

# THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE GYRO CLUB OF SHERWOOD PARK



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**I WAS JUST THINKING:** If someone offers you a “piece of their mind”, just politely decline and insist you can’t take their last piece.

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## **EDITOR’S RANT:**

This will be the first bulletin in a decade without specifically smiling and sometimes laughing at our country and the rest of the world. The “Meanwhile in Canada” and “Meanwhile in NOT in Canada” will take a break.

We are still on Fitch Bay in Quebec, enjoying the unbelievable Autumn beauty and tranquility of our surroundings, largely protected from the sounds that nature doesn’t provide. Radio, Television, or even newspapers are not part of my daily routine. I do miss the Blue Jays.

I think I mentioned once that we have just under 550 meters of lakeshore that then extends another 2 km down the bay to the main lake. Those kilometers are a Fish and Game preserve. My ason, Dave and I own 3 cottages within the 550 meters and in the other direction there is nobody for another 300 meters. . That is what created the a solitude we enjoy, especially at this time of year. You may mutter that the Brisbins must be loaded. On the contrary. We bought these properties over a period of time before prices made them out of reach and sometimes even the maintenance cost is a challenge, but days like today cancel out any fears for the future. Calli came to this bay for over 80 years. I have come for 62 years. We have counted our blessings every minute spent here.

I am not in total isolation. I do look at news headlines on my phone but rarely read much beyond the first few lines. I won’t be the first to know if or when the end is coming but I won’t be the last. I do miss the ball games, though.

## Rant contd.

Taking a break from “normal” life may be productive as long as it is temporary. Too many my age take a permanent break and just drift away. That is far from my intent. I am thoroughly enjoying my writing—books, bulletins and putting thoughts to paper. I enjoy visiting with old friends (and young ones, too). My physical activity is admittedly less vigorous than my planned routine, but one has to have some inconsistency in one’s life to avoid monotony.

I tried availing myself of a wheelchair at the airport when I returned from my 2 weeks at home ending at the Gyro 50th Anniversary, due to my COPD. It was a huge relief as we skipped lines and long walks to the faraway gates. I had never been in a wheelchair before. I hope to restrict such rides to airports for some time yet.

As I sit here at my desk in my little “guest house” cabin, I feel comfortable with my thoughts. I purposely placed the desk so that it doesn’t face the lake to avoid distractions as I write. I turned it to face a mountain slope a few feet away with large rocks and scattered foliage. Unfortunately, I continue to be distracted by a half dozen squirrels who chase each other, constantly, “chirping” like an NHL hockey player. I am very pleased that my office and sleeping accommodation are all under one roof. The main cottage is about 20 steps and has a solid growth of Oak trees above it. At this time of year, day and night, the acorns drop on that roof. The acoustic volume of their impact is distracting. Then, as a breeze picks up for a few minutes, we get the impression that we are being assaulted by gangs using machine guns. We are tempted to dive for cover. These assaults can last for over a minute at a time. Talking during these attacks is impossible. Such is the life on Fitch Bay in the Fall.

So there you have it - a close up and personal view into the exciting life I have chosen for the past few months.

Next month the bulletin will include some politics. It remains a part of who we were and who we are.

*Of course, it wouldn’t be called a “rant” if it didn’t include some note of unease or dissatisfaction.*

*The Donald is changing tactics for the umpteenth time. He is talking nicely to Canada’s prime minister. Is it just another version of one of his carnival games or is this actually a Carney game?*

*There must be someone somewhere who is keeping score in these games but a large portion of our population has lost track and as a result, lost interest. There is a strong temptation to feel powerless and yield to those who have more perceived power. That is a sure way to verify, solidify and surrender to the threat.*

*We are not in as bad shape as our neighbours to the South. Some will call me naive but I still hold to the possibility that we are a democracy. Month by month and even week by week, the White House makes public another plan or actual action that chips away at the very foundations of democracy. Firing government officials who don’t meekly fall in line with POTUS wishes, politicizing the much needed trimming of the bureaucracy and civil service, while squandering the respect by other friendly countries around the world is cause for international concern.*

*I recognize that America has been taken advantage of by less fortunate countries, much like family may take advantage of a rich patriarch’s power or wealth. Setting ground rules for the democratic family is justified - provided it doesn’t wipe out some family; provided a leader in democracy for over two centuries doesn’t wipe out its longstanding respect and its place as the family leader.*

*I ran out of room. ‘Enough said!’*

# HEALTH AND WELFARE

**Al Gordon's** long awaited back surgery finally went ahead on August 25th. The surgery went well and he is at home now and is steadily improving. Al was able to attend the club's 50th Anniversary on September 25th.

## AGING GYROS



### October Birthdays:

Only two of us were born in the days leading up to Halloween:

**Ken Lesniak** (15th); **John Williams** (16th)

Don't worry, boys. Having a birthday close to Christmas Day is more traumatic. Halloween gifts are not that cherished even if you do get short changed.



THEY SAY WHEN YOU RETIRE YOU WILL TRAVEL MORE. WHAT THEY DON'T TELL YOU IS THAT IT IS TO DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENTS.



# CLUB'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

On September 25th, 75 members, former members and guests congregated at Ernest's restaurant at NAIT. It was a wonderful evening from start to finish. Of course, there were "brief" speeches from those being specifically honoured, toasts, and a magnificent meal.

Special thanks go to Master of Ceremonies and general organizer, **Don Greig**. He and Cory hosted numerous Anniversary At the venue end, it was **Ted Ewanchuk** who firmed up and guided the NAIT scene.

VIP's were introduced and offered a few words of greetings: Gyro International 1st Vice President (and honorary member of our club), **Dunc Mills**; Gyro District VIII Governor, **Ian McNeil**; Ken Baker, Secretary Treasurer District VIII from Calgary and his wife Ann.

**Guests from the Edmonton club** included: David Burnett and Marie Losier; Larry and Carol Dobson, George Shuller and Karin Losier; Fried Schulte (Edmonton bulletin Editor)

**Former members of our club**; Dick and Betty Caddey, Jim and Eleanor Copeland; Gerry and Laurie Hill; Barrie and Bonnie Pratt (a former charter member); Ed and Judy Schultz (also a former charter member).

**Charter Members** were introduced and invited to share a memory or two: **Augie and Jacquie Annichiarico** (unable to attend); **Terry and Val Bajer**; **Rikke and Cora Dootjes**; **John Williams**. They received a well deserved standing ovation.

After dinner and speeches there was a musical slide show following the history of the club with many photos, old and new. The creator of this show was none other than your editor's son, **David Brisbin**, who attended the event to make sure everything went as planned.



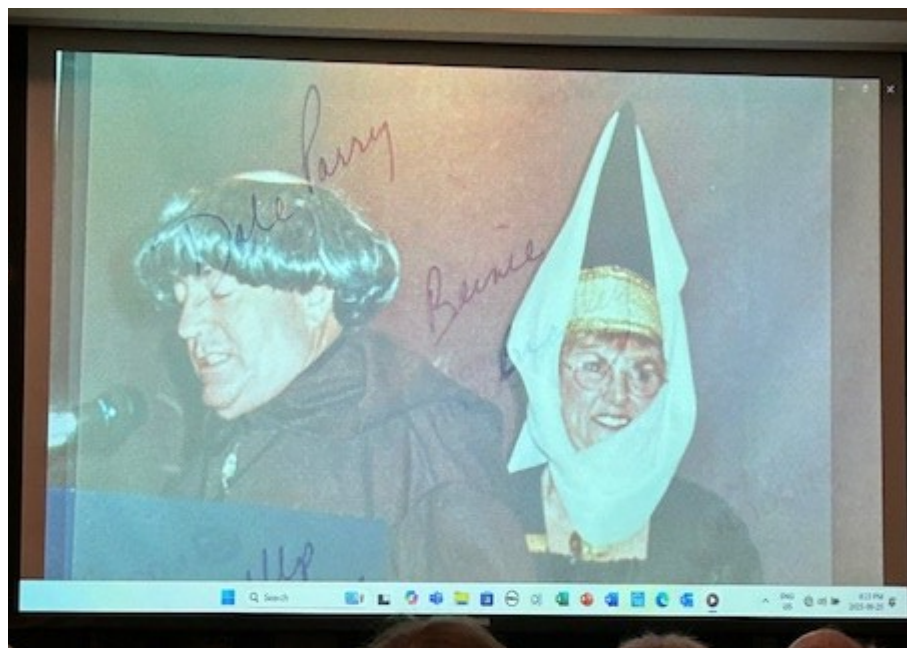


# 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PHOTOS





# 50TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTOS AND MEMORIES THROUGH THE YEARS





YOU GUESSED IT      THERE'S MORE





**WE PRMISE. THIS IS IT. HONEST!**



**50 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP**



# HORSESHOE DAY

On Wednesday, September 17th Gyro members gathered at the South Cooking Lake horseshoe pitch to decide who was the best horsesh\*\* pitcher. Every pair of competitors got at least two kicks at the horse, but eventually the afternoon produced the winners; **Lloyd Wilson and Dunc Mills**



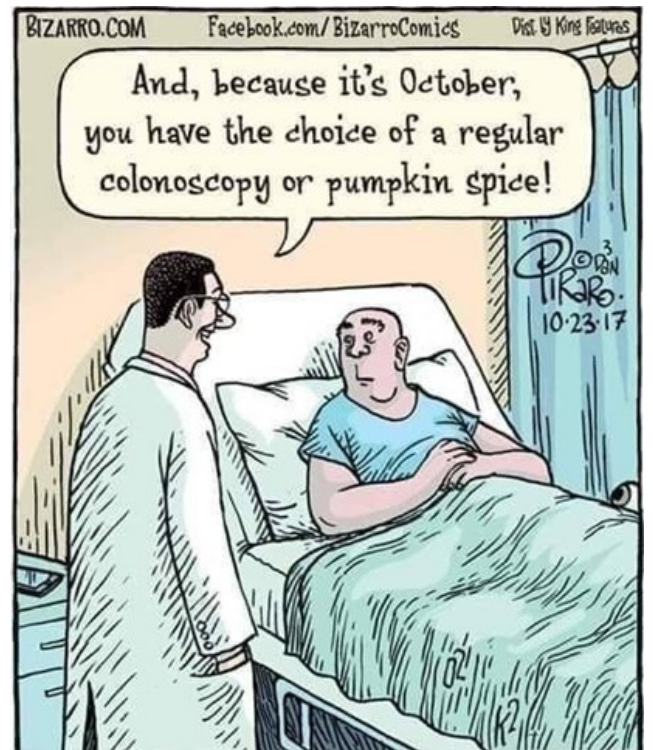
Only one picture was taken! Therefore we are going for quality over quantity.



# HEALTH AND FITNESS



**"I TOLD you, I saved a ton by getting your meds from an online pharmacy in the Amazon. Now turn around."**



**Wanted: Someone to brush their teeth with me because 9/10 dentists say brushing alone won't help tooth decay....More**

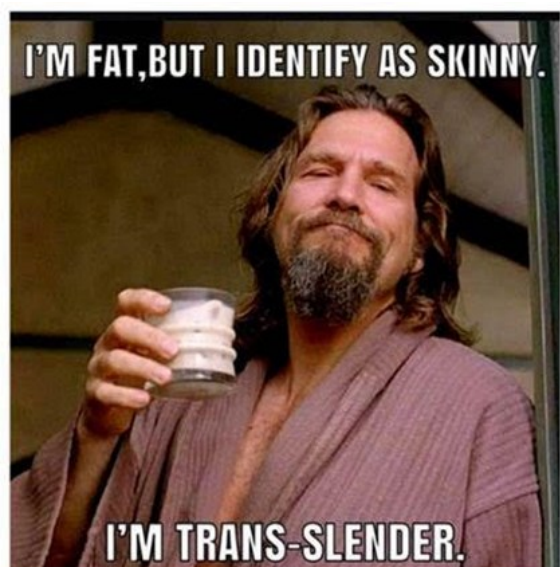


# SIGNS OF OUR TIMES



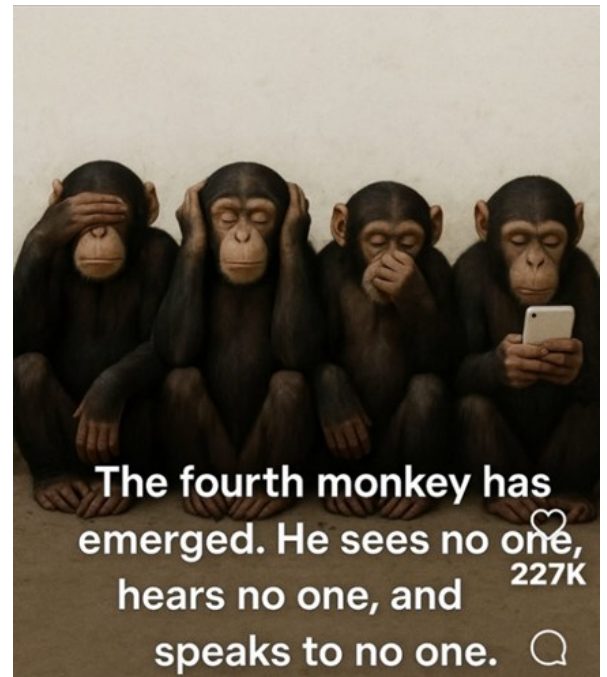


# WOK FOLK





# COMPUTER CONFUSION

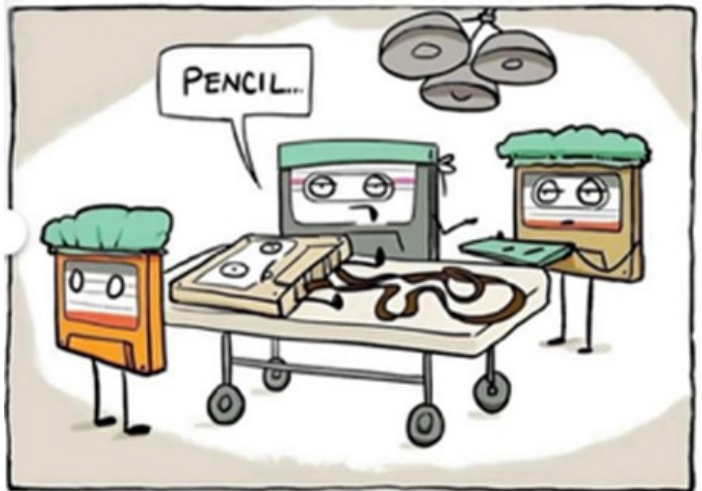


My boss calls me "The Computer".  
Nothing to do with my  
intelligence - I go to sleep if left  
unattended for 15 minutes.

# THOSE WERE THE DAYS



Like three people will get this but it's worth it.



Great photos of Rock legends taken some 60+ years ago 😊



Johnny Rotten



Chuck Berry



Steven Tyler



Tom Waits



Janis Joplin



Ozzy Osbourne



David Dinklage



David Bowie



Keith Richards



# SEASONAL SILLIES.. Yup, It's October

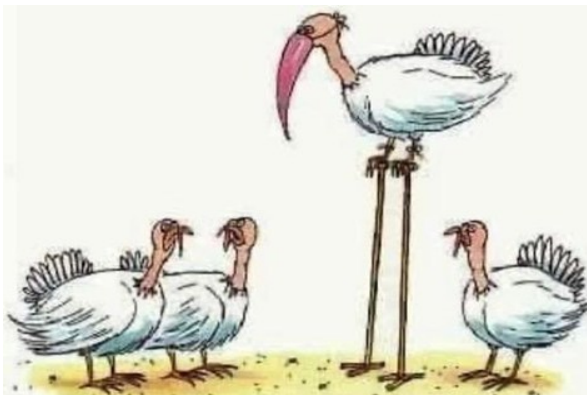
## TURKEY PANTS



**TODAY I AM THANKFUL  
THAT I'M NOT A TURKEY**



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING,  
EVERYONE!**



"He's got a point. Nobody eats  
a flamingo on Thanksgiving."

**THIS YEAR FOR HALLOWEEN,  
I'M IN CHARGE OF THE  
CHIP AND DIP TRAY.**



Eeuw!



# More October madness

It'll soon be Halloween so time to prepare some yummy treats for the neighbourhood kids. Try dipping Brussels sprouts in chocolate for them.



When your Dad helps you dress up for Halloween :)





# WHAT? YOU THOUGHT OCTOBER WAS OVER?

Been canning soup this week getting ready for winter. Follow me for more recipes!



Forget a sand castle these Halloween sand figure are 🔥



# AGING GRACELESSLY



After my funeral I want one of my friends to take my phone and text everyone "Thanks for coming"

THAT FEELING WHEN YOU DON'T WANT TO GO TO PEE BECAUSE YOU'RE COMFY, BUT YOU CAN'T SLEEP BECAUSE YOU NEED TO PEE.



# GYRETTE GIGGLES



The husband trying to arrive late and in silence, but the **wife** uses a technology that neither NASA has. 🤔



I got my wife to help me put some posts in the ground for our new fence, I gave her the hammer and I said, "when I nod my head you hit it" I don't remember much after that.

Nobody told me that when you get a husband the ears are sold separately.

Do you know the capacity of the brain ? It is estimated at 2.5 Petabytes . Now 1 Petabyte is 1,000 Terrabytes . 1 Terrabyte equals 1000 GB . If you were to put all the brain's capacity on a 16 GB pen drives , it would take 156,000 pen drives . The brain has 10 billion neurons .

Such a powerful system is usually hacked by a wife in 30 seconds or less .

That is all I wanted you to know 😊

# MY 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



**The beauty of our Autumn**





# SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS

In many places it is now unlawful to play Yahtzee with squirrels.



Man who kept his boat beside his house was ordered by the city to put up a fence to hide the boat from view.



Dress Up Like "Dominoes" They Said...



I was fishing. Fish weren't biting, got bored... stuck a few of these on trucks at the ramp.

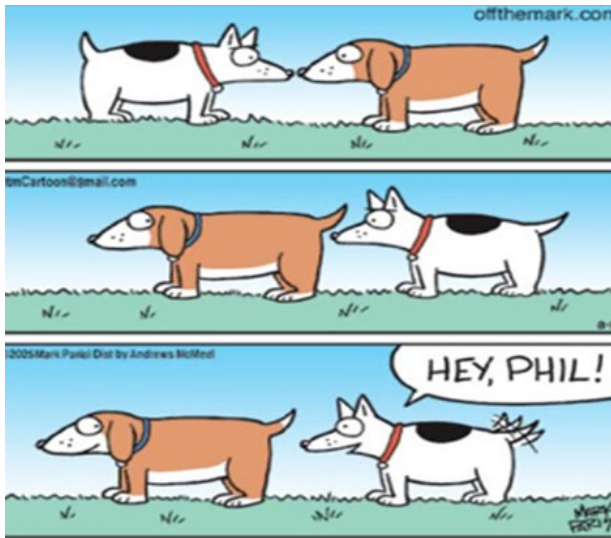


This lady's been staring at me for like 5 minutes 🙄





# ANIMAL INSTINCTS



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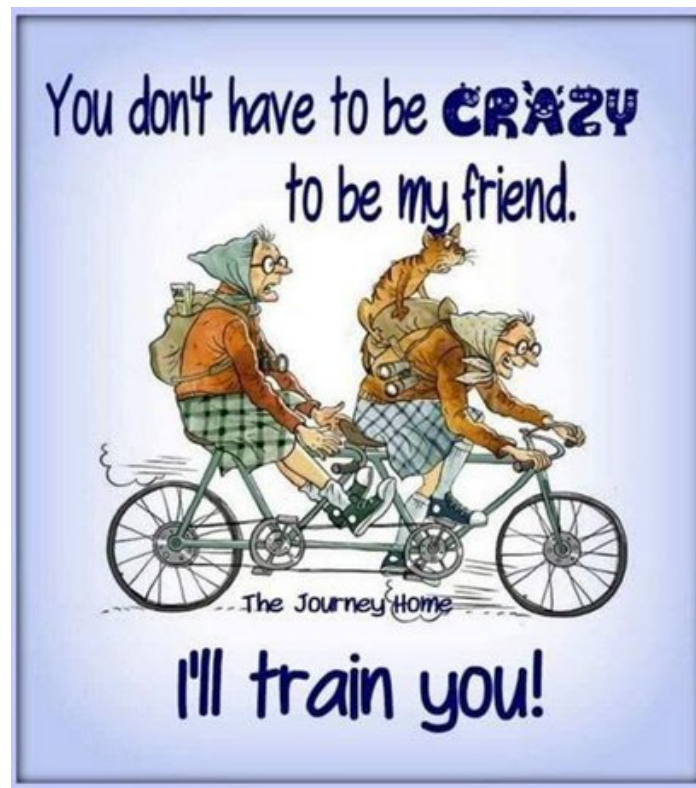


What being an adult feels like





# GYRO FRIENDSHIP PICTURE OF THE WEEK



## AND THE LAST WORD....

