“Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, sumer an oil painting, and autumn a mosaic of them all.” — Stanley Horowitz
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Dear Gyros and Gyro Ladies:

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer and is getting ready for the holiday season soon upon us. Your Executive Committee of Gyro International has gotten off to a blazing start this year.

Districts I, IV, and VII recently held their Annual Conventions and Installed new District Executives. By all reports each of these Conventions were a huge success and fun was had by all in attendance. On behalf of Gyro International I wish to congratulate the newly installed District Officers and wish them all the best in their service in the upcoming year.

The Board of Governors has continued their monthly phone conferences. During a recent call the new Technology Committee was installed. This Committee will oversee all technology uses by the Organization and recommend improvements and changes. The Committee is being chaired by Matthew Williams of the Nanaimo club in DIV. We, as an Executive, believe this Committee will provide excellent results for better use of all the technology available.

Emil Bajiot has announced his retirement as Secretary/Treasurer of the Organization after serving in this position for over 20 years, effective December 31, 2017. More to come on this announcement in the next Gyroscope. In anticipation of this vacancy, the Executive has interviewed a number of tremendously qualified candidates. Mike McNally, Past International President, of the Buffalo club in DIII, has been chosen to serve as the next International Secretary/Treasurer effective January 1, 2019. Mike will have huge shoes to fill, but he has shown he has the capability to do excellent work in this position. As an International organization we are lucky to have resources like Emil and Mike, and I certainly appreciate all their efforts.

The Membership Chairman, Larry Duba, has also decided to step down recently. Again, the Executive was able to consider multiple candidates who indicated a desire to assist in this role. Peter Evans, Past District Governor of DIV, has been selected to fill this role. His official title has become Membership Ambassador. He is off and running in his new position, and is willing to provide any necessary assistance on membership throughout the organization. Every member of our organization understands the importance of the continued pursuit of new members. This pursuit needs to be constant, and sincere if our organization is going to maintain the ability for each of us to enjoy the friendship and fun Gyro International provides. We look forward to working with Peter, and I know he is looking forward to providing great leadership in this area.

The International Executive wishes to thank Past International President Larry Duba for all of his efforts during his time as Membership Director. Larry has given, and continues to give, a great amount of time to our organization and we are all very grateful for his efforts. His many, many efforts and ideas on membership have helped the entire organization. Thank you Larry.

To each and every member of our Organization, on behalf of all of us on the Executive Committee, Lisa Kay and I want to wish you all the best. Take advantage of the friendship your membership allows you to enjoy. Have fun with your friends at the club level, district level, and International level. Membership in Gyro is a gift I always cherish, I hope each of you feel the same.

In Gyro friendship,
Those of us who are becoming more computer literate as time passes, often receive, because we can - and sometimes daily - the result of someone’s attempt to pass on significant information. Such data is often in the form of a series of cute animal photos; pictorial display of scenes from a far off country; cartoons; political statements; and/or enduring phrases meant to uplift your day.

Recently my inbox received one that, for the lack of a better term, I would call a teaching homily. I generally find such efforts to be a bit contrived in order to get their point across - and this was no different. But I found the end message was spot on when we consider the communication values of our electronic society and how it pertains to Gyro.

The gist of the story was about a young man who had heard a local guru speak of Contact and Connection. They happened to be seated on the same airplane later and had a conversation. The young man admitted his shortcomings with regards being with family. The guru made his point that the man’s occasional efforts were only superficial contacts. What really counted for one’s well-being was involved connections.

In my view this applies in many instances to our Gyro fraternity and our loss of membership. Do we see fellow members only as contacts, or do we really connect with them? Give this some thought. The full homily is attached below.

*Contact and connection*

It was April 2009. I was returning from Delhi by flight with a monk sitting next to me and a journalist from the US sitting on the third seat. The journalist started interviewing the monk as planned earlier.

Journalist - Sir, in your last lecture, you told us about Jogajog (contact) & Sanjog (connection). It's really confusing. Can you explain?

The Monk smiled and apparently deviating from the question asked the journalist: Are you from New York?

Journalist - Yeh...

Monk - Who are there at home?

The Journalist felt that the Monk was trying to avoid answering his question since this was a very personal and unwarranted question. Yet the journalist said: "Mother has expired. Father is there. Three brothers and one sister. All married..."

The Monk, with a smile on his face, asked again: - "Do you talk to your father?"

The journalist looked visibly annoyed...

The Monk - "When did you talk to him last?"

The journalist, supressing his annoyance said: "May be a month ago."

The Monk: "Do you brothers and sisters meet often? When did you meet last as a family gathering?"

At this point, I saw sweat on the forehead of the journalist. I wondered who was conducting the interview, the Monk or the Journalist. It seemed that the Monk was interviewing the Journalist.
With a sigh, the Journalist said: "We met last at Christmas two years ago."
The Monk: "How many days did you all stay together?"

The Journalist (wiping the sweat on his brow) said: "Three days..."
Monk: "How much time did you spend with your Father, sitting right beside him?"
I saw the journalist looking perplexed and embarrassed and scribbling something on a paper...
The Monk: "Did you have breakfast, lunch or dinner together? Did you ask how he was? Did you ask how his days are passing after your mother's death?"
I saw drops of tears coming out from the eyes of the journalist.

The Monk held the hand of the journalist and said: "Don't be embarrassed, upset or sad. I am sorry if I have hurt you unknowingly... But this is basically the answer to your question about "contact and connection (jogajog and Sanjog)". You have 'contact' with your father but you don't have 'connection' with him. You are not connected to him. Connection is between heart and heart... sitting together, sharing meals and caring for each other; touching, shaking hands, having eye contact, spending some time together...You brothers and sisters have 'contact' but you have no 'connection' with each other...."

The journalist wiped his eyes and said: "Thanks for teaching me a fine and unforgettable lesson"

This is the reality today. Whether at home or in the society everybody has lots of contacts but there is no connection. No communication... Everybody is in his or her own world.

Let us not maintain just "contacts" but let us remain "connected"; caring, sharing and spending time with all our dear ones.

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**IM NOT REALLY YOUR FRIEND UNTIL**

I START INSULTING YOU ON A DAILY BASIS.

**TWO OF MY NEW FAVORITES:**

"Duct tape can't fix stupid,-
but it sure can muffle the sound"
- and -
"The day the world runs out of wine is just too unbearable to think about."

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One of the side benefits of attending a convention is the opportunity to explore and visit interesting venues in places you might normally not select. Being from the far west coast with so many desirable locations to choose from, I would not normally venture into Wisconsin as a destination. But like so many other convention arranged venues, Lake Geneva was a delight in nostalgia. Of times past.

One substantial social outing at this convention was a dinner cruise around the lake. We boarded our vessel near our hotel, chose a libation and picked a spot to sit. The vessel then began our circumnavigation of the entire lake, which incidentally is 7.5 miles long and composed of 5400 acres or a little more than 8 square miles. Traveling at about 4-5 knots, it took two hours to complete the trip.

Regarding my nostalgia, impact was evidenced by the passing, obviously restored, old Chris Craft in the photo. Other than several up-dated spots, such as the town waterfront, the lake was literally a wall-to-wall showcase of old architecture, old money, and good old times.

Many structures are literally castles from the turn of the last century. Starting in the 1870’s, Lake Geneva became a playground for the Chicago’s wealthy industrialists. Familiar names such as Schwinn’s, Maytag, Wrigley, Swift, and many others, still maintain homes along the waterfront. You might think twice about joining them, it was reported that waterfront property was valued at $33,000 per foot!

Another venue was available at the convention - a tour of the Yerkes Observatory at Williams Bay. Completed in 1897 and continuously owned by The University of Chicago’s Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics, the Yerkes Observatory is commonly known the birthplace of modern astrophysics. Yerkes is a working scientific and educational facility.

My point in all this trivia is that without experiencing travel to a Gyro convention, venues such as those noted above would not have come into my realm of interest. But having the opportunity to experience it has added to my knowledge, and being able to do it with friends has no doubt added to my life expectancy. But that’s grist for a different article.
Scenes from Lake Geneva
International Convention 2018
Matt Johnson - President / Olympia, WA ~ District IV

Matthew "Matt" Johnson has been a member of the Olympia Gyro Club since 2001. He has served three terms as Club President and served as District IV Governor in 2011-2012. He is currently also President of the Tacoma Gyro Club.

Matt was born in Fort Dodge, IA and graduated from high school in Puyallup, WA. He returned to the mid-west to attend Lake Forest College, graduating Magna Cum Laude with Honors in Politics in 1988. He graduated from the University of Washington School of Law in 1998, and began his legal career with the Washington State Attorney General's office. He spent ten years as in house counsel for a major international insurance company and is now the Managing Attorney of a three attorney Personal Injury/Wrongful Death firm in Olympia, WA. Matt is a trial lawyer, and enjoys every opportunity to present his client's case to a jury.

He lives in Gig Harbor, WA with his wife Lisa Kay. Together they have four children and one grandchild, age 3. They enjoy traveling, particularly to Mexico and the Caribbean. Matt, a huge sports fan, loves to follow the Seahawks, Mariners and Nascar driver Kasey Kahne. Matt and Lisa are excited to serve on the EC and meet many more Gyros throughout the US and Canada.

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Ted Shewchuk - First Vice President / Red Lake, ON ~ District VII

Ted Shewchuk has been a Gyro member of the McKenzie Island Club since 1994. Since his time in Gyro he has held each executive position within the club and currently holds the position of Director. Ted served as District VII Lieutenant Governor in 2010-2012, Governor in 2012-2014, and Past District Governor from 2014-2016. as born and raised in Red Lake, Ontario. He grew up working alongside his father in the family construction business which he eventually took over and then founded Shewchuk Enterprises Ltd. Over the years Ted has also had ownership in several fishing resorts and has dabbled in real estate.

Ted resides in Red Lake, with his beautiful wife Annwyl. He has three wonderful daughters Aundrea, Jaclyn, and Ashley who are all University graduates. Aundrea and Jaclyn are living in Red Lake and Ashley is presently in Ottawa. Ted enjoys traveling the world with Annwyl, often meeting Gyro's in their travels.

In the past Ted thoroughly enjoyed hockey, curling, and the occasional game of golf. Ted and Annwyl look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones in the upcoming years as they start on this journey through the EC.

Alan Pentney – Second Vice-President / Calgary AB ~ District VIII

Alan has been a member of the Stamped City Club since 2005. He was Club President (2009-11), District VIII Secretary (2012-13) and Governor (2015-16). He also chaired three Governor meetings at Conventions in 2016-17.

His career has been in public service as a Civil Engineer - graduating from Ottawa University in Ontario in 1978. He was with two provincial environmental protection agencies for 30 years and with the National Energy Board of Canada regulating the operation of pipelines for 9 years. Alan and his wife Tara have been happily married for 43 years while raising two children: a daughter in the pharmaceutical industry in Toronto and a son who teaches middle school in Calgary. They have three grandchildren.

Alan enjoys a variety of activities outside Gyro including golf and curling. He is a life member of the Royal Canadian Legion where he played a leadership role in the construction of a new Legion building in Calgary in 2017. Tara is currently Chair of the ALS Society of Alberta and enjoys spending time with family and friends. Combined their couple activities and a love of travel keeps life interesting.
Emil Baijot - Secretary-Treasurer / Bellingham, WA ~ District IV

After living in a remote Alaskan village where he was CEO of a native corporation for several years, he and Joan relocated to Bellingham, WA in 1977. He was soon introduced to Gyro and traveled to various events, joining Chilliwack in 1980. He formed the Bellingham club in 1981, serving in all the offices several times.

He has received many awards including the Merit Award in 1988 and the Honor Key in 1994. He served as Governor in 1988-89 and as International President in 1993-94. He has been the International Sec.-Trea. since 1999.

In previous lives he attended Stanford but graduated from the UofWashington as an Industrial Designer; had been an Army 1st Lieutenant during the Korean conflict; manager of a large art group at Boeing; Master of his Lodge & President of the Shrine Club; served nine years on Whatcom County Planning Commission and until retiring, a designer/builder of custom homes for 30 years; and currently, he is a member of the County Appeals Board.

He and Joan were married in 1958 and they have four happy and successful children and seven grandkids and finally (!) a great grandson. Joan keeps active as a partner in a daycare that schools up to 90 children and is a hospice volunteer.

Dale Woodroffe - IP/IP/ Calgary, Alberta ~ D-VIII

Dale joined Gyro in 1985 through the Sherwood Park Club in District VIII. He became President of the club in 2005 and in 2009 became an Associate Member while working in North Africa. Returning to Alberta, Dale joined the Stampede City Club in Calgary where he became President in 2011 and Governor District VIII in 2012.

In 1973 Dale met Mary Ann in East Africa and married the following year in Parsboro, Nova Scotia. Their residence is Canmore, Alberta in the Rocky Mountains about an hour's drive west of Calgary. They have two sons who are both married. One lives in Edmonton with a son and the other lives in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Dale is an Engineer/Planner/Senior Manager for a large International Consulting/Engineering/Construction company and is presently working out of Vancouver, British Columbia. When not working he and Mary Ann enjoy hiking, skating, yoga/exercise and traveling.

Most of all they enjoy their family, Gyro friendships and meeting new people in different clubs throughout the United States and Canada.

W. Michael McNally, Secretary-Treasurer  
Starting 1/1/2019  
Buffalo, New York ~ District III

Mike has been a Gyro since 1983 and is a PDG of District III, and was Gyro International President in 2013-2014.

He has been married to Cynthia for 34 years. Both Mike and Cynthia were born in Buffalo, NY and are living in East Amherst, NY, a suburb of Buffalo. They have three daughters, Meghan, Kaitlyn and Shannon. Mike and Cynthia hail from Gyro families.

Mike's father Wayne is a Buffalo Gyro and Cynthia's father was PIP Don Heath.

Mike is a Certified Financial Planner® and Wealth Management Advisor.

Mike is also a golfer and skier, as well as a honey-do list laborer. Mike and Cynthia look forward to continuing their service to Gyro.
The raffle prize is a custom woman's gold Gyro Pendant with a gold chain as described below.

14-karat two-tone gold custom “Gyro” logo pendant weighing 3.5 pennyweights. Bezel set in center is one round brilliant cut diamond measuring 3.2mm weighing .14 carat. Diamond has a color grade of J, clarity grade of SI1 and displays very good symmetry, polish and cut. Pendant hangs from an 18 inch 14 karat yellow gold diamond cut rope chain measuring 1.5 mm weighing 4.1 grams.

Estimated retail replacement cost $1,735

Raffle tickets are for only Gyros and Gyrettes. One ticket for $10, two tickets for $20 & three tickets for $25 (US dollars).

Note: Knute, Joyce, Scott and Cindy Knutson donated the pendant and chain for the raffle. Scott is the designer and the Knutson Jewelers, LLC is their family business. If you would like to order a pendant they are available in different sizes, and, also, there is a lapel Gyro pin available for the man. The women’s pendant can be purchased without a mounted stone or one of your choosing. (PH: 559-297-1112 for orders.)

Complete the information below and send Coupon

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

PENDANT RAFFLE

DATE ________________ TIME ________________
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On a lovely summer evening 15 gyros and Gyrettes arrived at the Toutant residence for the annual boat cruise. It wasn't long before Captain Ed called for all passengers to board the N-Joy. All safely seated and with appropriate libation in hand the call to cast off was heard and the N-Joy stealth fully left the dock. Heading North on the Red it was a glorious evening at 30 degrees and the wind in your face made it very comfortable. Keeping the boat balanced is always a difficult task with such large gyro men on board, but Captain Ed was able to keep it balanced by moving Tony back and forth and from side to side on the boat. We sailed up river to Kildonan Park and then turned around for the return trip to the Toutant's.

As usual Richard greeted us upon arrival. He had a roaring fire under the corn bucket and the water was at a full boil. It didn't take long to husk the corn, fire up the bar-b-que and start preparing the meal. With Chef Tom on the grill and Tim looking after the corn we soon sat down to a wonderful Steak dinner, with corn, potato salad, Caesar salad, and buns. After dinner Bill made a presentation to Ed, Richard and Lucy Toutant thanking them for allowing us to use their residence once again. They were pleased and were afraid we would get tired of the event and not come again. That would greatly disappoint them as the look forward to the day every year and invited us back again next year. Cake and coffee were served as we watched Ed set of some great fireworks.

Full of food and refreshments the night air was starting to take effect on everyone. After one final drink in the moonlight we said our adieus and scattered into the night.

- submitted by Derek Hay -
The del Lago Casino advises that on Wednesday, October 17, while we are there for the convention, free tickets to the "DiscoFever" show in the Casino's theater will be included in your registration fee. You can check it out at: https://dellagoresort.com/events/disco-fever-21

Remember the Tuesday night dinner is a Halloween costume party, so get your "costume" ready — prizes for the best costume for both men and women.

Don't wait, call the Casino now and make your hotel reservation — ask for the Gyro Convention rate. Should you have to cancel there is no penalty for doing so.

Any questions, please call me at 585 381-9122 or by email at tlennox@rochester.rr.com

See you there!
Tom Lennox
Convention Chairman

October 16-18, 2018

at the

del Lago Resort & Casino

Convention Registration Information
(Remit before October 6, 2018)
Couple: $350.00 (US Funds)  Single: $175.00 (US funds)

Please make check payable to:
Rochester Gyro Club
Mail check with completed registration form to:
Peter Barker  1 Powder Mill Drive  Pittsford, NY 14534

Any questions, contact Convention Chairman
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Ask for the “Gyro Convention” rate:
$109.99 (plus tax) US funds per night
visit website for room description @ www.delagoresort.com

Convention Registration Form (PLEASE PRINT)

Today’s Date

Name ___________________________________________ Spouse/Guest ___________________________________________

Address ___________________________________ City ___________ State/Province ___________ Zip Code ___________

Home/Business Phone (___) ___________ Cell Phone (___) ___________

Your Gyro Club Name ___________________________________________

Arrival Date ___________ Departure Date ___________
GYRO DISTRICT III ANNUAL CONVENTION
hosted by the Rochester Gyro Club
October 16 - 18, 2018
at the del Lago Resort & Casino

“Tricks or Treats As Gyro Meets”

Tuesday, October 16th

2:00pm - 6:00pm  Check in - Convention Registration  (Hotel Lobby)
4:00pm - 6:00pm  Hospitality Suite Open  (Hotel)
7:00pm - 10:00pm Cash Bar, Dinner, and Halloween Costume Party
                  With DJ, Dancing  (Hotel Ballroom)
10:00pm -        Hospitality Suite Open  (Hotel)

Wednesday, October 17th

7:30am - 9:00am  Breakfast on your own  (Sociale Restaurant)
8:00am - 9:00am  PDG Meeting  (Portico Restaurant)
9:00am - 11:00am Dist III Men’s Business Meeting  (Hotel Ballroom)
9:30am - 11:00am Ladies Continental Breakfast  (Hotel Ballroom)
11:00am - 12:00pm Hospitality Suite Open  (Hotel)
12:00pm - 2:00pm Dist III Buffet Luncheon  (Farmers Market Buffet-Casino)
2:00pm - 4:00pm  Free Time: Attend an Afternoon Show in the Vine Theater or
                  Enter the Free Slot Machine Tournament in Casino
4:00pm - 6:00pm  Hospitality Suite Open  (Hotel)
7:00pm - 9:00pm  Cash Bar, Dinner (Black Tie Optional) & Installation of Officers  (Hotel Ballroom)
9:00pm - 11:00pm DJ, Dancing  (Hotel Ballroom)
10:00pm -        Hospitality Suite Open  (Hotel)

Thursday, October 18th

8:00am - 10:00am Farewell Buffet Breakfast  (Hotel Ballroom)

COME AND ENJOY THE FUN
WITH YOURGYRO FRIENDS!
August 23rd was a beautiful, sunny day—until you got outside and sweltered in temps in high 90s. It wasn't too hot for the 2018 edition of Cleveland Heights Putt-Putt challenge and, despite the heat, over 20 showed up for contest and great dinner afterwards. Two of the ladies did have to drop out after 9 holes due to heat but all made it by taking in all the cool stuff they could find in the cooler.

Three District I clubs were represented but neither Painesville nor Western Reserve had any brave souls to have fun. Hopefully they'll be back next year. Pictures are better than words and these speak volumes.

- Ed Benhoff
The Oryg Gyro Club of St Paul hosted the 2018 District VII convention from Friday, 09/14/2018, through Sunday, 09/16/18. Planning began soon after the 2017 District VII convention in Thunder Bay. The committee structured the events starting with accommodations, meeting rooms and breakfasts at the new Hampton Inn & Suites located near the Xcel Center, popular restaurants and entertainment in downtown St. Paul.

The theme of the convention was "Magic on the Mississippi" since the Hampton Inn & Suites had a view of the river and Friday's events were at the Pool & Yacht Club a few feet off the river in Lilydale, a small nearby village with nary a lily in it. We chartered the Magnolia Blossom replica paddle boat and after check in at the Pool & Yacht Club all but a few of the 96 registrants cruised up and down the river with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar available onboard. The weather was perfect. No one jumped or fell overboard, no one asked Captain Dan if they could steer the boat for a while or dock it upon return, no one used a life ring as a frisbee and actually it has to be sad, maybe because of age, everyone more or less behaved themselves. We returned to the Pool & Yacht dock after the two hour cruise. We had a whole floor in the Club to ourselves with full view overlooking the river. The area had a full bar and a singer/piano player providing background music throughout the rest of the evening. After a happy hour or so, we sat down for the full dinner. After dinner, the entire Pool and Yacht Club was available to anyone including the main bar and dining areas on the top level and the outdoor veranda seating overlooking the river. As they report in any small town newspaper's social column--a good time was had by all.

Saturday morning included breakfast and business meetings at the Hampton Inn & Suites. More Gyros attended the meetings than usual and attendees agreed that non-attending Gyros missed out on additional friendship with members of the other clubs and worthwhile knowledge of the Gyro organization. Attending Gyros also mentioned that the social events are fun, but attending the meetings enhances a better bonding with the reasons we are Gyros. Saturday afternoon free time events included golf, museum and other tours or some Minnesota tax-free shopping.

We gathered at the Southview Country Club a few miles away for our formal evening with district officer installation. Some of the members wore tuxedos and others from points north honored the evening wearing kilts. No accidents. Nothing fell down or was peeked at. During the happy hour, the Amazing Hondo worked the crowd performing some of his incredible magic card tricks. After sitting down, a kilted piper piped in the head table attendees. Jim Bohn, the professional singer for the Minnesota Wild hockey team, led us in the two national anthems. We then had the usual toasts. Following the dinner, the new district officers were installed.

The group then went to a separate room set up auditorium-style for an hour's entertainment by the famous Amazing Hondo. He had researched our organization and worked his jokes and comments on an interactive basis. He mesmerized the group with sleight of hand we had never seen before. How did he take a St. Paul paper, hold it up in front of us, tear it in two, then quarter it and then rip each quarter in half? He kept his hands in front of us at all times and wadded the mess up in his hands. Standing there in full view with no hand movement, he opened his hands and released an untorn Minneapolis paper. Had we drunk too much? Are our eyes failing us? Is it something to do with having the two competing Twin City newspapers involved? Where did the shreds go? Later, he had four couples come up front and had each couple think up any one word they wanted and keep it to themselves. After a few inquiring questions of each couple, he correctly stated what each of the four words was that they had in mind. Is he from a different planet? I know those couples. They weren't shills. The entire program was "Amazing" and the hit of the evening. We then returned to our cleared tables for dessert and more conversation. Hondo stayed with us and continued to work the crowd. Later, the evening ended with DJ dance music fitting for our age group. No rap, no YMCA, no R-E-S-P-E-C-T, no salsa, no chicken dance, just the old stuff. We danced, but before falling down from exhaustion or other causes, we all retired for the night.
Some of us, there should have been more of us; but actually a good number, attended the moose milk event Sunday morning, with full breakfast at the Hampton Inn & Suites. The place wouldn't let us bring any booze in during the entire stay, so we had to practice self-denial to as best we could. Minneapolis Metro sponsored the event since they are in charge of next year's district convention to be held in Minnesota's wonderful seaport in Duluth and they had a nice display and handouts concerning it. Metro club member Ross Davis concocted the booze-free moose milk and it was delicious. Maybe that was heard to be said from someone who thought it diminished the lingering effects from something overdone the prior evening or just plain thought it was too early to get up and what they really tasted was their toothpaste. Actually, I wouldn't call it milk and it didn't come from where you might think moose milk would come from or how they gathered (is that the word?) it. I would call it a potion. No, Hondo didn't brew it up. It had foam on top, but nothing cryptic was rising into the air. And it was cold. Ross Davis divulged the ingredients and it included vanilla ice cream, milk, rum flavoring, sugar, a little malt powder, and I think one more non-alcoholic ingredient he won't disclose because he may want to go commercial with the whole thing. I heard there never has been a single recipe over the years for the concoction. Some rumors have it that it is a liquor booya derived from the bottoms of almost-empty Club booze bottles not thrown out yet or came from the remains of mixed drinks left on tables from God knows where. We should put it in our constitution that we stay with Ross Davis' recipe.

Well, the grand event eventually wrapped up. We all said our goodbyes and promised to see each other next year and to behave better. True Gyros, we all. Fun and Friendship at its best.

Ponder these:

The reason Politicians try so hard to get re-elected is that they would "hate" to have to make a living under the laws they have passed.

"The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome become bankrupt. People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance." - Cicero, 55 BC

So, evidently we've learned nothing in the past 2,077 years.

"Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn’t make a decision.”

Unknown -
Sometimes when I look at my children, I say to myself, 'Lillian, you should have remained a virgin.'
- Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)

A Rose was named after me and I was flattered. But not pleased to read the description in the catalogue - 'Not good in bed, but fine against the wall.'
- Elinor Roosevelt

The secret of a good sermon (or speech) is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.
- George Burns

Be careful of health books - you may die of a misprint.
- Mark Twain

By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; and if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.
- Socrates

I was married by a judge. I should of asked for a jury.
- Groucho Marx

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe.
- Jimmy Durante

I never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back.
- Zsa Zsa Gabor

Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential good groups - alcohol, caffeine, sugar, and fat.
- Alex Levine

My luck is so bad, if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying.
- Rodney Dangerfield

Money can't buy you happiness .. but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.
- Spike Milligan

Until I was thirteen I thought my name was SHUT UP!
- Joe Namath

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.
- Bob Hope

I never drink water because of the disgusting things fish do in it.
- W.C. Fields

We could certainly slow the aging process if it had to work its way through congress.
- Will Rogers

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.
- Winston Churchill

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.
- Billy Crystal
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THANK YOU AND HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY ON THE FUN GYRO TRAIL
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Did you know there is a male loneliness epidemic in North America? In 2017, former US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy identified the most common threat to men's health as loneliness. Murthy's report was supported by a large body of research which equated the effects of male loneliness to smoking fifteen cigarettes per day. It's a subject most men refuse to talk about. As Niobe Way, a professor of applied psychology at New York University put it, "the topic of male friendship remains largely undiscussed, but for North American men it can be a matter of life and death". Her research shows that while boys in early adolescence express deeply fulfilling emotional connections for each other, by the time they reach adulthood that sense of connection has evaporated. Why is that? One of the reasons identified by researchers is gender confusion. Ms. Way points out the "North American boys know by late adolescence that their close male friendships and even their emotional acuity put them at risk of being labeled girly, immature, or gay. So rather than focusing on who they are, they become obsessed with who they are not. I am not girly. I am not a little boy and in the case of heterosexual boys, I am not gay. The result is that our young men enter adulthood determined to become completely autonomous, stoic, guarded and emotionally isolated from one another, a condition known as toxic masculinity." Look around; you can see that it's true.

The Gyro model of male friendship was established in the early twentieth century when the social condition in North America was dominated by male hubris. Manhood in those days was signified by one's economic status, the ability to be head the family while simultaneously maintaining exclusively male companionship. That era recognized male toughness, competitiveness and chauvinism. One's success depended on it. How times have changed! As the American sociologist Michael Kimmel wrote, "By the mid-1960's, the masculine mystique, the impossible synthesis of the sober, responsible, breadwinning, imperviously stoic master of his fate and swashbuckling hero, had been declared a fraud". That period was a time of intense conflict: racial, political, economic, gender and military conflict. Vietnam was approaching full boil. Feminism was seeping the country. Gay liberation was on the march. The status quo was losing its status. For the first time in history men began to doubt their masculinity. By the early '80's Western society was full of success-driven men living confused lives in a confused world, not knowing who or how to trust, unable to find satisfaction in their marriages, unaware of their need for male friendship and rigidly resistant to expressing their true feelings to one another for fear of appearing weak.

Additional research has revealed that modern healthy long-lasting adult male friendships are founded on shared interests, activities and experiences. Age, race, cultural background and economics also factor into male friendships. Unlike female friendships, male friendships are experiential, fluid and dynamic, which makes the male friendship a moving target. These and other research findings tell us three important things: 1) many men are lonely, 2) not every man is suitable for Gyro and 3) Gyro men need tools that will help in identifying, attracting and persuading suitable men to consider Gyro friendship.

Yes, there is a loneliness epidemic but there is also hope. There is Gyro. My next installment will address Gyro outreach and offer some tools for starting those conversations. Stay tuned.

Peter Evans  
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District IV Convention + Vernon Camp Gyro

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October, 2018 ................................................................. District IX Convention

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June 2-6, 2019 ................................................................. International Convention
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2020 .................................................. Victoria, District IV + International Convention

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2022 .................................................. District I + International Convention