



# ***GYROLIFE***



***GYRO - A FRATERNITY OF FRIENDSHIP***

***JUNE 2026***

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## ***GYRO EVENTS IN MAY***



***By John Hodgson***

President Denis Couturier welcomed 40 Gyros and ladies to the luncheon meeting on May 7 at the Hotel Blackfoot. The topic for the meeting was



“Frauds and Scams – Awareness and Prevention”. Ironically, the event itself almost turned into a fraud as the scheduled guest speaker from Calgary Police Services was forced to cancel the prior day due to

illness. Denis was prepared to fill-in by playing a repertoire of tunes on his duck caller. Fortunately, Constable Matt Forest rescued the day by agreeing, on literally four hours notice, to attend and speak at our meeting. John Hodgson briefly introduced Constable Forest. He is a fifteen year veteran with Calgary Police Services having previously served for five years with the RCMP in Saskatchewan. He is currently a community resource officer working out of District 6. Constable Forest’s presentation covered common fraud types reported in Calgary,

warning signs for fraud and recommendations for dealing with suspected fraud. He answered numerous questions on the subject and provided a handout on fraud and scam prevention. Dave Jenner thanked Matt for his informative presentation and gave him a gift on behalf of the Club. Because of Constable Forest’s tight schedule, lunch was served following his talk. Denis concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and noting upcoming Club events.



# **MORE GYRO EVENTS IN MAY**

## **Tour of Bow Habitat Station**

By John Hodgson



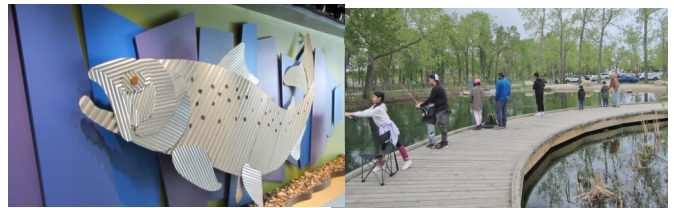
During the morning of Friday May 15, ten Gyros and two guests toured Calgary's Bow Habitat Station. Our first stop was the Sam Livingston Fish Hatchery where over one million trout are raised each year from egg to fry for stocking lakes throughout Alberta. We were led into a part of the hatchery that housed large open tanks with moving water containing thousands of small brown and rainbow trout that were a little over a year old. Having each been given a small tube of fish food, we observed a feeding frenzy by tossing food into the tanks.

We moved from the Hatchery into the Discovery Centre. The upper level of the Centre featured exhibits and displays covering many of the approximately 400 species of birds that nest and raise their young in Alberta. The lower level of the Centre had aquariums for up close viewing of the approximately 20 fish species found in Alberta. Throughout the Hatchery and Discovery Centre tours staff willingly answered questions and shared their knowledge.

Upon completion of the Bow Habitat Station tour, we made the short trip to the iconic Blackfoot Truck



Stop Diner. President Denis Couturier had been somewhat critical of the choice of the Diner as our lunch venue. So, it was surprising to see him warmly greeted by the staff upon his arrival. Apparently, the Diner has been a frequent destination for Denis and Donna Lee following theatre evenings. Fortunately, Denis, concern about a decline in the quality of the restaurant proved not to be an issue. Apart from Ken Baker, whose food order was forgotten, the lunch experience was very good and a nice conclusion to an enjoyable outing.



**Trying something new this month. While at the Blackfoot Diner, Greg Jerome, used AI to create a song that probably would have been VERY popular in the 70's. Double-Click on the link below, hopefully it works for you.**

➡ [20260528\\_111753](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20260528_111753) ⬅

# **LOTS HAPPENING IN JUNE**

**O**n Wednesday, June 3, we'll be enjoying an Inglewood Bird Sanctuary Walk, followed by lunch at the Hose & Hound Pub. It has been many years since I last visited the Hose & Hound, and the Bird Sanctuary will be a first for me. It's funny how many great attractions we have in this city that we tend to take for granted. This outing is a perfect chance to explore a part of Calgary I've never really seen before. Hopefully you will join us. You should already have received your **Evite** for this event.

**F**eeling Lucky? The Stampede Gyro Club is heading to Century Downs Racetrack and Casino on Saturday, June 6, and some will pretend they know something about horse racing. We will meet in the Homestead Room, unless the weather is gorgeous — in which case we'll migrate to the bleachers so we can shout encouragement at horses. For some reason horse racing enthusiasts think horses respond better when we yell at them. Come anytime prior to 12:45 pm as that is when racing starts. Come for the fun, stay for the bragging rights. You might even make some money!

**J**oin us for our Wednesday, June 17 mixed Luncheon at the Blackfoot Inn, starting at 11:30. Our guest speaker, **Ron La Fournie**, will be sharing his insights on staying fit and healthy over 70 — a topic that seems to get more relevant every year, no matter how young we insist we still are. Come for the lunch, stay for the wisdom... and maybe pick up a tip or two that doesn't involve "just walk it off."

**T**he Stampede City Gyro is holding its annual Auction on Friday, June 19. You won't want to miss this fun filled evening of friendship, laughter, and spirited bidding, along with your chance to walk away as the proud winner of one of our many great auction items that you didn't know you needed until you absolutely had to have it. There's always a surprise or two... and usually a story to tell afterward. Cocktails at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 7:00pm. Come for the deals, stay for the camaraderie,

## **International Convention July 13-17**

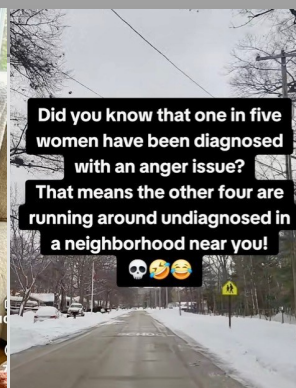
As you know, the 2026 International Convention will be hosted by Gyro International and held right here in Calgary from Monday, July 13 to Thursday, July 17, now just a little over 40 days away.

We're pleased to report that just over 100 people have already registered, including 20 members from the Calgary Club, and we're hoping to add a few more local faces to that list.

If you haven't registered yet, the forms are available on both the International website ([gyro.org](http://gyro.org)) and the Calgary Club website ([calgarygyroclub.com](http://calgarygyroclub.com)).

This year's convention promises to be a terrific gathering, a chance to reconnect with old friends, welcome new ones, and enjoy the best of Gyro fellowship right here at home. We hope you'll consider joining us for what is shaping up to be a truly memorable Gyro experience.

**I URGE YOU TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND AVOID ACCIDENTS, BECAUSE SPARE PARTS FOR OLD MODELS LIKE US ARE NO LONGER IN STOCK.**





Guys blowing out candles this month are

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| <i>Colin Outtrim</i>   | <i>June 2</i>  |
| <i>Phil Wadsworth</i>  | <i>June 9</i>  |
| <i>John Hodgson</i>    | <i>June 16</i> |
| <i>Denis Couturier</i> | <i>June 21</i> |
| <i>Ron Carter</i>      | <i>June 26</i> |
| <i>Ron Robinson</i>    | <i>June 29</i> |



*Until next time,*

*Ken Baker, Bulletin Guy*