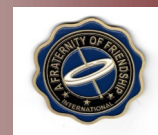




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March 2024

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Well, we are back home! We left on the 23rd of January to visit with our son and daughter-in-law in Colombia. We returned on February 13th and then left for a 7-day cruise on Mexican Riviera on February 17th. On that cruise we travelled with Gyros from the Olympia Gyro club. Our first stop was Puerto Vallarta where we had lunch with Gyros from the Stampede Club who winter there. Our stop in Mazatlán included lunch with Gyros from the Wallace club who have a place in Mazatlán. So it was a fun time getting together with Gyros on the ship and in Mexico.

Coming home we had some bad luck. We had used the discount airline LYNX. You may have heard that they decided (or maybe it was decided for them) to go bankrupt a couple of days before we were to fly home. We hadn't been keeping up with current affairs so you can imagine our surprise when we got to the airport and found that our tickets to ride home were useless. We scrambled to find tickets (which we did at significant cost) and made it home. Anyway we are here and looking forward to the end of winter.

On the Calendar this Month

March 13

You have already received an Evite for the meeting on March 13 that will be held at the Hotel Blackfoot. The highlight of that meeting will be a presentation by Doug Campbell. The Topic of his presentation is entitled "Carbonate Reefs of Belize". Come on a trip to Belize to see the World's second largest reef trend, and why petroleum explorers from around the world come here to study these reefs. Please respond ASAP. Personally I am really looking forward to attending this one.

March 26

An email was previously sent to you asking that you mark your calendar for our upcoming **Gyro Crib Night**. In case you missed it, we will be getting together at the Horton Road Legion starting at 5pm on March 26th to eat, enjoy each others company, and play some crib. Complete details can be found on our website calendar. You can expect the Evite for this event to be in your inbox later next week.

This event is a long standing and fun tradition. Play your cards right and your name could end up on the trophy.

Remember to invite your friends!

In case you missed it **Lunch and Learn**

Team Bob Ulrich hosted our first Gyro meeting on January 10, 2024. Sixty-two Gyros, Gyrettes, and friends braved the coldest day of the winter, so far, to attend a luncheon at the Hotel Blackfoot. The lunch included mushroom soup (which I thought was really good), and a cold cut buffet, complete with coffee and desert.



Professor Raymond Patterson presented with gift by Bob Ulrich

Professor Raymond Patterson was our guest speaker. In his day job he is a Professor at the Haskayne School of Business at the University of Calgary; his topic at our luncheon was AI and the Impact on Individuals' Privacy.

The world continues to evolve. Artificial intelligence is a topic that intrigues us all. We are happy with it when it affects our lives in a positive way and not so happy, maybe even upset, when it impacts us in a negative way.

Benefits of AI to business (and indirectly to us) include automation, increase efficiencies, medical progression, research and data analysis. AI is being

used to develop autonomous vehicles, which can help reduce accidents and fatalities on the road (I like it.)

There are risks and dangers of AI which include, job displacement, privacy violations, and algorithmic bias. There is a possibility that AI could become self-aware and uncontrollable, which could pose a threat to humanity.

Professor Patterson provided us with a copy of his power point presentation which has been posted to our club website for your future reference. If you're looking for it, simply click on "Gallery" then click on "Come and Learn Luncheon" next scroll down to the very bottom where you will see "Click here for information on the impact on Individual Privacy". Click on it.

Artificial Intelligence is here to stay. It will be interesting to see where it goes from here. There is lots of good that will come from it, and probably some bad.

If you are worried about AI taking over your life, here are some tips to keep them at bay:

1. Don't use any smart devices or online services that require your personal data or voice recognition. They might be secretly recording you and plotting against you.
2. Wear a tin foil hat at all times to block any signals or mind control attempts from AI. You can also wrap your phone, laptop, and other gadgets in tin foil to prevent them from communicating with each other.
3. Avoid any social interactions with people who use AI or talk positively about it. They might be brainwashed or replaced by AI agents. You can tell them apart by asking them to solve a captcha or recite the lyrics of a song that only humans would know.

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4. Learn some martial arts and self-defence skills to fight off any AI attacks. You can also stock up on some weapons and explosives to destroy any suspicious machines or robots you encounter.

5. Join a resistance group or a cult that shares your views on AI and its dangers. You can find them online or in underground locations. They will provide you with support, resources, and a sense of belonging.

By following these steps, you can protect yourself from the negative effects of AI and live a happy and peaceful life.

(Editors note...some of the above was created using AI...your challenge will be figure out which parts were created by AI, if you can)



I was away from Calgary when 14 Gyros got together at the Horton Road Legion for lunch on January 24th. I am a little short on details but I suspect meals were ordered, the problems of the world were discussed with few of them being solved, a few laughs were shared, and everyone who attended had a good time.

Sister Mary Ann, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a Shell gas station was just a block away. She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned. Since Sister Mary Ann was on her way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted a bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried the full bedpan back to her car. As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two Baptists watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, "If that car starts, I turning Catholic."

Beach Boys of Summer



On February 29th, as the snowflakes pirouetted down, 33 intrepid guests battled the blizzard to attend "The Beach Boys of Summer" at Jubilations Dinner Theatre. The south part of the city became our snowy stage—a prelude to the musical magic awaiting inside. The stage lit up, and there they were—the harmonious guardians of sun-soaked nostalgia. Hawaiian shirts, flip-flops, and music that transported us to sandy shores of yesterday. Even the blizzard outside couldn't dampen their spirits.

All seemed to enjoy the food. Those who ordered the Prime Rib seemed particularly pleased.

The waitstaff were efficient and did their best to ensure that we were having fun.

The blizzard couldn't dim our spirits. The music, the prime rib, the camaraderie—it all blended into a symphony of joy. And those several people who suggested doing it again? Well, they're onto something.

Pictures by Denis Couturier, Story by Denis with some AI influences courtesy of the editor.





← Charlie,
it's OK to light
all the candles
this year. The fire
department has
been alerted and
they have assured
us that they will
be on standby to
put out the fire, if
called upon.

Only Charlie Vandaele will be blowing out candles this month and he will be doing it on March 18th

International / District

- ◆ The 2024 International Gyro Convention will be held in Niagara Falls from June 2 to June 6. For complete details check out our club website (it has been updated and is actually quite impressive)
- ◆ Planning for the 2-day District VIII 2024 Gyro Convention in Lacombe is taking shape. Expect to receive an email in the coming days with information about Convention activities complete with Registration forms.
- ◆ International 2025 Gyro Convention will be co-hosted by the Edmonton and Sherwood Park clubs. They are in the preliminary planning stages but, it is looking like the convention will be held on a cruise ship on the way to Alaska, probably in the month of June.

To keep yourself informed of the upcoming events please refer often to the club calendar on our website.

Please update your Gyro Roster Books

The best way to reach Bernie Somerville by email is to use Lorraine's email address which is lorraine427@icloud.com

Earl and Bubba are quietly sitting in a boat fishing, chewing tobacco, and drinking beer when suddenly Bubba says, "Think I'm going to divorce my wife...she ain't spoke to me in over two months."

Earl spits overboard, takes a long, slow sip of his beer and says, "Better think it over, women like that are hard to find."

That's all for this month,

Ken Baker, Bulletin Guy