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CALOOSA GYRO CLUB OFFICERS:

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Membership Chairman.....Steve Anderson

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

BIRTHDAYS: Jim Sciple-July 13 (#99!), Bob Rowe-July 17.

ANNIVERSARIES: Dave and Sharon Stokley-July 24, Tedd and Julie Cowling-July 27.

"Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together" - Woodrow Wilson

CLUB SCHEDULE:

July 4, 2023 Tues. 7:30 PM – (Couples') at 3 Fishermen Seafood Restaurant, Ft. Myers, FL Lawrence-Leister
(See Flyer sent out via email)

July 19, 2023 Wed. 11:45 AM – (Stag) Luncheon at Beef O'Brady's, Santa Barbara (Tentative) Stocker

CALOOSA CLUB NEWS:

On June 15, a BBQ Party hosted by Bill Beadle at Herons Glen, was attended by twelve hungry people. The evening was highlighted by Richard Leister's and Roxanne Lawrence's announcement that they had just been married!



At the Wedding



At the Dinner



Another Cake!

The occasion inspired Steve Anderson to compose the following:

Richard & Roxanne
Congratulations

*Cupid's arrow found its mark,
Angels played on heavens harp.
Love is ageless for mercy sake,
It's never too late for a wedding cake.*

*So off they went with hearts united,
They beat the odds no future blighted.
Sorry, no father pointing a loaded gun,
They said "We do, now let's have some fun."*

*The City hall was perfect and did suffice,
With friends by their side, it was cheerfully nice.
Laughter and hugs, no tears to be wept
It was a secret shared not long to be kept.*

*They shared the news not 3 days hence,
God blessed this couple with common sense.
Richard was glowing as a groom rightly smitten,
Roxie did blush as his affection was given.*

*Congratulations for the love you are sharing,
You enrich our lives with friendship so caring.
May you enjoy the peace of a graceful willow,
And for all your life sleep on one pillow.*

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

(See the Spring-Summer Gyroscope, the Gyro International Newsletter.)

MISCELLANEOUS:

A few ones from an amateur philosopher:

- When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their bodies...men are so polite they only look at the covered part.
- You know that tingly little feeling you get when you like someone? That's your common sense leaving your body.
- Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity they can train people to stand at the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?
- If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

CURRENT PROSPECTS LIST/NEW MEMBERS:

Ron Neurohr-Prospect
Mike Wojchick-Prospect

SPONSOR(S):

Dave Stokley
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Hello Gyros,

The July party at the 3 Fisherman's Restaurant looks as if it will be much fun and a great way to celebrate July 4th. I wish that I could be with you all.

I have signed up to go to the Gyro International Convention in Winnipeg this August and will be representing our club. I know that both Steve and Pete have sent out details of the event and I do hope that some of you will decide to attend. The program looks extensive and I believe that there will be numerous ideas of how we can ensure that Gyro International will continue to thrive and not be subject to the depletion of members as so many other societies have encountered.

Also, I'm told that Winnipeg is a very interesting city to visit and there are a number of tours and trips that can be taken during the convention. Come and join us!

The Canton Gyro Club of Ohio has invited our club members to attend the District 1 convention in September of this year. It will be held in Canton, Ohio (Football Hall of Fame City) and promises to be a great event. There are at least four of our members, who were formerly a part of District 1, before joining our club, and they may like to attend as well as anyone else who might be in the area this summer. The Invitation and Registration form are attached to this bulletin.

Happy Independence Day to you all.

John Bint

Message from the Membership Chairman, Steve Anderson

Involvement in Gyro Club Activities is the "Elixir" that Nurtures Strong Clubs:

I know I am walking a bit slower, and when I stand it takes a bit longer to straighten up. Gyro parties that stretched into the wee hours with a bar that stays open after I leave are just memories. Good memories though, filled with laughter, and a scrapbook of faces and voices and kindness that always touched me, still remain! My enthusiasm for our Gyro fellowship remains youthful in spirit and even more meaningful with maturity.

What pleases me today, as it always has, are the proposition, and the reality, that the number of friends that add value to life continues to increase as my years of Gyro membership increase. Continuing participation produces smiling new faces, new laughter, new memories, and new friends who are waiting at the end of a Gyro handshake extended in greeting.

I am, I suppose, naïve in my amazement that some of our Gyro brothers lose the sense of personal fulfillment and satisfaction when someone calls them friend. It is said that Gyro is an "organization of like-minded men." If that is true, and I believe that it is, how do we reconcile declining membership of those who have lost interest in continuing to experience the "Gyro Spirit?" Aside from health issues deflecting participation, and travel preventing attendance, how does the rich Gyro experience of shared friendship get lost by shifting priorities?

It appears to my fading eyesight, by observation, that those who do contribute to the good of the order, in some measure, are first to say "Gyro is important in my life." They continue volunteering (as do others in their club) to plan, or to help organize a gathering that builds anticipation and attendance. As we know, those clubs with some manner of recruiting, and those with members helping to develop a fun and interesting event schedule, are those clubs remaining vibrant, strong, and perhaps creating a sense of membership pride in being a Gyro.

There are more than a few Gyros of elevated age who smile and declare, "I will be a Gyro until I die!" There, there it is! It is the gap between those who participate and nourish themselves from the full buffet of Gyro experiences, and those who enter the restaurant, and only place soup on their otherwise empty tray. Yes, it is in some ways similar to Thanksgiving with family and friends when your indulgence provokes the annual "belt loosening." You do not however, and never will, avoid the next celebration because each occasion also fills you with the indescribable joy of the warm embrace that emanates from those gathered. Not in all cases, or in all families or organizations to be sure. None-the-less, the celebration is scheduled and the Gyro table is set. Each gathering becomes a reunion and a festival of shared fellowship. It may well be the life sustaining Oasis in the midst of occasional turbulent surroundings.

My father always counseled me to contribute to any sports team, Boy Scout club, school club, or church organization to which I belonged. It was not a surprise the night I was installed as a new Gyro member, when the installing Governor, off script, suggested in a personal manner which felt as if we were the only two in the room, that as a Gyro, if I was asked to undertake any task for my club, to just say yes. It is a simple concept that bares strength by itself, provides wisdom in its application, and may be one small act, among others, that helps to perpetuate "the Gyro Spirit."

The Caloosa Gyro Club, of mature members, demonstrates this important characteristic because its enthusiastic members are contributing, sharing friendship, and strengthening the bonds that create an enduring and rewarding fellowship. It is a rare opportunity to be part of something larger than oneself, and to then as an active member, to also receive the gift of friendship. Thank you all for sharing that wonderful gift.

Yours in Gyro friendship,

Steve Anderson