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The Gyro Club of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia

Chartered 1925

www.district6.gyro.ws

Meetings every Monday at Summer Street Industries, 72 Park St., 6 pm for 6:30
Out of town Gyro will be made welcome

OFFICERS 2012/13

Gyro:

President - Colin Fraser Treasurer- Keith MacDonald
1st Vice Pres.- Sandy MacIntosh Secretary - Jim Sweet
2nd Vice Pres.- John Robinson Past President - Norman Lord

Directors:
Ross MacIntosh
George Sutherland
Jim Wilson
Gerry Farrell

Gyrette:

Gyrette Liaison: Margaret-Ellen Disney (initial contact)
Treasurer: Lillian Sutherland

From our Club By-laws - "The object of the club shall be to promote and to foster a spirit of friendship within the club, and between the Club and other District Clubs. And to serve our Community"

April 17, 2013

UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

- April 22 - Pub Night. At the Dock, see below for details.....
- April 29 - Chairman, Jim Stewart
- May 6 - Chairman, tba.
Set-up for Cellar-to-Attic Sale after meeting.
- May 13 - Chairman, tba
- May 20 - No Meeting – Victoria Day
- May 27 - Annual Meeting. Committee reports needed.
- June 10 - Lobster Party at Little Harbour Community Centre.

PUB NIGHT at the DOCK – Monday, April 21, 6 pm.

Your Events Committee is trying something new this Monday evening. It's a Pub Night! We'll meet at the Dock at 6pm (or sooner, if you wish). After a Pub beverage (alcoholic or not), we'll order from the Pub menu and tell a few Pub lies. Gyrettes are most welcome.

Should be fun. Hope everyone can make it.



MEETING OF APRIL 8

A lively bunch of jolly Gyro gents were on hand to see how well Brian Hiscott could wield the gavel. Since almost all of our Executive are busy sunning themselves in the South, it was a pretty uneventful meeting. That was a good thing, because Brian's guest speaker sent our heads spinning!

Rev. Glen Matheson has been a chaplain associated with the RCMP for about 15 years. So it was, that when the recent tragedy in Woods Harbour occurred, Glen was pressed into action. The young fishing crew didn't have a chance when they experienced equipment problems and got caught in the fierce storm that capsized their boat. In his usual masterful manner, Glen described for us the details of events on land and sea. It sent our heads spinning – can't imagine what it does to Glen's. Most interesting meeting.

Model of Health winner Claire MacDonnell wearing Freda's



Model: Claire MacDonnell, Age 82, Model of Health winner
Nominated by Helen MacDonnell-Miller, Daughter

MEETING of APRIL 15

Alan Maltby's guest was author/judge Clyde MacDonald who gave a spirited and interesting talk on our Pictou County dentist, Dr. James Milne. Judge MacDonald was able to expand his

knowledge of Dr. Milne through an anecdote offered by one of our Gyros in attendance, who discussed the first time he was bound in the chair by leather straps. It was a most interesting talk and a fun evening.

CELLAR –TO – ATTIC SALE – May 6 to 11 at the Curling Club



It's the time of year again when we clean out our basements, attics and garages for special treasures to send to the Cellar-to-Attic Sale on May 10 and 11. It is also the time when we ask every woman who is able to come out and help. This includes covering shifts for set up and for the sale itself.

Would you please review the schedule below and let Lynne Sheridan know what shifts you can work this year. We need at least 10 people for each shift. Please consider signing up for as many shifts as possible. Lynne looks forward to hearing from you. Lynne @ lynnemsheridan@hotmail.com.

The same for the Gyros. Review the times below and be prepared to sign up when the list is passed around.

Date	Time	Volunteers, Cellar to Attic
		Please respond to Lynnemsheridan@hotmail.com
Tuesday, May 7	1:30 – 4:00	
Tuesday, May 7	6:30 – 9:00	
Wednesday, May 8	1:30 – 4:00	
Wednesday, May 8	6:30 – 9:00	
Thursday, May 9	1:30 – 4:00	
Thursday, May 9	6:30 – 9:00	
Friday, May 10	1:30 – 3:00	
Friday, May 10	5:30 – 9:00	Full attendance needed
Saturday, May 11	8:30 - noon	Full attendance needed

Hope you are all saving stuff for the sale. And talking to friends, family and neighbours asking them to save their stuff as well. For pick-up of heavy stuff, call Glen after April 22 when he returns to the cool North.

Following the May 6th meeting, we'll convene at the Curling Club to set up tables.

MEMBERSHIP

As noted in a prior bulletin, our club is down to the lowest membership in many a year. We are in need of new members. So, each of us should be talking to friends, work peers, neighbours, and others, asking them to consider coming out to a Gyro meeting to see what we are all about. Pamphlets are available which describes Gyro to potential members.

We should all wear our name tags to the meetings, in case we have a potential member in attendance.

from John Kaulbach's basement.....a wee bit of CLUB HISTORY:

When our club was formed in 1925, it passed a resolution "that if the members were to justify themselves in the community, they must undertake projects of major importance to the youth of the area". It was then decided that 2 weeks in the fresh air at the seashore with plenty of good food, swimming, playing games and proper supervision to as many children as possible would be our project.

So it was, that the "Gyro Fresh Air Camp" was initiated. The Camp sought the co-operation of the V.O.N., Salvation Army and the Children's Aid Society. In an undated letter, Chairman of the Camp Committee, Dr. Bill MacGregor wrote "*If you had an opportunity to visit the homes of little tots who are deprived of proper nourishment, the expression on their little faces would sorely grieve you. Last year our Club, with the assistance of the V.O.N. Nursing staff, gathered 60 of these children, and gave them 2 weeks outing at our camp. The results were most encouraging. Gains in weight from 4 to 6 pounds were recorded in every case. Two of these little tots, 6 & 7 years old, weighed only 21 pounds.*"

In the 1930s there are reports of the maintenance costs to operate the "Farm Properties". This included kitchen staff, camp director and other costs. There is also reference to renting camp sites on the Farm.

In 1931 (the year the Great Depression hit), Vice president, John Clarke (Clarke's Tire), wrote a proposal to purchase the property of Frank MacNeill at Little Harbour to operate the Fresh Air Camp. It was proposed to accommodate 20 boys for 1 month, then 20 girls for 1 month. The Club would have to raise \$1,000 each year to operate the Camp. There is no record that the property was ever purchased.

In 1945, a Camp at Sutherlands River was purchased by the Gyro Club for their Fresh Air Camp in order to accommodate more children. Speaking to the YMCA recently, they claim that the Big Cove Camp was established in 1989 and is the oldest YMCA Camp in Canada. So, it may not have been the present Big Cove Camp that the Gyros purchased.

I cannot find reference to when the Gyro Swim program started at Melmerby Beach, but, in 1968 a Constitution was drawn up by Hugh MacDonnell in the formation of the "Gyro Swimming and Water Safety TRUST". In a letter from Fred O. MacLeod, it appears that the Trust was formed in order to obtain our ability to issue a receipt that can be issued for income tax purposes. Fred's letter also mentioned that the number of children enjoying the program was 450 per year.

Fred O. MacLeod was Chairman of the committee that looked after the programs for 49 years, from 1927 until he passed away in 1976. Then John Kaulbach and George Manos took over and served for 24 years until 2000. Since then Ross MacIntosh has been the chairman of the Trust.

More in the next bulletin.....

Thanks all for now, folks.

Jim Sweet
Editor.