

G Y R O C L U B o f C A L G A R Y



# Gyrodeo



F R I E N D S H I P S S I N C E 1 9 2 1

---

## NOVEMBER 2021 BULLETIN



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Let Us Forget*

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2021	
Wed, Nov 10	Remembrance Day Luncheon – Carriage House Inn. We will be joined by members of the Military Museums Foundation who will talk about the structure and functions of the museums and feature some of their key attractions. <b><u>Remember to bring your masks and Vaccine Passport,</u></b>
Tues. Nov 23	Gyro Club of Calgary 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary. See page 2 for details.

*Come Celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Of the Gyro Club of Calgary on  
November 23, 2021*

The Gyro Club of Calgary. In addition to celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we will be installing the new executive of both the Calgary and Stampede City Gyro Clubs and honoring the founders of Gyro. You can expect to receive **an official Evite on November 8<sup>th</sup>**. When you do receive that Evite, **please respond ASAP with a Yes or Regrets**. This will enable the organizers time to finalize all the details. For your information:

- Where:** Wainwright Hotel, Heritage Park
- When:** 5:30pm for Cocktails and Conversation  
(Dinner will be served at 6:30pm)
- Cost:** Only \$45 per person (the clubs will subsidize the additional costs)
- Dress:** Period dress (1920s theme) or Business dress, your choice
- Bar:** Cash bar (no host)
- Program:** Installation of Club Officers, Installation of New members, Special Presentations, Recognition of Founders, and "Special" entertainment.
- Parking:** Will be available on the street near the Wainwright Hotel.
- Covid** Heritage Park is following the "Restrictions Exemption Program."

**You will need your masks, vaccine passport, and Government ID to attend.**

## **GYRO Charity Bingo**

**Hosts: Garry Davies / Ken Prather (and our bosses)**

**When: Friday, December 10 from 5:00pm to 10pm**

**Where: Horton Road Legion  
9202 Horton Road SW, Calgary**

**WE HAVE DECIDED TO CHANGE THE MENU**

**NO SANDWICHES AFTER THE BINGO**

**We will be eating supper before** the Bingo starts at 7PM

**Meals are a choice of Chicken Fingers with Fries, Cheddar Bacon Burger with Fries or, One Piece Fish & Chips with Fries**

Coffee and Tea is provided FREE all evening  
(Cash Bar Service provided all evening)



The entry fee is still \$15.00 which includes; two Free Bingo Cards and as noted above includes your choice of meal.

As in the past each player should bring a gift (that they would be pleased to receive) which are used as prizes for the Bingo games.

Everyone's a winner

**Proof of vaccines is required to enter the Legion**

A final evite will be sent out asking for how many people will be coming and an indication of what meal you think you would like.

**Don't forget you can bring your friends and family**

### **STAMPEDE CITY GYRO CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY**

An invitation has been extended to our club to attend the Stampede City Gyro Club's Christmas party to be held at the Winter Club on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please advise President Wes Fillo if you are planning on attending. (403-278-8113 or [wfillo@shaw.ca](mailto:wfillo@shaw.ca)). Details will be send out once they are available.

### **DISTRICT VIII CONVENTION**

Hosted by the Stampede City Gyro Club  
September 22 – 25, 2022  
Medicine Hat, Alberta

### **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Hosted by the Gyro Clubs of District One  
June 27 – 30, 2022  
Cleveland, Ohio

## **BIRTHDAYS**

### **NOVEMBER**

5<sup>th</sup> Doug Church



**Have a great day, Doug !!!!!**

## CHANGES TO THE CLUB ROSTER

Please welcome our newest members:

Keith Sadler and his wife, Sally.  
243 Hamptons Park N.W. T3A 5A6  
Res: 403-208-1765  
Cell: 403-690-1765  
Email: [keithsadler@shaw.ca](mailto:keithsadler@shaw.ca)

Roger Duckworth and his wife Deborah Mathews.  
427 Lake Simcoe Cres. S.E. T2J 5L3  
Res: 403-278-8992  
Email: [raduck99@gmail.com](mailto:raduck99@gmail.com)

Resignations from the following members were received:

Al Fetch  
Dick Skinner  
Dave Tisdale

Resignations from the following members, who cited health concerns, have become Friends of Gyros:

Bob Lane  
Bill McCartney

**Marriage is a  
relationship where one  
person is always right  
and the other person is  
the husband.**

## CLUB NEWS

### **LUNCHEON MEETING – October 6**

Our Club had its first “official” luncheon meeting in about 18 months on Wednesday, October 6 at the Carriage House Inn. President Ken Baker welcomed 17 Gyros including new members Roger Duckworth and Keith Sadler who were more fully introduced by Dave Jenner and Gary Stephen respectively.

Ken gave the blessing and attendees enjoyed a meal consisting of a mixed greens salad, bread rolls, a steak sandwich and tea/coffee. Ken asked that during lunch the tables discuss menu and venue options for future club meetings. I am not sure whether a clear consensus emerged from these discussions. However, we likely need a private room if we are having a guest speaker. Without a speaker, a variety of other venue options can be considered. Regarding the menu, my sense is that many members would favour a soup and sandwich lunch over the type of meal that we typically have at the Carriage House Inn.

### **Financial Statements**

Following the meal, as Treasurer, I provided a detailed overview of the club's financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2021. As a result of Covid, only two events were held during the year. Paul and Kathy Skinner hosted the summer BBQ at their property in July. This event was partially subsidized by the club. The August mixed golf tournament organized by Gary Stephen resulted in a small surplus. All registration fees, relating to our cancelled convention have now been repaid and deposits have been recovered with the significant exception of a deposit held by the Deerfoot Inn and Casino. The Deerfoot Inn has taken the position that COVID-related health restrictions did not legally require us to cancel the convention. It appears that we will only be able to recover the deposit by applying it against the cost of a future event such as a convention.

## **Antarctica Presentation**

After an introduction by Doug Campbell, our club member, Ray Colliver, gave an interesting and informative presentation on the year that he spent in Antarctica. In 1973, Ray applied to be the chef for the New Zealand Antarctic Research Program at Scott Base. He successfully passed a rigorous psychiatric evaluation and was accepted to be a member of the team. And, the good news, he also passed the evaluation on his return to New Zealand one year later. During Ray's presentation it became clear that a strong mental constitution was needed in order to survive a year in Antarctica. Consider the isolation, six months of total darkness, temperatures falling below -40 degrees and frequent strong winds that could gust to 100 MPH.

Based on some of Ray's slides picturing his culinary achievements, it was clear that Ray ensured that his team was well fed. He also noted that they had a collection of nice French wines. In addition, they received 48 cases of beer from a neighboring U.S. expedition team. The beer had been previously frozen and the Americans refused to drink it. The Kiwis were apparently not as particular about the taste of beer.

Ray's time in Antarctica was not confined to the kitchen. His activities included search and rescue training, exploring glacier crevasses, flying to the South Pole, climbing a 5500 foot mountain, participating in penguin census taking and visiting the McMurdo Dry Valleys which are largely snow free because of extremely strong winds. Ray brought to the meeting a few fossils of plants and fish scales dating back hundreds of millions as well as rock samples which were collected from the Dry Valleys.

Ken Baker thanked Ray for his very interesting presentation.

## **Next Meeting**

The next luncheon meeting will be a mixed event scheduled for Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Carriage House Inn in recognition of Remembrance Day.

**John Hodgson**

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

A teacher gave her fifth grade class an assignment. Each child was to get their parents to tell them a story with a moral at the end of it.

The next day the kids came back and one by one began to tell their stories. They were all the regular type stuff, spilled milk and pennies saved.

Finally, only Ernie was left. "Ernie, do you have a story to share?"

\*Yes ma'am. My daddy told a story about my uncle Harry. He was a pilot in the Second World War and his plane got shot down. He had to bail out over enemy territory and all he had was a flask of whiskey, a pistol and a survival knife. He drank the whiskey on the way down so that the bottle wouldn't break when he landed. Wouldn't you know it, he landed right in the middle of twenty enemy troops. He shot fifteen of them with the gun until he ran out of bullets, killed four more with the knife till the blade broke, and then, he killed the last enemy with his bare hands."

"Good heavens," said the horrified teacher, "What kind of moral did your daddy tell you from this horrible story?"

My Dad said, "The moral of the story was to stay the hell away from Uncle Harry when he's been drinking!"







"How do you feel about me going to my sister's for two weeks?"



"If you're gonna complain, you can cut it yourself."

Bryan Sherwood – Editor



**KEEP THE FUN IN GYRO**