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INSTALLATION / OKTOBERFEST 2026

Ja, Saturday, October 3rd was a fun afternoon! Seventy-one Gyros and Gyrettes/Ladies (up from fifty-three last year) from both the Calgary and Stampede Clubs enjoyed a fabulous Installation and Oktoberfest celebration. Special thanks go to Paul and Cathy Skinner, who once again generously made their Meadowlands Stables available for our clubs.

The weather cooperated, but most of the festivities took place inside the horse stable, which had been spectacularly transformed into a Bavarian biergarten. Attendees mingled and socialized while enjoying snacks and drinks served by bartender Dylan Rooney, the Skinners' grand-nephew. Beverages included red and white wines and authentic German beer sourced from The George Traditional House in Okotoks.







Live musical entertainment was again provided by Mr. Bob Scherle, who delighted everyone with a wide selection of accordion tunes — including "Happy Birthday" for all the October celebrants (though "babies" may not be the most accurate term for our group). Mr. Scherle, originally from Switzerland and now a longtime Calgary resident, was very pleased to be invited back to perform at our Gyro event.



A delicious buffet-style meal of German culinary fare was served in the biergarten by staff from The George. The menu featured wiener schnitzel, mashed garlic potatoes, vegetables, and a whipped-cream-topped apple strudel for dessert.



We were honoured to have Central District Governor Ted Ewanchuk in attendance to install the Club Officers of both the Calgary and Stampede Clubs. The wonderful afternoon concluded with remarks from Calgary Club President Ken Schubert.



Once again, we were extremely fortunate that Paul and Cathy opened their "Biergarten" to our clubs for this very popular event. On behalf of both clubs, **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

Pictures by Thor Jepsen To view more photos of this event, please visit our website.

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Past Presidents' Dinner



Back row left to right Ken Schubert, Zig Doborzyhski, Ken Baker, Larry Fenton, Dave Jennner, John Hodgson, Chet Mills, Garry Davies, Paul Skinner
Front row left to right Gary Cull, Ron Carter, Denis Couturier

On Wednesday, October 14, the Past Presidents of the Calgary Gyro Club gathered at Pasquales Italian Restaurant for their annual dinner, continuing a long-standing tradition of fellowship and guidance within our club.

A special guest this year was Past President **Gary Cull**, who now resides near Vernon, BC. For those newer to the club, Gary created our very first website. Gary made the trip to Calgary specifically to attend the Past Presidents' dinner.

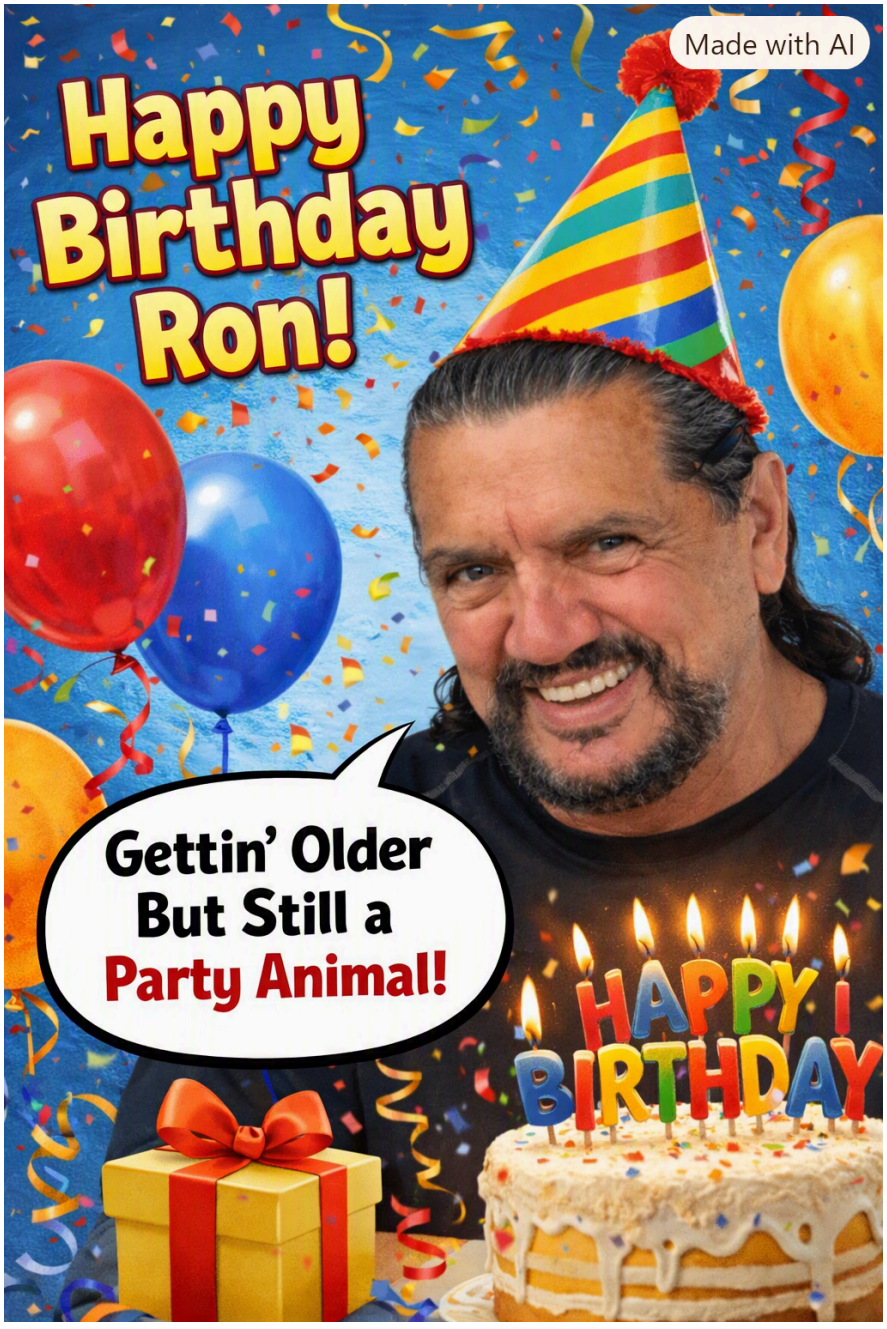
Gary Coibb was able to be with us but had to leave early. Also, not able to be with us was Les Hamilton and Bruce Martin both of which are dealing health issues.

Immediate Past President **Denis Couturier** warmly welcomed the group and introduced the incoming President, **Ken Schubert**. Following a relaxed and enjoyable meal, each Past President offered sincere appreciation to Denis for his leadership over the past year.

The evening concluded with thoughtful advice and words of encouragement for Ken as he begins his term. Past Presidents shared insights drawn from their own experiences, underscoring their support and confidence in Ken's leadership for the year ahead.

This annual gathering remains an important Gyro tradition: a chance for Past Presidents to pass the torch, share a laugh and ensure the incoming President knows he has a full bench of advisors.

Ron will be blowing out a lot of candles on November 3



Upcoming Events

Curl-A-Rama will be held in Canmore with teams and fans arriving on Friday, November 6. Teams will battle it out and Saturday with the final championship games taking place on Sunday, November 8.

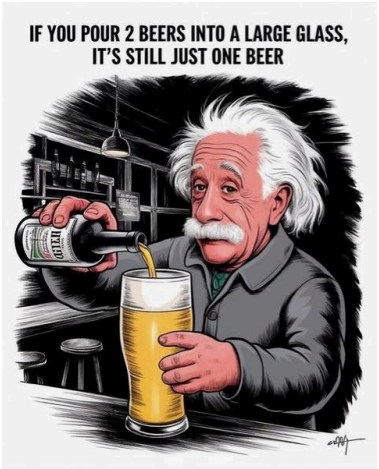
Our **Remembrance Day celebration** will be held at the Blackfoot Inn as a mixed event on November 10. Our featured speaker will be Lt. Col. Dr. Jim Hennessy, an engaging and accomplished presenter. His topic, "Under Appreciated Since 1914," will offer fascinating insights and reflections appropriate to this important occasion. Be sure to save the date. This promises to be a memorable meeting that you will not want to miss. Watch for your Evite coming soon and **remember to invite friends!**

Save the date for the ever popular **Charity Bingo** which will be held at the Horton Road Legion on December 3. Friends are very welcome

The **2027 Gyro International Convention** will be held from May 24 to May 28 in Music City (Nashville Tennesee). Information about registration fees, hotels, etc will soon be available on the International website…Gyro.org.

Can any of you guys relate to this







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