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## **MAY 2020 BULLETIN**

### ***Message from President Ken,***

The mission of our Gyro organization is to provide a setting for members and friends to socialize and have fun. Well, the Coronavirus has certainly changed the way we interact with others. It seems like forever that we have been practicing "social distancing". For the most part, we have been house bound and unable to physically interact with family and friends.

You will remember that we thought we needed to shut down Gyro activities for the month of April and I proceeded to cancel scheduled meetings at the Carriage House. I have recently received notice from the Carriage House that they have cancelled our meetings to the end of June which makes total sense.

As many of you know, both the District and International conventions have been cancelled. It is at these conventions that the executive at the District and International levels are installed for the upcoming year. At this point, there is no plan to reschedule the conventions so there are questions about how, if, and when to install the new executive for the coming year.

So, what now for our club? Nobody can predict the future. We will watch as the future unfolds and then make our decision to restart Gyro activities when it is again safe for us to congregate, socialize, and have fun.

Staying home can be boring, but it does not have to be. We all have jigsaw puzzles to do, DVDs to watch, CDs to listen to, books to read, and projects that have been put off which are waiting to be accomplished.

In the meantime, if you need help, do not hesitate to contact your Gyro friends. You all have a roster book. Pick up the phone and make a call. Let's keep the lines of communication with our Gyro friends open! Although we are practicing "physical" distancing, there is no reason why we cannot be "social".

When this is all over, I am hopeful that we can restart Gyro with a big party to celebrate the defeat of the virus and to share stories of our time in, what has basically been, quarantine.

In the meantime, be careful, stay healthy, and please, if you have any ideas that you want to share please give me a call. You will find my number in the roster book.

**Ken Baker**



## **HAROLD RAYMOND PRICE**

**June 14, 1937 – April 3, 2020**

Harold (Shorty) Price, beloved husband of Doreen Price (nee Hendrickson) of Calgary, AB, passed away on Friday, April 3, 2020 at the age of 82 years.

Shorty worked for BJ Hughes Services Ltd. and BJ Titan Services (Canada) Ltd. (collectively "BJ Services Canada") for thirty-three years, his last position held was as President. Following BJ Services Canada, he worked for National Oil Well Maintenance Co. as Operations Manager, and Thermo Star Products Ltd. as President. Through his work he travelled and lived in Canada, Australia, England, Norway, Scotland and Qatar. When he retired from the oil and gas industry in 1993 he pursued his passion for playing golf and spending time with his family and friends. Shorty played golf in every Province in Canada and in many countries around the world. Shorty was a member for many years at Wentworth Golf Club, UK, Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club, and Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club (served as a Director). He was also a member of the Petroleum Services Association of Canada, the Calgary Petroleum Club and The Calgary Gyro Club (served as a Director).

The most important thing to Shorty was his family. He loved coaching his sons in ice-hockey, watching his sons play soccer, cheering on and supporting his daughter in figure skating and other adventures, playing golf with his kids and their grandkids, and he loved every minute when he was with his wife, Doreen, kids and grandkids spending birthdays, holidays and summer vacations together. They were the apple of his eye.

Besides his loving wife, Doreen of sixty-three years, Shorty is survived by his daughter, Tammy (Don Boehk), sons, Marty (Sue), Kevin (Wenming), Darren (Linda) and Ken (Johanna); granddaughters, Shylah (Blayne), Gillian (Matt), and Temple; and grandsons, Jordon (Catie), Keegan, Conor and Kenny. Shorty is also survived by his brothers, Stan (Angele), Marv (Lee), Ronald, Kelly (Becky); sisters, Audrey (John) and Sherry (Stan); sisters-in-law, Janette and Joyce, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Shorty's Life will be held in Calgary at a future date when it is safe to do so.

**The Gyros and Gyrettes wish to extend our sincere condolences to Doreen and all the family members.**

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## CHANGES TO THE CLUB ROSTER

Garry and Barb Davies have a new email address:  
[gbdavies135@gmail.com](mailto:gbdavies135@gmail.com)

Renate Barr's correct phone number is:  
403-669-9840

## BIRTHDAYS

### MAY

8<sup>th</sup> Bill Schultz  
8<sup>th</sup> Larry Fenton  
18<sup>th</sup> Angelo Zia  
28<sup>th</sup> Dick Skinner  
31<sup>st</sup> Thor Jepsen

### JUNE

16<sup>th</sup> John Hodgson  
21<sup>st</sup> Denis Couturier  
26<sup>th</sup> Ron Carter  
29<sup>th</sup> Ron Robinson

### JULY

4<sup>th</sup> Rick Simons  
13<sup>th</sup> Paul Skinner  
13<sup>th</sup> Bob Walker  
17<sup>th</sup> John L'Ecuyer  
19<sup>th</sup> Lyle Nisi  
24<sup>th</sup> Al Bell  
31<sup>st</sup> Julian Yaniw

### AUGUST

9<sup>th</sup> Tom Bourne (FOG)  
26<sup>th</sup> Ken Prather



HAPPY BIRTHDAY GENTLEMEN !!!

## A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR.....

Three blondes were all applying for the last available position with the Texas Highway Patrol. The detective conducting the interview looked at the three of them and said, "So y'all want to be cops, huh?" The blondes all nodded.

The detective got up, opened a file drawer, and pulled out a folder. Sitting back down, he opened it, pulled out a picture, and said, "To be a detective, you have to be able to detect. You must be able to notice things such as distinguishing features and oddities like scars and so forth." So saying, he stuck the photo in the face of the first blonde and withdrew it after about two seconds. "Now," he said, "did you notice any distinguishing features about this man?"

The blonde immediately said, "Yes, I did. He has only one eye!" The detective shook his head and said, "Of course he has only one eye in this picture! It's a profile of his face! You're dismissed!" The first blonde hung her head and walked out of the office.

The detective then turned to the second blonde, stuck the photo in her face for two seconds, pulled it back, and said, "What about you? Notice anything unusual or outstanding about this man?" "Yes! He only has one ear!"

The detective put his head in his hands and exclaimed, "Didn't you hear what I just told the other lady? This is a profile of the man's face! Of course you can only see one ear! You're excused too!" The second blonde sheepishly walked out of the office.

The detective turned his attention to the third and last blonde and said, "This is probably a waste of time, but.....". He flashed the photo in her face for a couple of seconds and withdrew it, saying, "All right, did you notice anything distinguishing or unusual about this man?"

The blonde said, "I sure did. This man wears contact lenses."

The detective frowned, took another look at the picture, and began looking at some of the papers in the folder. He looked up at the blonde with a puzzled expression and said, "You're absolutely right! His bio says he wears contacts! How in the world could you tell that by looking at his picture?"

The blonde rolled her eyes and said, "Well, Helloooooooooooooooooo! With only one eye and one ear, he certainly can't wear glasses."

A grandfather, who was visiting his granddaughter in Saskatchewan, watched her playing in the garden. He smiled as he reflected on how sweet and pure his little girl was. Tears formed in his eyes as he thought about her seeing the wonders of nature through such innocent eyes. Suddenly she just stopped and stared at the ground. He went over to her to see what work of God had captured her attention. He noticed that she was looking at two spiders mating.

“Grandpa, what are those two spiders doing?” she asked.

“They are mating,” her grandfather replied.

“What do you call the spider on the top?” she asked.

“A Daddy Longlegs,” her grandfather answered.

“So,,,,,,the other one is a Mommy Longlegs?”, the little girl asked.

As his heart soared with the joy of such a cute and innocent question he replied, “No dear. Both of them are Daddy Longlegs.”

The little girl, looking puzzled, thought for a moment, then lifted her foot and stomped the spiders flat. “Well,” she said, “That may be okay in British Columbia, but we’re not having any of that stuff in Saskatchewan!”

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For those of you who watch what you eat, here's the final word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting nutritional studies.

1. The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
3. The Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
4. The Italians drink a lot of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans..
5. The Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

CONCLUSION: Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.