born and raised Winnipegger - Sir William Stephenson whose creditable story was immortalized in Ian Fleming's book, a Man called Intrepid.

The word Winnipeg means "muddy water" in Cree.

Winnipeg is the Slurpee Capital of the World for 23 straight years.

Gyro Winnipeg will put on a great convention!

If you haven't already heard, Winnipeg will be the host club for the 2023 Gyro International and the District-VII 2023 convention. This will be the first in person international convention since 2019. Check out the convention information from the Gyro web page <https://gyro.org/conventions/> click on the links to go to the convention information.

Registration is open and hotel reservations' can be made. Make sure you use the special convention code to get the convention rate.

Want to know how close you can get to the Polar bears - check out the attachment (picture below). There is even a spot outside, where you are so close, you can feel their breath through the thin wire fence separating you.

For those adventurist type Gyro's, why not continue on from the convention to Churchill, where you can experience the real thing live and in person. Ok maybe not the bears (as they are still out on the tundra), but at that time of year the Belugas will be active at the mouth of the Churchill River. Belugas are like the teddy bears of the whale family. Extremely friendly and playful.



MISCELLANEOUS:

A few one-liners from The Genius of Steven Wright (from a friend):

- I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize...
- Borrow money from pessimists – they don't expect it back.
- 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- A clear conscience is usually a sign of a bad memory.

CURRENT PROSPECTS LIST/NEW MEMBERS:

Ron Neurohr-Prospect

Mike Wojchick-Prospect

John Kachmar has transferred his membership from the Akron Club to the Caloosa Gyro Club!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Hello Gyros,

Last Saturday I had the great pleasure of being one the hundreds of people to welcome the return of the Veterans' Honor Flight from Washington DC to the South West Florida airport. On that flight was one of our club members, our 2nd Vice President Ed Roever. Thanks for your service, Ed, and what a spectacular welcome it was with a Scottish style bagpipe and drum band and a Dixieland jazz band playing patriotic music. An evening to remember and something I shall never forget.

Many of our "Snowbirds" have left for the north, but we still have a few events planned for the summer months. Our party for May will be at Cathy and John Styles' residence and if you haven't contacted Cathy yet to let her know what you will be bringing, please do so as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you all again in the Fall.

Yours in Gyro Friendship.

John Bint

Message from the Membership Chairman, Steve Anderson

GYRO PRINCIPLE

The Gyroscope principle is controlled power, poise, and balance. From this principle come the key Gyro words:

POWER – *Symbolizing the power of friendship in our human relationships.*

POISE – *Demonstrating the steadiness of friendship in our lives.*

PURPOSE – *Keeping the balance wheel of friendship forever active in the daily lives of more men.*

HOW SOCIAL CONNECTION SAVES LIVES

"Higher levels of social interaction –even peripheral interactions – can have a high payoff for elderly folks", says Bryan James, an Epidemiologist at the Rush Alzheimer's Center in Chicago. In one study, James looked how social activity affected cognitive decline. Over 1,100 seniors without dementia at base-line were measured on their social activity levels over a 12 year period. The rate of cognitive decline was 70% less in people with frequent social contact than those with low social activity. Physical and emotional condition was also greatly improved, creating an elevated sense of happiness.

"When you use your brain and body the way it was intended - as it evolved – you age better," says James. "We aren't meant to be disengaged from one another."

So, Goose says, "stay involved, contribute, and introduce a friend to Gyro. "Hello Gyro" "Honk-Honk"



Emerson wrote: Rings and jewels are but mere excuses as gifts, the only true gift is a portion of thyself."