

# THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE GYRO CLUB OF SHERWOOD PARK



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## I WAS JUST THINKING: Did you ever wonder why hemorrhoids aren't called asteroids?

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### EDITOR'S RANT

#### Enough of April's frivolity.

Hockey season is coming to a close. Again, it is closing for the Oilers, too early. In a couple of months even the Cup holders will be out on the golf course as they relax for a few weeks before going back to conditioning, healing, and practicing in preparation for next season. Times are changing even in hockey. This era's players don't take the summer off and use training camp to get back into shape. Well, maybe Flames players do. Regardless of this year's playoffs painful results for the Oilers, they provided a diversion from life's more serious problems. I know it's hard to believe, but humanity does not depend on the Stanley Cup or any other cup. Negative changes in our environment, greed, political opportunism, and man's inhumanity to man do.

Times change, and every generation feels theirs has the worst prognosis yet. That has been a pessimistic exaggeration for centuries but in the past one the stakes are accelerating at an alarming rate. I have serious concerns about my children's and certainly my grandchildren's future. Theirs will be the first when parents don't even hold out hope that their offspring will have it better than they had it. More children are still living at home with their parents even as they approach middle age than ever before. Opportunities are scarcer and, combined with parents allowing their kids to escape the real world, the future is not on as solid ground as in past generations.

## Rant contd.

Speaking about the “real world”, the trend that sees Artificial Intelligence creating and disseminating misinformation is far more readily accepted each year or even month. Acting on such misinformation puts us all in peril. Even when we suspect that we are seeing, hearing or reading falsehoods, all too often we can't seem to discard it. There is no one culprit when it comes to the misinformation. Political propaganda is vomited out of government sources on a perpetual basis. Corporate misinformation is an accepted part of advertising and doing business. Any military in the world, of course, feels forced to use misinformation as a tool, in peace time or in war.

Many ‘experts’ believe that within the next two or three years AI will become so sophisticated that it will be very difficult for even the experts to tell what is truth and what is fiction. We may be entering into a world where reality is just a memory. Is this what Aldus Huxley really envisioned in his book “Brave New World?”



## PAGE SPACE FILLERS:

### UPCOMING AUCTION NIGHT Wed. May 24th

Organizer, Ted Ewanchuk has been sending enough reminders that this notice should be redundant. Please let him know of your plans to attend and what you are going to donate whether or not you are there. [tewanchu@shaw.ca](mailto:tewanchu@shaw.ca)

### **GYRO GOLF TOURNAMENT July 23 starting at 10 AM**

Please advise Gord Stewart [ggs01@telus.net](mailto:ggs01@telus.net) of your intent to play or join the group for lunch. Details will follow closer to game day.

**Horse Racing** and the **Windup** are coming up in June Finalized details are coming soon.

# HEALTH AND WELFARE

Gyro was very well represented at our own **Jack Beattie's** celebration of life at Belevdere G&CC on April 29th. The facility's main room was filled to overflowing. Parking anywhere on the premises was at a premium.

Speakers included friends from his work, his sports activities, and his family. I spoke on behalf of his Gyro friends.

A great luncheon followed. Slide images of Jack's life filled the screen. He was an impressive man who never approached life half heartedly.

**Ted Ewanchuk** is awaiting a time certain for his upcoming knee replacement surgery. It is expected within a few weeks. Then comes the long rehab process.

Judy will have to take over more of the domestic activities such as cooking and helping Ted get up and down for a while and finding where he put his walker, his crutches, or his shower stool. We wish you both a speedy recovery.

I will be going into hospital for "Gut Surgery" on May 19th to remove a (hopefully) small portion of my colon. There is cancer involved but the surgeons assure me they caught it early and the prognosis is good. However, I have been advised that I will be in hospital for 3 to 6 days, will not have much energy for a good 6 weeks and three months to regain full strength. I plan to fool them all and get discharged in 2 days and be back at least continuing my computer inadequacy within 10 days. We'll see if the experts know what they're talking about. No word yet on whether I will require radiation or chemo therapy. That decision will be made when they get a better assessment of the lymph nodes.

My greater concern is how we navigate when I, as a primary home care giver to Calli, am out of commission for however long that turns out to be. AHS turned down our request for more home care provider hours but we do have additional access to a couple of good care people and will pay out-of-pocket whatever it takes. We also have dear friends and family who are contributing. Our daughter Dallyce, who lives in the USA, has been so remarkable and has sent 95 percent of the past two years with her Mum Her husband is more understanding than I can fathom. Our son, Dave, takes her out on "Dates" regularly, going to all the treasures, from Greenhouses, to museums, to art galleries, that Sherwood Park has to offer. My friends, including my Gyro family, are also quick to offer support wherever they can. For all of that I am so grateful as we continue along this journey called life.

## SECOND LAST MEETING: MIXED DINNER MEETING April 25th

Fifty of us gathered at the Yang Ming Buffet in Edmonton for a most impressive dining experience. There were plenty of delicious culinary motifs to suit every taste and preference. The positive comments were abundant as we waddled back to our cars after a couple of hours of pure gluttony.

Kudos to **Nestor Slipchuk** for arranging and overseeing this evening.

“This event is something we should consider making an annual one.”, was a common feedback that Nestor received through the following week.



# LAST MEETING ELECTION NIGHT May 10th

This was no ordinary meeting. It was called to determine the club's officers for the coming year.

It was also an extraordinary meeting in that, due to a communications hiccup, the GCCC was not expecting us. The building was deserted and luckily the janitor had not yet left when we started arriving. We were let in we turned on the lights and 24 of us sat around to ensure a quorum.

Since there was no food or bar, and all positions were won by acclamation, the meeting was much briefer than expected. We had started early so that we could go home in time to catch most of the Oiler/Golden Knights game. As it turned out some retired to a MacDonalds, ate a less than nourishing fast food supper, and were home for the first puck drop.

Your new leadership team is as follows:

President: Nestor Slipchuk

Vice President (Pres. Elect): Don Grieve

Past President: Bruce Copeland

Secretary: Ray Davis

Club Administration: Ray Davis

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Sid Slade

Ted Ewanchuk

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The new executive will be installed at the Windup and officially take over July 1st.

The club is very fortunate to have such dedicated members who have stepped up to keep Sherwood Park Gyro on a steady and positive course. A special thankyou goes to **Erik Braun** who has served the club as treasurer for many years. You are the essence of what Gyros aspire to, Erik. Your dedication is recognized and most appreciated. Erik's replacement will be announced in the coming weeks.

# COMPUTER CONFUSION

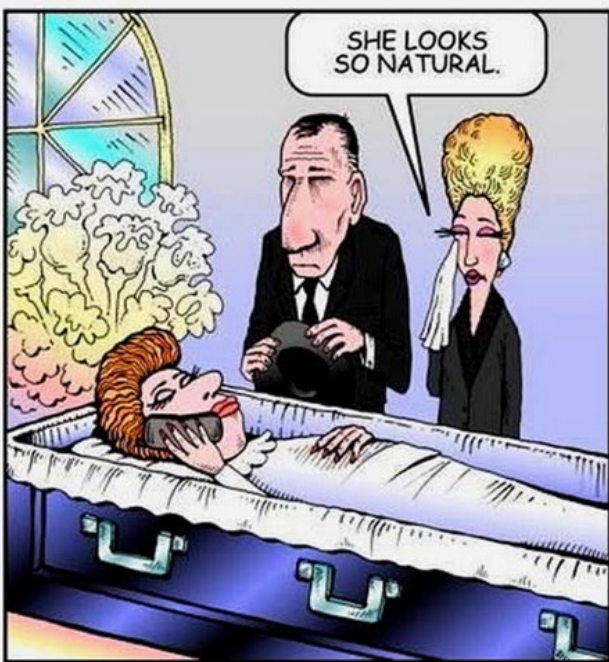
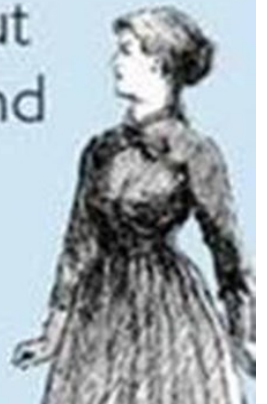
Being popular on Facebook is like sitting at the cool table in the cafeteria of a mental hospital.

BLONDES BE LIKE...

I saw your phone!  
Who the hell is  
Amber Alert?



Remember when people had diaries and got mad when someone read them? Now they put everything online and get mad when people don't.



# MEANWHILE NOT IN CANADA



IN MOTHER RUSSIA  
GIRL SCOUTS MAKE YOU BUY COOKIE!

VIA 9GAG.COM



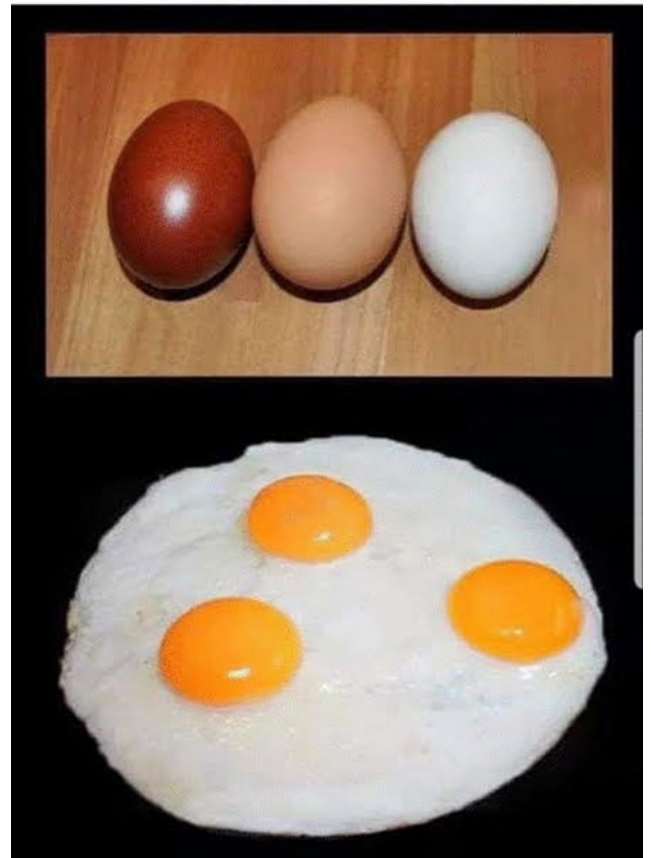
# Wok Folk

**My generation  
had  
wonder  
woman  
this  
generation's  
got  
wonder if it is a  
woman.**



Racism explained for dummies

**Race  
matters  
only  
to racists.  
The rest of us  
care about  
character.**





# MEANWHILE IN CANADA

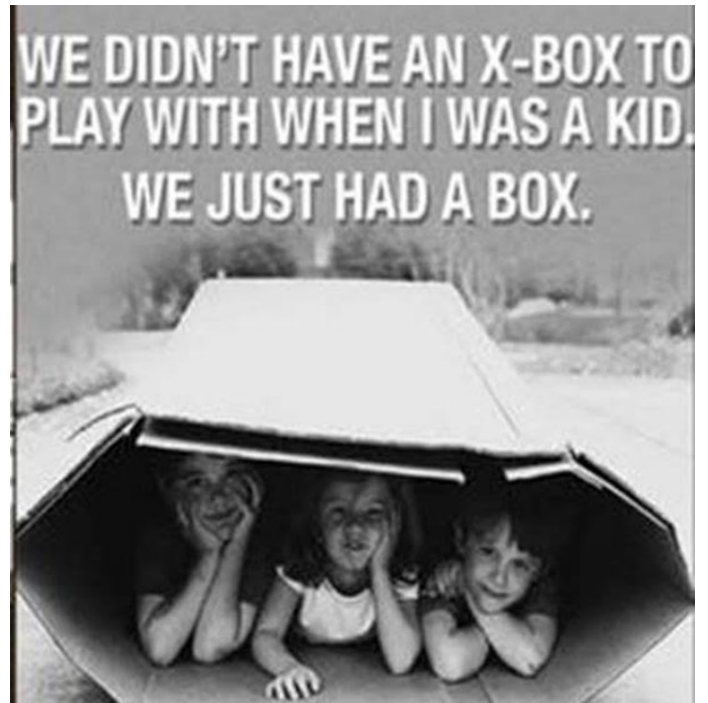


Meanwhile in Canada  
@MeanwhileinCana

Confusing Canadian words explained:  
Ogopogo - Canada's Loch Ness monster  
Poutine - Addictive! Fries, gravy & cheese curds  
Chinook - Unseasonably warm wind that descends from the Rockies  
Kerfuffle - A scuffle or commotion  
Trawno - A large city in Ontario



# THOSE WERE THE DAYS



# SIGNS OF OUR TIMES (Sadly)



## New sign at Wal-Mart



Our society is doomed.....



# AGING GRACELESSLY

One day you're young...  
the next you're sitting  
on the edge of the bed like this:



**NEW CELL  
PHONE FOR  
PEOPLE  
OVER  
FIFTY!**



**OLD  
IS WHEN YOU'RE NAPPING...**



Someone said "30 years ago", and my mind went "Ah yes! The 1970's", but they meant 1992, and now I need to lie down.

Threw out my back sleeping and tweaked my neck sneezing so I'm probably just one strong fart away from complete paralysis.

I am swift as a gazelle. An old one. With arthritis. Run over by a land rover. Seven days ago.

When I turn 80 I won't need glasses... I'll just drink from the bottle!

# ELDER WISDOM

"Grandchildren don't make a man feel old, it's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother that does." - J. Norman Collie.

*It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone.* - Andy Rooney.

"The older I get, the better I used to be." – Lee Trevino, Professional Golfer.

"Nice to be here? At my age it's nice to be anywhere." – George Burns.

"The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened. - Mark Twain.

"First you forget names, then you forget faces, then you forget to pull your zipper up, then you forget to pull your zipper down." - Leo Rosenberg.

"Old age is like a plane flying through a storm. Once you are aboard there is nothing you can do about it." - Golda Meir.

"Old people shouldn't eat health foods. They need all the preservatives they can get." – Robert Orben.

"You spend 90 percent of your adult life hoping for a long rest and the last 10 percent trying to convince the Lord that you're actually not that tired." – Robert Brault.

"At my age, flowers scare me." - George Burns.

"The years between 50 and 70 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down." - T.S. Elliot.

"The important thing to remember is that I'm probably going to forget." – Unknown.

"At age 20, we worry about what others think of us... at age 40, we don't care what they think of us... at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all."  
-Ann Landers.

"We don't grow older, we grow riper." - Pablo Picasso.

"I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a lot more as they get older, and then it dawned on me—they're cramming for their final exam."-  
George Carlin, Comedian.

"Everything slows down with age, except the time it takes cake and ice cream to reach your hips." - John Wagner.

"When your friends begin to flatter you on how young you look, it's a sure sign you're getting old." - Mark Twain.



The phallic iceberg in Newfoundland's Conception Bay. Photograph: Kenneth Pretty

**Canada**

## Chilly willy: photo of phallic iceberg off Canadian coast prompts merriment

**Photographer Ken Pretty from the town of Dildo spotted an unusual ice formation at sea – an avalanche of risqué puns ensued**

It was a calm spring day when Canadian photographer Ken Pretty spotted an interestingly shaped 30ft iceberg off Newfoundland's east coast.

As he flew his drone overhead, Pretty, who hails from the town of Dildo, realized the hulk of ice bore a distinct resemblance to a characteristic part of the male human anatomy.

“Looking from the land, it wasn't quite clear,” said Pretty. “But once I got the drone out there, it was unreal how much it looked like – well, you know ...”

Pretty's images of the phallic berg prompted an outpouring of hilarity on [Facebook](#), where users speculated that the iceberg would probably soon drift past Dick's Cove, Newfoundland, or suggesting it could provide ice for the “stiffest drink”.

Another asked: “Is that where baby icebergs come from?”

One woman dubbed it a “dickie berg”. “That name has definitely stuck,” said Pretty

# GYRETTE GIGGLES

Tsunami —> T is silent

Honest —> H is silent

Knee —> K is silent

Mom is mad -> whole house is silent.

When you forget to drink your morning coffee



**Behind every husband who thinks he wears the pants... Is a wife who told him which pants to wear.**

## Positive proof of global warming



# SEASONAL SALAD

Meanwhile in Canada

Twitter: @MeanwhileInCana  
Instagram: MeanwhileInCanada1

I just realized why this month is called May

..... WIND-LICIOUS .....

It may rain,  
it may snow,  
it may be 70 degrees,  
it may be 20 degrees.  
I may have wine later.



**TIME TO GET OUT THE  
7-PIECE PATIO SET**



*Happy Mothers Day*



# KID'S KOMEDY

The moment you lost your grandson at Home Depot ... do you reclaim him or pretend not to know him?

## A Frickin' Elephant

Jake is five and learning to read.  
He points at a picture in a zoo book and  
says, "Look Mama! It's a frickin' elephant!"  
Deep breath... "What did you call it?"  
"It's a frickin' Elephant, Mama!  
It says so on the picture!"  
and so it does...  
"African Elephant"  
Hooked on phonics!  
Ain't it wonderful?



A mom and dad's proud moment, his first T-ball game and he pees at 2nd base.



Ahh...Having had a son and 2 grandsons start early in baseball, ...fun times.

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# ANXIETY MEDICINE

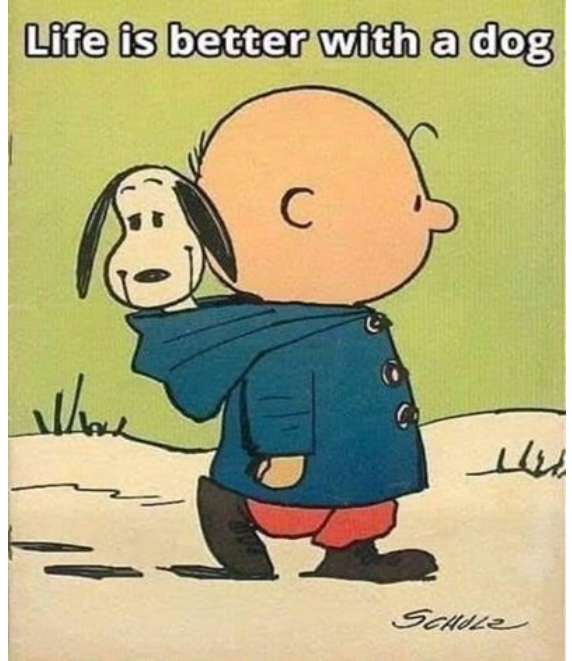
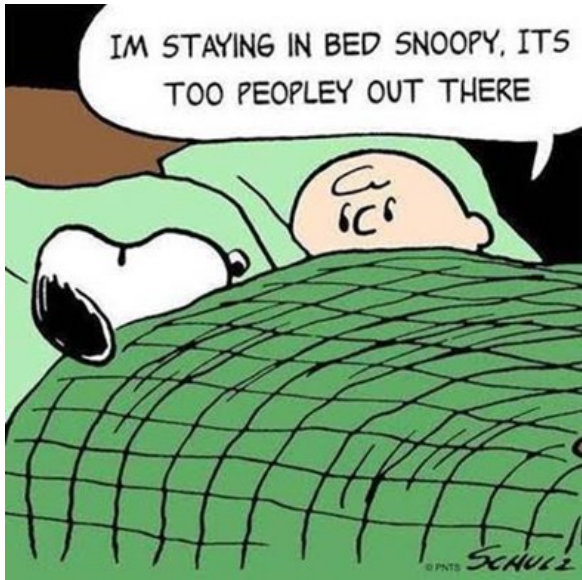
In these uncertain times it is easy to let your anxiety start to creep up . Perhaps while we are in various forms of lock-down, some images from our amazing world will help remind us that regardless of how things may look right now, we are indeed so lucky to be inhabiting this beautiful planet.



# HAPPY MOTHERS DAY THOUGHTS (slightly belated)



# ANIMAL INSTINCTS



# SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS



*"You have fits of rage, followed by temporary spells of euphoria, all within several hours. Are you, by chance, a golfer?"*



**I NEVER CALLED YOU STUPID, BUT WHEN I ASKED YOU TO SPELL "ORANGE" AND YOU ASKED ME THE FRUIT OR COLOR IT KINDA CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD.**

**I made a huge to do list for today. I just can't figure out who's going to do it.**



# GYRO FRIENDSHIP PICTURE OF THE WEEK



## AND THE LAST WORD....

**Earlier today, I saw a bumper sticker that said "I'm a veterinarian, therefore I can drive like an animal." Suddenly I realized how many proctologists are on the roads...**