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I WAS JUST THINKING - Some people are like slinkies—not really good for anything but they bring a smile to your face when pushed down the stairs.

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EDITOR'S RANT:

As the 2015 candle flickers and dims, I am again grateful for the privilege of having participated in it. On a personal level, it was a unique banner year. Calli and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. Classmates and I gathered in New Brunswick to celebrate 50 years since graduation. Colleagues, friends and co-workers and family honoured me with a complete and utter surprise party on Grey Cup day to celebrate 50 years of practice. As events such as this shine a light on how far down the road I have travelled, I am increasingly aware of how lucky I have been over the past 7 ½ decades. I have not experienced war first hand. I have not been homeless or gone hungry. I have a wonderful wife, two children and four grandchildren who continue to inspire me and bring me joy every day. I have lived the life of the most fortunate 0.01% of the world's population. I suspect most of us in Gyro can summarize our lives in a similar way. Sadly, the vast majority of the world's people on this day (or any other day in our species' history) are leading or have led a much tougher life. It's why I hope reincarnation turns out to be an unfounded belief. It doesn't get any better than this. If we are to return and take the ride again, it's all downhill from here. We have been to the mountain top. And so, in this season of Giving, Love and Hope, I am thinking of those men and women who struggle daily on this planet and I am taking action, beyond my comfort zone, to help strangers move their lives forward. Perhaps you too will consider something beyond our small circle this year. Give a family a goat. Give a

RANT cont'd.

refugee a coat. Support the food bank. Serve dinner at a "soup kitchen". We have so much while others have so little.

Meanwhile on the goofy side of this rant that you have come to expect, I am still cleaning house. I am doing a seasonal dump of things related to this time of year that have tickled my funny bone during 2015. Call it clutter clearing. Call it "cathartic cartoonery" or even a file enema! I will just feel better having done it, so MERRY CHRISTMAS and may 2016 be your most enjoyable year yet, full of peace, productivity and prosperity.

LAST MEETING: LIAR'S DICE (December 9th)

Lloyd Wilson and Sid Slade were the biggest liars the cub could come up with this year. We are all shocked and surprised! I have no photographic documentation so must rely on word of mouth but can't think of two more deserving champions in this dubious competition. In other games and events throughout the year, watch these two like a hawk and just a dribble of skepticism.

AND THE MEETING AFTER THAT: President's Christmas Party

By the time this bulletin actually reaches you the President's Soiree will be but a memory and the pledges of better health habits and less indulgences will have begun. They won't get into full swing just yet but they will be emerging into our holiday season's consciousness. There will no doubt be pictures documenting our indulgences on December 20th but they will be excluded from this issue so we can escape reality for another few days and continue to pack on the pounds until the end of the month. I'm sure the party will have been a smashing affair.

Editor's note: Having just made the party after flying home from Frankfurt on Sunday I had planned to put together an update with pictures and comments but the week has unfolded with no time to tend to the bulletin. Hence, I decided to publish the pre-December 20th version and follow it up with a more full report in the next issue. My apologies for any anxiety this decision may trigger.

NEXT MEETING: DARTS January 6th

John Williams will be hounding you if you have not already declared your intentions about attending this fun evening at the GCCA. Come on out and show us your prowess ts with little pointy things. The fun starts at 6:00.

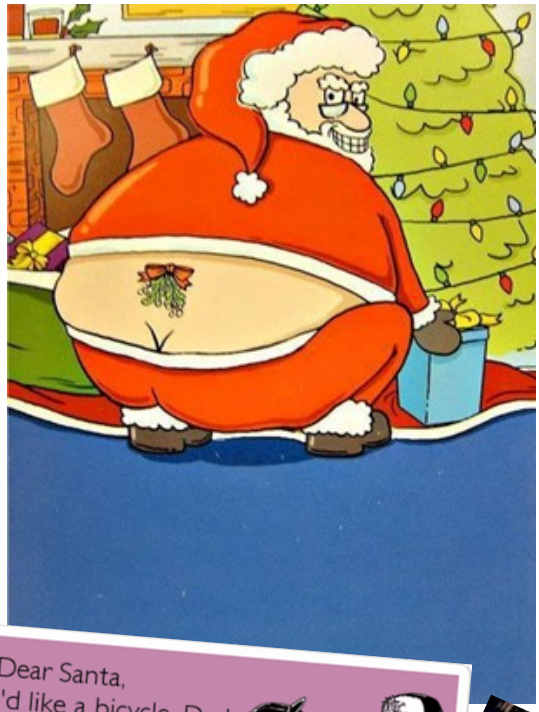
UPCOMING DISTRICT & INTERNATIONAL FUNCTIONS

International Interim Meeting – February 8th – 12th, 2016 – Savannah, Georgia

District VIII Convention - May 26th – 29th, 2016 – Fairmont Hotsprings BC

International Convention – July 11th – 17th, 2016 - Red Lake (Mackenzie Island), Ontario

SEASONAL SNICKERS



I LOVE INGENUITY, EVEN IF IT'S WEIRD OR STUPID Dept.

My friend just bought a new house. The old owners must have been geniuses.

‘TIS THE SEASON

A tour bus driver is driving with a bus load of seniors down a highway when he is tapped on his shoulder by a little old lady. She offers him a handful of peanuts, which he gratefully munches up.

After about 15 minutes, she taps him on his shoulder again and hands him another handful of peanuts.

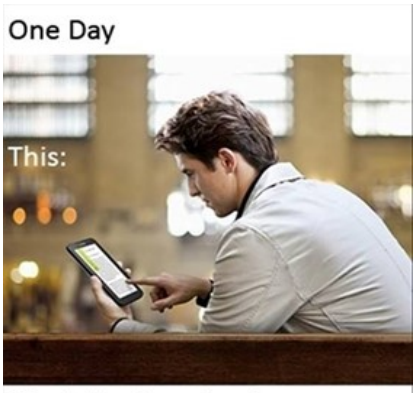
She repeats this gesture about five more times.
When she is about to hand him another batch again,he asks the little old lady, 'Why don't you eat the peanuts yourself?'

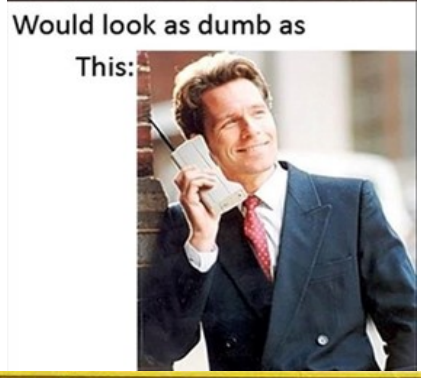
We can't chew them because we've got no teeth,' she replied.
The puzzled driver asks, 'Why do you buy them then?'
The old lady replied, 'We just love the chocolate around
them.'

Man caught with 51 turtles in pants pleads guilty to smuggling (CTV NEWS DEC.3, 2015)

A friend of mine pointed out the obvious failure of the press to note the possibility of a reptile dysfunction.

DO YOU REMEMBER?





OLD MEMORIES DEPEND ON HOW OLD YOU ARE

MEANWHILE IN CANADA

Global Warming Snowman Cookies
Depressing yet Delicious

Meanwhile NOT in Canada

You know all of Donald Trump's wives have come here from other countries as immigrants. That just goes to show you that women are still coming to this country to do jobs that others don't want to do!!!

- George Lopez *Occupy Democrats*

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Alaska is part of the United States. ...

If Donald Trump becomes president I'm leaving America and moving to Alaska ✌ 💯

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24 RETWEETS 23 FAVORITES

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Matthew Yglesias
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Other countries must have fewer mass shootings because their conservative politicians offer thoughts and prayers more vigorously.

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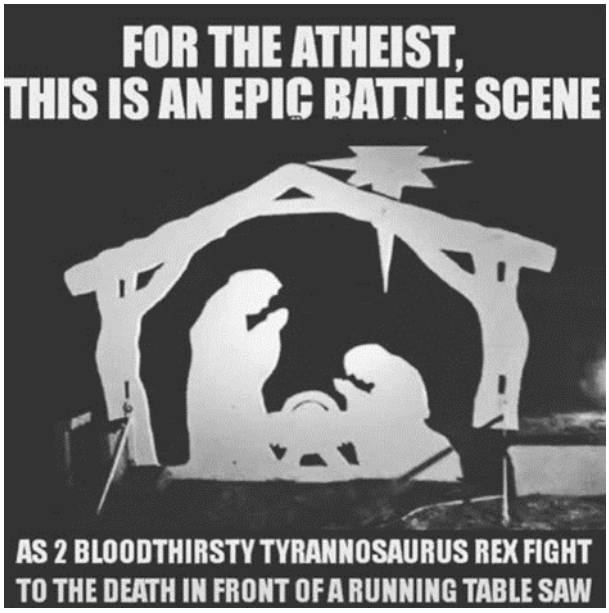
SPECTICKLES

"Destination of Incompetence? It's supposed to say Declaration of Independence. Stupid auto-correct!"

SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS

I'M GOING TO ORDER PIZZA AT 5 MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT ON NEW YEAR'S EVE. WHEN IT ARRIVES I'M GOING TO SAY ,"WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG? I ORDERED THIS DAMNED THING A YEAR AGO!"



ANIMAL INSTINKS

Christmouse? Anonymouse?

Your Gyro Friendship thought of the week:

And the last word:

I'm putting this bulletin together as I fly home from Frankfurt. I hope this is not the scene I see when I deplane in Edmonton. Merry Christmas all!

SB