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CALOOSA GYRO CLUB OFFICERS:

President.....John Bint

Secretary.....Pete Stocker

**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: **Deborah Phinney-June 7, Gerry Gurtowski-June 8, Ronn Skolnik-June 18, Bruce Weyne-June 12, Bill Burns-June 29.**

ANNIVERSARIES: **Doug and Arlene Glazier-June 20.**

"In Prosperity our friends know us; in adversity we know our friends." –John Churton Collins

CLUB SCHEDULE:

June 7, 2023 Wed. 11:45 AM - (Stag) at The Standard Restaurant, Sabal Springs

Stocker

June 21, 2023 Wed. 11:45 AM – (Stag) Luncheon at Beef O'Brady's, Santa Barbara

Stocker

June 15, 2023 Thu – 5:30 PM, Couples' Function-BarBQue at Herons Glen (Private Room), see flyer

Beadle

CALOOSA CLUB NEWS:

On May 19, a couples event was held at the home of John and Cathy Styles – see the write-up in Pres. John's Message.

Another Gyro has made an Honor Flight, Korean War Veteran Jack Lyon, made the trip on Mission 24, May 20, 2023! The trip apparently went smoothly, taking off in the wee hours, landing in D.C. on schedule, each veteran spending a non-stop day seeing the sights with his/her Guardian (in Jack's case Nancy, a dedicated Guardian with 5 Honor Flights under her "belt"!). The flight returned on schedule that evening, and Jack was greeted enthusiastically by eight Gyros and Gyrettes, tired but happy to have made the rewarding trip and being recognized for his service to his country.



Leading the Welcome Home



Jack with Gyro Greeters and his Guardian(s)



Jack is Back!

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

U.S. - Canadian Border Friendship Plaques

Recently speaking with Richard Leister about his trip to Niagara Falls refreshed my memory of a Gyro bit of information that you may find interesting.

Bronze plaques, recognizing Gyro International, are permanently mounted on two U.S. / Canadian border crossings. One is midway on the Rainbow Bridge in Niagara Falls, and the other in Washington State at the Blaine Peace Arch crossing.

The plaques are there to recognize and pay tribute to Gyro Int'l for the friendship it fosters between the two countries, and for "the Hands of Friendship across the Border" demonstrated by the frequent gatherings between club members from each country. It has been customary every few years for Gyro members, and families in Border Clubs, to also meet for a picnic, and a ceremonial plaque cleaning.

Because of the friendship among the clubs of both countries, Gyro International has been recognized by several U.S. Presidents and Canadian Prime Ministers. Those letters of appreciation were, (I believe) published in the 2012 Centennial issue of the GyroScope commemorating 100 years of Gyro Friendship.

I am proud to be a Gyro.

Goose

MISCELLANEOUS:

A few Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933, US President 1923-1929) One-Liners:

- "You can't know too much, but you can say too much." (Hence the nickname "Silent Cal".)
- "We cannot do everything at once, but we can do something at once."
- "I have noticed that nothing I never said ever did me any harm."
- "If you don't say anything, you won't be called on to repeat it."
- "The nation which forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten."

Chicken Gun for the Day:

The true story of the Chicken Gun. Sometimes it does take a rocket scientist! Scientists at NASA built a gun specifically to launch standard 4 pound dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all traveling at maximum velocity. The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of The windshields. British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the British engineers.

WHEN THE GUN WAS FIRED, THE ENGINEERS STOOD SHOCKED AS THE CHICKEN HURLED OUT OF THE BARREL, CRASHED INTO THE SHATTERPROOF SHIELD, SMASHED IT to SMITHEREENS, BLASTED THROUGH THE CONTROL CONSOLE, SNAPPED THE ENGINEER'S BACK-REST IN TWO, AND EMBEDDED ITSELF IN THE BACK WALL OF THE CABIN, LIKE AN ARROW SHOT FROM A BOW.

THE HORRIFIED BRITS SENT NASA THE DISASTROUS RESULTS OF THE EXPERIMENT, ALONG WITH THE DESIGNS OF THE WINDSHIELD AND BEGGED THE U.S. SCIENTISTS FOR SUGGESTIONS.

NASA RESPONDED WITH A 1 LINE MEMO: "DEFROST THE CHICKEN."

CURRENT PROSPECTS LIST/NEW MEMBERS:

Ron Neurohr-Prospect
Mike Wojchick-Prospect

SPONSOR(S):

Dave Stokley
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Steve Day has become an Associate International Member!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Hello Gyros,

On May 19th, Cathy and John Styles held their "Entertaining at the Styles" party at their home in Herons Glen. It was a great success with excellent food, interesting conversation and a party game. This was a fine example of what a true Gyro event can be with everyone circulating, having a good time and getting to know each other better. Many thanks again to Cathy and John.

I am now up north with the rest of my fellow snowbirds and enjoying the slightly cooler weather. However, sadly we are going to miss some of the events that our club will be holding during the summer months. For full-time Florida residents, look what you have to look forward to:

Couples Barbecue at Herons Glen in June organized by Bill Beadle.

Couples Event in July by Pete Stocker and Ed Roevers.

Couples Event in August by Richard Leister and Roxanne Lawrence

Couples Event in September by Bob and Barbara Robertson

More details of each event are to follow. Organizers are requested to contact Secretary Pete Stocker or Steve Anderson, who will assist you and send out details of the events to everyone.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Yours in Gyro Friendship

John Bint

Message from the Membership Chairman, Steve Anderson

Knowing your club mates: At the end of a Gyro Handshake extended in greeting awaits a new friend. Not just 1 or 2 or 20 but perhaps 100's waiting to get to know you, to find what makes you special, to stand with you in times of struggle, and to celebrate your successes without exception or expectation of the same in return. At your next Gyro gathering, take a moment to reach out to each Gyro, and guest, saying hello and also introducing yourself to a potential member. It's really what this friendship organization is all about – always.

Sources of new members: Friends and acquaintances have traditionally been the source of future Gyros, but many clubs have had great success in attracting new members from those who have been transferred in or recently moved to Town. Gyro is an excellent way for newcomers to be welcomed into a community, and instantly the new residents would have exposure to 20-40 new friends and a club environment that promotes FUN, friendship, socializing and networking. The sources of these new Gyros are all around us, at our recreation venues, churches, community initiatives, and local businesses. All we have to do is stay mindful of these opportunities and take advantage of them when the situation presents itself. "Hello Gyro"

Goose

Further Information on the Gyro International & District-VII Convention

(Please see the Information on the Following Pages and Attachments to the email Sending this Bulletin)

(From an email sent by Derek Hay June 1, 2023)

Gyro Convention 2023

August 23-27, 2023

We sure hope by now that you know that Winnipeg will be hosting the Gyro International & District-VII Convention. The committee has worked hard to plan this memorable event, our first in-person international convention since Reno in 2019.



If you have not checked the convention web site yet. Your simplest way to get there is from the <https://gyro.org/conventions/> web page. Once on that page click the link for full details. Here you will find all the information you need. In the Conventions Forms & Info link you will find PDF forms for registration and tours as well as tour descriptions. The schedule of events is not quite carved in stone, but we are 95% of the way there.

This teaser we will be featuring our band for the Saturday night entertainment.

Close your eyes and you would think she is ten feet tall. Open your eyes and be mesmerized by her amazing chops and powerful vocals. The **Holly Davidson Band** is one of Winnipeg's fastest-growing groups on the scene. With over 100 years combined stage & studio experience both in Canada and the US, this four-piece band has been garnering attention as one to watch!

With a song repertoire that spans 60 years of musical history, and crosses many genres. The Holly Davidson Band prides itself on never playing the same show twice. The Holly Davidson Band is comfortable in an array of settings, having played everything from small pubs and private functions to large group events, bars, and concerts. The band comes with an impressively diverse song list which includes hits you love dating back to the '50s, today's top hits and everything in between. <https://www.morrisentertainment.ca/holly-davidson-band>

How to book and register – Deadline is July 21

Note: you are not registered until payment is received. We will send an email acknowledging your registration and your payment.

- Firstly, book your hotel room, as the number of rooms are limited.
 - To do this use the link on the accommodations page of the convention web site. https://2021international.gyro.org/?page_id=63
 - If you book online, the particulars are automatically entered including the booking code.
 - If you call the hotel directly make sure you use the booking code G23.

- If you use Expedia or hotels.com – Do not bother, as we have good rates already arranged for you and you will use our arranged discount.
- Secondly, register for the event.
 - To do this, download the Registration form from the Conventions Forms & info page on the convention web site. https://2021international.gyro.org/?page_id=63
 - Complete the form, making sure you indicate the meal preference for the Saturday evening. Meals on Thursday evening & Friday Evening are buffet.
 - Indicate which optional tours you want to take.
 - Description and information on the tours can be viewed or download the PDF sheet located in the Convention Forms & info page.

Interesting facts on Winnipeg

<https://hikebiketravel.com/25-fun-weird-interesting-facts-winnipeg/>

Come enjoy Winnipeg. We know you will have fun. You will renew old friendships. You will make new friends. And you will enjoy yourself. Winnipeg has a lot to offer as a city. Take the time to explore, if you want.