

THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE GYRO CLUB OF SHERWOOD PARK



VOLUME: 52 EDITION 3 DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2025 EDITOR: Scott Brisbin

I WAS JUST THINKING: Some people drink deeply from the well of knowledge. Some just rinse and spit.

What's Inside:

- ◆ Editor's Rant
- ◆ Future Meetings
- ◆ Misc. Ha Ha's
- ◆ Meanwhile in Canada
- ◆ Meanwhile NOT in Canada
- ◆ Animal Instinks'
- ◆ Etc.
- ◆ The Last Word

The Club's Grand Poobahs:

President: **Jim Mallot**
Vice President:
Past President: **Don Greig**
Treasurer: **Ted Ewanchuk**
Secretary: **Ray Davis**
Club. Admin. **Ray Davis**
Registrar: **Dorne Hunt**
Directors: **Lloyd Wilson;**
Paul Porrier; Lawrence
Zalasky, Ken Lesniak
Bulletin Editor: **Scott Brisbin**
Webmaster: **Ray Davis**

EDITOR'S RANT:

It has been your editor's evolving opinion that although we need to continue to explore approaches that could increase our membership, trying to create a new group of members who are one or even two generations younger than many of us is likely to be unrealistic. There are greater generation gaps each decade than to one before, especially with the rapid "advances" in our communication avenues. It is difficult for many of us to even discover how to access many of the channels through which the 20 to 40 age group communicate. The generation just below us is somewhat more accessible but their lives are more complicated with business, family and social commitments than most of us had. Of course, we had those same commitments but usually not quite as complex as today's society demands.

It seems to me that if we are determined not to yield to Father Time and just let Gyro gradually fade as we do, we may need to turn our attention away from youth and concentrate on our peers. Many of us have more time now that we are retired or reaching that point. Many of us are less interested in building for our future and more interested in reaping the rewards of our past efforts, We want to enjoy friendship without business tethers. There must be many of us who hve not yet considered or even become aware of what Gyro offer. After all, it is by definition, a friendship cub, plain and simple. Most of us have

Rant contd.

been part of service clubs and they certainly have their place. But Gyro's purpose is to provide new opportunities for friendship - no strings or commitments attached. We just need to identify those who Gyro can serve and connect the two.

The alternative is to maintain the status quo and witness the gradual decay of Gyro until one of us is the last man standing (or sitting, or lying).

Here are a couple of ideas that occurred to me as I wrote this rant:

Bring in young speakers to expose youth to Gyro for future interest in Gyro as they age.

At the risk of sounding crass and insensitive, Perhaps we should gently check in the Sherwood Park News for obituaries of senior women and invite the surviving spouse to a meeting. I don't know how to ponder this idea without wincing but

Don't assume that men a bit younger than our average age might not be interested. Some are retiring in their late 50's and 60's 70's and may be interested in filling the friendship void that can occur as they ease out or suddenly sever the connections of the past many decades.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Al Gordon's is still experiencing significant pain following his September 25th back surgery. Our thoughts continue to go out to Al and Jan.

Eleanore Copeland broke her clavicle. She is recuperating at home and is doing as well as expected. I am sure Jim has been called into service for many of her usual tasks. Get better soon, Eleanore.

AGING GYROS



November Birthdays:

The following made then Birthday list this month:

Earl Korber (10th); **Roger Delveaux** (12th); **Barry Thomlinson** (19th);

Rick Craddock (24th); **Gary Jones** (29th).

You all got an extra hour of sleep. That's the sort of thing that can trigger envy, so keep your smirks to yourselves. Enjoy!

CASINO OUTING

On October 1st about 10 from our midst were picked up here in the Park and were transported to the River Cree Casino armed with a small stipend and a \$5 lunch voucher. Apparently they were all well behaved. There were no evictions. Some gambled a bit. Some watched the action. Reports are that it was a fun excursion. The financial status of the players remains a tightly kept secret.

Thanks go to **Ken Lesniak**, who organized and oversaw the event.

CURLARAMA 2025

On the weekend of November 8th and 9th Gyros from the district gathered in Canmore to send granite projectiles along an icy surface in friendly but serious competition. There were two foursomes from our area. Dunc Mills, reported to me every hour or so on the progress of both rinks. It was not quite like live TV but more entertaining than an Oiler game that weekend.

The Sherwood Park club, skipped by Ray Davis, provided less frequent feedback but backed up their news with details. Ray sent the following report:

*Well another successful Gyro event in Canmore this weekend, twelve teams from places such as Castlegard, Prince George, Cranbrook, and of course Calgary, Edmonton and Sherwood Park. The Sherwood Park team of **Ray Davis, Ken Lesniak, Jim Malott, and Art Merrick** did our club proud and took the D event. Art was the last man to step back and wound up with the trophy. **Jim came in second on the A side of the poker tournament and Ken came in second on the B side of the poker tournament**, each bringing home \$75. No they didn't share with Art and Ray. The trip down was a little ugly with the weather until Red Deer then good sailing from there on. Made our usual stop in Cremona for lunch and a wee drink. A good time was had by all and nice to introduce Ken to the rituals that started back in the early 60's.*

Sorry I never took and pictures.

Ray

Dunc actually did provide pictures.

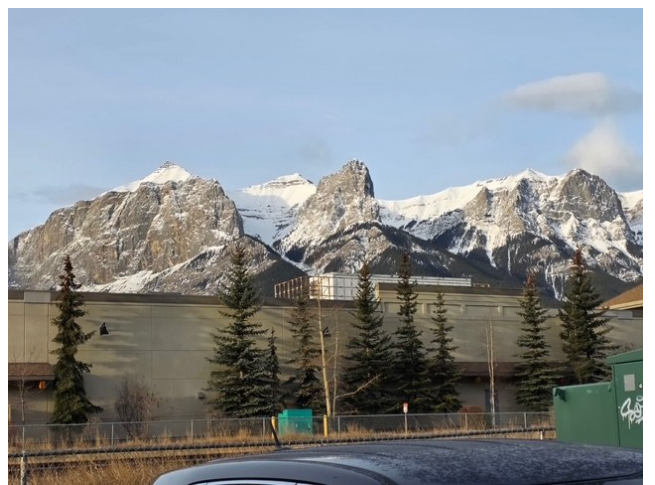
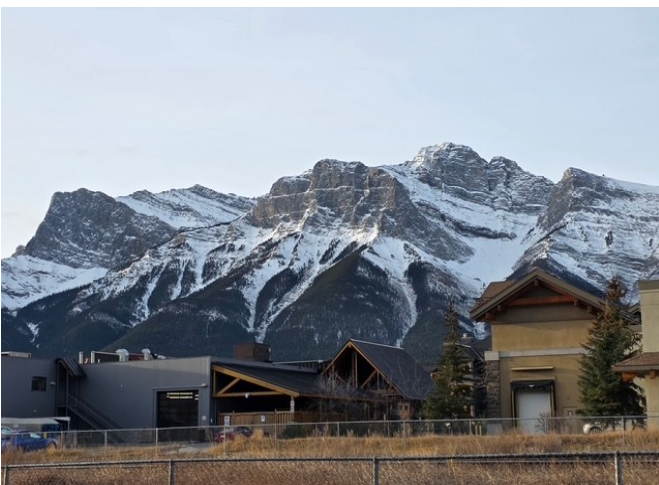


CURLARAMA contd.

Dunk Mills did keep me up to date with frequent reports and supplemented the reports with photos. His rink made the B finals but, sadly, succumbed to some “elders”.



Dunc Mills, Chuck Gerhart, Ron Trant, Mike Matei



BILLIARDS NIGHT

A bunch of the boys met at Caffrey's lounge and pool facility on March 6th to revisit our mis-spent youth. The traditional Fish and Chips meal was followed by paired teams trying to best each other with balls and cues. It was a fun evening. Once the dust had settled the winners were announced. **Ted Ewanchuck** and **Jim Malott** took home the coveted bottled beverages. Our thanks go to Roger Delveaux and Sid Slade for keeping the evening organized and peaceful.



UPCOMING MEETING - CRIBBAGE Nov. 19th

Dust off your cribbage counting and challenge the regulars who inhabit the Sherwood Park Mall dining area every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. They are living proof that practice does not make perfect ... just ask them.

The November 19th showdown is at the Headquarters Restaurant with food and fun-ship starting at 5:00. **Herb Zmurchuk** and **Sid Slade** are in charge of being in charge.

FOUNDERS NIGHT

On October 14th about 50 Gyros and Gyrettes from the Edmonton and Sherwood Park clubs gathered at the Millwoods Woodvale club to honour our founders and celebrate the the whole concept of Gyro that has survived for well over a century. After an impressive prime rib buffet, **Fred Schulte** and **Jim Malott** spoke about some of our respective club's builders over the years.

Our thanks go out to **Jim Malott** and **Rikke Dootjes** for their work on behalf of our club, as they teamed up with this year's host, the Edmonton club, All of you did a fine job.

Jim Malott sent me a copy of his address for that evening as area Gyros honoured our founders, **Ed Kagy**, **Gus Handerson**, and **Paul Schwan**, and invited me to pick some statistics to put in the bulletin. He also noted our club's gratitude for 3 previous Edmonton club Gyros, **Howard Wilson**, **Gord Rennie**, and **Marty Larson**, who started the formation of our Sherwood Park club 50 years ago.

In the 50 years our club has enjoyed Gyro friendship, there have been a total of 194 members. We currently have an active membership of 36.

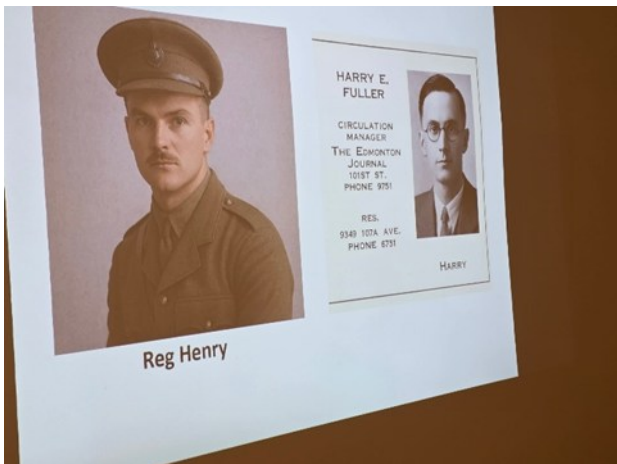
4 of our 30 founding members, Augie Anachiaricio, Terry Bajer, Rikke Dootjes, and John Williams, are still active members of our club.

*We have had 45 different Presidents (5 recycles), indicating a very active membership. We have provided 7 District Governors (**Keith Bradley, Don Greig, Erik Braun, Bernie Kropp, Jim Malott, Sid Slade, and Ted Ewanchuk**) and two Gyros who started with us who have served as International Presidents (**Jim Roberts and Dale Woodruff**).*

All clubs are facing declining membership. Various approaches have been tried to stimulate new membership but none seem to have provided the magic formula.

Many thanks to Jim Malott for allowing me to include some of his remarks in this bulletin.

FOUNDERS NIGHT contd.



KIDS KOMEDY

My son wanted to borrow my cordless drill. 'Here you go boy use grandads'😂



Me and Mom just jogging together... See more



Avoid being bothered by wasps at BBQs this summer by putting a blob of jam on a small child



My wife and I got stuck in an elevator and when we got home, we told the story to our kids. They just looked at us and said,

"Soooo.....
...did ya get out?"

My wife and I looked at each other and made a pact to go ahead and start drinking away their college fund.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

CELL PHONES WHEN **CANADIENS**
LAST WON THE STANLEY CUP:



CELL PHONES WHEN **MAPLE LEAFS**
LAST WON THE STANLEY CUP...



"Sorry about the two scars. We had your X-ray upside down for a while."



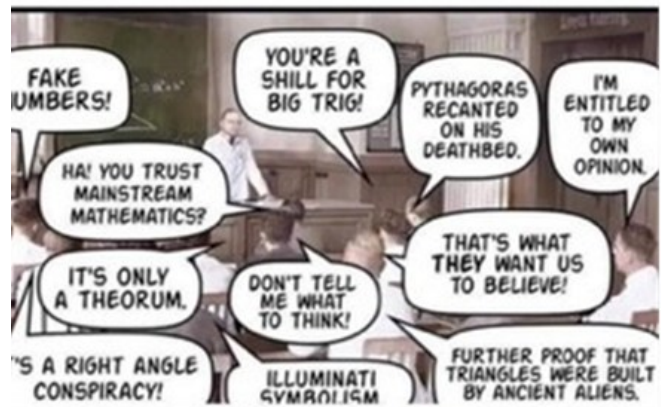
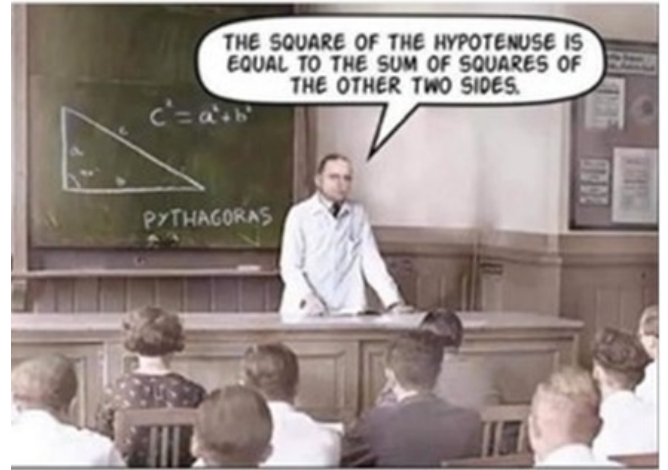
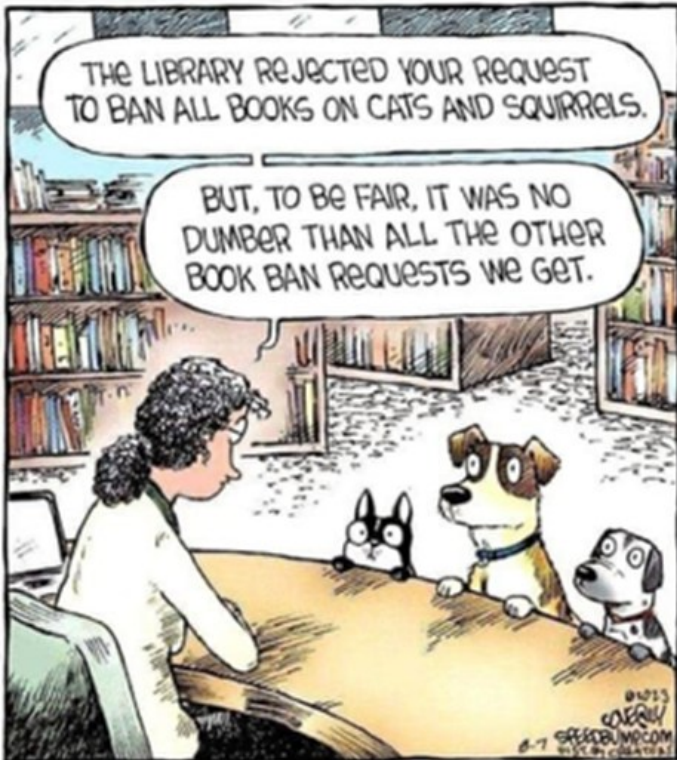
IT AMAZES ME
HOW MUCH EXERCISE
AND EXTRA FRIES
SOUND ALIKE

SIGNS OF OUR TIMES



WOK FOLK

Banned Book Week starts today!



Apparently it's no longer politically-correct to direct a joke at any racial or ethnic minority, so:

An Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, a Welshman, a Ghurkha, a Latvian, a Turk, an Aussie, two Kiwis, a German, an American, a South African, a Cypriot, an Egyptian, a Japanese, a Mexican, a Spaniard, a Russian, a Pole, a Lithuanian, a Swede, a Finn, an Israeli, a Dane, a Romanian, a Bulgarian, a Serb, a Swiss, a Greek, a Singaporean, an Italian, a Norwegian, a Libyan, a Muslim, a Hindu, a Buddhist and an Ethiopian went to a night club.

The bouncer said, "Sorry, I can't let you in without a Thai.

COMPUTER CONFUSION

How to prepare for a Zoom meeting



"You put a round thing on a spinning plate with a needle and then you play with buttons and knobs ... only old people know how to do it!"



Whoever lost the iPhone 15 pro max outside the dollar store about a 30 mins ago please stop calling my new phone.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

We, the Semi Elderly

We grew up in the 40s-50s-60s. We studied in the 50s-60s-70s. We dated in the 50s-60s-70s.

We got married and discovered the world in the 60s-70s-80s. We ventured into the 70s-80s.

We stabilized in the 90s. We got wiser in the 2000s, and went firmly through the 2010s.

Turns out we've lived through NINE different decades..TWO different centuries...TWO different millennia...

We have gone from the telephone with an operator for long-distance calls to video calls to anywhere in the world, we have gone from slides to YouTube, from vinyl records to online music, from handwritten letters to email and WhatsApp., from live matches on the radio, to black and white TV, and then to HDTV...We went to Blockbuster and now we watch Netflix...We got to know the first computers, punch cards, diskettes and now we have gigabytes and megabytes in hand on our cell phones or iPads...

We wore shorts throughout our childhood and then long pants, oxfords, Bermuda shorts, etc. We dodged infantile paralysis, meningitis, H1N1 flu and now COVID-19..

We rode skates, tricycles, invented cars, bicycles, mopeds, gasoline or diesel cars and now we ride hybrids or 100% electric...

Yes, we've been through a lot but what a great life we've had! They could describe us as "exennials" people who were born in that world of the fifties, who had an analog childhood and a digital adulthood.

We're kind of Ya-seen-it-all.

Our generation has literally lived through and witnessed more than anyother in every dimension of life. It is our generation that has literally adapted to "CHANGE".

A big round of applause to all the members of a very special generation, which are UNIQUE. Here's a precious and very true message:

TIME DOES NOT STOP! Life is a task that we do ourselves every day. When you look.. It's already six in the afternoon; when you look...it's already Friday; when one looks.. the month is over; when one looks... the year is over; when one looks... 50, 60, 70 and 80 years have passed!

When you look... we no longer know where our friends are. When youlook... we lost the love of our life and now, it's too late to go back.

Do not stop doing something you like due to lack of time Do not stop having someone by your side, because your children will soon not be yours, and you will have to do something with that remaining time, where the only thing that we are going to miss will be the space that can only be enjoyed with the usual friends. This time that, unfortunately, never returns... The day is today! WE ARE NO LONGER AT AN AGE TO POSTPONE ANYTHING

SEASONAL SILLIES



Hate this time of year.



Each year, same old song

INTERESTING TRIVIA

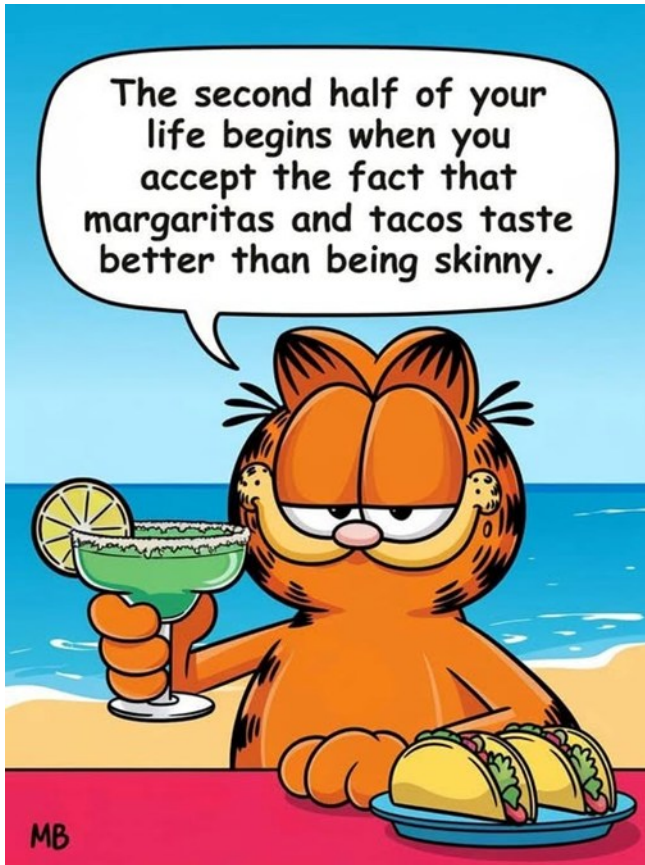
In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint)

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October) Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig.' Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the 'chair man.' Today in business, we use the expression or title 'Chairman' or 'Chairman of the Board..'

Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told, 'mind your own bee's wax.' Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term 'crack a smile'. In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt . . . Therefore, the expression 'losing face.'

AGING GRACELESSLY



Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me everyday. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.

SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS

A rare photo of Keith Richards holding Betty White.



Friend: "Me and My Kids Are Coming To Visit You, But They Don't Like Dogs, Do You Mind Locking Them Up?"
Me: "Of Course Not!"

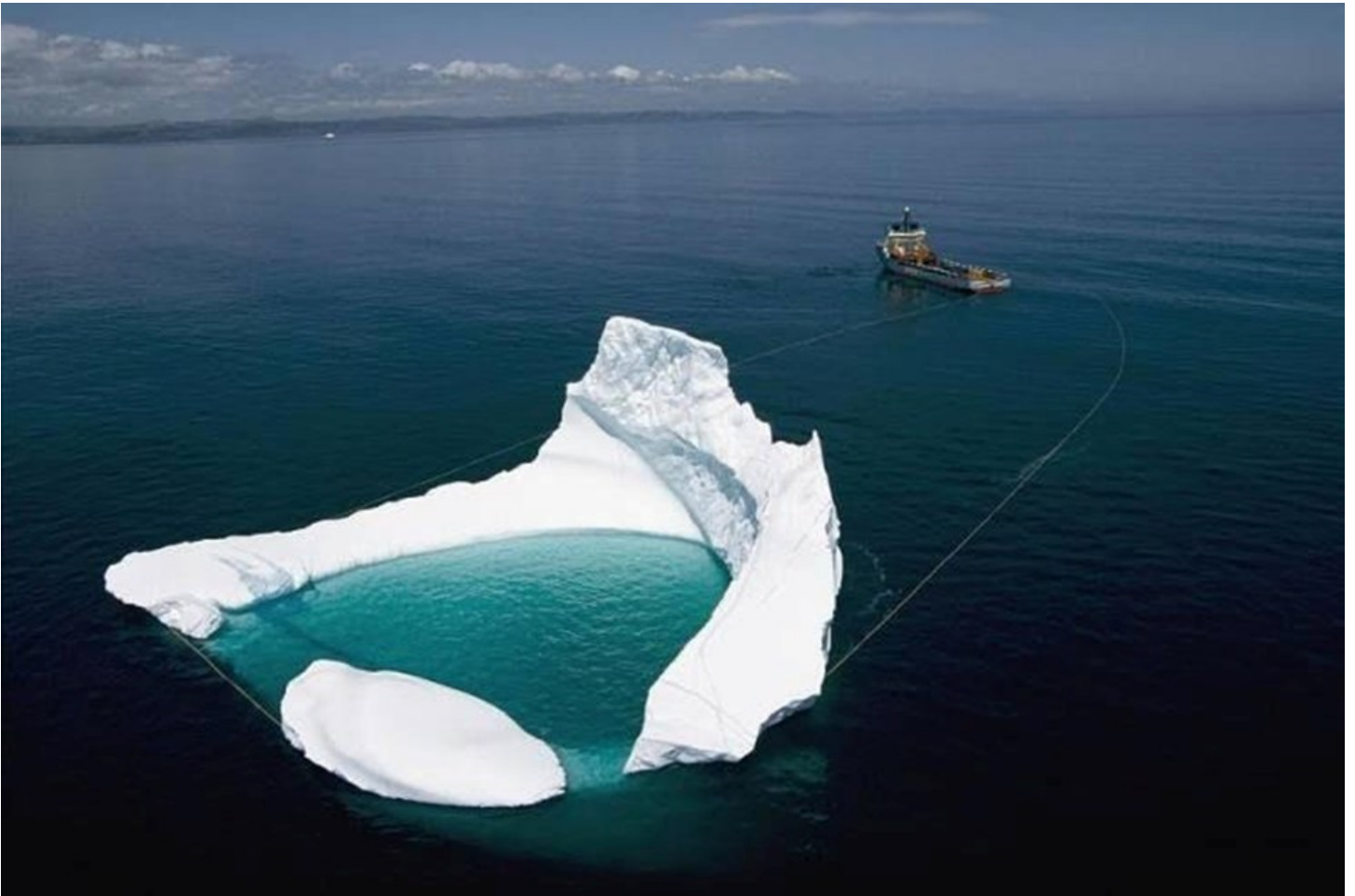


Landlord: And no cats or dogs.
Me: No problem



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



This is how you tow an iceberg. In Newfoundland, icebergs are harvested for their water.

ANIMAL INSTINCTS

Adopt a cat, they said. It would be fun, they said.



"What inspires you to get out of bed everyday"
My dog's bladder mostly.



GYRO FRIENDSHIP PICTURE OF THE WEEK



AND THE LAST WORD....

Sadly true

