

THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE GYRO CLUB OF SHERWOOD PARK

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I WAS JUST THINKING:

I seem to be getting stronger with age. I can now carry \$100 worth of groceries with one hand.

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EDITOR'S RANT:

The past few weeks have taken me on an interesting roller coaster of a mental ride as I watch the political scene in our neighbours to the south shift to a foregone conclusion to something actually interesting. The right was anticipating a November massacre. The left was expecting their convention to be a hollow wake. Now it appears the country is in for fascinating and emotional eleven weeks.

My naive Canadian perspective is, in a nutshell, is as follows: Both parties are energized by the revised Democratic ticket - the Dem's because of new hope; the Republicans because they didn't see this in their rear-view mirror until it was pulling up alongside of them. The strategies going forward will be fun and/or disturbing but certainly interesting.

On this side of the border 2025 seems far away but the rhetoric volume is slowly rising. It seems to me that Trudeau has zero chance at another term. However, Poilievre must increase his "likeability" factor if he is going to pull this country together. He has long had a history of making enemies with his mouth – something that the next Canadian Prime Minister cannot afford if we are to gain some of the elusive harmony most of us would like. If he can learn some diplomacy and look at the bigger, long-term goals for the country and the world, Canada can cease being a laughingstock and become a meaningful player here and abroad.

Rant contd.

Domestic tranquility and moving ahead with common purpose are much more important in the US. But unfortunately, I can't see the deep divisions and acrimony that has festered there healing over for some time, if ever. Canadians are derisively typecast by habit of saying "I'm sorry". Americans aren't. As frivolous as that comparison may appear, it may be the only way to avoid deep, hurtful and potentially catastrophic divisions to continue regardless of the November election result and, according to more and more pundits, lead the country away from a civil war.

It's tragic that we never seem to ban hate and mistrust, the antidote, to peace and joy. Perhaps it is sufficient proof of the reality that our species is irreversibly flawed. I still hope this excuse for our behaviour will ease as we mature.

What appears on these pages is not the rant that I thought would come out of my head when I started to type. I had planned on making this one light. However, the serious situation we continue to find ourselves on this planet stole my attention and intention. If this rant from a Canadian's world perspective is upsetting, I'm sorry.

The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other.

Ronald Reagan

A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.

Thomas Jefferson

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.

P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

George Bernard Shaw

Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!

Pericles (430 B.C.)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AGM September 4th

President Don Greig sent out a notice to the membership recently reminding you of this important meeting and an outline of what will be covered. It is repeated below for those of you who missed it.

On behalf of the Executive of the Gyro Club of Sherwood Park, I hope you all had a great summer with your families and are now ready to start back with another year of Gyro activities and friendship. It was certainly great to see many of you and ladies at a very successful outdoor bocce event hosted by Gary and Carol Kleebaum at their acreage on August 14th; thank you again Gary and Carol for your hospitality.

Our club is now ready to begin the 2024-25 Gyro Year, our 49th year, with the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, September 4th at Headquarters Restaurant and Bar, #100 101 Granada Blvd Sherwood Park, starting at 5:00 PM. Please email me directly whether you will or will not attend the AGM on September 4th at donandcory@gmail.com by Tuesday, September 3rd.

Like previous years, you as a member get to approve the 2023-24 Financial Statement (a copy was sent to each member on August 17th by Treasurer Ted Ewanchuk, please bring a copy), the 2024-25 Budget and the 2024-25 Meeting Schedule which is attached for your information and also ask again that you bring a copy to the meeting on the 4th. There are two additional items listed below that we, as a club, must discuss and approve.

The proposed format of our annual Auction to change from a men's only meeting to a men's and ladies meeting. Prior to last year's Auction, this proposal was made but there was not enough time to seek a suitable facility for this meeting. If this change is successful the Executive will have about 9 months to locate a facility for 45-55 members and ladies

- The last item for discussion and approval relates to the Gyro International Task Force on the Proposed Restructuring of Gyro. A copy of the restructuring was sent to all members by me on July 3rd and requires a YES or NO vote from the club of the proposed restructuring at the AGM on the 4th. For simplicity sake, the following are the main points taken from the restructuring proposal; Decreasing the intended existing structure of Gyro from 4,000 members to the proposed structure of 1,500 members.
- Existing structure of a minimum 23 leadership positions annually to the proposed 7 leadership positions annually.
- Existing structure of a minimum 7 District and International conventions annually to the proposed one International convention annually.
- Reduce the existing 9 active Districts to the proposed 3 Regions. Each proposed Region would be governed by one Director and those 3 Directors will form a part of the new International Executive Council.
- Streamlining International Executive Council travel expenses and consolidating District structures represents an instant 30-40% cost reduction for each Gyro member.

If passed by the majority of clubs in Gyro the planned implementation will not happen overnight but rather over the next 2 years from approval of the restructuring on October 4, 2024. Over this 2 year period all District money will stay with the District to spend down excess funds by not charging dues. Any leftover funds at that time will be applied, pro rata, to International Dues for each member in the District.

The executive of the club looks forward to seeing you all on September 4th and the start to what we hope is an exciting 2024-25 Gyro year.

A “tentative” schedule of meetings and events is on the following page. A revised version seems to follow after further information and discussion, but for now, this is it!

. GYRO CLUB OF SHERWOOD PARK 2024-2025 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

04 Sep 24	Mem		AGM	Headquarters		Don Greig		Ted Ewanchuk
18 Sep 24	Mem		Horseshoes	South Cooking Lake		Bernie Kropp		Sid Slade
02 Oct 24	SP/Edmo		Bocce	Indoors				
	Mem	Italian Center	Augie Annicchiarico			Sid Slade		
16 Oct 24	SP/Edmo		Founders Night & Speaker RCMP/Scams					
	Mixed	Broadmoor Club				Don Greig		Ted Ewanchuk
Nov 01-03	Mem		FYI	Curl-a-Rama/Calgary Club		Canmore		Ray Davis

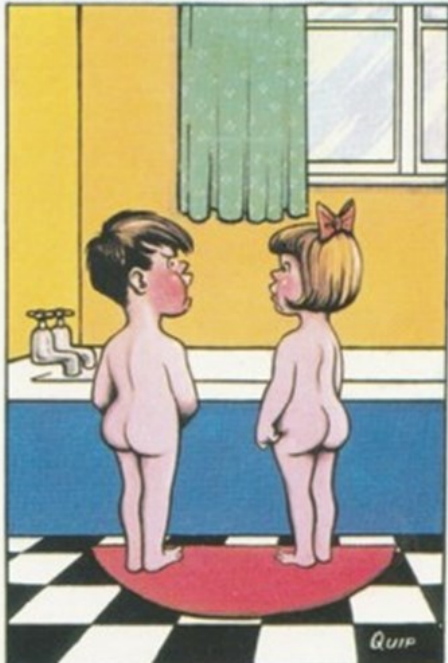
07 Nov 24	Mem		Billiards	Caffeys		Paul West		Sid Slade
21 Nov 24	Mem		Cribbage	Crooked M Pub		Bill Austin		Sid Slade
04 Dec 24	Mem		5 Pin Bowling	SP Lanes		Garry Jones		Sid Slade
21 Dec 24	Mixed		Presidents Xmas Party	Broadmoor		Don Greig		Nes-
								tor Slipchuk
09 Jan 25	Mem		Darts	Crooked M Pub		Ian Bannatyne		Terry Bajer
22 Jan 25	Mem		Speaker	Headquarters		Nestor Slipchuk		Ted Ewanchuk
15 ?? Feb 25	Mem		Dinner and Hockey Game	Crusaders				Blair Gallant
		L Zalasky						
05 Mar 25	Mem		Poker	Headquarters		John Williams		G Kleebaum
19 Mar 25	Mem		Tour (TBA)	TBA		Ken Lesniak		TBD
04 Apr 25	Mixed		Speaker Senior Home Care	Broadmoor				L Zalasky
		Gallant						B
18 Apr 25	Mixed		Dinner	Yang Ming Buffet		Rick Craddock		R Delveaux
07 May 25	Mem		Elections	Headquarters		Nestor Slipchuk		Art Merrick
21 May 25	??		Auction Smilies			George Ward		Jim Malott
03-10 Jun 25	*****		FYI	International & Districts Alaskan Cruise Convention				*****
04 Jun 25	Mem		River Hawks Baseball	Date Depends on Schedule		Al Gordon		Milt Lanes
19 Jun 25	Mixed		Windup & Installation	Broadmoor		Art Merrick		Don Greig

Traditional summer Bocci Social afternoon date and location and any additional events

To be determined

KID'S KOMEDY

"NO YOU CAN'T TOUCH IT, YOU'VE
BROKEN YOURS OFF ALREADY."



Having a teenage
daughter is like
having a cat that only
comes out to eat and
hisses when you try
and be nice to it.

If Your Child Can Operate
A Smartphone



They Can Use Any One
Of These

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The math teacher saw that Larry wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, 'Larry! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?' Larry quickly replied, 'NBC, FOX, ESPN and the Cartoon Network!'

BOCCI AT KLEEBAUMS'

On August 14th almost 50 gyros, gyrettes and guests converged on the Kleebaum estate for an afternoon of fun, socializing, summer-style dining, and hurling heavy balls across the lawn in a competition called Bocci. The event lived up to, and even surpassed expectations. The sun shone, the wind was subdued and the only smoke was from the BBQ.

The day included a late swearing in of **Ray Davis** as club secretary, the formality necessitated when he was not able to attend the Windup where other officers were sworn in.

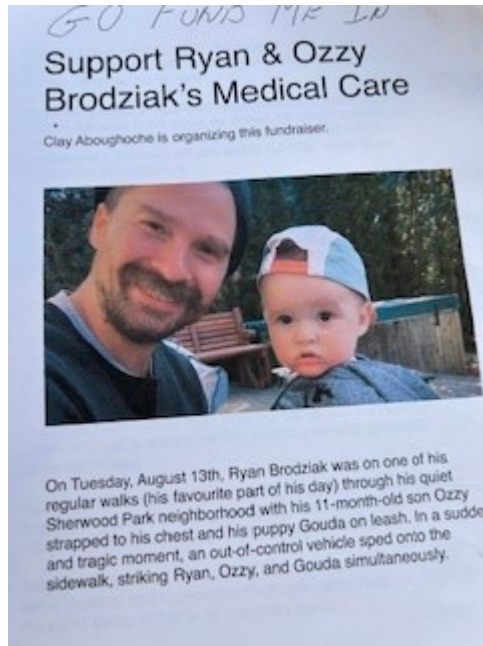
Jim Copeland drew our attention to a local tragedy where a father, Ryan Brodziak, his infant son and their dog were hit by a vehicle that drove up onto the sidewalk. The baby had a fractured skull and arm. and the dog was the least injured. Ryan, however, sustained multiple injuries including his spinal cord and is facing a possible paraplegia prognosis. A Go Fund Me has been set up that is growing rapidly and Jim set up a collection dish for us to place contributions in. We were able to raise \$330 thanks to Jim's initiative and our member's empathy.

It was a pleasure to see our old friend **Allan Bleiken** join us. Ted Ewanchuk brought a guest, **Paul Poirier**. Ted noted that Paul is a strong candidate for joining our ranks as a new member. Also in attendance was **Dunc Mills**, immediate PAST Governor, District VIII.

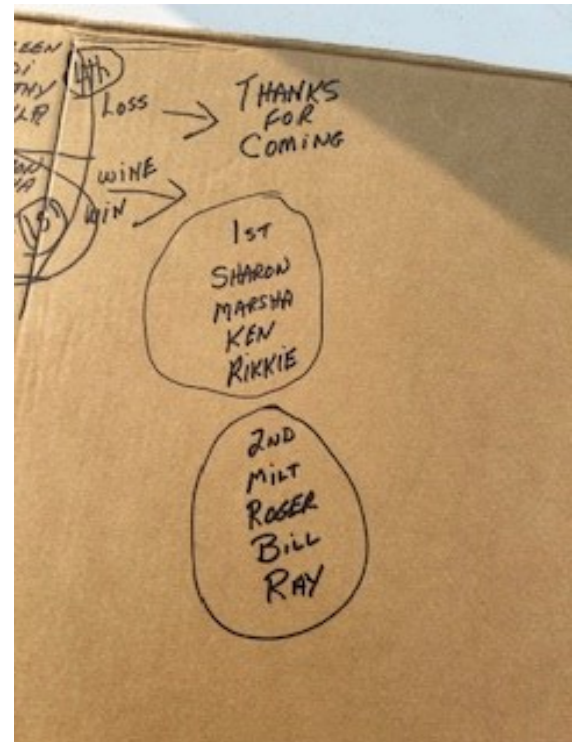
A beautiful flowering planter was presented to the **Kleebaums** but I know that it is only symbolic of the huge gratitude we all had for **Gary and Carol** hosting this event again this year.



Bocci Day contd.

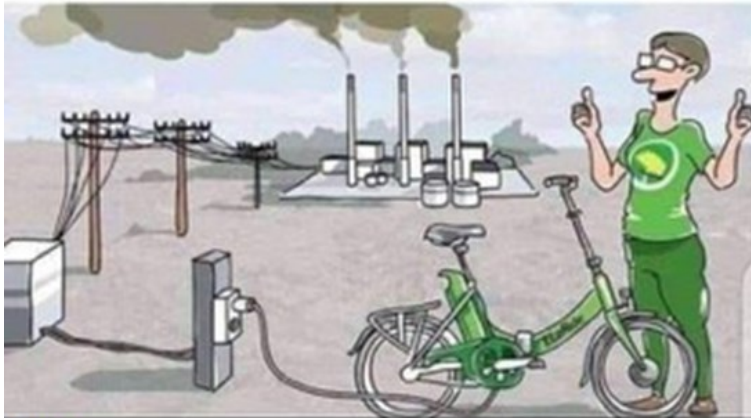


Bocci Day still contd.



PONDERING ENVIRONMENT

THE GREAT DELUSION



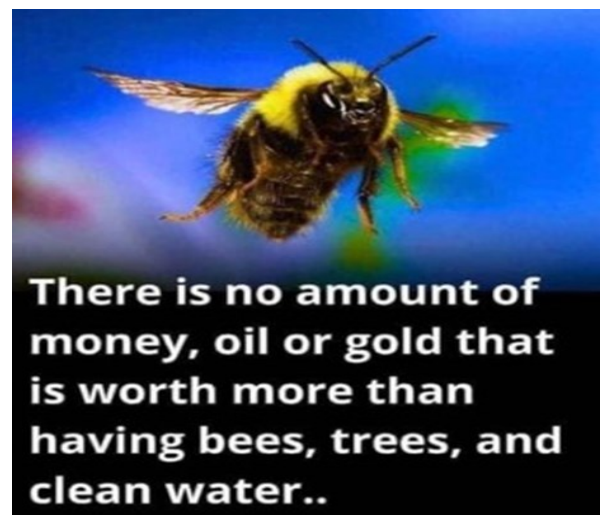
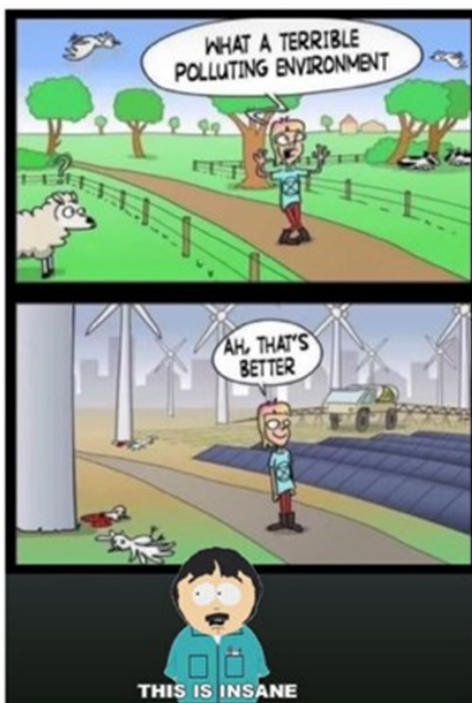
Thank God California banned plastic straws



So let me get this straight.

I go to the grocery store and buy:
a pound of sliced ham wrapped in plastic;
a loaf of bread in a plastic bag;
a gallon of milk in a plastic jug;
a pack of napkins wrapped in plastic;
a ready-made salad in a plastic container;
a plastic bottle of mustard;
and a plastic bottle of ketchup;

but they won't give me a plastic bag to carry it home, because the plastic bag is bad for the environment?



AGING GYROS

September is a mixed month. Part of it is in Summer and part is in Autumn.

Bruce Copeland (1st) and **Dick Caddy** (2nd) appear to be determined to be Summer kind of guys.

Keep working on your tans. You'll have almost three weeks until the Fall.



HEALTH AND WELFARE:

Dorne Hunt is continuing his chemotherapy treatment that began on June 17th. With all of Gyro's positive energy streaming your way, Dorne, the outcome is bound to be a good one.

. As I mentioned in the last bulletin, after experiencing an increasing series of health problems, I flew to Montreal on July 20th where our son, Dave, met me and we drove to our cottages on Fitch Bay. I visited with all the friends and relatives on the other side of the bay the next day and then cloistered myself for 3 days with no human interaction as I decompressed. I had not realized how close I was to burning out. I spent the next 10 days getting some sun and writing. I came home revitalized and more positive than I have form a long time. Many have commented on the "new" me since I arrived home.

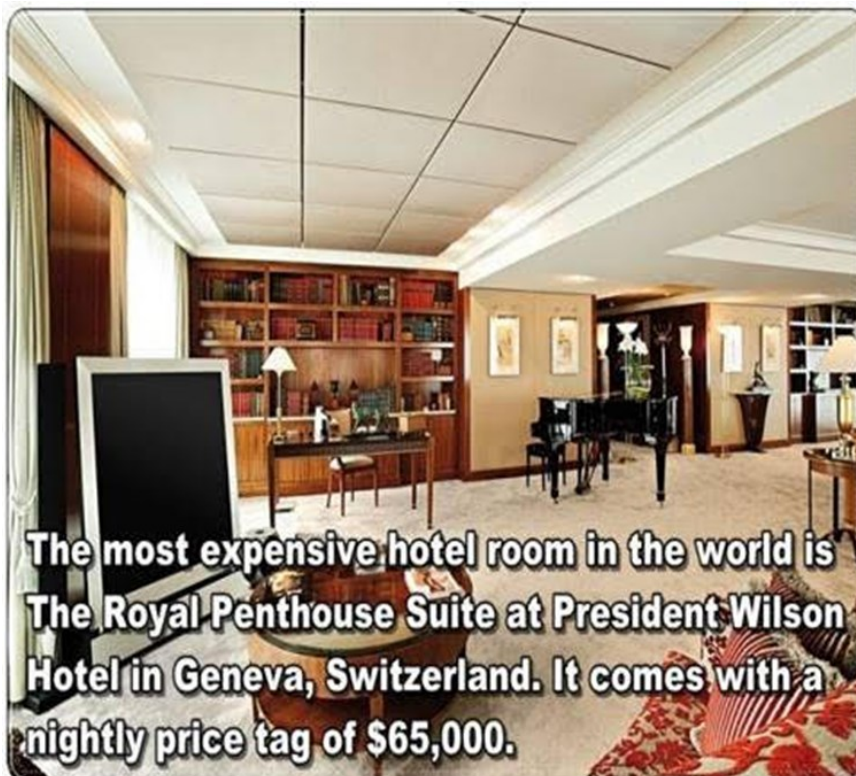
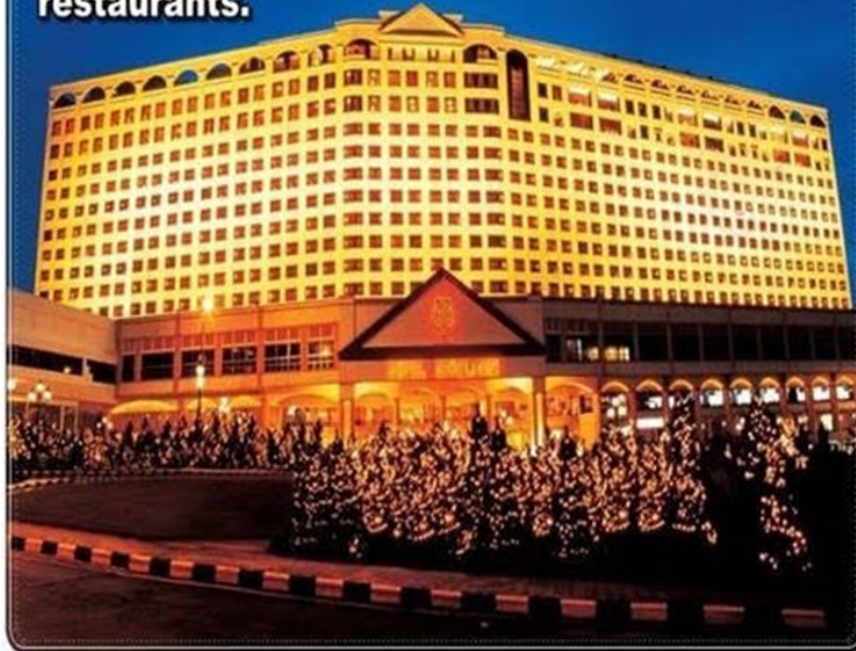
Rita Malott is awaiting kidney surgery. We will keep you in our thoughts, Rita, and look forward to a fine outcome..

Sad news came from **George Huybregts** came via president Don that George had informed him he was giving up his membership in the club. His other commitments had made it impossible for him to participate at the level he had hoped for. We are all sorry to see him go and wish him well.

We are, however, aware of two and perhaps three potential new members this Fall.

TRAVEL TRIVIA

The largest hotel in the world is the Genting Highlands Resort in Pahang Darul Makmur. It has more than 6,000 rooms and 10 on site restaurants.



The most expensive hotel room in the world is The Royal Penthouse Suite at President Wilson Hotel in Geneva, Switzerland. It comes with a nightly price tag of \$65,000.

MEANWHILE IN CANADA

This will reveal your all-time favorite movie. I did it in my head, then on paper and finally on a calculator just to confirm my mathematical calculations. Each time I got the same answer, and sure enough, it IS my very favorite movie... EVER!

DO NOT cheat. DO YOUR math, THEN compare the results on the list of movies at the bottom.

You will be AMAZED at how scary true and accurate this test is:

1. Pick a number from 1-9.
2. Multiply that number by 3.
3. Add 3.
4. Multiply by 3 again.
5. Your total will be a two digit number. Add the first and second digits together to find your favorite movie (of all time) in the list of 17 movies on the next page:

Meanwhile in Canada contd.

Movie List:

1. Gone With the Wind
2. E.T.
3. Blazing Saddles
4. Star Wars
5. Forrest Gump
6. The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
7. Jaws
8. Grease
9. The Justin Trudeau Farewell Speech
10. Casablanca
11. Jurassic Park
12. Shrek
13. Pirates of the Caribbean
14. Titanic
15. Raiders of the Lost Ark
16. Home Alone
17. Mrs. Doubtfire

NOW, ISN'T THAT SOMETHING?

MEANWHILE NOT IN CANADA—Just too Easy!!

Canadian Tire's "Good as Gold" automotive spray paint supply has been exhausted until further notice.



These come next...



"My husband is a brokeass shoe salesman."



"Mine too!"

The red hat has been replaced by the ear diaper



THOSE WERE THE DAYS

I sure do.

Now you have to pay... See more



Born in the 40s grew up as a child of the 50s was a teenager in the 60s, we definitely had the best years. Loved my life.



1950's Down memory lane

SIGNS OF OUR TIMES



GIDDY GASTRONOMY



The local old folks home had a garage sale, I got this cool gravy boat for just .25 cents! 🙌



I was told to be creative suddenly I became jobless.



VEGAN CHICKEN



THINKING ABOUT HEALTH IN 2024



“Great checkup! Have some candy.”



“I’ll have to charge extra for that one.”

thermometer made by Johnson & Johnson.

Be very sure you get this brand. When you get home, lock your doors, draw the curtains and disconnect the phone so you will not be disturbed.

Change into comfortable clothing and sit in your favorite chair. Open the package and remove the thermometer. Then, carefully place it on a table or a surface so that it will not become chipped or broken.

Now the fun part begins. Take out the literature from the box and read it carefully. You will notice that in small print there is a statement: “Every rectal thermometer made by Johnson & Johnson is personally tested and then sanitized.”

Now, close your eyes and repeat out loud five times, “I am so glad I do not work in the thermometer quality control department at Johnson & Johnson.”



shipwrecked doctors

GYRETTE GIGGLES



“He chose to go golfing on his wedding anniversary. As you can see by the golf club, his wife wasn’t too happy with his decision.”



One big difference between men and women is that if a woman says “Smell this”, it usually smells nice.

This morning, I accidentally changed the GPS Voice to “Male.” Now it just says, “It’s around here somewhere. Keep driving.”

Proof of Patriarchy:

In the ‘50’s a woman invented a device to try so that you could get to hard to reach things in your cupboard. You just turn this and along comes your cream corn from the back around to the front. Did they call it an “Innovative Susan”?

ANXIETY MEDICINE

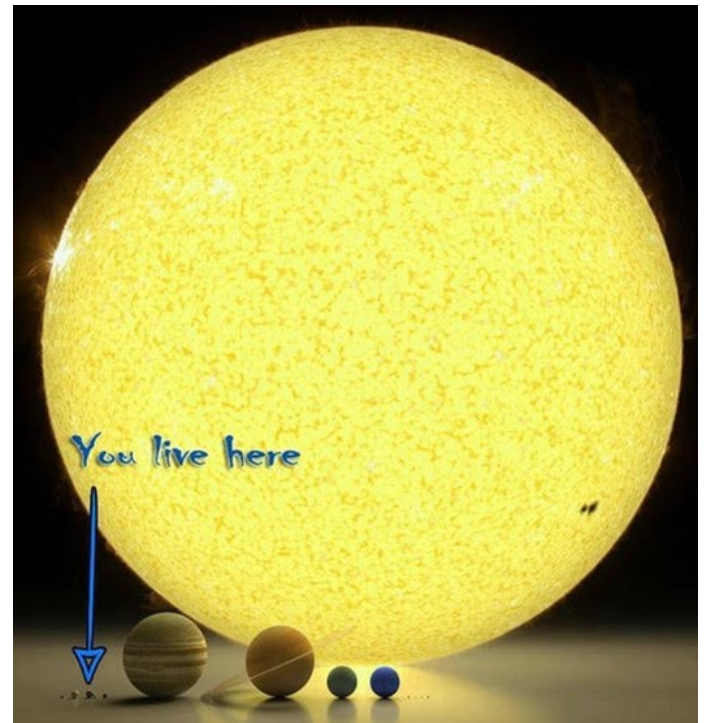
In these uncertain times it is easy to let your anxiety start to creep up. Perhaps while we are in various states of armed combat, political strife and major health issues, some images from our amazing world will help

Wangxian Valley, China, with houses hanging on its cliff



A little reverse psychology...Living in Sherwood Park generates less anxiety than I would have living here!

Hmmmm....



Finally finished my fireplace. #proud



Keep Cash Alive Without Cash There Is

- NO** car boot sales / garage sales / markets
- NO** tooth fairy / piggy bank
- NO** saving cash for a rainy day
- NO** tipping the waiter or hairdresser
- NO** giving to the homeless
- NO** giving to busking musicians
- NO** selling unwanted items for cash
- NO** buying anything without privacy
- NO** secret stash for domestic violence victims

**100% DIGITAL CURRENCY MEANS YOUR LIFE IS
100% DEPENDENT ON A POWER SOURCE AND THE
INTERNET!**

PIC-COLLAGES

ANIMAL INSTINCTS

I'd like to speak with the Manager of Petbarn.



SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS

New sign at Wal-Mart



Our society is doomed.....

A New York attorney called his client, a wealthy art collector: "Saul, I have some good news and I have some bad news."

The art collector replied, "You know, I've had an awful day, Jack, so let's hear the good news first."

"Well, I met with your wife today," the lawyer said, "and she informed me that she has invested only \$5,000 in two very nice pictures that she thinks will bring somewhere between \$15 and \$20 million ... and I think she could be right."

"Holy cow! Well done!" Saul replied enthusiastically. "My wife is a brilliant business woman, isn't she? You've just made my day. Now, I know I can handle the bad news. What is it?"

"The pictures are of you and your secretary."

Ryan Reynolds @VancityReynolds · 2m

That time on Sesame Street when I charmed the children with my face popping out of an A-hole. #theletterA



Took me a minute to realize how funny this is.



Top row ...US

Bottom row...metric

It's been a strange day.
First I found a hat full of money. Then I was chased by an angry man with a guitar...

GYRO FRIENDSHIP PICTURE OF THE WEEK



No matter what colour we are, what our political stripe is, who we love, how much money or power we have...friendship is the key to peace and happiness.

AND THE LAST WORD....

Here's a picture of a bumblebee butt and it's little legs hanging out of a flower just in case you needed it today.

