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CALOOSA GYRO CLUB OFFICERS:

President.....Steve Anderson

Secretary.....Bill Beadle

Directors – Committee Chairs:

**John Bint (Communications),
(Currently Vacant) (Events Planning)**

Vice President.....(Vacant)

Treasurer.....Ronn 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: **John Kachmar-January 1, 2025, Candy Swalheim-January 2, Bob McCoy-January 10, Heinz Remus-January 18, Jack Lyon-January 19**

ANNIVERSARIES: **(None in January).**

***"You are never too old to set a new goal or dream a new dream."
-Les Brown (this has been erroneously attributed to C.S. Lewis.)***

CLUB SCHEDULE:

January 8, 2025, Wed., 11:45 AM-(Stag) Luncheon at Sea-Craft Waterfront Tiki, N Ft Myers

January 22 2025, Wed., (Stag) Luncheon at Sabal Springs Restaurant, N Ft. Myers

NOTE: A couples function for January is TBD.

CALOOSA CLUB NEWS:

John Bint hosted a Christmas Party at his home on December 13th, attended by 34 members, gyyettes, and guests. The party ran from about 2:30 PM to Dusk, one indication of its happy success!

John thanked everyone that brought the wonderful food and desserts to the party, and especially the people who helped put the party together: Ronn (helping put the party together), Jerry (tables and chairs), Deborah (decorations and getting the place ready), and everyone who helped clean up afterwards.

And a big thanks to John Corda, who led the Karaoke Christmas Caroling!



Heinz R, Joanne&Steve B, Ronn S, Deb P.



Deb P, Steve B, Cathy S, Jerry S.



Linda Hitchcock, John Corda, Joy Venker, Dan Guay



Nancy and Gary Attalla



Cathy Styles and Judith West



Julie and Tedd Cowling, Sherry Roever



Jerry Carlson and Jerry Schliemann



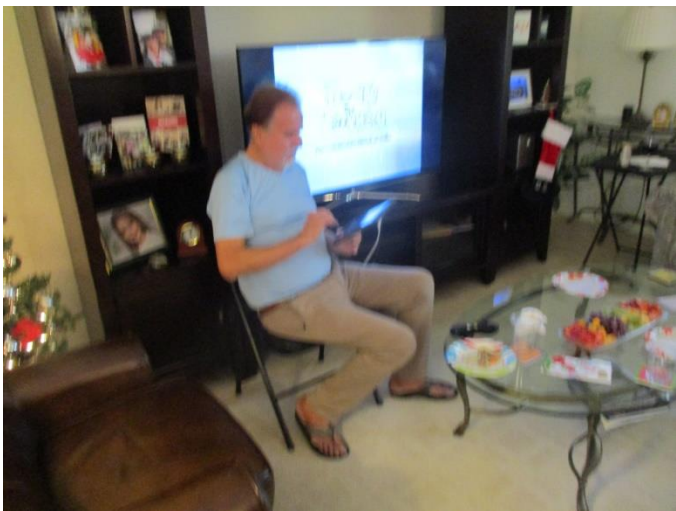
Bob Marinic, Bob McCoy, and Joy Venker



Dewey Swalheim and Dan Guay



Tedd Cowling, John Styles, Cathy & Brian Webb, Ed Roever



John Corda leading the Karaoke Carolers



The Carolers!



Cathy Webb, Sue McCoy, and Candy Swalheim



Richard Leister, Roxanne Lawrence, Ronn Skolnik

COMMUNICATION

Here is a copy of a recent email from President Steve Anderson to Gyro Club Members:

Subject: FW: Political comments and E-mail Precautions for all Gyro Members

Gentlemen Gyros,

Merry Christmas to all of you, and to all of your family's

The subject of the following message is one of a serious nature and reminds us that this issue is thoughtfully highlighted in part of our Gyro Constitution and By-laws. It sends a clear message of who we are as Gyros and councils us to be reserved and considerate, or to not to participate at all, in exchanging comments pertaining to Politics and Religion.

Recently over the past several months, on two occasions, two Gyro Candidates (guests) have been turned away from their interest in Gyro by negative, polarizing political comments extended by some of our members. One, as recently as last Thursday morning. We should be continually aware that some comments intended to be comical are in fact insulting, negative, and "counterproductive" to our Gyro philosophies. We are joined in friendship regardless of, (in some cases), differing opinion and views of world events. Offhand comments and statements broadcasted without concern for the goodwill of the audience are not appropriate..

The communication below was submitted last year by a Gyro enthusiast who wanted to share a cautioning word, in good faith with us, in a clear understanding of behavior that is not in concert with Gyro ideals.

"Friendship is like snow, it beautifies everything it covers."

Cheers, (Goose)

He stated:

I recently talked with a fellow Gyro that indicated that there was an email, perhaps sent by another Gyro, that was somewhat offensive. Not completely over the top, but something that just struck a wrong chord. I have no idea if this was a video, a cartoon, or a simple email, but it kind of tainted his perception of the Gyro organization. Perhaps, we don't always think about recipients of our emails, and how many times these may be forwarded through group emails. If you think about the diversity within the Gyro organization, you will find many nationalities, religions, cultures, beliefs, and personal values that each of us share.

As an International organization, we have a higher code to which we hold ourselves.

I do not propose to set up guidelines for emails, but I would advise our members to be cognizant of any emails that contain political views, religious slants, cultural innuendoes, or other issues that may compromise the standards that each of hold ourselves as Gyros.

I Just wanted to pass this along as an observation and the possible formation of a best practice.

Tedd

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

The proposed Gyro International Restructure Implementation Committee first monthly Zoom Meeting was held Tuesday, December 3, 2024. The proposed Restructure Implementation Plan was discussed, along with the revised GYRO International Constitution and By-Laws. Following the meeting a few days later, all participants were asked to approve or reject the proposed changes for further discussion. After a December 18, 2024 Stag Luncheon which discussed some aspects of the proposed changes, our District X Representative voted to reject the changes for further discussion. The next monthly Zoom Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025.

MISCELLANEOUS:

A few "Questions That Haunt Me":

- Why do you have to 'put your two cents in' ...but it's only a 'penny for your thoughts'? Where's that extra penny going?
- Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours?
- If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?
- Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.
- Can you cry underwater?

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

Russell Kroszner

Bob Marinic

Steve Rose

Ed Pasteur (Candidate)

Dan Guay (Possible Associate Member)

Jerry Carlson

Sponsor: Bob McCoy

Sponsor: John Bint

Sponsor: Richard Leister

Sponsor: Steve Anderson

Sponsors: Steve Anderson, Pete Stocker

Sponsor: Steve Anderson

NEW MEMBERS:

(None in December.)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT and MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN:

Happy New Year Gyro Friends,

Greetings from your Club Board of Directors, with hopes that you and your families enjoyed the holiday season. Patty and I send our warmest wishes that you have a healthy and happy 2025.

The Caloosa Gyro Club continues to grow. We are about to increase our membership beyond 30, with 3-4 new prospects wishing to join our Fraternity of Friendship. Their approval for membership will be voted on in January. Be sure to take a moment to get to know them at one of our stag meetings or the couples gathering, January 30th, for our field trip to the Holocaust Museum in Naples.

The Club slate of officers will be changing in February during the Installation. Date TBD shortly. New members & leadership of the Events Planning Committee will be announced, Two additional members will be added to the Membership Recruiting Team. A new Club Treasurer will be inducted. Bill Beadle will continue as Club Secretary. Thanks Bill, great job. We appreciate your staying on board.

Open slots for nominations include President and Vice President. Our action committees are energized to take on much of the duties normally undertaken by the Prez. and VP. Both John Bint and your current President have been rotating and serving as President for the majority of years since the Caloosa Club was chartered in April 2012. Our experienced club membership roster reflects a group of Gyros with a variety of career skill sets that are laudable; Ones that can be applied to volunteer club positions that help to guide the management and perpetuation of the Caloosa Gyro Club.

Helping to engage in a "matrix" effort to that effect is not burdensome, but actually builds the bonds of friendship by sharing a mutual goal and the shared laughter that is often found in the process of contributing to the group.

John and I have enjoyed the enrichment of life that is offered whenever Gyros gather, and by the personal reward of making new friends. As you might imagine we are both ready to step aside to encourage, and to assist new leadership.

We are asking for nominations and hoping those interested in filling a position will communicate their interest to Nominations Chairman, John Bint. Your consideration is appreciated.

Yours in Gyro Friendship,

Steve (El Ganso) Anderson

