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I WAS JUST THINKING - People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full are missing the point—the glass is refillable!

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The Club's Grand Poobahs:

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EDITOR'S RANT:

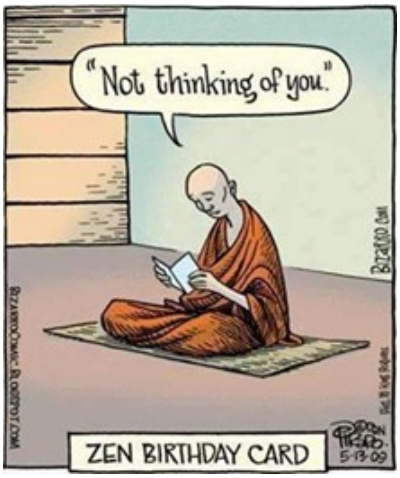
We are only 15% through the 21st century and I'm getting tired already. By the time we reach the halfway mark, I will likely have slowed down considerably or dropped out of the race. Meantime, convention demands some faint attempt at self-improvement to honour each New Year, and how we all love convention! Yes, it's time to make like a politician and pledge to do the impossible just so we can say, "We had good intentions! ". Therefore be it resolved that I give up fun in favour of accounting and lose the equivalent of a medium sized animal from my girth before Easter. Of course every resolution needs a seconder so those who dare to raise their hand in support must also take the same oath. Those are my rules and you're stuck with them!

A New Year is the perfect time to pause, look back, take stock of the current situation, plan one's future course and then continue whatever we were doing before January came around. The annual ritual was designed to keep us from getting smug. Inevitably, we will admit to being weak, pathetic softies and we're fine with that. For a few days or weeks, we will all fight the good fight before very cleverly succumbing and retreating into our habitual state.

Looking back, it has been a good year overall. Several personal and family milestones were celebrated. I'm now on my second half century of married bliss and have been practicing my profession for 50 years too. I plan to make this half century as much fun as the first. If I doze off, do wake me up. I don't want to miss a thing!

AGING GYROS

There are five birthday boys who long ago competed to be the New Year's Baby (albeit a bit slow off the mark): **Don Greig** (5th); **Augie Annicchiarico** (8th); **Gord Stewart** (8th); **Richard Dickinson** (10th); **Bruce Schelske** (13th).



An elderly couple were at home watching TV. Phil had the remote and was switching back and forth between a fishing channel and the porn channel.

Sally became more and more annoyed and finally said, "For God's sake, Phil... leave it on the porn channel... you know how to fish!" 949TheRock

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LAST MEETING: President's Christmas Party

On the evening of December 20th, President Bill and First Lady Norma Austin, hosted the GCCA's festive Feast and Friendship Gala. Gyros, Gyrettes & Guests gathered to celebrate the season together. Along with the core events of the evening—eating and drinking, the Sargent at Arms, Allan Bleiken, announced that after his appeal to the diners to dig deep for the Christmas Bureau, $650 had been raised. He then topped it up to the $700 mark and Earl Korber won the right to make the donation.

A huge Thank You goes to Bill and Norma Austin and to Art Merrick and Judy Taylor who did such a fine job of putting the event together and hosting the evening's events.

Though it in no way dampened the spirits of the partiers, the service and menu drew some concerns and were a topic at several tables. Staff had been over heard complaining that we ate so much turkey, they'd had to replenish it twice in the buffet. Later on, two of our ladies were unintentionally sprayed when a veggie steam tray was being replaced. (Do scalloped potatoes Au Gratin, normally go with turkey gravy?) Since a number of the holiday food items seemed more random than a compliment to each other, perhaps the new banquet manager needs a bit more time to settle in. That said, the Schnitzel is still excellent.

WEIGHTY MATTERS January 2016

DIET TIP:
YOUR PANTS NEVER GET TOO TIGHT IF YOU DON'T WEAR ANY.

I DON'T MEAN TO BRAG BUT . . .
I finished my 14-day diet
IN 3 HOURS AND 12 MINUTES

I DO 5 SIT UPS EACH MORNING. IT MAY NOT SOUND LIKE MUCH, BUT THERE'S ONLY SO MANY TIMES YOU CAN HIT THE SNOOZE BUTTON.

Lose weight, exercise more….

A New Year's Resolution gone wrong

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

3CPO tape dispenser! Star Wars Marketing gone bad

The Gyro Gene Pool Expands

This is the first notice of Bill Austin's recommendation of **Glen Hillier** for Gyro membership.

Glen is married to Tine (Tina) & they have two boys. He is retired and living in Sherwood Park although apparently not in the winter. These snowbirds will be back in their northern habitat by spring and, if the Good Lord's willin' and the crick don't rise, he will become part of the Gyro family then. Before retirement, Glen was employed as an engineering technician for the city of Edmonton.

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NEXT MEETING: DARTS January 6th

If you're allowed to play with sharp, pointy things come on out and throw a few at the wall downstairs in the GCCA. **John Williams** and **Barry Pratt** are your go to guys on this one.

AND THE MEETING AFTER THAT: BILLIARDS January 20th

The weapons change for this annual tradition where we celebrate our mis-spent youth with some high spirited 8 Ball. **Richard Caddey** aided by **Dorne Hu**nt will take your intentions seriously as they make the arrangements for your entertainment at the old pool hall. IN THIS CASE, it's Caffreys In The Park (on Wye Road). You get to pick your own dinner from the pub menu.

The Gyro club will subsidize your meal to the tune of $15. The fun starts at about 6:03 PM.

UPCOMING DISTRICT & INTERNATIONAL FUNCTIONS

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

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

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

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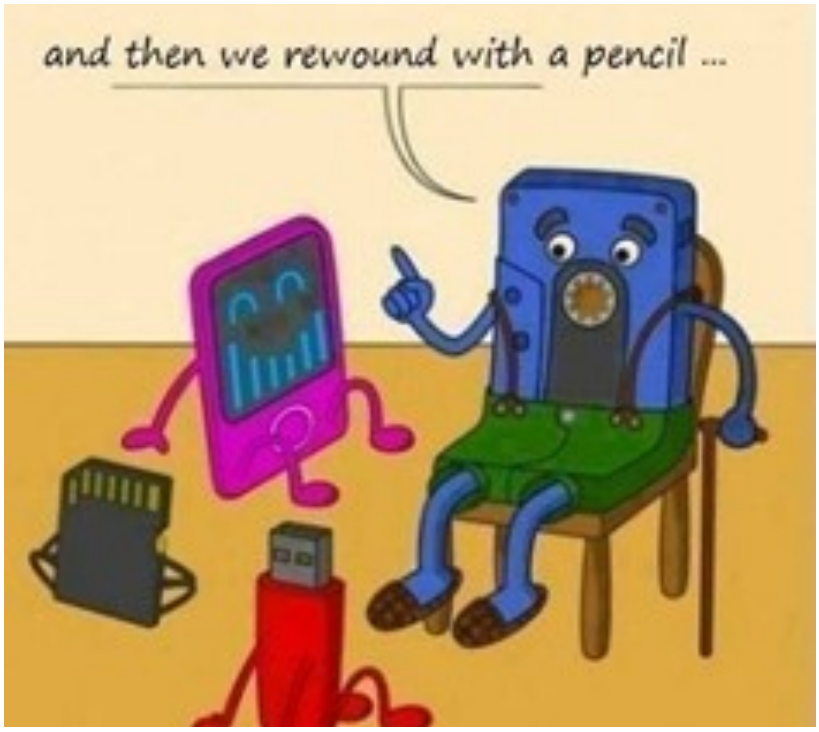
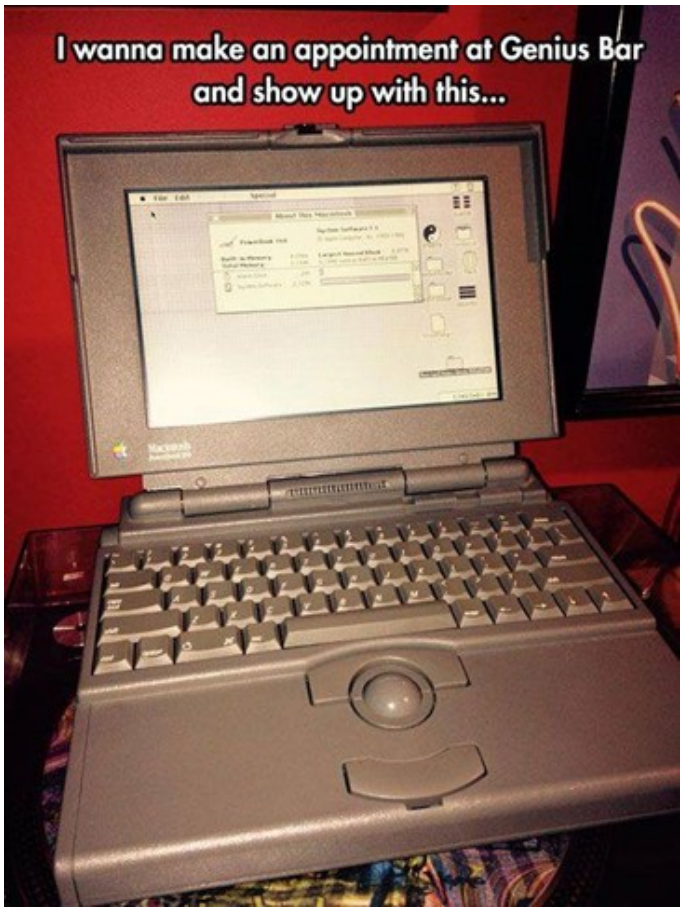




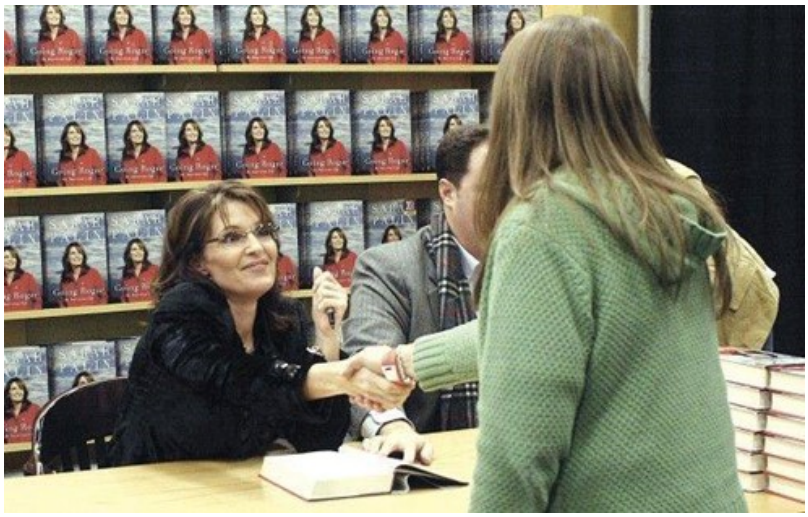
OLD MEMORIES DEPEND ON HOW OLD YOU ARE

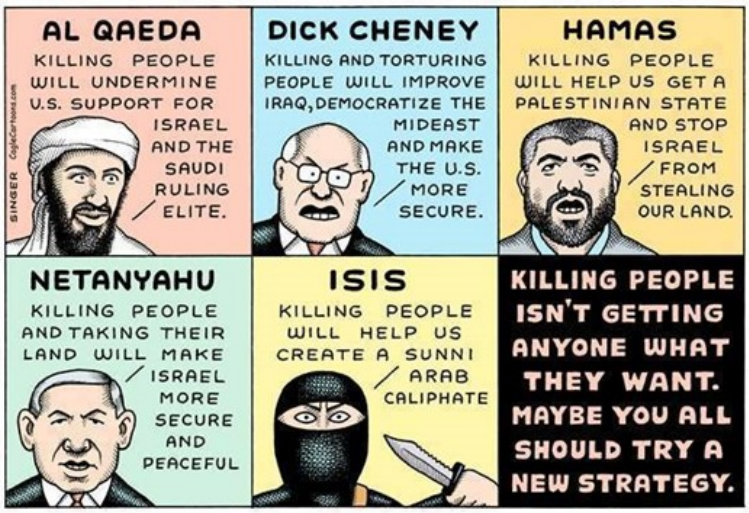
MEANWHILE IN CANADA

A guy goes into a bar in Edmonton where there is a robot bartender. The robot says, "What will you have?
The guy replies, "Whiskey."
The robot brings back his drink and asks, "What's your IQ?"
The guy say, "168."
The robot continues to talk about physics, space exploration, and medical technology.
After the guy leaves and the more he thinks about it, he the more curious he gets, so he decides to go back.
The robot asks, "What's your drink?"
The guy answers, "Whiskey."
The robot returns with his drink and asks, "What's your IQ?"
The man replies, "100."
The robot talks about Nascar, Budweiser, and the Eskimos.
The man finishes his drink, leaves, but is so interested in his "experiment" that he decides to try again.
He enters the bar and, as usual, the robot asks him what he want to drink.
The man replies, "Whiskey."
The robot brings the drink and asks, "What's your IQ?"
The man answers, "50."
The robot leans in real close and asks, "So . . . are . . . you people . . . still happy . . . with . . . Trudeau?"

Meanwhile NOT in Canada

Who says politicians can't be flexible?

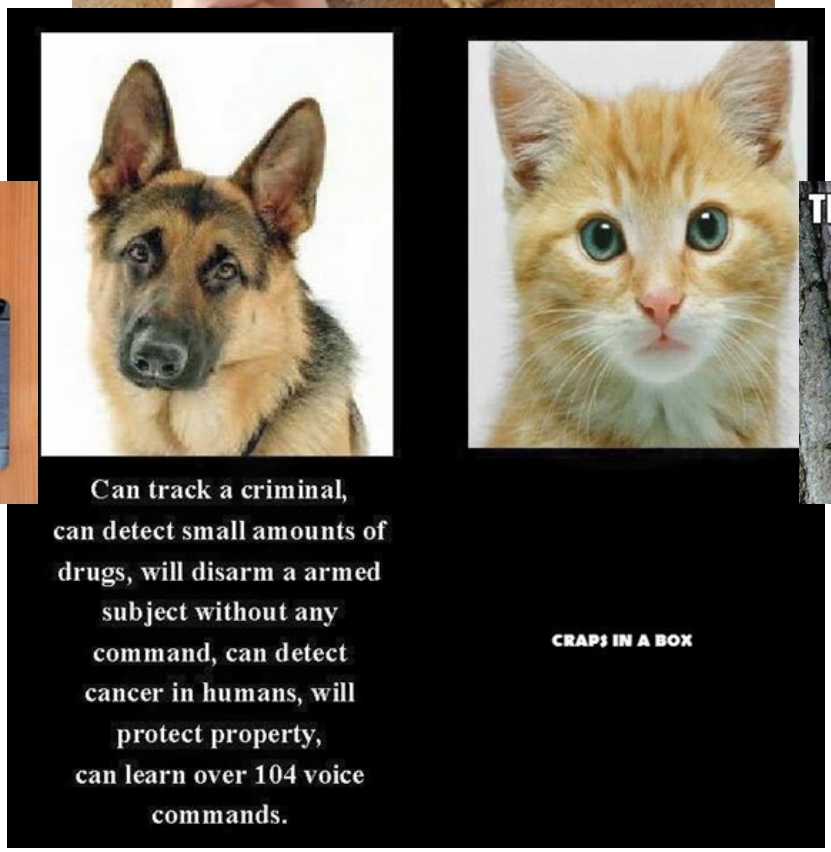




All you need in life to succeed is ignorance and confidence – Mark Twain

SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS

ANIMAL INSTINKS



Your Gyro Friendship thought of the week:

Hey, Bud. I'm uncomfortable lying here. Let's get some comfort food

And the last word:

Two hoser Grandpa's who share grandkids, roast wieners over the Christmas TV fireplace logs

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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE !