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I WAS JUST THINKING - When I was a kid...No wait, I still do that!

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The Club's Grand Poobahs:

President: **Ray Davis**;

Vice President: **Bill Austin**

Past President: **Lawrence Zalasky**

Treasurer: **Erik Braun**

Secretary: **John Williams**

Registrar: **Dorne Hunt**

Directors: **Rick Craddock, Art Merrick, Peter Sachatsky, Gordon Stewart**

EDITOR'S RANT

It's been almost a month and Armageddon has not yet arrived in Alberta. True, Hell did seem to have frozen over within hours of Rachael Notley and her NDP newbies being declared winners of the provincial election. Dire predictions flooded in from all camps. The Right shouted that the world as we know it would soon end. The Left, (too slowly as it turns out) screamed that someone should call the cops and stop the shredders at "The Ledge".

Three weeks in, most of the rookies finally know where the washrooms are located, what the Speaker actually does and that photos on Facebook stay on Facebook forever. Caucus reacted quickly when a newly elected young person's previously poor choices come home to roost in a very public way. Premier Notley was not at all amused and the offender was dealt a year (at least) with no time off for good behaviour. Perhaps if Danielle Smith had been as quick and decisive when her fringe element behaved badly in the last campaign, Alberta's political climate might be completely different today.

All in all (and since we have little choice), I am prepared to give our new government a bit of time. What's the worst that can happen? The Oilers could continue to be league losers while the Leafs win the cup! Nightmares are made of lesser things.

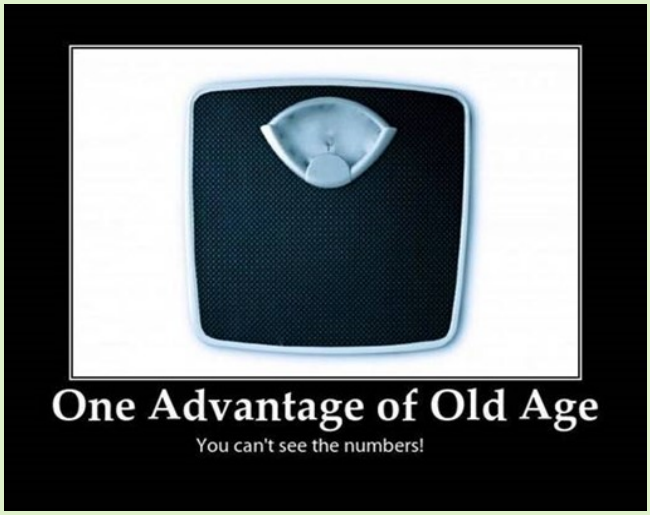
Rant cont'd.

I worked hard on Peter Lougheed's campaigns. He was my hero. He too began with a pretty green crew, although every one of them had their driver's licence and had been gainfully employed prior to being sworn in. At that time Alberta was surrounded by NDP governments - all more socialist than this new one. Peter showed some of us a map put out by the US Republican party that showed a pink Western Canada labelled "Communist". Today, Ms. Notley appears to be a bright pragmatist who ran a brilliant campaign in sharp contrast to the PC's. The entitlement phase of her government's term(s) won't kick in for a while.

Maybe it is time for a change. If the NDP can bridge the competency/experience gap with enthusiasm for the first few months, the flying pigs reported on election night just may land. That will impress Bruderheim. But the Tea Party will not be pleased.

AGING GYROS:

The following among us are passing another milestone (Still preferable to a kidney stone): **Ed Schultz** (2nd); **Lawrence Zalasky** (3rd**)**; **Al Gordon** (27th); **Terry Bajer** (29th). Have a Big Happy guys!



LAST MEETING : ELECTION NIGHT May 27th

You could cut the tension with a knife as the three candidates up for election (two as Directors and one as Vice President) were voted in by acclamation. At the end of the night Art Merrick took one for the team and will be our VP for the coming year before he assumes the Presidency. **Dick Caddey** and **Dorn Hunt** will each serve a two year term with no time off expected since neither is believed to be capable of good behaviour. They will join **Richard Craddock** and **Peter Sachatsky** as the directorship component of the club Poobas. Leading this band of merry men will be our incoming president, **Bill Austin,** who bumps Ray Davis off the podium and adds Lawrence Zalasky to the list of club "has-beens" better known as PP's.

Good luck to all of you. The Gyro Club of Sherwood Park is behind you all the way, because if we weren't we might end of at the front of the pack and be expected to lead!

A huge **THANK YOU** to **Art Merrick** and **Gord Stewart** for their excellent work as Directors and to **Lawrence Zalasky** and to **Ray Davis** for their strong leadership over the past two years.

PP Ray is drained

PPP, Lawrence calls for further nominations from the floor

All 31 of us kept a deafening silence

Incoming P, Bill, still full of P and vinegar

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I was in the pub last night when the barman asked me, "How come I never see you in here with Pete any more?"
I asked him, "Would you drink with a bloke who's a liar, always late, borrows money he never pays back, always tries to squirm out of his round, jealous of everything you have, and when your back is turned he tries to sleep with your wife and daughter?"
"Bloody hell! No!" he said, somewhat flabbergasted.
"Well, neither would Pete," I said.

HEALTH AND WELFARE:

News from Rae and Pat Graham's household is mixed. Pat is much more ambulatory and appears to be recovering well from her fall after months of therapy, a walker and then a cane. Unfortunately, the results of Rae's latest tests following his radiation treatments for his prostate were not as promising as they or we would have liked. He is now about to embark on a new treatment study program recommended by the Cross cancer Institute. He is optimistic about it. We are all cheering for you, Rae.

GYRETTE NEWS

Last Meeting - Meeting May 27th

Jan Bradley sent the following report:

Twenty-four Gyrettes gathered together in Jan Bradley's home on May 27th. Susan Climie and Sharon Slade had carefully selected a menu of food items from New Asian Village and accomplished their goal of finding items that were not too hot and spicy for us all to enjoy, although the Samosa gave everyone a chance to run for more water or eat more Naan Bread. Ann Ward provided the Bar which saw some brisk business. But the highlight of the evening was Marion Phillips' presentation on her recent trip to India. Each picture gave us an idea of what to expect on such a trip, although we don't think we would all be lucky enough to find a protector like Harry.

Our annual Elections were also conducted with a less than generous crowd not wishing to volunteer for positions. President Andrea Braun gave it her all with few new results. Now she has a different idea for a casual way we could run the Meetings and we hope to all give her our support in this regard.

Next (and last) meeting of the Year will be held in the home of Brenda Kropp in the form of a weiner and corn roast on Wednesday, June 17th.

NEXT MEETING: HORSESHOE NIGHT June 10th

Will someone please return the Horseshoes we used last year? It's been a cold winter!

The annual Tossing of the Shoe is upon us. Beer, Pizza and Pop mixed with Gyro socialization makes for a winning combination regardless of how accurate you throw the iron. The "go to" guys are Jack Beattie, Richard Dickinson and Jim Copeland. Don't leave 'em hangin'. Call or e-mail **Sid Slade** now.

AND THE MEETING AFTER THAT: WINDUP WING-DING !

June 20th

Our annual big wind-up will take place in The Log Cabin venue on Fir Street. The menu is labelled top secret except for the open faced turkey sandwich that Rikke Dootjes requested for himself. Dinner will precede the installation of next year's officers and an evening of beverages, socializing and fun will follow. **Al Gordon** is keeping score of those planning to attend so get to him before he gets to you.

MEANWHILE IN CANADA Dept.

"Anyone that believes electric vehicles are not going to change the personal vehicle market, I just ask them when was the last time they changed the film in their camera. As an Albertan, it is critical that we diversify our economy, because we don't want to be the next 'Kodak-moment'." Marlo Raynolds

More Canadian Stuff

A lot of folks can't understand how we came to have an oil shortage here in Canada.

Well, there's a very simple answer,
Nobody bothered to check the oil.

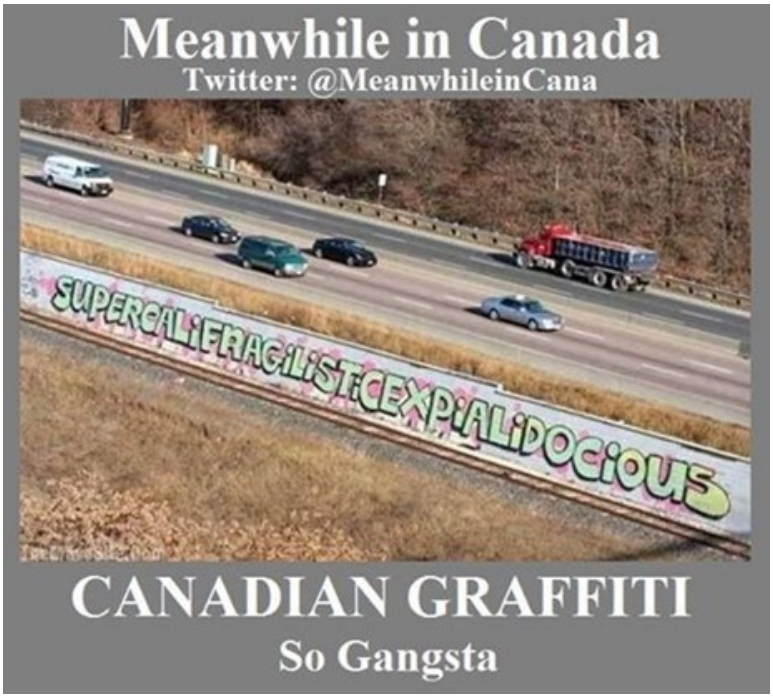
We just didn't know we were getting low.

The reason for this is purely geographical.
Our Oil is located in:

ALBERTA
SASKATCHEWAN
BRITISH COLUMBIA
MANITOBA
COASTAL NEW BRUNSWICK
COASTAL NEWFOUNDLAND

Our DIPSTICKS are located in OTTAWA

Any Questions ???
NO ?... Didn't think so.

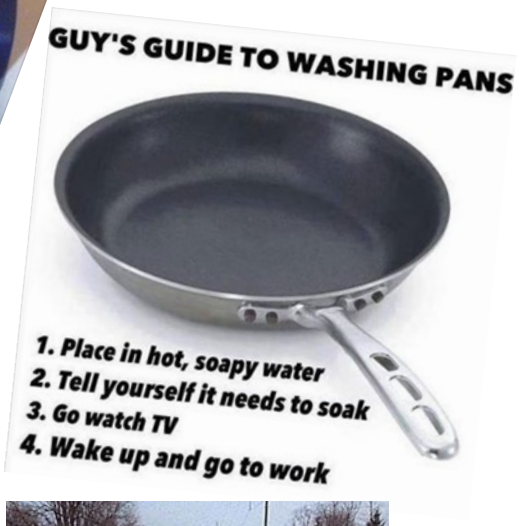


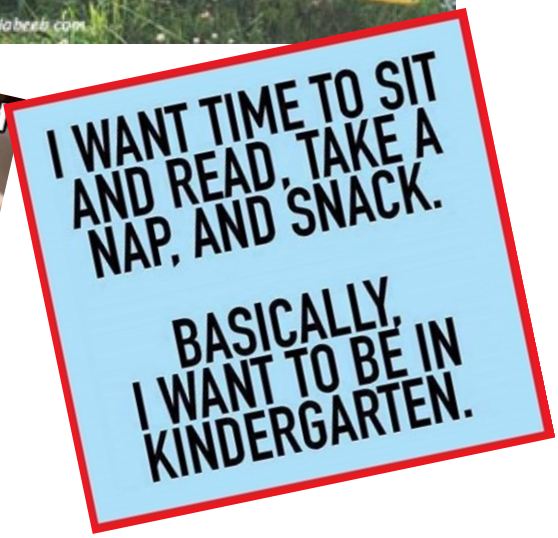
Meanwhile, Not in Canada:

Best photoshop of the day Putin riding a weasel riding a hummingbird.

SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS

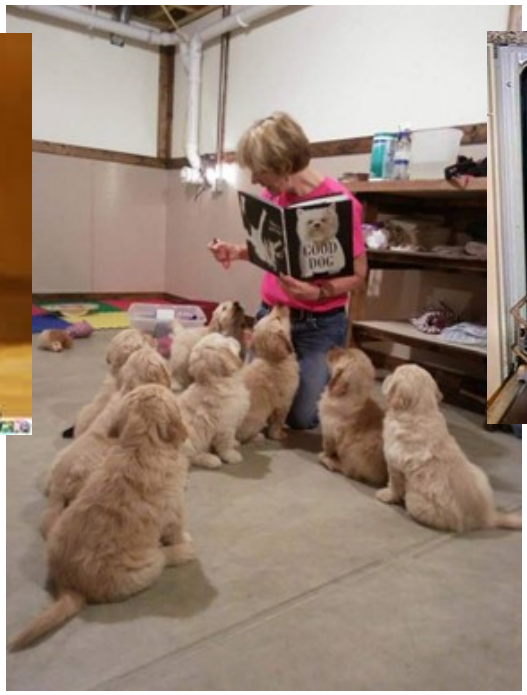
Hmmmm...





Road kill (aka “not my job”)

ANIMAL INSTINKS



Woman is reading book to therapy dogs in training

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Alberta, May 5/6, 2015

Your Gyro Friendship thought of the week:

And the last word:

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