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On the Calendar this Month

On Thursday, May 7 we will attend a mixed luncheon at the Hotel Blackfoot where there will be an informative presentation on “Frauds and Scams: Awareness and Prevention”, delivered by a specialist from the Calgary Police Service. Let's make sure we all have the tools to avoid falling prey to the "bad guys".

On Friday, May 15 the Gyros (men only) will pay a visit to the Bow Habitat Station and Sam Livingston Fish Hatchery. If, like me, you have never been Al tells me that the Bow Habitat Station offers an interactive look at Alberta's aquatic ecosystems, complete with the Sam Livingston Fish Hatchery, which raises trout for lakes across the province. Following that we will enjoy a lunch at the Blackfoot Dinner. Should be an interesting afternoon. Watch for your Evite with further details!

Spring Brunch Priddis Greens



Priddis Greens Club House—Spring is coming

On Sunday, April 26, fifty-five Gyros, Gyrettes, and friends gathered for our annual Gyro Spring Brunch, hosted by Team L'Ecuyer at the Priddis Greens Golf & Country Club. This event is a long-standing club tradition which originally was held to welcome the snowbirds back to Calgary once winter had finally released its grip.

This year, however, “climate change” had other plans. Our pleasant spring drive to the Priddis Golf Club turned into a scenic tour of fresh snowfall. Instead of the usual green fairways, we were greeted by a blanket of white across the golf course. Even so, the company was warm, the brunch was excellent, and the day carried the easy camaraderie that makes Gyro special.

Doors opened around 10:30 AM, giving everyone time to mingle and chat. Terry Lynch offered welcoming remarks before inviting attendees to make their way to the buffet, which featured a delicious spread of fresh fruit, pastries, eggs Benedict, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausages, and potatoes and deserts.

Following the meal, PDG Ken Baker had the pleasure of officially installing Colin Outrim as the newest member of our club. Colin's sponsor, Larry Fenton, introduced him with warm words and genuine enthusiasm, highlighting the qualities that make Colin a strong addition to Gyro.

A warm thank you goes to Team L'Ecuyer for organizing a wonderful event.



Snow Birds John and Laurie Petruic back from Mexico and Ann Baker



Meet Colin and Marilyn



Larry introduced us to Colin at the Spring Brunch. For those that did not attend and for those who were there but forgot..this is for you.

Colin grew up on the BC coast — Vancouver, Victoria, Burnaby — which means he can identify 47 types of rain without looking up. His family came from County Kent, where the Outtrim's were tenement farmers.

His grandfather arrived in Regina in 1905 as a Master Carpenter, and his dad was a machinist who could fix anything except maybe Colin's teenage decisions. Colin was born in 1950, started in Mechanical Engineering, then wisely switched to Geological Engineering — fewer moving parts to lose. He graduated from UBC in 1973.

He met Marilyn at a rowdy Engineering/Education mixer in 1971. They married in 1972, proving that true love can survive loud music.

With no jobs in BC, they moved to Calgary, where Colin joined the ERCB oil sands group and Marilyn began teaching.

Over the years Colin's consulting career took him to over 30 countries. Eventually he hired people to do some of the flying, possibly after memorizing every airport muffin in the world.

Retired since 2012, Colin now divides his time between church work, golf, curling, and restoring old cars. He's a proud member of the Stampede City Model A Ford Club, where he restored his own 1928 pickup and now fixes everyone else's vehicles too — because apparently retirement means *more* work. In summer he gardens between Show & Shines. In winter he curls four times a week in three leagues. A busy guy for sure,

GYROS BLOWING OUT CANDLES



Birthday boys above just happen to have the same first names as our Gyro Members

Fred Shanks	on	May 2
Bill Schultz	on	May 8
Larry Fenton	on	May 8
Angelo Zia	on	May 18
Thor Jepsen	on	May 31

Happy Birthday Gentlemen! Enjoy your special day.

This and That

Health of the Club

I was talking to Bruce Martin the other day. As many of you know, he had been having health challenges. He shared the following with us in an email:

*As of Wednesday, April 28, I've completed my final in hospital combined immune/chemotherapy treatment and so far, I'm grateful to report **zero side effects**.*

The process has been thorough: a full month of testing to confirm the exact source and best treatment plan, followed by eight days of therapy that gradually increased from 4 to 40 micrograms over four sessions. It's a good feeling to know the cancer cells are finally under attack and that I'm on one of the most aggressive, and most successful clinical trial paths available.

If all goes as expected, I'll be heading home on Friday. From there, I'll continue as an outpatient, receiving the full 80 microgram dose monthly.

I'm getting stronger every day and looking forward to being home with Alida. I'm still on a fair amount of morphine, but the plan is to taper off soon. It will be interesting to find out how much pain is actually mine and how much is just the medication talking.

I'm sorry to have missed the Spring Brunch. It sounded like a great time. I probably could have used the fraud prevention lunch too; with all the opiates in my system, I might be an easy target.

With luck, I'll see many of you at a Gyro event in June.

Many of you saw Gary Cobb at the Spring Brunch, and we are delighted to share some very good news. As you know, Gary had surgery and then had to do chemotherapy as part of his battle with cancer. He's now thrilled to report that this chapter is behind him and even better, he's been told he is **cancer free**.

It's hard to imagine the sense of relief that comes with hearing those words, but Gary's smile on Sunday said it all.

If you or someone you know are facing health issues please let me know and I will be sure to mention them in the next bulletin.

International Convention July 13-17

As you know, the 2026 International Convention will be hosted by Gyro International and held right here in Calgary from **Monday, July 13 to Thursday, July 17**, now just a little over 70 days away.

The Executive Council has asked **Alan Pentney and me** to coordinate the details. As things ramp up, we may need a few extra hands, so don't be surprised if you get a call as the date draws closer.

So far, **89 people have registered** for the convention and of those 20 are from the Calgary club, and hopefully we can add more. Registration forms are available on the International website (gyro.org) and on the Calgary Club website (calgarygyroclub.com).

We're looking forward to a great time with old friends and new, and we hope you'll consider registering for what promises to be a memorable Gyro experience.

That's it for this month,

**Ken Baker, Production Director and Editor
(AKA - the "Bulletin Guy")**