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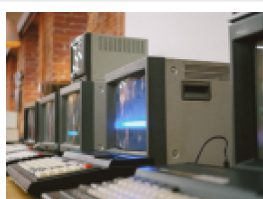
GYRO - A FRATERNITY OF FRIENDSHIP

IN CALGARY SINCE 1921

OCTOBER

2026

THE EVOLUTION OF TECHNOLOGY



FOR THE YEARS I HAVE BEEN THE "BULLETIN GUY," I HAVE BEEN HAPPILY WORKING AWAY IN MICROSOFT PUBLISHER. NOW

MICROSOFT HAS DECIDED, FOR REASONS KNOWN ONLY TO THEM, TO DISCONTINUE THE PROGRAM ENTIRELY. OVERNIGHT, ALL MY TEMPLATES BECAME ABOUT AS USEFUL AS A SCREEN DOOR IN THE WINTER, AND I FIND MYSELF HAVING TO LEARN A BRAND-NEW LAYOUT PROGRAM.

IT'S QUITE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I'M USED TO, SO THE LEARNING CURVE HAS BEEN STEEP. HATE TO SAY IT BUT, AS TIME GOES ON I FIND I DON'T ADAPT TO CHANGE LIKE I USED TO. WHAT YOU WILL SEE IN THIS AND THE NEXT FEW PAGES IS THE NEW LOOK I'VE MANAGED TO CREATE SO FAR. AS I GET MORE COMFORTABLE WITH THE SOFTWARE, I'M SURE THINGS WILL IMPROVE. FOR NOW.....IT IS WHAT IT IS.

ROSTER BOOKS FOR 2026-2027 WILL GO TO THE PRINTER ON NOVEMBER 22. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO REVIEW THE 2025-2026 ROSTER BOOK (THE BLUE ONE) TO ENSURE THAT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS PRESENTED AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT. SUBMIT ANY CHANGES BY EMAIL TO KEN.BAKER65@GMAIL.COM SO THAT MISTAKES CAN BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM THIS YEAR.

OKTOBERFEST & INSTALLATION



ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, WE WILL HOLD OUR INSTALLATION AND OKTOBERFEST PARTY AT SKINNERS' MEADOWLANDS STABLES..BETTER KNOWN AS THE **GYRO BIERGARTEN**. WE WILL ENJOY GERMAN FOOD, BEER, WINE, MUSIC, AND PLENTY OF OKTOBERFEST CHEER. OUR GOVERNOR, TED EWANCHUK OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF GYRO, WILL BE JOINING US TO INSTALL

THE INCOMING EXECUTIVE OF BOTH THE CALGARY AND STAMPEDE CLUBS.

INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN SENT, AND THE RESPONSES HAVE BEEN OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE.

JA, WE ARE IN FOR A GREAT AFTERNOON!

DID YOU KNOW

OKTOBERFEST BEGAN IN 1810 AS A PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF THE WEDDING OF CROWN PRINCE LUDWIG OF BAVARIA AND PRINCES THERESE. THE FESTIVITES WERE HELD ON FIELDS LATER NAMED THERESIENWIESE, WHERE THE EVENT STILL TAKES PLACE.

THE PARTY WAS SUCH A HIT THAT MUNICH REPEATED IT ANNUALLY ADDING FOOD STALLS, MUSIC, RIDES, AND THE LARGE BREWERY TENTS THAT DEFINE THE FESTIVAL TODAY.

NOW HELD FROM MID-SEPTEMBER TO EARLY OCTOBER, OKTOBERFEST ATTRACTS MILLIONS WHO ENJOY BAVARIAN MUSIC, PRETZELS, SAUSAGES AND TRADITIONAL OKTOBERFEST BEER. COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE, INCLUDING OURS, CONTINUE WITH THEIR OWN LOCAL CELEBRATIONS.

AGM Highlights - September 9

Hotel Blackfoot

Opening and Attendance: President Denis called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM, welcoming 24 members comfortably exceeding quorum.



New Member Induction

Past District Governor Larry Fenton formally inducted Ron La Fournie into the club and presented him with his

new member package. Ron was sponsored by Bill Watson.

Financial Report: Treasurer, John Hodgson, reviewed the Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2026, along with the 2026–27 Budget.

Annual dues for the coming fiscal year are set at \$125.

Leadership Updates: Terry Lynch has accepted the role of Vice President. Larry Fenton will continue as Secretary and John Hodgson will continue as Treasurer. Current Vice President Ken Schubert reported that recruitment for new Directors is ongoing.

Constitution Amendment: Secretary Larry Fenton presented the proposed amendments required to align with the restructuring of Gyro International implemented at the July Convention.

A vote was held and approved unanimously.

The updated Constitution is now posted on the Club website under [More About Us](#).

Membership Discussion: Vice President Ken Schubert highlighted the Club's new recruitment brochure, designed to support outreach to prospective members.

Larry presented a chart showing membership decline over recent years and summarized findings from a survey of five clubs that have successfully grown their membership.

A brainstorming workshop followed, generating a wide range of ideas. These will be compiled and forwarded to the Executive for evaluation and action planning.

Gyro International Convention: Ken Baker reported on the July Convention held in Calgary, noting strong attendance and positive feedback. The next Convention will take place in May 2027 in Nashville, Tennessee.

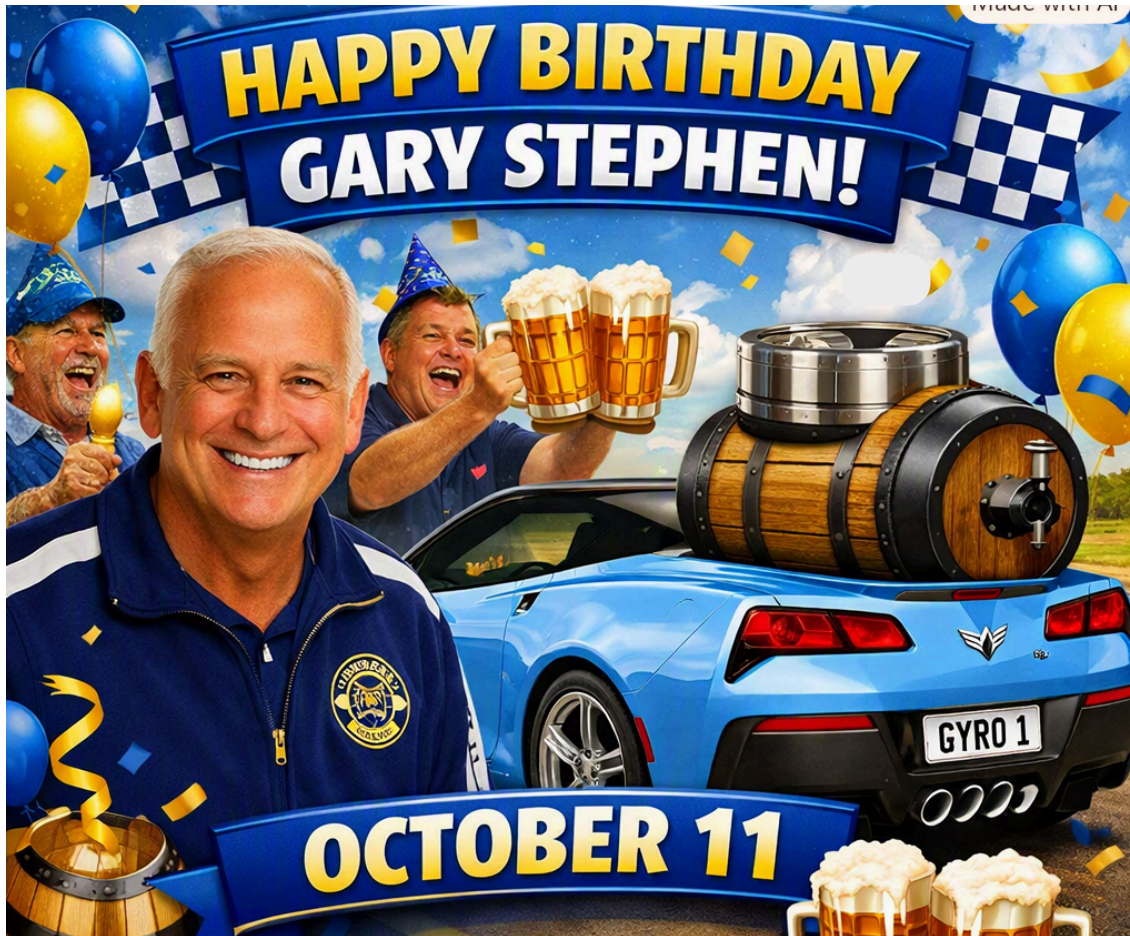
Other Discussions

Women as Members: After discussion, the majority agreed the Calgary Club will remain "men-only", with the view that individual clubs should decide their own membership policies.

Lapel Pins: Proposed 5/10/20-year pins will not be pursued due to low interest and cost considerations.

Meeting Day: Polling confirmed Wednesdays remain the preferred meeting day. Teams may adjust if speaker or venue availability requires it.

Adjournment 2:32 PM.



GARY STEPHEN IS THE ONLY CALGARY GYRO CELEBRATING HIS BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH. NO THAT IS NOT A PICTURE OF GARY NOR IS IT THE MODEL OF THE CAR HE DRIVES. (OBVIOUSLY, I HAD SOME HELP FROM AI IN CREATING THE IMAGE)

THE GYRO MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT STRATEGY

AT OKTOBERFEST, A GUEST ASKED A LONG-TIME GYRO MEMBER,

“SO WHAT EXACTLY IS GYRO?”

THE MEMBER TOOK A THOUGHTFUL SIP OF HIS BEER AND REPLIED:

“WELL, WE MEET, WE LAUGH, WE EAT, WE TRAVEL, WE TELL STORIES, WE SOLVE PROBLEMS THAT DON’T EXIST, AND OCCASIONALLY WE VOTE ON SOMETHING NOBODY REMEMBERS.”

THE GUEST NODDED SLOWLY.

“SO... IT’S LIKE OKTOBERFEST, BUT ALL YEAR?”

THE MEMBER GRINNED.

“EXACTLY. WELCOME ABOARD.”

THE END