



# GYROLIFE



**GYRO - A FRATERNITY OF FRIENDSHIP**

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**In Calgary since 1921**

## *A Message from our President*

**F**riendship in its finest is the foundation. Fun comes with all the different functions and activities. We were reading an editorial in the Calgary Herald dated February 12, 2026 pertaining to Curling but as we read, we thought the message also applied to Gyro and Gyrette Clubs. We quote from the article:



Our Clubs support social fitness – the capacity to build, sustain and renew meaningful social connections over time. These connections rely on repeated, in person participation where people return to the same environment and encounter others who differ in ability, background and life circumstances. These repeated encounters create familiarity, trust and a sense of being known and welcome. People that are involved were invited and thus members show up, participate and contribute to a shared experience. Much of this social infrastructure depends on volunteers that do the labour that keeps participation possible. Gyrettes are architects in this domain, remembering names and stories and noticing who has not been around. The Ladies organize our monthly games and contribute greatly to our meetings by attending joint events. Even though a luncheon speaker’s topic or an event may not be of great interest to you, **please show up for the friendship and support your club.**

Denis Couturier, President

President of the Gyro Club of Calgary

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**[calgarygyroclub.com](http://calgarygyroclub.com)**

# In February

**W**hile most Albertans were bundling up for Family Day, Ann and I were in sunny Colombia visiting our son, self proclaimed part time farmer and landscape artist and his wife, who insists she's his best helper. The weather was perfect, and we happily spent our days on their acreage watching them "work" at their part time farming.

Back home in Calgary, a modest group of eleven Gyros, spouses, and friends took in a junior hockey game between the Calgary Hitmen and the Everett Silvertips. They were treated to a lively contest, with the Hitmen coming out on top, 3-2.



**O**n February 25, only eighteen of us were lucky enough to have lunch at the Hotel Blackfoot and to enjoy an outstanding presentation by Haysam Kadri. As I expected from someone with his stage presence, the session was both highly informative and thoroughly entertaining, and in my opinion, easily one of the best we've had in quite some time. Those who couldn't make it truly missed a memorable afternoon.

to artistic excellence and community engagement.

A little bit about **Haysam Kadri**.. he is a Calgary-born actor, director, and arts leader, currently Artistic Director of Alberta Theatre Projects. A graduate of the Stratford Festival's Birmingham Conservatory, he spent six seasons with the company before returning home. Over the past decade, he has helped shape Calgary's theatre landscape, leading The Shakespeare Company since 2012 and directing acclaimed work for ATP, Vertigo, Theatre Calgary, and companies across Canada. His productions span classical texts, contemporary Canadian stories, and large-scale adaptations, all marked by a commitment



# Annual Gyro Crib Tournament

On Wednesday, March 18, the Ken Schubert team hosted the Annual Gyro Crib Night at Royal Canadian Legion 285 on Horton Road. We had 22 players come out to compete—slightly fewer than last year’s 29, but still a lively and enthusiastic crowd.

After everyone finished their meals, the games began. Each player competed in five games against five different opponents, keeping track of their own scores. Once all rounds were completed, wins and total points were tallied to determine the evening’s champions.

## Winners

- 1st Place: Garry Davies
- 2nd Place: Dave Jenner
- 3rd Place: Martin Ferguson (guest of Ken Schubert)

The prize table was well stocked with golf shirts, wine, golf balls, and a jacket. Winners selected their prizes first. The 50/50 draw awarded \$130 to Gary Stephen, and then door prizes were handed out to the lucky recipients.

We were joined by seven guests this year. It looked like they all had a good time. One of them, Colin Outtrim, has already applied for membership. Colin was introduced to Gyro by Larry Fenton.

Of course, events like this don’t run themselves. A big thank you to all the volunteers who contributed their time and to those who donated prizes. You know who you are and you know that your efforts made the evening a great success.

**We’ll do it again next year!**



Left new member Colin Outtrim, Paul Skinner, Jay Likely and potential member Stu Keen



Garry Davies presented with Crib trophy



Bob Ulrich presents Gary Stephen with his winnings



2nd place -Dave Jenner flanked by Ken Schubert and Bob Ulrich



3rd place –Martin Ferguson (guest) flanked by Ken Schubert and Bob Ulrich

**A BRIEF UPDATE ABOUT BRUCE MARTIN..he will be stepping back from Gyro activities until July as he begins treatment for blood cancer. His medical team is working through the final round of tests to confirm the exact source, and while the process takes time, his prognosis remains positive once treatment is fully underway.**

**In the meantime, the condition is affecting his bones, and he is managing significant pain with medication. For now, he will be cheering us on from the sidelines.**

**Bruce sends his warm regards to all and looks forward to rejoining club life when he is able.**

**O**n Friday, March 27, Fifteen Gyros and two guests gathered at the Earl Grey Golf & Country Club for a relaxed Friday lunch filled with laughter, conversation, and a bit of sports watching on the TVs. It was one of those easygoing afternoons where everyone seemed happy just catching up and enjoying each other's company. No program, no agenda...just good fellowship. One of the guests, Martin Ferguson, happened to be celebrating a birthday. In true

**Gyro fashion, Ken Schubert made sure the occasion didn't pass unnoticed by arranging a birthday dessert. The guys joined in a hearty rendition of *Happy Birthday*, proving once again enthusiasm can, in fact, overpower musical ability.**

**A simple lunch, a few laughs, and another reminder of why these Fridays matter.**

**Meet our newest member, Colin Outtrim. Colin is a retired Petroleum Engineer with several years international experience in his background. Both he and his wife Marilyn are avid curlers. Colin has been a guest at Curlarama in Canmore for the past three years and, last November, his team (all guests) won the C event.**

**If you would like to call Colin, his phone number is 587-998-9825.**



## **All You Need to Know About Life can be learned from the Easter Bunny**

**Don't put all of your eggs in one basket.  
Walk softly and carry a big carrot.  
Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.  
All work and no play can make you a basket case.  
Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day.  
Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits.  
Some body parts should be floppy.  
Keep your paws off other people's jellybeans.  
The grass is always greener in someone else's basket.  
To show your true colors you have to come out of your shell.  
The best things in life are still sweet and gooey!**



***Blowing out candles this month are***

<b><i>Ray Colliver</i></b>	<b><i>on</i></b>	<b><i>April 2</i></b>
<b><i>Bob Ulrich</i></b>	<b><i>on</i></b>	<b><i>April 11</i></b>
<b><i>Fred Thiessen</i></b>	<b><i>on</i></b>	<b><i>April 13</i></b>
<b><i>Mark Washtock</i></b>	<b><i>on</i></b>	<b><i>April 18</i></b>
<b><i>Chet Mills</i></b>	<b><i>on</i></b>	<b><i>April 21</i></b>

***Happy Birthday Gentlemen! Enjoy your special day.***

# THIS AND THAT

**T**he 2026 International Convention will be hosted by Gyro International and held right here in Calgary, from Monday, July 13 to Thursday, July 17 (if my math is correct as of April 1, that's only 103 days away). As you know since the convention will be here in Calgary, Alan Pentney and I have been asked by the Executive Council to coordinate the details. We'll likely need a helping hand as things ramp up.. so don't be surprised if you get a call as the date approaches!

The early bird registration closes on April 15,

so if you are planning on attending, you can save yourself \$25 per person by registering early (as of March 30, 53 people have taken advantage of the early bird pricing).

Registration forms are available on the International Website ([gyro.org](http://gyro.org)) and on the Calgary website ([calgarygyroclub.com](http://calgarygyroclub.com)).

We are looking forward to a good time with old friends and new and hope that you will consider registering for what we expect will be a memorable experience.

**T**hree old fools died and are at the pearly gates of heaven. St. Peter tells them that they can enter the gates if they can answer one simple question. St. Peter asks the first old fool, "What is Easter?" The old fool replies, "Oh, that's easy! It's the holiday in November when everyone gets together, eats turkey, and are thankful..." "Wrong!," replies St. Peter, and proceeds to ask the second old fool the same question, "What is Easter?" The second one replies, "Easter is the holiday in December when we put up a nice tree, exchange presents, and celebrate the birth of Jesus." St. Peter looks at the second fool, shakes his head in disgust, tells her she's wrong, and then peers over his glasses at the third old fool and asks, "What is Easter?" The third fool smiles confidently and looks St. Peter in the

eyes, "I know what Easter is." "Oh?" says St. Peter, incredulously. "Easter is the Christian holiday that coincides with the Jewish celebration of Passover. Jesus and his disciples were eating at the last supper and Jesus was later deceived and turned over to the Romans by one of his disciples. "The Romans took him to be crucified and he was stabbed in the side, made to wear a crown of thorns, and was hung on a cross with nails through his hands. He was buried in a nearby cave which was sealed off by a large boulder." St. Peter smiles broadly with delight. Then he continues, "Every year the boulder is moved aside so that Jesus can come out...and, if he sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter."

That's all for this month,  
Ken Baker, Bulletin Guy

Fred and Anne Thiessen have moved. Their new address is

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Please update your roster book