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SEPTEMBER 2020 BULLETIN

Message from President Ken

Well, it has been a long time since we have broken bread together. The Covid 19 pandemic has the whole world running scared with no one able to predict with any certainty what the future holds.

So, what is happening in Gyro?

Well,

- 1) You may be aware that awards for excellence are presented each year by Gyro International. As reported in Governor Derm's newsletter, the Gyro Club of Calgary has been presented the award for "Best Website" in Gyro for the second time. Congratulations and a big 'thank you' to Thor Jepsen for his continuing efforts to keep our website relevant and current.

- 2) Since we are unable to gather for our annual Installation party this year, the current executive has decided to remain in our current positions for the 2020-21 fiscal year. There will be no change in the teams for the coming year.
- 3) I have spoken to the Carriage House and they are catering to groups, but on a limited basis. I have been in contact with other Gyro clubs in our District and found that some (Edmonton and Sherwood Park) are having meetings and others (Nelson, Cranbrook, and Lethbridge) are not. Our club executive met on Friday, August 28th. With the kids going back to school we felt that taking a wait and see approach would be prudent. If things are looking positive at the end of September, I will send an Evite to members to determine if there is interest in meeting.
- 4) Our new fiscal year starts September 1. Usually dues notices are sent out during September. Since the late nineties, the club dues have been \$175 per year. Most of this money was used to pay International and District assessments and fund Gyro activities. This year District will not be assessing any dues. We will have reduced costs in subsidizing club events and generally other expenses will be limited. With this in mind, your club executive has determined that there will be a "Covid 19 credit" of \$125 on your dues notice this year.
- 5) Next year, 2021, will be the 100th anniversary for our Gyro Club of Calgary. A real milestone! Wouldn't it be nice if the world returned to normal by June of 2021 when we have committed to host the District VIII Gyro convention? Prior to the Covid 19, we had begun making plans for the convention. That stopped in March. We are currently considering our options and will have more on this later.
- 6) We will again be publishing our club roster this year. Normally the roster books would be available for distribution at our Bingo in November. Given the uncertainty of the event being held this year, the roster books will be mailed to each member.

Happily, Ann and I do not know anyone who knows anyone that has the Corona Virus. Let's all hope that continues as the days, weeks, and months pass. Stay safe!

CHANGES TO THE CLUB ROSTER

Bob Walker has changed suites – email and phone unchanged.
His new address is: Suite 225 - 3105 Hillsdale St., Regina Sask. S4S 7K8

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

1st Zig Doborzynski
6th Doug Campbell
8th Bob Lane
8th Les Hamilton (FOG)
9th Bob Nixon
13th George Palardy
19th Bill Watson
26th Cliff Deis

SOME TRIVIA

Welcome to Tomorrow

This is extremely interesting. If you think the virus is going to make changes read this!

Guess we'll have to come back in-person to see if this forecast comes true!!! All of the following will become reality in the next 10-20 years. Many of us won't see the changes; but our kids and grandkids probably will.

1- Basic auto repair shops will disappear. Read on to know why.

2- A gas/diesel engine has 20,000 individual parts. An electrical motor has only 20 parts. Electric cars are sold with lifetime guarantees and are repaired only by dealers. It takes only 10 minutes to remove and replace an electric motor.

3- Faulty electric motors are not repaired in the dealership but are sent to a regional repair shop that repairs them with robots

4- Your electric motor malfunction light goes on, and so you drive up to what looks like a car wash, and your car is towed through while you have a cup of coffee and out comes your car with a new electric motor!

5- Gas pumps will go away.

6- Street corners will have meters that dispense electricity. Companies will install electrical recharging stations; in fact, they've already started in the developed world.

7- Smart major auto manufacturers have already designated money to start building new plants that build only electric cars.

8- Coal industries will go away. Gasoline/oil companies will go away. Drilling for oil will stop. Say goodbye to OPEC! The middle east is in trouble.

9- Homes will produce and store more electrical energy during the day than they use, and will sell it back to the grid. The grid stores it and dispenses it to industries that are high electricity users. Has anybody seen the Tesla roof?

10- A baby of today will see personal cars only in museums. The FUTURE is approaching faster than most of us can handle.

11- In 1998, Kodak had 170,000 employees and sold 85% of all photo paper worldwide. Within just a few years, their business model disappeared and they went bankrupt. Who would have thought of that ever happening?

12- What happened to Kodak and Polaroid will happen in a lot of industries in the next 5-10 years ... and most of us don't see it coming.

13- Did you think in 1998 that 3 years later you'd NEVER take pictures on film again? With today's smartphones, who even has a camera these days?

14- Yet digital cameras were invented in 1975. The first ones only had 10,000 pixels, but followed Moore's law – that technological capacity will DOUBLE every year. So as with all exponential technologies, it was a disappointment for a time, before it became 'way superior' and became mainstream in only a few short years.

15- It will now happen again (but much faster) with Artificial Intelligence (AI), health, autonomous and electric cars, education, 3D printing, agriculture and jobs.

16- Forget the book, "Future Shock"; welcome to the 4th Industrial Revolution.

17- Software has disrupted and will continue to disrupt most traditional industries in the next 5-10 years.

18- UBER is just a software tool; it doesn't own any cars, and is now the biggest taxi company in the world! Ask any taxi drivers if they saw that coming.

19- Airbnb is now the biggest hotel company in the world, although they don't own any properties. Ask Hilton Hotels if they saw that coming.

20- Artificial Intelligence: Computers become exponentially better in understanding the world. This year, a computer beat the best Go player in the world, 10 years earlier than expected.

21- In the USA , young lawyers already don't get jobs Because of computers, you can get legal advice (so far for right now, the basic stuff) within seconds, with 90% accuracy – compared with 70% accuracy when done by humans. So, if you study law, stop immediately. There will be 90% fewer lawyers in the future, (what a thought!). Only omniscient specialists will remain.

22- Computer programs already help nurses diagnosing cancer, and the programs are 4 times more accurate than human nurses.

23- Facebook now has pattern recognition software that can recognize faces better than humans. In 2030, computers will become more intelligent than humans...COMPUTERS CAN BE UNPLUGGED...OR SHOT!!!!

24- Autonomous cars: In 2018 the first self-driving cars are already here. In the next 2 years, the entire industry will start to be disrupted. You won't WANT to own a car anymore as you will call a car with your phone; it will show up at your location and drive you to your destination.

25- You will not need to park it. You will pay only for the driven distance and you can be productive while driving The very young children of today will never get a driver's license and will never own a car.

26- This will change our cities because we will need 90-95% fewer cars. We can transform former parking lots into green parks.

27- About 1.2 million people die each year in car accidents worldwide including distracted or drunk driving. We now have one accident every 60,000 miles. With

autonomous driving that will drop to 1 accident in 6 million miles. That will save more than a million lives worldwide each year.

28- Some traditional car companies will doubtless go bankrupt. They will try the evolutionary approach and just build a better car, while tech companies (Tesla, Apple, Google) will do the revolutionary approach and build a computer on wheels.

29- Look at what Volvo is doing right now; no more internal combustion engines in their vehicles starting this year – with the 2019 models using all-electric or hybrid only, with the intent of phasing out the hybrid models.

30- Many engineers from Volkswagen and Audi are completely terrified of Tesla – and they should be. Look at all the companies offering all-electric vehicles. That was unheard of only a few years ago.

31- Insurance companies will have massive trouble because, without accidents, the costs will become cheaper. Their auto insurance business model will disappear.

32- Real estate will change. If you can work from home (or from literally anywhere), people will abandon their towers to move far away to more beautiful affordable locations..

33- Electric cars will become mainstream about 2030. Cities will be less noisy because all new cars will run on electricity.

34- Cities will have much cleaner air as well.

35- Electricity will become incredibly cheap and clean.

36- Solar production has been on an exponential curve for 30 years, but you can now see the burgeoning impact. And it's just getting ramped up.

37- Fossil energy companies are desperately trying to limit access to the grid to prevent competition from home solar installations; but, that simply cannot continue - technology will take care of that strategy.

38- Health: "Tricorder X" will be announced this year. There are companies which will build a medical device (called the Tricorder from Star Trek) that works with your phone – taking your retina scan, your blood sample, and you breathe into it. It then analyses 54 bio-markers that will identify nearly any disease There are dozens of phone apps out right now for health.

WELCOME TO TOMORROW! – some of it actually arrived a few years ago.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR.....

A man smelling of booze and cigarettes sat down on a subway next to a priest. His tie was stained, there was red lipstick on his collar and face and a half-empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading.

After a few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked, "Tell me Father, do you happen to know what causes arthritis?"

The priest replies, "My son, it's caused by loose living, consorting with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol, contempt for your fellow man, sleeping around with prostitutes and lack of a bath."

The drunk muttered in response, "Well, I'll be damned", then returned to his paper.

The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?"

The man answered, "I don't have it, Father. I was just reading here that the Pope suffers from it."

MORAL: Make sure you understand the question before offering the answer.

Boudreaux and Thibodeaux saw an ad in the Ottawa newspaper and bought a mule for \$100. The farmer agreed to deliver the mule the next day.

The next morning the farmer drove up and said, "Sorry, fellows, I have some bad news, the mule died last night."

Boudreaux and Thibodeaux replied, "Well, then just give us our money back."

The farmer said, "Can't do that. I went and spent it already."

They said, "OK then, just bring us the dead mule."

The farmer asked, "What in the world ya'll gonna do with a dead mule?"

Boudreaux said, "We gonna raffle him off."

The farmer said, "You can't raffle off a dead mule!"

Thibodeaux said, "We shore can! Heck, we don't hafta tell nobody he's dead!"

A couple of weeks later, the farmer ran into Boudreaux and Thibodeaux at the Piggly Wiggly grocery store and asked, "What'd you fellers ever do with that dead mule?"

Thibodeaux said, "We raffled him off like we said we wuz gonna do. Shucks, we sold 500 tickets fer two dollars apiece and made a profit of \$998."

The farmer said, "My Lord, didn't anyone complain?"

Boudreaux said, "Well, the feller who won got upset. So we gave him his two dollars back."

Boudreaux and Thibodeaux now work for the government.

They're overseeing Trudeau's Bailout and Stimulus Programs.

A young woman visits her parents and brings her fiancé to meet them. After an elaborate dinner, the mother tells her husband to find out about the young man.

The father invites the fiancé to his library for a drink. "So what are your plans?" the father asks the young man.

"I am a Torah scholar," he says.

"A Torah scholar? Hmmm," the father says. "Admirable, but what will you do to provide a nice house for my daughter to live in, as she is accustomed to?"

"I will study," the young man said, "and God will provide for us."

"And how will you buy her a beautiful engagement ring, such as she deserves?" asks the father.

"I will concentrate on my studies," the young man replies. "God will provide for us."

"And children?" asks the father. "How will you support children?"

"Don't worry, sir, God will provide," replies the fiancé.

The conversation continues like this, and each time the father questions, the young idealist insist that God will provide.

Later, the mother asks: "How did it go, Honey?"

The father answers: "He has no job and no plans, but the good news is he thinks I'm God."

Bryan Sherwood – Editor



KEEP THE FUN IN GYRO