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Hello Fellow Gyros:

I'm sure these are the words of every outgoing President, but, my how time flies. It seems like only yesterday Eileen and I were in Victoria embarking on our EC journey. A truly rewarding journey making so many new friends in Canada and the US.

There are so many I would like to thank for all the help along the way. I'm reluctant to mention names for fear of forgetting someone. Thanks to my fellow EC officers, the PIPs, the committees, and the task force. You have all helped me keep my focus.

I also want to thank all those who attended the International Interim in Clearwater, Florida. I realize that notice was short and planning difficult. Special thanks to Jim Friedl, Arnie Crass, Ed Benhoff, and Bob Capellini for rescuing Saturday night’s entertainment. Your Gyro convention stories helped make it a success.

Gyro faces many challenges in the coming years. Many of these are discussed further in this issue. We have faced many of these challenges before and have managed to survive for 100 years.

I agree that we must all have an open mind and changes are inevitable. Let us not forget that we have a formula that has worked to some degree since 1912. Tweaked, of course, change is unavoidable, but we should never turn our backs on what has taken us this far.

We are on the eve of a huge convention, our Centennial Anniversary! Cincinnati is doing a great job putting together a program sure to please all. The dates are June 11-17; please plan on being there. Again more details can be found in this issue.

I’ll close my final President's message by thanking You, the membership of Gyro for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Your President. This has been one of the greatest honors of my life. Substituting the term President for General, how did Douglas MacArthur say it? "Old Presidents never die, we just fade away".

Eileen and I wish the best to all; see everyone in Cincinnati.

Gyroingly,

Jim
Photos from Clearwater Interim
At the International Interim Meeting in Clearwater, Florida this past January, the Executive Council presented several recommendations for the Board of Governors consideration. It is hoped that these changes will improve Gyro operations and recognition.

1) A new Action Plan for 2012, and on - was presented. The Plan identifies attainable goals and details precise officer accountability at the club, district and international levels. The thrust of the 13 identified elements is directed at improving membership and Gyro recognition. Following tacit approval by the BOG, the Plan has been sent to the “Future of Gyro” committee for further review and/or recommendations. That committee will report its findings at the Cincinnati convention with immediate approval of the plan anticipated. PIP Jim Roberts is chairman and is currently re-populating the committee.

2) A Finance committee was approved with the mandate to observe and recommend adjustments to the annual budget and other financial details, as well as defining future funding requirements.

3) A Social Media committee was also formed to review the various aspects of using this electronic resource as a means to identify Gyro and its precepts to a much larger audience. The committee quickly selected Facebook as the most viable for Gyro use, and they are actively engaged in preparing a Gyro page as a demonstration. The committee will present a seminar at the next convention on how to use the program and what results the organization might anticipate.

4) The Executive Council will be reduced by one VP starting with fiscal year 2013-2014.

International congratulates all the committee participants on their willingness to improve Gyro membership and recommend improvements. If any reader has a comment or idea that may benefit one of these committees, please contact the chairman or a member.

Farewell to departed Gyros

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1. A motion was m/s/a to reduce the size of the Executive Council by eliminating the 3rd Vice President position effective at the 2013 International Convention. BOG Resolution

2. The Executive Council will continue to be economical with regards to District Visitations by having the installation of District Officers at District Conventions conducted by the nearest Executive Council member or by a Past International President, if feasible.

3. It was agreed that in order to cover the costs of the Centennial Magazine (a 68-page, full color effort reviewing all the districts, historical data, awards, stories about Gyro, and a number of fill-in vignettes), which will be mailed to each Gyro in late May, there will be 4 digital copies of the GyroScope issued this year; rather than 2 printed and 2 digital. BOG Resolution

4. The GyroScope Editor Emil Baijot will assist any district in creating an up-to-date website – one that would offer a quicker and easier way for a member to obtain information concerning his district.

5. A Social Networking Committee composed of PDG Bill Morrow (Chair) (Blacklake), PDG Dana Davidson (Toronto), Derek Hay (Winnipeg), Governor Matt Johnson (Olympia), PDG Mike Read (Toronto), and Randy Tarrier (Powell) was formed. BOG Resolution

   The thrust of the committee will be to determine if we should use social media. Some of the questions for the committee to resolve: would be value vs. security, costs involved, who or how to maintain updating, how to make it useful to the majority of the membership. The report is due at the Cincinnati Convention.

6. An explanation of the way the dues increase was approved at the Halifax Convention was given with the stipulation that in the future, the implementation process should be included in the motion.

7. A Finance Committee composed of IPIP Harold Bernard (Chair) (Truro), Governor Ken Baker (Calgary), PDG Bob Barnaby (Canton), Governor Lowell Gist (Fresno) and Incoming President Ex-Officio was formed. BOG Resolution

   The role of the finance committee is primarily to review and make alternative recommendations to the annual operating budget as prepared by staff.

8. The Marketing Plan was assigned to the “Future of Gyro” committee for review and recommendations. PIP Jim Roberts Chair

9. The Executive Council members will communicate more by telephone with the Governors and Club Presidents to achieve membership improvement as suggested in the new Action Plan.

10. The following information to be posted on the database and accessible to all Gyros:
   a. The minutes of Interim and Convention meetings.
   b. Financial statements of Income and Designated Funds.
   c. Historical Information (Previously in Black Book).

11. The Raffle Ticket Draw for $1000 and $500 will take place at the Cincinnati Convention

Respectfully submitted,
Harold R. Bernard,
A New Gyro Club!

The Caloosa Gyro Club will hold its initial installation and receive its formal charter on April 4, 2012 in SW Florida. Sponsored by the Sarasota Club and seconded by Ft. Lauderdale-Gold Coast Club, it will become club #249 in the lineup of clubs past and present.

NOTE:

A longtime tradition is for other clubs to send a letter, telegram or email offering congratulations and a hearty welcome to the new club. You will find the pertinent information on page 14 of this issue.

Betterment Fund in Action!

Recent disbursement of financial assistance for several Gyro clubs once again gives evidence that the BF is responsive in helping to produce productive results for those promotions and activities that help to strengthen our fraternity. Several adjustments to how the fund operates have increased its efficiency.

Club recruiting events now receive an increase in the amount paid to a hosting club. $15 is provided for each guest couple that attends a planned recruiting function (other than a regular meeting or couples mixer) and an additional $45 for each new member who subsequently joins that club. Please see Gyro Web Site for instructions on how to apply for support: www.gyro.ws. Email communications between the Board of Directors of the fund has dramatically reduced the approval and response time for requests. Pledge forms have been edited to include language that reflects donations made to the BF from Clubs and Districts, thanks to Ab Nightingale.

Approximately $4,000 dollars of new donations has been received since the Halifax Convention where the suggestion was presented that Clubs and Districts might use a portion of their annual budgets to submit $100 and $500 respectively. Thank you to those clubs and districts that responded with their contributions. The results with 100% participation would provide $15,000 annually for at least 3 years. $45,000!

Assistance dollars have helped the Madison Club to host two (2) recruiting events with a list of 20 prospects that has already attracted three (3) new members. Lou Lause was able to provide reading and reference material in support of the great training he and Tim Wright, Jr. conducted during the Interim in Clearwater FL. The new Caloosa Gyro Club in Cape Coral FL, (chartering with 18 new members April 4th) applied some BF dollars to several events during the formation socials. The Sarasota Club is also working on a list of 20 prospects and will be applying for support. What creative way might the BF bolster the efforts of your club to create a stronger, more satisfying organization? The BF does work when put into action.

The appeal for donations from Gyro Clubs and Districts is couched in the earnest belief that a Betterment Fund in action is productive in so many positive ways that it clearly does help to perpetuate our fraternity of friendship. We encourage Club and District Leaders to continue placing the BF contribution topic on meeting agendas. $100 from Clubs and $500 from Districts are small investments, when combined, work to produce big results. Simply make out a check to Int'l marked for the BF, and mail it.
Welcome to New Gyros
November thru January

Donald F. Smejkal, Cleveland Heights
Donald M. Larsen, Cranbrook
William George, Des Moines
Don Marsh, Indianapolis
Dan Oitzl, Nor-West of Thunder Bay
Scott A. Wallace, Nor-West of Thunder Bay
Ralph S. Boome, Olympia
Russ Koebrick, Oryg
William Payne, Toronto
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Allen D. Kahle, Wheeling
John L. Fahey, Wheeling
Matthew A. D’Accione, Wheeling
Robert Pegg, Camosun
Scott Currie, Nanaimo
Daniel L. Poulin, Nor-west of Thunder Bay
Richard W. Caddey, Sherwood Park
Bruce D. Schelske, Sherwood Park
Griffin Dorschel, Madison
Charlie Mundy, Madison
Wesley A. Dalke, Regina
Tyler B. Seman, Winnipeg
Scott Edmonds, Winnipeg
Dan Scolari, San Jose
Frank Hanaus, Fraser Delta
Kenneth R. Heil, Canton
Patrick W. Walsh, Naples
Larry McElroy, Clinton
Paul Mulholland, Clinton
Samuel Cameron, Stampede City
John Goemans, Kitchener/Waterloo
Jim Heil, Kitchener/Waterloo
Ted Mealing, Kitchener/Waterloo
Mark Schumacher, Kitchener/Waterloo
David Sutherland, Kitchener/Waterloo
Jay Taylor, Kitchener/Waterloo
Matt Torigian, Kitchener/Waterloo
Michael F. Escobar, Fresno
Don Hall, Marion
Brian G. MacDougall, Fraser Delta
Brian C. Galbraith, Blacklake
James P. Atwater, Rochester
Mike Leavens, Nelson
John W. Milton, Oryg
Terry Lynch, Calgary
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Tyler Cagwin, Syracuse
Robert M. Sterrett, Rochester
Robert Dixon, Buffalo
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Boyd Anderson, Charlottetown
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Sheldon Weatherby, Edmonton
Russ Sudeith, Oryg
Kenneth Welty, Clinton
Art Adams, St. Catharines

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Showtime in Cincinnati
June 11-17
This Summer Cincinnati is hosting the Centennial Convention ~ 100 Years of Friendship!

Do not miss this once in a lifetime event!

For details: www.gyro.ws
Registration
GYRO International
2012 Centennial Convention
June 12-17, Cincinnati, Ohio

Name Tag Names:
Gyro: __________________________
First Last
Gyrette: __________________________
First Last

Home Gyro Club: __________________________

Your Address:
Street
City __________________________ State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Phone: __________ Fax: __________ Email: __________

Hotel Arrival Date: __________ Hotel Departure Date: __________

Hotel reservations: Call the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza at 800-Hiltons. Ask for the Gyro Convention rate of $134 (US) double or single occupancy. CincinnatiHilton.com

Registration fee: Single $250 __________
Couple- $500 __________

Optional activities
Baseball 6/13: 7:10 Reds vs. Indians ______ X $35 ________
Golf 6/14: The Vineyard (4½ Star Golf Digest) ______ X $75 ________

Total amount enclosed (US dollars): $___________

Cancellation Policy: A full refund will be honored if you cancel for medical or family reasons prior to 2 weeks before the Convention.

Make checks payable to: Cincinnati Gyro Club

Mail with this form to: Phil Schneider
PO Box 12050
Cincinnati, OH 45212

Questions: 513-731-5133 Email: GAAvril@one.net

In honor of Gyro’s 100th anniversary, we are asking for donations to the Cincinnati Gyro Foundation. The funds donated will be given to charities that specialize in the care and healthy development of children.
Thank you for your consideration. Amount donated $_____________________
June 11  Monday  Executive Council arrives / EC Dinner

June 12  Tuesday  2:00pm - 5:00pm  Registration desk open
8:30am - 5:00pm  Executive Council Meeting (EC only)  Executive Council Ladies Luncheon
12 noon  Hospitality room open
3:00pm - 5:00pm  Past District Governors Meeting (PDGs only)
5:00pm - 7:00pm  Hospitality room open
7:00pm - 9:30pm  Dine Around - EC & Governors/Lt. Governors  Hospitality room open
9:30pm - 11:30pm  Hospitality room open

June 13  Wednesday  2:00pm - 4:00pm  Registration desk open
8:30am - 11:45am  Board of Governors Meeting (open to all Gyros)
12 noon - 1:00pm  Hospitality room open
1:30pm - 5:00pm  Board of Governors Meeting (continues as necessary)
5:00pm - 7:00pm  Hospitality room open
7:00pm - 9:30pm  Dine Around - EC & Governors/Lt. Governors  Hospitality room open
9:30pm -  Hospitality room open

June 14  Thursday  12 noon - 4:00pm  Registration desk open
8:30am - 12 noon  Seminar / Leadership Training  Ladies Coffee Social
9:30am - 11:00am  Executive Council meets with Ladies
10:30am  Past International Presidents Meeting (working lunch)
12 noon  Past International Ladies Lunch
12 noon - 1:00pm  Hospitality room open
1:00pm  Golf outing or on your own Sight Seeing
4:00pm - 6:00pm  Hospitality room open
6:30pm  Beer Garden Welcoming Reception  Hospitality room open
9:30pm - 11:30pm  Hospitality room open

June 15  Friday  9:00am - 12 noon  Registration desk open
9:30am - 12 noon  District I Business Meeting  Ladies Coffee
9:30am - 11:30am  Hospitality room open  Sight Seeing
12 noon - 1:00pm  Hospitality room open
4:00pm - 6:00pm  Riverboat Dinner Cruise & D-I Installation
6:30pm - 11:00pm  Hospitality room open

June 16  Saturday  8:30am - 11:30am  International Business Meeting (AGM) (open to all Gyros)  Hospitality room open
11:30am - 12:30pm  Enjoy Cincinnati
4:30pm - 5:30pm  Hospitality room open
6:30pm - 10:30pm  President's Centennial Ball & Installation  Hospitality room open
9:30pm -  Hospitality room open

June 17  Sunday  8:30am - 10:30am  Farewell and Moosemilk Breakfast
10:00am - 12 noon  International Transition Meeting (EC only)

HILTON CINCINNATI NETHERLAND PLAZA ~ JUNE 11-17, 2012
Southwest Florida is rich with energetic retirees and gleeful snowbirds that continually scan the weather reports of their hometowns and smile in silent self-wisdom when they hear of closed airports and canceled flights. For the most part they are migrant escapees from an unforgiving northern climate of ice covered highways and snowstorms that chill the soul and dampen the spirit. They are not alone.

Many of the local, fulltime residents are also expatriates from north of the Mason-Dixon line, who many years ago headed south and left their snow blowers and shovels behind. You might still find a windshield scraper buried deep in the glove box but little else remains of Yankee type survivor tools. Everyone is friendly, making it quite comfortable striking up conversations with strangers who drive cars sporting northern license plates. “Hey. Where ya from?”

It is that demographic, demonstrating an easy camaraderie and desire to make friends that has made possible the formation of the new Caloosa Gyro Club in the Cape Coral–Ft Myers area of SW Florida. What the two cities have in common is the Caloosahatchee River that separates them. Defined: Caloosa, from the Calusa Indians and hatchee from the word river: River of the Calusa. They were a fierce close-knit tribe of 75,000 in SW Florida who dined on seafood and lived near the ocean beaches. Almost Gyros.

The Caloosa Club is a homogenous group of Gyro snowbird associates, full-time residents, and several Int'l associates that have drawn together in typical Gyro Spirit, joining in friendship and sharing the great fellowship that is always available wherever Gyros gather. The Caloosa Club is chartering with a tribe of 19, and with a growing prospect list of another 9 candidates.

April 4, 2012 has been selected as the official installation date. We expect a “Mardi-Gras” type group of partiers who will be showing support and attending the induction of the Caloosa Gyro Club into our Fraternity of Friendship. What a great night for Gyro and for the new members who will now be welcomed into a true “Family of Friends.” We hope you will call us when you are close by. The hospitality bar and the beaches are always open.

Letter to the Editor ... from PIP Marty Larson

HOME AT LAST ! - Marty Larson’s Sojourn

I just a short note to thank all the many Gyros and Gyrettes who wrote cards, phoned, prayed and hoped during my recent 79-day stay in hospital.

What started out to be a 3 to 5 day reversal of a colostomy went downhill in a hurry. A massive infection (likely cause by a leak from the bowel) appeared the second day I was in hospital. Shirley was warned that I might not make it until morning. I subsequently had 3 more trips to the operating room that week. Shirley later had one more warning, and ICU coded me on one occasion.

I later had more surgery for some abdominal abscesses, spent 22 days in ICU, plus 10 more days in the observation room next door.

Luckily, I don’t remember much of the first 6 weeks. Fortunately, I had my favourite nurse (Shirley) along with 3 loving children, and 5 grandkids to keep watch during the entire stay.

We hope to be in Cincinnati so will see many of you to thank you personally for all your support and encouragement.

I expect to attend an Edmonton Gyro Club meeting in the coming weeks, and will tell them about all the help a great friendship organization can be in a time of need.
Although a number of Winnipeg members have been heading south for winter vacations, the Club continues to support a number of social events. The fact that we have had a very nice winter – little snow, bare spots on the lawns, melting temperatures in February – made it easier for members to attend Gyro.

The annual President’s fund-raising luncheon, with Sports Hall of Famer Bob Picken as the keynote speaker, was well attended. Following the meeting President Derek Hay announced that $3,000 would be donated to a youth-oriented charity.

During the holiday season 28 people attended a successful gathering at Al and Erika McLaughlin’s home for an evening of fine food and fellowship. We were pleased to have been joined by Leona Jarvis and Shirley O’Hara. Don McInnes was once again the Chef de jour.

The year began with the Gyro Bingo Bowl tournament, an event that gives poor bowlers a chance to compete with the best. It was hard to find at least two bowlers with the same delivery style. Sandy Johnston was the high roller but it didn’t do her much good as the winner was the score closest to a hidden score. Cindy and Tim Paul, along with Connie and Tom Phinney and Derek Hay won the first game, and were disqualified from winning anything else. Following the event the group enjoyed dinner at the Captain’s Table, a restaurant reputed to have the finest fish and chip dinners in the city.

The Gyrettes were our guests at the annual Valentine’s Day dinner at the Winter Club. The highlights of the evening included a good selection of wines, a three-meat entree, a choice of three decadent desserts, and capped off by interesting movies of Bill and Sandy Johnston’s African safari.

In place of the usual St. Patrick’s Day dinner, the Gyros and Gyrettes took a late afternoon tour of the Western Canadian Aviation Museum, followed by dinner at the Winter Club. Scheduled for late spring is a Skeet Shoot for Gyros and friends.

We welcomed into membership Tyler Seman and Scott Edmonds, both of whom were installed by Past District Governor Craig Cormack.

- PICTURES -
upper right: Bob Dines, host Al McLaughlin, Bob Dawes enjoying the holiday gathering at Al & Erika’s home.
middle right: Sheryl Silverberg, Gary & Helen Read attending one of the club’s formal events.
lower right: Long time member Gordie Pugh enjoyed the company of his guests at the Presidents Luncheon.
below: Sandy Hohnston rolled the high score at Winnipeg’s annual Bingo Bowl event.
Gyro is
A Fraternity of Friendship that extends throughout the United States and Canada. It is not a lodge, not a professional or religious organization. Friendship is all we offer. This invitation is sent to you because you are either a current member of this wonderful organization or it has been perceived that you exemplify the Spirit of Gyro and have been asked to share our fellowship.

Please join us.

The new Caloosa Gyro Club is hosting its Inauguration into Gyro International and the installation of new members and slate of club officers into the Caloosa Gyro Club.

What: Inauguration night and Installation of the Caloosa Gyro Club

When: Wednesday April 4, 2012

Where: Palmetto Pines Golf and Country Club 1940 SW 9th CT Cape Coral, Fl 33991 239-574-7262

Time: Cocktails: 6:00pm
Dinner: 7:00pm. Choice of Prime rib or Salmon. Inauguration and Installation 8:00pm

Dress Code: Coat and tie suggested, but not necessary.

Cost: $35.00 per person. Check or cash to Steve Anderson

RSVP: To: Steve Anderson 239-257-7884


NOTE: Blocked rooms will be released 2 weeks prior to April 4th.

Billeting available: Call Steve

There is a miracle called friendship that dwells within the heart,
You don’t know how it happens, or when it gets its start,
But the happiness it brings you gives a special lift:
And you realize that friendship is God’s most precious gift.
Christmas Party in Davenport
PDG Tait Hopkins is still the center of attention. Here he is at the Port Gyro's Christmas Party. Tait just celebrated his 87th birthday.

Who says that Directors meetings are boring?

Gyro Fish Fry Scholarship Fundraiser. Bob Heil “Chief Cook” ... Ok, where are the fish???

Gyro Corn Roast at Salanki Ranch. These were the cooks, so now you know why supper was late! Tracie & Tim Miskolzi, Terry Connolly and Tom Christoff

FRIENDSHIP

Why do I have a variety of friends who are all so different in character? How can I get along with them all? I think that each one helps to bring out a “different” part of me. With one of them I am polite. I joke with another friend. I sit down and talk about serious matters with one. With another I laugh a lot. I may have a drink with one. I listen to one friend’s problems. Then I listen to another one’s advice for me.

My friends are all like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. When completed, they form a treasure box. A treasure of friends! They are my friends who understand me better than myself, who support me through good days and bad days. We all pray together and for each other.

Real Age doctors tell us that friends are good for our health. Dr. Oz calls them Vitamins F (for Friends) and counts the benefits of friends as essential to our well being. Research shows that people in strong social circles have less risk of depression and terminal strokes. If you enjoy Vitamins F constantly you can be up to 30 years younger than your real age. The warmth of friendship stops stress and even in your most intense moments it decreases the chance of a cardiac arrest or stroke by 50%. I'm so happy that I have a stock of Vitamins F!

In summary, we should value our friends and keep in touch with them. We should try to see the funny side of things and laugh together, and pray for each other in the tough moments. Thank you for being one of my Vitamins!
NEW GLASGOW's SIGNED BASEBALL comes to life!

Each Spring, for the past 38 years, the Gyro Club of New Glasgow has held a Yard Sale, which is known in the community as the Gyro Cellar-to-Attic Sale. This past May, when the Gyros were collecting donated “treasurers” for the Sale, they were called to the home of Gyro Dr. Bill MacQuarrie. There, they picked up a load and, were in the process of unloading the “treasurers”, when one of them noticed an old baseball with 2 signatures on it.

Following a brief, on-the-spot meeting, it was decided to bring the ball to the Pictou Country Sports Heritage Hall of Fame. There, it was determined that the baseball was signed by two players of the Albion Baseball team, Bill Brooks and Carl Wyles.

Research revealed that in 1950 Bill Brooks was invited to come to Nova Scotia from North Carolina to play for the Albion ball team, which at the time, was playing with about a dozen other teams in the Halifax & District Baseball League. Bill brought with him several other fellow players, and together they would launch probably the most successful sports dynasty in the county’s history. Bill quickly rose to the position of player/coach and, after a less than sterling start, the Albion team rallied, and won the league title in 1951, 1952 and 1953. In the Hall of Fame there is an old photo of Bill Brooks being presented with a scroll honoring his three successive league titles.

Bill was born and raised in North Carolina. In 1940 he refused a baseball contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers in favour of a college education, then joined the US Army at the tail end of WW2. He was playing ball when he was asked to come north to Nova Scotia. After his stint in Nova Scotia, he returned to the University of North Carolina in 1955, where he coached, and was Athletic Director, for 40 years. He died at age 88 in Wilmington, North Carolina.

There is not much known about Carl Wyles, except that he played shortstop for the team. We can only imagine that the day Dr. Bill MacQuarrie got the baseball signed, Bill and Carl were on the field together.

The Albion Baseball team’s home field was the present location of the Albion Baseball field in Stellarton, Nova Scotia. The 50s seems to have been the golden years of baseball in the province. Following the 3 successive wins, the Albion team lasted only a few years longer, and folded in 1958. The Halifax & District baseball League folded after only one more year.

To-day, baseball is alive and well in the county in which the New Glasgow Gyro club is located. The team is known as the Pictou County Molsons Canadian Intermediate “AAA” Albion Baseball Team. In the 2011 season, the team had a record of 10 wins and 14 losses, finishing in 5th place of the 7 team league.

The baseball which Dr. Bill got signed at the Albion Baseball field 60 years ago is now proudly on display at the Sports Heritage Hall of Fame along with a display of other associated memorabilia. Its presence has somehow brought back to life those glory days of baseball in the area.

- submitted by Jim Sweet
SURF’S UP!!! In Pismo Beach

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When the Long Beach Gyros ask you if you want to go for a joy ride - GO!!!

Hats off to host Long Beach Gyro Club, club president Bob Skidmore and D-IX for a great convention, great weather and a great ride! The convention was held in Long Beach at the Renaissance Hotel, just a hop, skip & jump from the water.

The convention began with Friday evening’s hospitality room followed by a dine-around. Gyros and Gyrettes were scattered all over town for dinner at their wonderful eateries. Saturday’s business meeting was well attended and, of course, the business of the DIX was discussed. After the business meeting, Long Beach Gyros and guests played golf at the beautiful Virginia Country Club. A number of other Gyros and Gyrettes visited the sites of Long Beach including the Queen Mary, the Long Beach Aquarium, Long Beach Museum, Getty Museum and many, many attractions throughout the city and along the harbor.

Saturday evening’s treat was a “joy ride” across the harbor to the restaurant and back after dinner. The joy ride was on the 117 foot yacht, Crystal II and it is a spectacular boat indeed!

The installation dinner was very well attended and we were in a very cozy room. The D-IX officers installed by 2nd VP Mike McNally were:
Lowell Gist, District Governor
Dick Field, 1st Lt. Governor (to be installed later)
Roger Lindley, 2nd Lt. Governor
Ed Henderson, Secretary-Treasurer
John MacDonald, Immediate Past District Governor
John DeYulia, District Web Master

Sunday morning was the moose milk farewell breakfast and there was real moose milk!
- submitted by Mike McNally, 2nd VP

Governor Lowell Gist in command. “thank God we were still tied to the dock!”
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Don Muir Celebrates 60 Years in GYRO

Founders Night in Truro was a very special event last November. We not only celebrated 99 years of Gyro Fraternity, we honoured our own Don Muir who celebrated 60 years as a Gyro. The Founders of Gyro and Don have something in common; the month of November designates the beginning of a long relationship with the principles of Gyro: Power, Poise and Purpose.

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Don began his journey with Gyro on November 6, 1951 when he was initiated into the Windsor Gyro Club after hearing his brother Grand and friends rave about Gyro friendship. Not only did Don find friendship with club members, he found June, his future bride, June’s dad was a charter member. June was nursing in Halifax and was home for a visit. A date was arranged so that June would go with Don to a Gyro party. He happened to be bartender that night and he had little chance to dance with her so his Gyro friends filled in for him. Don asked her out again and the rest is history! They married in 1956 and he still calls June his bride. The couple are proud parents of three sons and equally proud of six grandchildren.

Don’s job kept him on the move. He and June were transferred to New Glasgow in 1958. He was reinstated into the New Glasgow Club and enjoyed meeting new friends there, many of whom are still friends today. Windsor was home again in 1960 and he immediately joined the club. Windsor, like New Glasgow was a young and active club. Another job transfer in 1965 took the family to St. John, NB and it wasn’t long before Don was a member of that club. This club had a much older membership and it was quite a shock to attend a Founder’s Night Dinner and then to sit down to play Bingo! Truro became home in 1969 and Don was reinstated in this club at the fall meeting.

Over the years, in the various clubs, Don has served as Secretary, Treasurer, on the Board of Governors and many other executive committees. He has attended most Sobeys Bonspiels and with his bride, most all District and International Conventions held in NS and NB. Don and June are promoters of Gyro and have brought in several members over the years.

Don was born in New Glasgow. From an early age he was interested in model aircraft and flying. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force at the beginning of Ww2 and then following the war went on to attend Acadia University. He has been a Scout leader, played hockey, was the first president of a Glider Club formed in Debert and the first pilot in NS to receive a glider license, has flown over 80 hours on Cessna 172 and has been active in Cessna Air Search and Rescue, both as a pilot and spotter. Don curls, belongs to St. John’s Church Laymen’s Association, Aircrew Association, Royal Canadian Legion, Goden K, garden clubs, plays bridge and still rides Honda Elite Motorcycle! Don and June enjoy traveling and have visited much of Canada, the USA, the British Isles, Europe, Jamaica, Venezuela and Mexico.

Don and JUNE are Gyro Enthusiast extraordinaire. They attend most meetings and social functions and are always upbeat, fun to be with, greet you with a broad smile and a warm hand shake. They are great ambassadors for Gyro and we are proud to be their friends!
**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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**Conventions & Interim Meetings**

**Future Deadlines for the GyroScope**  

**DISTRICTS**

June 11-17, 2012 ................................................................. District I Convention  
Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio

July 20-22, 2012 ................................................................. District II Convention  
Concourse Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin

August 24-26, 2012 ............................................................ District VII Convention  
McKenzie Island hosting

August 24-26, 2012 ............................................................ District VIII Convention  
Radisson Hotel, Canmore, Alberta

September 7-9, 2012 .......................................................... District IV Convention  
Shilo Inn, Ocean Shores, Washington

September 14-16, 2012 ........................................................ District III Convention  
Holiday Inn, St. Catharines, Ontario

September 14-16, 2012 ........................................................ District VI Convention  
Pictou Lodge Beach Resort

October 19-21 , 2012 .......................................................... District IX Convention  
Sea Crest Motel, Pismo Beach, California

December 8, 2012 ............................................................. District V Installation  
Salt Lake City, Utah

April 2013 ................................................................. District X Convention  
Florida

**INTERNATIONAL**

June 11-17, 2012................................................... International & District I Convention  
“100th Anniversary of Gyro International”  
Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio

January, 2013 ................................................................. International Interim  
TBD, Las Vegas, Nevada

May, 2013 ................................................................. International & District X Convention  
Caribbean Cruise, Ft. Lauderdale/Gold Coast