

Answering the question, "What is Gyro?"

All of us have been asked that question. It's not unlike being asked, "What is love?" or "What is happiness?"

Mostly, we are at a loss for words, but the answer is simple. Gyro is a concept. It probably is different for each of us, but it would be similar for all if we could just figure out a way to express ourselves. Really the answer is easy.

Gyro is the smiling face of a friend grasping your hand and saying "Hello Gyro!" It is laughing at a joke after a convivial dinner, or maybe a glass of wine shared with friends. It is the laughter on the bus as you wend your way to the race track. It is the tour of a local enterprise that makes your town what it is. It is the expression of surprise and pleasure as you arrive at the door of your "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner" host. It is the cup of hot buttered rum as you wind down with your friends in the lodge after a day on the slopes. Or your ball rolling into the cup on the 19th green after a round with your fellow Gyros.

Gyro is the feeling of satisfaction when the beneficiary of a club charity shakes your hand and expresses his or her sincere thanks. It is the feeling of pride that possesses you as you drive past the Gyro Park that you and your friends built. It is the words of a guest speaker who thanks you for being a worthy member of your community.

It is standing in the cold wind, saying a last farewell to an old friend. It is an arm around your shoulder as you struggle to cope with the loss of a loved one. It is being there for someone special during their moment of difficulty or maybe even their last hours.

It is standing with a friend as he is presented with that most beloved of honors the Gyro Award of Merit. Or following a piper as he leads you into the dining room, with all your friends smiling to welcome you. Or, with your friends, proudly singing your National Anthem and theirs. It is the cleverly worded phrases of a Gyro Resolution. Or the profound cadences of a sincere Invocation. It is seeing the flags of our two nations, standing together in friendship and harmony.

That, in a nutshell my friends, is Gyro. May it continue to wrap us in the warm arms of friendship for another hundred years.

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