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We left Tampa looking forward to another AGM convention and meeting friends. Being a Gyro, I was looking forward to meeting new faces and seeing old friends, some from just last January and some from a few years ago. The luckiest attendees are the ones that have the fewest “must attend” meetings on their schedule and can enjoy what is available to them in the area of the convention with their Gyro friends.

WOW is all I can say. The Wallace Gyro convention was nothing short of the best - a new bar has been set for convention planning and execution! Before I write about the convention let me set the scene by giving you a little background on Wallace, ID. Wallace is nestled in a valley surrounded by mountains covered with fir trees. By 1891, Wallace was growing due to being located in the center of a great lead and silver mining region. On August 21, 1910 the largest forest fire in American history destroyed the south hill residential area and eastern half of the town. Wallace was rebuilt twice, first after an 1890 flue fire and again after the 1910 forest fire. It was threatened again in the 1970’s but this time it was by the interstate highway (I-90). The interstate was scheduled to go right through the town. This time two citizens battled in and out of court from 1970-86 to save the town. Wallace was able to secure placement of the entire town on the National Register of Historic Places, creating an insurmountable roadblock for the Idaho Transportation Department. The IDT was forced to build the interstate over the town at a great deal of extra expense but a very special town was saved. Wallace is known as the town under the interstate. Wallace also calls itself the Center of the Universe because it is the “Silver Capital of the World” - a manhole in downtown Wallace displays this claim. I hope you can visualize this historic town where people are friendly, buildings are historic and businesses are locally owned.

Sunday night your Council had dinner at an Art Gallery. The owner grew up in Wallace, hit the big time and displays some of his work. Along with a number of his paintings displayed on the walls, there is a wonderfully restored Indian motorcycle, and a wooden canoe that in itself was a work of art. A delicious meal was provided in a lovely environment.

On Monday, the Council ladies ate at the Fainting Goat, a tapas bar with a tea shop being set up next door. It is owned by a lady that grew up in Wallace, moved to outside of Chicago with her husband and has been working for two years to open the tapas bar and tea shop. Her husband is a contractor and has collected many interesting items that she is re-purposing in the shops. Monday thru Friday the Gyro meetings EC, PDG, BGM, D-VIII business meeting & AGM were held in the spacious Nite Rock, a private venue that also served as the hospitality room. Absolutely like stepping into the past, you walk into this room that has a bar 30 + feet long, a pool table, vintage Pac Man machines, a stage and a working Seaburg 200V juke box, as well as many other collectibles of the past. This is only opened by Dave Deroos, the owner and current D-8 Governor, when he wishes. You will find a summary of these meetings elsewhere within these pages.

Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. was Radio Day on KWAL. Gyros were the DJ’s for the day. Wednesday night was off to see the melodrama "Dirty Deeds in Dallas or Oils Well that Ends Well”. Hysterical! We booed and cheered the actors, on this super fun evening. We fell into bed anticipating another day packed with Wallace adventures … whether it be zip-lining, touring a bordello that was active until 1989, visit the Train Depot, or a silver mine, or the mine museum or finding the time to grab a bite to eat at the 1313 Club … there was no time to be bored.

Thursday, the Ladies lunch was held at the Elks club with entertainment by a local dance studio. During the day a Bocce Ball tournament was held, Larry Duba’s team won and he is so proud because his name is now engraved twice on the District VIII trophy. Thursday night was steak dinner at the Elk’s Club followed by a Pub Crawl led by the Drum & Bugle Corps. The motto of the Drum & Bugle Corp is “never practice” - in spite of themselves they weren’t bad. We walked with a Gyro red cup from pub to pub; the D&B Corps would play the only song they know. After a while they would strike up again and off to the next pub. We stopped at the Center of the Universe manhole cover and Janine Stange, known as the
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(National Anthem Girl) sang the National Anthem. Her goal is to sing the National Anthem in all fifty states this year (Idaho was number 37); she sings acappella and does a beautiful job. Then it was off to another pub. What a hoot!

Friday, a speaker from the Smithsonian spoke at the train depot, topic “Brewed in Idaho”. I'm sure the speaker was excellent but we did not get there. Friday night was the Presidents Ball and Installation. Often the past and current officers are piped in by bagpipes, but not in Wallace. The PIP’s were greeted and seated, then each current officer and wife were introduced with stage lights glaring and rock music playing followed by greetings from the mayor. Following dinner, the current officers where advanced along with the new International Third VP Dale Woodroffe. If I could have chosen where to be installed as President I would never have dreamed a more upbeat and fun place. The installation was rounded out with an Elvis impersonator incorporating many Gyros and Ladies into his performance.

I can only say that the Wallace Gyro Club is the epitome of what every club should be. Fun loving and also very community minded, which brings me to Saturday and the Lead Creek Derby. A ball about 4 feet in size is dropped into the river at the Last Chance Bridge, several miles away in a town called Mullan. Tickets purchased have a serial number representing a finish time, so you do not know if you’ve won until the ball passes the finish line under the bridge in Wallace. A couple of Gyro’s called hookers follow along to keep the ball untangled from overhanging brush and keep it moving down the river. After the prize money is awarded to the top fourteen ticket winners, the rest of the money goes for college scholarships to the graduating seniors of both high schools. The club’s aim is that every graduating senior can attend a college if they so desire.

The D-VIII installation was held on Saturday night following the Derby. It was also entertaining as 2nd VP Dana Davidson installed the officers wearing a buffalo hat. Both officer installations and the farewell breakfast were held at the Elk’s Club building. The Kiwanis Club hosted the delicious “Float Away” breakfast. First time I’ve ever seen peanut butter on pancakes – it did look good! This was a total town event, with welcome signs in business windows and $50.00 of Wallace Bucks to spend in the town. FABULOUS, FABULOUS!

Thank you for a convention that will never be duplicated. This effort shows what can happen when members are willing to take responsibility for each other and their club. IPIP Mike McNally noted that the 2015 Convention in Buffalo will be good, but in my view nothing can match the 2014 Wallace Convention.

Finally, a huge welcome aboard to the Gyro International Executive Council, our new third VP Dale Woodroffe and wife Mary Ann.

There are big ships and small ships.
But the best ship of all is friendship.
2015 GYRO INTERNATIONAL INTERIM MEETING
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January 25-30, 2015

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1550 North Atlantic Avenue
Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931

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MORE DETAILS TO COME
Alonzo “Lonnie” Turner, President
Gasparilla, Tampa, Florida ~ District X

Alonzo “Lonnie” is a founding member of the Gasparilla Club, Tampa, FL in 1985. He has served as club president; District X Governor 2005-06; received Editor Best Club Bulletin, Class 3, District X, 2001-2002. He is currently serving his club as the Secretary/Treasurer. He served in the US Army. And is a member of The American Legion. and as Past President of the Lions club in central Florida. Beside his commitment to Gyro, he volunteers at the EAA Fly-Ins in Lakeland and Oshkosh. He uses his technology skills with his church, and high school reunion committee.

After attending the University of Tampa, he worked for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. in various managerial positions retiring after twenty five years.

He met Betty Lou at their 35th high school reunion and married in 1997. Betty Lou is a retired elementary school principal. Five children and 9 grandchildren between them brings a lot of pleasure.
They spend their time between Tampa, FL in the winter and Jacksboro, TN in the summer.
They also have a travel trailer that will be used to travel the States and Canada visiting Gyros and enjoying the countries.

Floyd C. (Chris) Snyder, First Vice President
Canton, Ohio ~ District I

Chris Snyder has been a member of the Canton, Ohio Gyro club since 2002, serving as President in 2007. He has also served as Governor of District I 2010-2011.
He is originally from Akron, Ohio. He graduated from Howe Military School and attended the University of Akron.
He was active in the family rubber business serving as General Manager, Executive Vice-President and served on the board of directors. He was also active in the local folk music scene.

Chris currently lives in Canton, Ohio with his wife, Linda, of 28 years and their 2 cats. Chris and Linda are active in their church, where they sing in the choir and serve on the worship committee.

Dana Davidson, Second Vice President
Toronto, Ontario ~ District III

Dana has been a Gyro since 1985 and was District III Governor in 1992-93. A Gyro Merit Award Recipient in 2006, Dana has been a member and Officer of four Gyro clubs and is currently a member of the Gyro Club of Toronto. He lives with his wife, Barbara Dukic, in Scarborough, Ontario, a suburb in the east end of Toronto. Three children between them from previous marriages, Dawn, Christopher, Michael, and one granddaughter, Finnley, make life even more enjoyable. His former father-in-law was Pip Bruce Poll (88-89) (wife Dolores).

Dana is an Account Manager in the Graphics and Printing industry and in his leisure time, enjoys golf, baseball, lawn bowling and watching his favorite hockey team, the Toronto Maple Leafs, lose every year, which proves he can take a beating and still come up with a smile and a handshake.

Dana and Barb look forward to meeting many more new friends during their service to Gyro and the EC.
Emil L. Baijot, Secretary-Treasurer
Bellingham, Washington ~ District IV

After living in a remote Alaskan village where he was CEO of a native corporation for several years, he and Joan relocated to Bellingham, WA in 1977. He was soon introduced to Gyro and traveled to various events, joining Chilliwack in 1980. He formed the Bellingham club in 1981, serving in all the offices several times. He has received many awards including the Merit Award in 1988 and the Honor Key in 1994. He served as Governor in 1988-89 and as International President in 1993-94. He has been the International Sec.-Trea. since 1999.

In previous lives he attended Stanford but graduated from the UofW as an Industrial Designer; has been an Army Lieutenant during the Korean conflict; manager of a large art group at Boeing; Master of his Lodge & President of the Shrine Club; served nine years on County Planning Commission and until retiring, a designer/builder of custom homes for 30 years; and currently, he is a member of the County Appeals Board.

He and Joan were married in 1958 and they have four happy and successful children and seven grandkids. Joan keeps active as a partner in a daycare that schools up to 90 children and is a hospice volunteer.

W. Michael McNally, Immediate Past President
Buffalo, New York ~ District III

Mike joined Gyro in 1983 through the Buffalo Club. He was introduced to Gyro by his father Wayne who is a member of the Buffalo Club and will be a 40 year member in 2014, and also by his future father-in-law PIP Don Heath. Mike and Cynthia have been married for 31 years and are true Gyrunts. To qualify as a Gyrunt both sets of parents have to be Gyros. Being true Gyrunts has some rewards. Learning how to bartend properly is one, being invited to a lot of parties even before joining is another. Dating and marrying the IP's daughter is another (Cynthia might have something to say about that one!). However, the ultimate reward is the life-long friends we've made!

Mike & Cynthia have three daughters, Meghan, Kaitlyn & Shannon. Future sons-in-law will most certainly be Gyros and learn how to bartend properly!

Mike is a Certified Financial Planner™ and Wealth Management Advisor with TIAA-CREF in Buffalo, NY. When not on TC or Gyro business, Mike likes to play golf, ski and threatens to try to get back to shooting and fishing. Cynthia's gardening chores mo: certainly keep Mike out of the local pool halls…
At the Wallace Convention this June of 2014, a number of important issues were facing resolution by the Executive Council and the Board of Governors. Not the least was an impending Budget shortfall of some $20,000. This approximate shortfall was well recognized in advance because of our accounting change to an advanced Quick Books software and the continuous efforts by PDG Ken Baker as Financial Administrator. (Incidentally, this identifying title was given as token recognition of his lengthy volunteer efforts. The existing Finance Committee was dissolved).

The Executive Council determined they would make several cost-saving recommendations to the BOG - cuts to the preliminary budget albeit with an eye to the S/Ts remarks at the Tempe Interim last January and preliminary recommendations from the impending New Era Committee Report. Those cuts were as follows: 1) the S/T would make only one office visit each year, not two; 2) the IP/IP would only be reimbursed for expenses to the annual convention as Nominating Chairman, but not to the Interim; 3) a Third VP would be selected, and become electronically connected to the EC, but not have expenses for travel to convention or interim; 4) official visitations to district conventions would be set at every two years rather annually; 5) there would be only digital GyroScopes available online, no future printed copies. These cuts would be sufficient to cover the budget shortfall.

Naturally each issue had dissenting comments - primarily many executives felt that communication, either in print and or face-to-face was paramount to future Gyro success, however all understood the need for a balanced budget.

The issues were all approved by the BOG for submission to the delegates at the Annual General Meeting. Later, an anonymous Gyro, feeling that having the 3VP attend both the convention and interim was extremely important, offered a $6000 donation to the General Fund to cover the approximate costs of the 3VP travel. This was accepted gratefully. A small aberration arising from a headcount mix-up as a result from the Cincinnati club departure was resolved in that the IP/IP for the Buffalo Convention resides in that city and thus would have no costs related to attendance. On Friday morning, the AGM delegates approved the altered balanced budget as submitted.

Another noteworthy event during the convention was the excellent presentation by Chairman Tim Wright, Sr. of Painesville (D-I) relative to the New Era Committee’s Report - ably assisted by several of the committee members, especially Ed Macdonald of D-VI. The committee was charged to tackle all aspects of Gyro seeking to find meaningful adjustments or changes that would assist Gyro in growing the membership. In 4.5 months, the group covered a prodigious amount of material, created several new documents and researched cost-cutting measures. Essentially those cost-cutting measures were identical to what the EC recommended. If you review the report, these immediate changes were noted in Section 4. Since the changes noted above are executive adjustments, none require any constitutional or bylaws changes. Thus they are in effect now.

As for other elements of the report - these were more easily identified areas of membership, leadership and club quality and interest ... yes, easy to identify, but hard to provide workable answers - so it was determined that the committee continue on with their deliberations and identify concrete steps that need to be undertaken. This would be reported on at the next Interim meeting in Cocoa Beach.

In the meantime, the several new documents: “Reinforcing Gyro’s Positive Image” ... “Leading the Fun” planning guide ... “Gyro Fun Party Cookbook” or 271 ideas on how to make clubs and meetings more entertaining ... “Membership Strategy for Sustainability” ... are available from your Governor and can be found on the Gyro website at gyro.ws . In fact the whole presentation is available online in PowerPoint. Simply go to the website and find an icon at the top of the home page that will link you to the presentation. Then follow the directions offered.

Other aspects of the convention are covered elsewhere in the GyroScope. The convention was a wonderful effort by the Wallace Gyro Club!

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Due to the improved financial reporting because of our software changes and improved use of the database, along with the fact that many clubs are “dark” during the summer months, the International Office will be open only three days each week from 9am to 4pm on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

**THIS CHANGE WILL TAKE PLACE AS OF JULY 1 - THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15**
PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Gyro International was started in 1912 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Whereas, the Wallace Gyro Club was installed on May 19, 1934.

Whereas, Gyro Club is a friendship club of the highest order.

Whereas, this is the 73rd annual Gyro Lead Creek derby.

Whereas, the citizens of Wallace welcome the members and families of Gyro International to Wallace, ID.

Now, therefore, I, Dr. Dick L. Vester, Mayor of the city of Wallace, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 20, 2014 to be:

“GYRO INTERNATIONAL DAY”
IN WALLACE, IDAHO
To: Mike McNally, President, Gyro International

From: Board of Directors of Gyro Club of Indianapolis

Date: May 6, 2014

Dear President McNally,

Reviewing recent events in our Fraternity has caused the Indianapolis Gyro Club to renew and make public its position of support for Gyro International and our International Club leadership. Because our Indy Club is now the largest in Gyro International with almost 150 members, we felt strongly that we should share some of our recent history with our fellow Gyros.

Two years ago several of Indy’s influential members suggested that we were sending too large an amount of money to Gyro International each year and not receiving value for the contribution to the extent that our money could be better used in Indianapolis. These thoughts were not rejected summarily but, were discussed openly. The decision was made to carefully and openly evaluate our Gyro connection which resulted in better understanding and strengthening of our International ties.

In recognition of the basic premise of the Gyro dues structure, it was accepted that each Gyro pays the same dues and these dues are used by Gyro International to conduct its business. Each Club is responsible for the collection of dues which seem to grow disproportionately as Club size increases. However, in truth each Gyro pays the same amount of dues to International, irrespective of the size of his Club. This attitude of fairness among individual Gyro members was accepted by our Club.

To detail the deliberations of our group would be burdensome and lengthy. So, in the interest of enticing Gyros to read this letter, we will summarize some of the major points that lead to our conclusion of support:

- The Indianapolis Gyro Club has been around for over ninety years with support from all our dues paying members, both past and present, who have preserved the Club for us.
- The primary principles of Gyro are to set an example of friendship in our communities and in our activities.
- Many men have been Indy Gyros. Individually, we have supported many community activities. As a Club, have donated over $250,000 to the Boy Scouts of America.
- Gyro International is recognized by our membership as representing and providing an additional source of strength and pride within our Club. It is conceptually the backbone of our Club.
- Gyro International provides a resource for the storage and retrieval of our history at its headquarters.
- Gyro International provides the framework for our Members to interact with Members from clubs throughout the United States and Canada. Our members who traveled to Gyro conventions have gained significant friendships and insights into traditions and cultures. Though it is true that many of our members do not participate in Gyro conventions, those who do bring back wonderful stories and experiences.
- As we look back to where we have been and what we have done, we remember the parties, the fun and accomplishments of our Club. We have many who have been members for 50, 40, 30, and 20 years.
Each year there is a group elected for the purpose of perpetuating Gyro. Our dues supports these efforts by covering a portion of official travel to business and District meetings, as well as club visitations. These leaders are volunteers who believe in Gyro and deserve our support. They commit personal time and funds in the performance of their duties.

Add it all up. Wow!

We need to apply our values to what Gyro International means to each of us and our Clubs. Although it is difficult to monetarily evaluate intangibles like fun, friendship, opportunity, travel, the contributions of our International officers and the other benefits we receive as Gyros, when you add it all up, being a Gyro is a real good deal.

Yours in Gyro Friendship,

Indy Gyro Members

[The Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Gyro Club directed unanimously on the first day of May, 2014, that the above letter be directed to the Executive Council of Gyro International.]
PORT COLBORNE’S WIND-UP PARTY
- submitted by Wayne Kozar / photos Joe Parry and Al Potyok

On June 20th the Port Gyros their wives and guests of Gyro celebrated their 84th Installation Dinner with 2nd Lt. Gov. Steve Glamuzina and his wife Vicky of the Buffalo Gyro Club doing the honours. The event chaired by Sandy White and Al Potyok was held at the Riverstone Convention Center in Welland, Ontario. Along with the new executive (mostly re-treads) we were honoured to welcome new member Wayne Schwartz and his wife Marilyn into the Gyro family.

To start the 2014/15 year we will be hosting our kick-off event at the Salanki Ranch on July 13th. Games, fellowship, food and a few drinks will be had by all. This event is hosted by our Lady Gyros. Our next outing will be the District III 10th annual Roger Deline memorial ball game in Buffalo N.Y. This event chaired by PDG Jerry Kelly sees many members from the district in attendance. A ball game (which has become incidental), an open hour bar along with plenty of food has made this a must attend event.

Before all this, the District III Golf Tournament July 16th hosted by Port Colborne and St. Catharine's Gyro clubs will held at the Whiskey Run Golf Course in Port. The rivalry between Rochester, Port and Peterborough as to who will win the ‘bragging rights’ for the “SUPERIOR” golf team is always hotly contested.

In August the execs will gather at the home of President Wayne Kozar to plan the 2014/15 calendar of events. We wish all our fellow Gyros across North America a very safe, relaxing summer.

Dixon Celebrates 90th Anniversary with Annual Steak & Wild Game Dinner
- submitted by Bernie Sayler, Governor

Governor Bernie Sayler presents 90th Anniversary Plaque to Peter Schuller & President Steve Dilger

Gyros lineup for wild game delicacies buffet (left front) Peter Schuler, chief chef and host. His father was a charter member of the Dixon club.

The event was the club’s Annual Steak and Wild Game supper meeting with the added celebration of the Dixon Club’s 90th Anniversary. Those in attendance in addition to the club members were members representing Davenport, Des Moines and Clinton clubs. The afternoon and evening was filled with great opportunities for fellowship, good food and the development of wonderful friendships.
Congratulations to the Naples Gyro Club for hosting a well attended and successful District X Convention last April. "Hats off" to Ron Pohl, Chairman, and his committee for orchestrating a weekend of laughter, good food, music and the opportunity of making new friends. The sunset dinner cruise Friday night on board the 105' Naples Princess was terrific, and clearly set the stage for the Sat night Banquet, District Installation, and dancing under the stars at Fiddlers Creek Country Club.

Very well done. It is not a common sight to see 20 or more Gyros & Ladies in full banquet attire learning to do a "line dance." The participants received a standing ovation from the crowd and promptly headed off looking for oxygen!

"Goose" Anderson was recycled as Governor. Gary Ennis and Al Sinicrope were installed as 1st & 2nd Lt Governor. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Award of Merit to a very surprised Mike Litt, Naples Club Sec/Treasure for his many years of club contributions. Mega Kudos Mike.

The Saturday morning business meeting presented a very full agenda. Those who were perhaps "over served" the night before were the loudest moaners regarding the 8:30am start. Nonetheless, participation was spirited and cooperative. District membership report lifted the mood with positive numbers of a 6% increase over the prior year to date. High interest was shown for the pending NEC report and the 271 ideas contained in the "Gyro fun Party Cookbook." Everyone requested copies of each to share with their club members.
The Gyro year in District VI had some ups and downs but on balance, it was a good year and the six Clubs in the District remain quite active and feel optimistic about the future. The year started with a great Annual Convention in mid-September in Wolfville and was ably hosted by the Windsor Club. Sixty-six registered for the convention but some of the functions saw 76 Gyros and Gyrettes attend. Second International Vice President, Chris Snyder and his lovely Linda joined us for the weekend and following the convention, made two Club visits to the New Glasgow and Dartmouth Clubs.

Unfortunately in October 2013, The Kentville Club voted to rescind its Charter after 78 years of active and dedicated participation in Gyro and we will certainly miss their fellowship and participation in our District events. We publically acknowledge and thank the Club for their years of service and participation and an olive branch was offered to the Club members to rejoin Gyro or transfer to another Club if any wished to do so. In recent years, age and lack of enthusiasm overtook the Club and with no one willing to step in and provide a leadership role, they felt folding the Club as their only option.

My lovely wife Dolena and I had the chance to visit several Clubs during November when they were holding their “Founders Night” Celebrations and had the opportunity to share some great friendship and fun with the members of the Dartmouth, New Glasgow, Truro and Windsor Clubs. The Windsor Club hosted a wonderful 75 Anniversary Celebration in November, 2013 and 80 Gyro, Gyrettes, former Gyros and guests attended the wonderful evening. All the right things were said and PIP Harold Bernard and his wife Trudy attended on behalf of Gyro International and presented a 75th anniversary thank you plaque to the Club in honor of the occasion.

Due to reduced levels of participation in the past couple of years, the District decided to cancel its traditional weekend Interim Meeting and Curling Bonspiel and instead, held a one day workshop to receive input and develop strategies for three main issues/concerns facing the District. Approximately 20 Gyros participated and offered ideas and suggestions on Communications (6 recommendations), Membership Satisfaction (6 recommendations), and Rethinking District Conventions (5 recommendations). The five hour meeting was well received and the members felt that this type of mid-term meeting, where members could come and go on the same day, was more practical and productive. This format will be used for the District Interim in the foreseeable future.

The District Membership Numbers, apart from the loss of the Kentville Club, have remained fairly static in the District and several prospective members are waiting to be inducted shortly. However, the overall size of the District and indeed some of our Clubs is still on the low side. The recently introduced membership strategy was accepted by all clubs and the task of the District now is to encourage each Club to utilize the strategy and gradually increase their numbers. This looks promising and with the Clubs buy-in, our future rests with as many members as possible doing their part in recruitment.

Highlights of the year were the presentations of a 50 year pin and plaque to New Glasgow member, Jim Gogan, 40 year certificate to PDG John Fraser of New Glasgow, an Honorary Membership to long-time Truro member, Johnny Burke, and a well deserved “Award of Merit” to Gerry Raymond of the Windsor Gyro Club.
Gyro International has sanctioned a gathering of only the most essential people in our organization from Thursday August 21 to Sunday August 24, 2014 at the Gyro District VII convention in Winnipeg. The purpose of this convention is to ferret out a potential mole within our ranks.

A very careful rouse has been set in place that will appear for all intentions and purposes that this is simple a gathering of colleagues. Do not be fooled by this. Behind the scenes there will be some very in-depth investigation happening. And this is where we need your particular capability. As a member of our organization you possess the skills to blend in with the crowd and notice even the slightest detail of a person who does not quite fit in. It is critical that you and your skill set participate to ensure a successful outcome.

More information can be found at the following web site

In Remembrance
Deceased Gyros - February thru June

**February**
Robert Skillings, Victoria
Philip S. Hayes, Tacoma
Gary Fox, Clinton
Hugh Moncrieff, Edmonton
Richard Swain, Painesville
Michael Hearn, Kitchener/Waterloo
Gary August, Kelowna

**March**
Robert Girk, Indianapolis
Albert L. Francis, Golden Ears
Robert Zedaker, YoungstownKeith Hargrove, Fresno
Freeman Newson, Charlottetown

**April**
Joseph K. Ryan, Blacklake
Gerald E. Meyer, Blacklake
Carl Dare, Kitchener/Waterloo

**May**
Clinton T. Wilson, Albernis
H. Emerson Stewart, New Glasgow
Bruce Restall, Camosun
Gordon Fuller, Rochester
Norman Joseph Howell, Riverview

**June**
Edward Fernandes, Fresno
Alan R. Fleming, New Glasgow
Memo to all Club Presidents from the Board of Governors  
DATED JUNE 25, 2014

The Gyro Board of Governors, which consists of the International officers and all District Governors, met last week in Wallace, Idaho and as a result of that meeting the Board is asking all Governors to roll out this information to all Club Presidents for delivery to all members.

Gyro International and the New Era Committee have worked very hard over the past six months to develop tools to help all clubs. The materials attached to this email are intended to help any club regardless of your current situation; growing, stable or in decline. The tools will give you actionable ideas to improve upon your already good work or reverse a club in decline.

As Club President you really have to read this and be prepared to answer questions from your members and Governor. You never know, one or more of your members may read this and ask questions! That would be a tremendous success! Your District Governor or Lieutenant Governor will personally contact you shortly to confirm your receipt of the information and to explain what we are attempting to accomplish. The ONLY way this will work or have any impact on Gyro and your club is to make sure all of your members see it, read it, discuss it and implement actions that you feel would improve your Gyro club.

This is a collaborative effort that began at the International Interim meeting this past January in Tempe. The New Era Committee consists of 15 members from across Gyro. Tim Wright from our Painesville club chaired the committee and produced the following materials in less than six months! The comprehensive NEC Report on areas that Gyro needs to focus on, “Reinforcing Gyro’s Positive Image”, “Leading the Fun” a Planning Guide for Club Officers, the “Idea Cookbook, 271 Ideas!”, “Gyro Providing for it’s Members”, “Membership Strategy for Gyro Sustainability” and a power point presentation of the NEC Report. All of the material has been posted to the Gyro International web site for your use. You will personally receive all of the materials from your Governor as well.

You will find great ideas and food for thought in the materials. Your club may already be doing many good things and that is terrific. Please keep an open mind and be objective in your review.

The key to the survival of Gyro lies individually with each and every member. We have to personally ask people to join this great organization, keep our members engaged and make it fun. This is no small task but it is quite possible to do this. Our sincere thank you to the NEC Committee for their very hard work and efforts for the good of Gyro!!

Gyro, Dedicated to Fun and Friendship!

Editor’s Note:
For those searching online, you will find the above noted four reports on the Gyro International website.

Go to the home page at www.gyro.ws and find the link at the top of the page relating to the New Era Committee reports. Click on the icon. This will take you to a new page that opens directly to the Power Point Presentation. If you click on the presentation it will open in Power Point.

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Tempe Board of Governors, EC Meeting

Leading the “Fun!”
Planning Guide for Club Officers

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Gyro Fun Party Cookbook
271 Ideas!!!

(Okay, it's not a real cookbook! So sue us.)

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NEW ERA COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF GYRO INTERNATIONAL IN THE 21st CENTURY

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
WALLACE ID
JUNE 15, 2014

Documents available from the
New Era Committee’s efforts from formation
in January at Tempe Interim
up to presentation at the
Wallace Convention.
Paulina Retamales, a Physical Education teacher educated in Chile emigrated to Canada with her husband and completed her Master's degree in Sports and Recreation History in 2013 at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. Her Master's thesis is entitled *Gyro Club Playgrounds and Children's Recreation in Edmonton, Alberta Outdoor Play, Civic Life and Urban Reform, 1922-50.* Retamales conducted her thesis research in conjunction with the City's current renewal of Tipton Park playground. Paulina undertook an historical analysis of the Gyro playground movement in Edmonton. The Gyro Club of Edmonton was chartered on July 29, 1921 with a membership of 32 men all under the age of 35. Their first objective was to provide playgrounds for children. The following summary is taken from Paulina's thesis which was prepared after two years of research. Sources for her thesis project included old copies of the Gyrolog, club scrapbooks, and oral history interviews. *Sport History Review* will soon publish her article, co-authored with supervisor Dr. PearlAnn Reichwein.

The Gyro Club of Edmonton initiated Edmonton's first three supervised playgrounds; Patricia Square in 1922, Kitchener and Tipton in 1924. Gyro playgrounds and summer play programs became an urban institution central to the lives of children and families. Outdoor spaces for play, education, health and social services among children and youth were linked to building character and behaviour through public standards. Social reformers living in Canadian cities were also concerned that the working class lived in overcrowded spaces, often in poverty with a high incidence in crime, disease and drunkenness. Playgrounds were proposed to address these problems, through prevention and education, where habits of health and social customs could be taught according to the standards of the dominant Anglo-Canadian middle class.

The playground movement was a model that emerged from Chicago in 1893, where the first public playground was built as part of the progressive quest for social justice and in response to the problems of modern cities. The beginnings of the movement prioritized a child welfare focus and identified a connection between spare time and delinquency. According to the *Edmonton Journal* in 1925, the community was astonished with this new concept of supervised playgrounds:

*It was a great thing for the children of Edmonton when the local Gyro Club, looking for a suitable objective, decided upon the establishment of playgrounds as an enterprise most worthy of its attention. Supervised play was a thing then practically unknown, and children playing in the streets were the usual order!*

The City of Edmonton had been encouraging the construction of parks and play spaces for children, but could not afford to invest in recreation facilities because of tight postwar budgets. The municipal Parks Department had merged into the Engineer's Department as a war economy measure; according to the city administration, leadership to build and run playgrounds had to come from other sources. In the midst of municipal postwar austerity in 1921, the City Council sought to recruit a men's civic group to steer playground projects.

All three playgrounds were supervised by trained young male instructors--called "Play Director's," who were responsible for playground operations from May to October. One woman was hired to work in the Gyro Playgrounds. Miss Marjorie Davidson was a physical educator hired as a playground "story teller" whose job was to tell stories for one hour in each of three Gyro playgrounds.

The playground activities were diverse, but one of the most awaited activities was the annual circus. Not to be confused with the Gyro carnival fund raisers, the Gyro Circus was free playground activity without any admission fee. Hundreds of children and their parents attended to watch the circus procession, where every boy and girl received popcorn and a gift. The Gyros believed playgrounds would encourage a person to know each other as neighbours, which was essential to maintain community relations and improve social capital. Problems such as poverty, crime, isolation and disease, were believed to be the result of mutual distrust in communities.

The activities at the playground would start at 10:00 am in the morning with the flag raising ceremony and the children would gather to salute the Union Jack, a pledge of allegiance to the British flag. It demonstrated how civic life was important to the Gyro Club of Edmonton. Playground No. 4 for Crippled Children was built at the University Hospital in 1930.

Play programs included constructive work, useful lessons of wood-working, model building and carving. Reading three times a week was presented by ministers of the different churches who would take turns in telling stories. There were also small lending libraries of children's books that were kept at each park. The *Edmonton Journal,* stated on October 8, 1932, that "families able to go away for part of the summer in other years had to remain in the city because they had no
BOSTON STRONG

Fred Schulte, age 70 of the Edmonton GYRO Club experienced the agony of running and the triumph of finishing the Boston Marathon on April 21st. One of the largest fields in Boston Marathon History - 32,530 participants - took off from Hopkinton for the 118th running of the prestigious road race. Elite athletes and weekend warriors ran to renew a determined pursuit of the finish line at Copley Square in Boston. Last year's bombing which killed three bystanders and injured 264 people devastated the citizens of the Boston Region but galvanized a defiance to take back their race from terrorism.

10,000 volunteers and 3500 police officers assisted in an exceptionally well organized running experience. The fan support was noisy and unprecedented. People were packed eight deep in Ashland and 12 deep in Natick and so tight in Back Bay that numbers were impossible to count.

A total of 31,931 runners and 53 wheelchair participants finished the 26.2 mile/42.2 km race. Meb Keflezighi of San Diego finished first in 2:08:37 and Kenya's Rita Jeptoo became a three time champion and set a new course record of 2:18:57 for females.

Fred was one of 3,920 racers and bystanders that received medical aid along the route. A severe bout of muscle cramps at the 20 mile/32 km mark forced him to seek help in the Newton Hills area of the course. After icing and a roller massage, he forged on at a much slower pace and finished the greatest marathon event in the world!

GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON PLAYGROUNDS, cont.

spare money to travel; in the midst of the Great Depression, the Gyro Playgrounds took the place of beaches and lakes for Edmonton's middle and working class children alike." In 1937, students in the Community Extension Department of the University of Alberta brought dramatics to the parks and small plays were presented as a means of constructive play.

The Depression, drought and the Second World War stalled the building of the fifth playground. At the war's end, a barrage of activity up to 1950 would see five more playgrounds built by the Gyros for Edmonton's children. The Edmonton Recreation and Parks Department was organized in 1946 and they took over the operation and maintenance of the nine Gyro Playground Parks.

The City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Gyro Club had entered into a very successful public/private partnership from 1922-1950.

I wonder if there are any intelligent and historically knowledgeable Gyros out there aware that “Gyro Gearloose” was an anthropomorphic chicken created by Carl Barks in 1952 for the Walt Disney Company?

Anyone in particular come to mind?
- submitted by PIP Denis Moffatt
Executive Summary
NEW ERA COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT 3

During the 2014 Gyro International Interim meeting in Tempe Arizona, the Board of Governors and Executive Committee formed a committee to address serious issues before the organization. The name “New Era Committee, or NEC,” reflected its wide latitude to recommend changes to energize and modernize Gyro International regarding services provided to clubs. The NEC membership included fifteen Gyros from eight districts and twelve clubs. A review of past reports, plus input from the NEC, resulted in many recommendations. Two votes on proposed recommendations occurred with 22 unanimously approved. They are:

In Order to Modernize and Energize Our Fraternity, Gyro International Should:

- Help Clubs Enhance Member Satisfaction
  - Fun and interesting clubs are the centerpiece of Gyro.
  - Well-run clubs keep members well informed with new communications technology.
  - Clubs may consider community service.
  - Benefit from the value of good speakers, couples programs and attractive venues.

- Help Clubs Retain and Increase Membership
  - Information (collateral material), coaching and training must be provided to the clubs.
  - Showcase Gyro as a “Must Join” organization.
  - Reinforce Gyro’s positive image.
  - Give Gyro a new look with 21st communication technology.
  - Replace the term “Gyrette” in International communications with a more positive term. Clubs retain prerogative.

- Rethink Leadership Roles
  - Task leaders toward measureable outcomes for clubs.
  - Redefine duties and responsibilities at all levels of Gyro.
  - Consider modifications of GI and District meetings.
  - Increase the roles of PIPs and PDGs in training and installations.

- Enhance Training, Education and Mentoring Services
  - Mentoring on all levels must become a priority task of all officers of Gyro.

- Gather and Distribute Information
  - Relevant information contributes to better decisions and lends itself to coaching services.
  - Five reports on important club needs were completed by June 1, 2014 and are available.
    - The Gyro Fun Party Cookbook. 271 Ideas.
    - Reinforcing Gyro’s Positive Image
    - Membership Strategy for Gyro Sustainability
    - Gyro Providing for Members
  - Information on member needs, best practices, target markets, club facts, etc. should be routinely created and revised annually.

- Gyro International Must Achieve Greater Administrative Efficiency
  - Scarce financial resources need to be preserved and spent effectively.
  - Consider modifications to GI meetings.
  - A digital-only GyroScope.

- Adopt a Responsive Club-Centered Mission
  - Clarify the general purposes of Gyro International services for club needs and wants.

- Modify Management and Structure of Gyro International
  - “Right Size” the organization for the 21st Century.
  - Review the Constitution and Bylaws of Gyro International
  - Create membership and club expansion program delivery.

An Ongoing Dialogue
Six recommendations were accepted by a majority of the NEC; however, a unanimous consensus was not reached. Therefore these important structural issues continue to be reviewed by the NEC and EC.

Three of the six in discussion are:
- Add a Gyro volunteer Director of Membership and Committee?
- Add a Gyro volunteer Director of Club Expansion and Committee?
- Consider smaller district clusters where geographically appropriate?

Rationale for All Recommendations
For a rationale for each recommendation please review the NEC Final Report on the GI Website.
Accepted GyroScope Policies
JULY 15, 1997

Deadlines are set four times each year. Material arriving to the Editor by that date is accepted as being on time. Late material may be accepted as needed to fill pages. Final decision whether to accept material is the responsibility of the Editor. Personality profiles are accepted but limited to one per club per issue. Each International Convention committee is allowed to furnish material for two covers, the fall and winter issues during the year prior to its convention. Promotional material is allowed for conventions, but only within the year before the convention. Obituaries are only allowed for deceased Past International Presidents and Honor Key recipients. No others allowed. Inside front cover is reserved for a message from the President. One issue each year will memorialize people who have been honored by contributions to the Memorial Fund. Each issue will carry a list of Gyros and friends who have died. Each issue will carry a list of new Gyros. One issue each year will carry a list of contributors to the Betterment Fund. Each issue will carry a list of up-coming International and District Conventions.

It is the policy to publish pictures, more or less, with each article. The correspondent or editor is allowed to indicate his choice of pictures. However, the final decision will be made by the Editor – based in part as to the reproduction quality of the pictures.

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Future Deadlines for the GyroScope
September 20 / December 20

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September 11-14, 2014 .............................................................. District I Convention
Quail Hollow Resort, Painesville, OH

September 12-14, 2014 .............................................................. District III Convention
Syracuse, New York

September 19-21, 2014 ............................................................. District II Convention
Davenport, Iowa

September 19-21, 2014 ............................................................. District VI Convention
Best Western, Charlottetown, PEI

September 26-28, 2014 ............................................................. District IV Convention
Yakima, Washington

October 17-19, 2014 .............................................................. District IX Convention
Murphy, California

November 2015......................................................................District X Convention

INTERNATIONAL

January 2015 ............................................................... International Interim
Hilton Oceanfront, Cocoa Beach, Florida

June 2015 ............................................................... International Convention
Buffalo, New York - District III

June 2016 ............................................................... International Convention
Red Lake, ON - District VII

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January 25-30
Hilton Oceanfront
Cocoa Beach, FL