

# THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE GYRO CLUB OF SHERWOOD PARK



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**I WAS JUST THINKING:** Shoutout to libraries for keeping Fiction and Non-fiction separate. That's not easy to do these days.

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## **EDITOR'S RANT:**

April is my birthday month. I have been making annual trips around the sun for eight and a half decades. I have no idea how many trips are left on my ticket. The trips are just as fast, but I am a bit slower and getting tired trying to keep up sometimes.

I have lived a rare miracle of a life, one that only the tiniest fraction of this world's inhabitants get to enjoy. My retirement income is modest but adequate. I have a fortune of experiences and memories.

What does this have to do with a "Rant"?

I have no dream of becoming a centenarian, (or even a veterinarian) so I want to assess what I have experienced in my lifetime and ponder what is in store for my children and grandchildren.

We are not unfamiliar with man's habit of waging war on other Homo sapiens. It seems to be a sad genetic characteristic since pre-Neanderthal times. My generation of Canadians have lived with no wars being fought on our soil. With the headlines we are being hit with these days, I am not confident that such luck will continue. As the democracies of the world exterminate themselves, China and Russia need only to be patient and scoop up the debris. I have never lived under a dictatorship but I doubt if I would like it. However, with the chaos that seems to be whirlin

## Rant contd.

around these days, I suspect that the big actors will somehow become involved as well.

I will reserve more rant material on this subject until the future becomes clearer. That could be May or 2027.

The topic is gigantic. At my age, I could go on for pages. I will calm your fears and keep that agony to myself.

Meanwhile, on a more positive note, I am looking back with a whiff of nostalgia. The “Those Were the Days” topic that usually occupies one page of pictures and cartoons will be expanded in this Bulletin issue—Why?...because I’m the editor and it’s my birthday month.



# AGING GRACELESSLY

**This getting old is a terrible thing. I blacked out for twenty minutes this morning, then I realized I'd put my hoodie on backwards 🤪**

**How to tell you're an adult:**

- You gain 30lbs overnight
- You'd rather sleep than go out
- Everything hurts
- Comfort comes before style
- You have a favorite spatula
- Everything feels like a chore
- College students look like 12yr olds
- You're always annoyed

**I'M SO OLD  
I REMEMBER  
MULTIPLICATION  
Oldtimers  
WAS CALLED  
"TIMES TABLES".**

**I don't  
understand  
why people  
have to "get  
ready" for bed.  
I'm always  
ready for bed.**

**And you notice these are all  
In big print  
For your convenience.**

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Has anyone found any potential new members with birthdays in March yet?

## HEALTH AND WELFARE

*Earl Korber has recovered from his fall and is mobile enough that he is back at the tri-weekly cribbage gang at the Mall. His skin cancer treatments appear to be complete for now. Earl's wife, Lee has been in an Alzheimer's long term facility in the city but was recently able to be transferred to one in Sherwood Park across the street from his apartment making regular visits much less of a challenge. The latest news is that Earl has moved even a few doors closer to Lee. He hopes to be able to walk there when the weather begins to allow it.*

**Rita Malott** news in early February that she has bladder cancer A Cystoscopy was scheduled in early March to confirm whether there is cancer and the type in the bladder. The cystoscopy results came with very encouraging news.—no new cancer. Rita will start immunotherapy April 17 utilizing a product called "BCG" which is entered into the bladder and is used to eradicate any cancerous cells that may still be there. There will be six treatments, one per week. Rita has returned to Belize and they will return to Edmonton on April 15.

### **NEW MEMBER NOTICE: second notice**

I am hereby formally giving notice that I will be recommending **Bryan Mason** for membership in our club. Bryan has been to several of our meetings and knows some of us already. He was my accountant for many years and remains a good friend.

He lives in the city with his wife Leslie, but would prefer to be in the Sherwood Park club.

# Hmmmm.....



They live among us! 🤪



If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. (how true is that!!!)

**Mark Twain**

Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.

**Douglas Casey, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University**

Talk is cheap...except when government does it.

**Anonymous**

# GUEST SPEAKER NIGHT

On March 26th Gyros met in a county Library meeting room to listen to our guest speaker, curling great Heather Nedohin. We were spellbound for about an hour as Heather told us about her curling life as a former World Junior Champion, a two-time World Bronze Medalist, and a former Scotties Champion. She spoke about her lengthy career and her family. She is now manager for the Sherwood Park curling operation.

Our thanks go to Heather, and, of course, our own Ken Lesniak and Allan Bleiken, who organized the event.



# SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS

It's another hot day, so I've taken all my clothes off and opened every window...

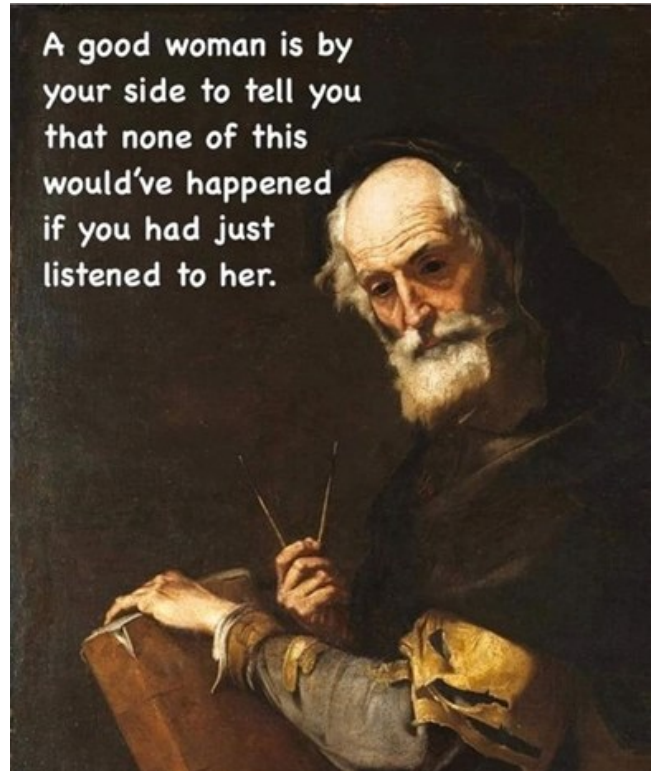
I feel so much better, although the other people on the bus don't seem so pleased!



A study just released says that if you drink coffee in the nude you're much less likely to spill it



# GYRETTE GIGGLES



# UPCOMING MEETINGS

**MASTERS WATCH PARTY:** Caffrey's bar and restaurant on Wye Road will be the gathering place for fans of golf, eating, and drinking on **April 9th**. The fun will begin at noon and continue for about four hours or so as we watch the opening round of this year's **Masters Golf Tournament**.

Don't eat, drink or golf just before you get there.

**Dining at The Yang Ming Buffet** is the place to be on April 22nd. This has become a favourite annual tradition, when Gyros and Gyrettes sample an amazing variety of foods—some favourites and some unfamiliar.

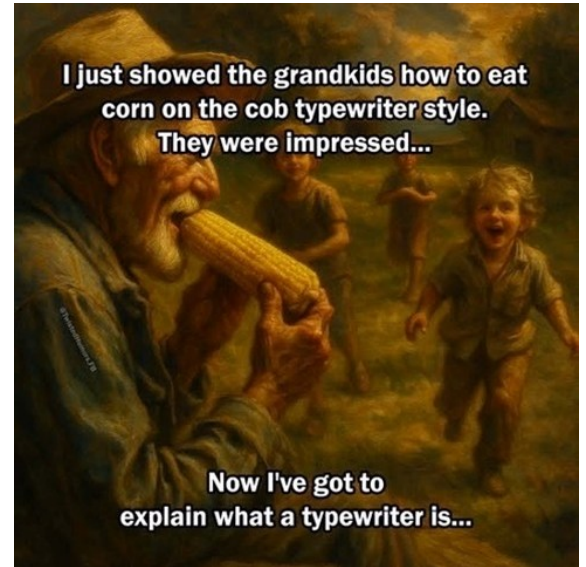
The same advice applies as it did at the Watch Party ...

Don't eat, drink, or golf just before you get there.

**ELECTIONS May 6th** is election night. Consider letting your name stand for office. It is much more fun when there is an actual lively competition going on. More details on this will follow.

Lastly, **AUCTION NIGHT** is scheduled to take place at Smiles restaurant on **May 20th**. Yes, it is a bit early for this announcement, but it is never too early to start planning your auction item.

# THOSE WERE THE DAYS



# A BIT MORE NOSTALGIA

**Remember the days of eating lunch at the Woolworth's lunch counter?**



**HOW WE PLAYED "ONLINE"**

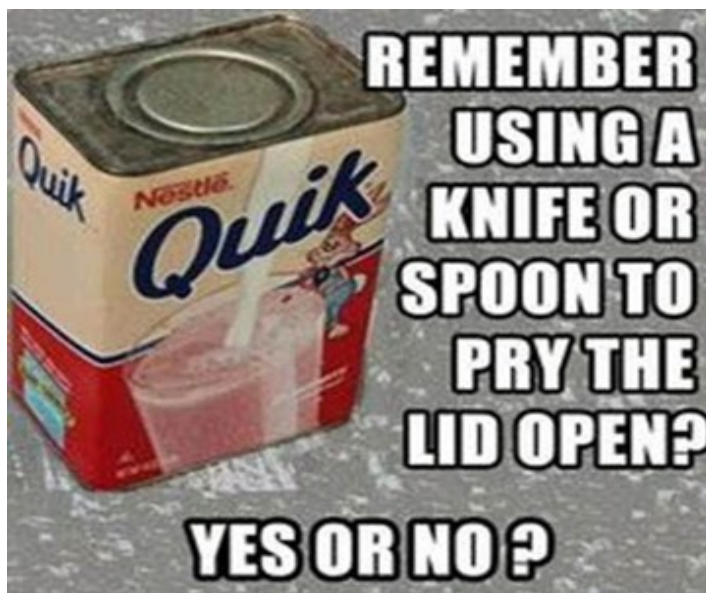


**BEFORE THE INTERNET!**

**WHO REMEMBERS**



**THE BANANA SEAT?**



# 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

**Experience the serenity of  
silence.**



# ANIMAL INSTINCTS



# GYRO FRIENDSHIP PICTURE OF THE WEEK



## AND THE LAST WORD....

