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CALOOSA GYRO CLUB OFFICERS:

President.....(Vacant)

Secretary.....Bill Beadle

Directors – Committee Chairs:

Bill Beadle (Communications),

Bob McCoy (Events Planning)

Vice President.....(Vacant)

Treasurer.....Edd Huetteman

Bulletin Editor.....Pete Stocker

Membership Chairman.....Steve Anderson

Committee Coordinator.....Pete Stocker

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

BIRTHDAYS:

Dewey Swalheim-April 12, Jerry Schliemann-May 2, Dave Stokley-May 2.

ANNIVERSARIES:

John & Carla Kachmar-April 2, Rich & Donna Schilling-April 11,

Edd & Candace Huetteman-April 24, John & Cathy Styles-April 26.

"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him." - Abraham Lincoln

CLUB SCHEDULE:

April 2, 2025, Wed., 11:45 AM-(Stag) Luncheon at Sea-Craft Waterfront Tiki, N Ft Myers

April 16, 2025, Wed., 11:45 AM(Stag) Luncheon at Sabal Springs Restaurant, N Ft. Myers

April 30, 2025, Wed., Couples' Party at the Rovers', 20961 Mystic Way, Herons Glen, N FT Myers,

Time TBD

CALOOSA CLUB NEWS:

Another great couples' gathering arranged by Bob McCoy happened at Herons Glen at the Shuffleboard Courts, followed by an early dinner at the Herons Glen Main Dining Room. The competition was fierce, and not too many rules were broken or ignored! There were individual team winners at each lane (bragging rights only). All the athletes (nearly) worked up a sweat on the warm spring day, and the event broke up and everyone headed for the dining room and the nearby bar! Pictures follow:



A Lineup of Shuffleboard Athletes beginning the contests!



Two Athletes Learning how The Veteran does it!



Are These Spectators or Players?



Two Journeyman Players waiting their turn



Too Close to Call? Does it Matter?

COMMUNICATION:

Club Bulletin: Our editor, Pete, is asking for member (guys and gals) contributions for items of humor, trivia, history, puzzles, & travel news that will bring new energy and anticipation of each month's edition. It is your bulletin, and your contribution will add to the "fun and fellowship."

Our Caloosa Club should also ensure that we submit club articles, and pictures of our events to the Gyroscope for publication. Editor, Derek Hay is requesting wider (diversified) contributions of activities and articles of interest.

Cheers,

Goose

DISTRICT X NEWS:

Governor Steve is sharing a notice that is posted on the Gyro Website informing our ladies of their ability to have access to the Members Portal. It is posted by Derm Jackman, Website Administrator. Derm "highlights" how our gals can sign on and get another view of what's cooking in Gyro, and Networking Opportunities. We will be asking for the ladies' email address and cell phone information, not currently recorded in the Gyro Int'l Members Portal, so that we can get that info entered.

The Member Portal is secure and only available to Gyro members. This is another example of What International Does for Us. You will have access to other club websites and their monthly bulletins.

(For a copy of Derm Jackman's Article, go to the Gyro International website, <https://gyro.org>, and click on the article under What's New/Updated. If What's New/Updated doesn't come up, try <https://gyro.org/whatsnew>, and click on Ladies Access to the Members Portal.)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

The Gyro International Structure Implementation Committee held a Zoom meeting on March 13, 2025. It was requested that a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws be provided showing all the changes since the first Zoom meeting, which was received. If anyone is interested in reading all the changes, please let me or Steve Anderson know.

Below is an email from Dan Durbin updating which you may have received on March 27, 2025.

The next Zoom meeting will be on April 10, 2025.

From: Daniel Durbin [mailto:members_portal@gyro.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 12:39 AM
To: dj_durbin@yahoo.com
Subject: Update on Gyro's Reorganization Implementation Committee

Hello Gyro,

I hope this message finds you well. In the midst of life's hustle and bustle, I inadvertently missed the opportunity to update our membership on the important work of the Reorganization Implementation Committee. My apologies for the delay. This initiative is a crucial step forward for Gyro, and the committee remains committed to transparency as we shape the organization's future.

Update on the Gyro Restructuring Plan

At the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM), members overwhelmingly approved the Gyro Restructuring Plan, setting the stage for a two-year implementation process. Since then, significant progress has been made:

- A dedicated implementation committee, composed of volunteers and district representatives, was formed to oversee the process.
- Immediate Past International President Dan Durbin and Past International President Alan Pentney are co-chairing the committee.
- District Representatives include:
 - **District I:** Larry Finefrock and JD Dawson
 - **District II:** Terry Moehr
 - **District III:** Dick Parnell and Dan Bliss
 - **District IV:** Colm Foy
 - **District VI:** Mike Jenkins
 - **District VII:** Greg Alexander
 - **District VIII:** Don Grieg
 - **District IX:** Tim Cameron and Larry Duba
 - **District X:** Pete Stocker
- The committee has been meeting regularly to revise the constitution and bylaws in alignment with the new structure.

Key Updates

The following changes are being finalized:

- Replacing “Districts” with “Regions.”
- Renaming the title of “Governor” to “Regional Director.”
- Modifying the Executive Council (EC) structure to include the new Regional Director role.
- Clarifying roles and responsibilities within the new framework.
- Merging the current district structure into a regional model.

New Regional Structure

The current districts will transition into three regions to better balance club representation:

- **Region 1:** Districts 1, 3, 6, and 10
- **Region 2:** Districts 2, 7, 8
- **Region 3:** Districts 4 and 9

Next Steps

- The revised constitution and bylaws will be submitted to the Executive Council and Board of Governors (EC/BoG) for approval.
- Once approved, official notifications will be sent to all members 45 days before the 2025 AGM in June.
- Each region will begin identifying candidates for the new Regional Director positions, with a nomination process led by a group of Past District Governors (PDGs). Regional Director roles will take effect during officer installations at the 2026 AGM.

What This Means for Clubs

While structural changes are underway, local club activities will remain unchanged. Clubs should continue their traditions—hosting social events, golf tournaments, and gatherings that reinforce Gyro’s core values of friendship and fellowship. Gyro International will continue to schedule the AGM and Convention annually, with the regions alternating as host.

We appreciate your continued support and engagement as we move forward with these exciting developments. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or feedback.

Best regards,
Daniel Durbin
IPIP, Chair, Implementation Committee

MISCELLANEOUS:

A few more things a Senior might say:

- Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it.
- As I watch this generation try and rewrite our history, one thing I'm sure of – it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.
- There's no such thing as a grouchy old man. The truth is, once you get old you stop being polite and start being honest.
- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

Exercise and Hiking (from the March American Legion Magazine):

A man visited his doctor, and the doctor checked him over before commenting, "You look like you get a fair amount of exercise."

The man replied, "Oh yeah. In fact, just the other day, I walked five miles over rugged terrain. Then I waded along the edge of a lake, pushing my way through thistles and sliding down sandy slopes."

The doctor was impressed. "Well you are certainly a dedicated outdoor enthusiast."

The man replied, "Not really, doctor. I'm just a really bad golfer."

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

David Moffatt
Ron Barrett

Sponsors: Bob McCoy
Sponsor: Bill Beadle

NEW MEMBERS:

(None this month)

MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

David and Donna Moffat have satisfied our vetting protocol for membership attending 4 stag events, and 2 couples' events. They are a terrific couple. David has expressed his desire to be considered for membership. David (poor guy) is sponsored by "Mac" McCoy. If you have not had the pleasure of meeting David, look for him during the April 2nd stag luncheon. "Hello Gyro" They are both from the Boston area.

They had never heard the Cheer the Yale Bulldogs offer to the Harvard Crimson; "Let's give a cheer for Harvard, not too loud to be vulgar, but loud enough to be heard, "Knit one - pearl two, Harvard Yoo Hoo!

Or An older version; "That's H A R with a V, V A R with a D, Knit one pearl two, Harvard Boys, Yoo Hoo!" with girlish hand wave.

Further - The Yale - Harvard rivalry known as "The Game" is the oldest college football rivalry in the U.S., dating back to 1875, and played annually on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Yale leads the series 71-61.

Cheers,

Goose

