



# The Avonscope

## The Windsor Gyro Club

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*Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month ~ 5:45 for 6:15 pm  
~ at the Kingsway Gardens, Windsor, NS~*

*Food for Thought: The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong. Andy Rooney*

## Meeting Notes:

### 2011/12 EXECUTIVE:

President: Jim White

Vice-President:

Past -President: Ed  
Macdonald

Secretary: Gerry Raymond

Treasurer: Bob Ford

Directors:

- Derek Yeadon

- Phillip Scott

-Tom Calkin

Bulletin Editor:

-Keith AuCoin

*The first meeting of the month* was held on March 6 at the Kingsway Gardens and a group of 25 attended. Past-President Ed was in the Chair for the meeting and a very nice haddock dinner was served and enjoyed by all. The guest speaker for the night was Lieutenant Governor, Keith, who gave a presentation on a proposed recruitment strategy for the Windsor Club and possibly for some of the other Clubs in District VI. Some of the key points of the strategy are: Clubs have to be pro-active about membership recruitment, someone in the Club has to be the point person to make it happen, the Club shall ensure that there is at least one guest at a meeting once a month, over the course of the year, all members are encouraged to invite at least one guest to a meeting, follow-up with invited guests should happen within a month, and we should communicate with new members to get some valuable feed-back to improve the process. Part of the strategy is to have an up-to-date brochure for handout to prospective members and guests when appropriate and a draft is ready for circulation and comments. The power point presentation and the brochure were circulated to the members earlier in the month with the hope of receiving some feedback, so please review the material and share your thoughts whether critical or complementary.

Keith was also the luck 50/50 winner for the evening - \$14.5, enough to buy a case of beer 15 years ago.

*Ladies Night was held on March 20<sup>th</sup>* and 33 Gyros, Gyrettes and guests attended. The meal started with a fish-chowder, was followed by a lobster roll and potato salad, and concluded with a chocolate cake dessert. The guest speaker for the evening was Ted Eagles, a retired school principal who currently fills in some of his summer time as a tour guide at the Provincial Museum and historic site, "The Shand House". Ted's passion for this wonderfully maintained museum was quite evident from his presentation and some of the notable comments he mentioned were: this Victorian House was built in 1890 and virtually remains unchanged since that date, Gwendolyn (Vaughan) Shand lived almost all of her life in the house and donated it to the Province in her will, the house was the first residence in Windsor to have electricity, central heating and indoor plumbing, there were servant quarters on the upper level, the visitors to the museum each year number well in the hundreds and as a side comment about Windsor and West Hants residents, not very many locals have taken the time to visit the property since it was opened over a decade ago.

This is all part of the tourism package for the Town of Windsor, so the more we know about such treasures as the "Shand House", the better ambassadors we can become for the Town.

The 50/50 draw was won by Blanch Yeadon and two other raffle draws were offered as well.

*"The beauty inherent in memories  
is simply the remembering."*

*William Wordsworth*

## Gyro Information:

### That's Life!

*Love doesn't make the world go round; love is what makes the ride worthwhile. Franklin Jones*

### With the 2012 Baseball about to open, the following are some Yogi Berra's famous Quotes.

*"If you don't know where you are going, you will wind up somewhere else."*

*"It was impossible to get a conversation going; everybody was talking too much."*

*Once, Yogi's wife Carmen asked, "Yogi, you are from St. Louis, we live in New Jersey, and you played ball in New York. If you go before I do, where would you like me to have you buried?" Yogi replied, "Surprise me."*

*When asked what time it was, Yogi said "Do you mean now?"*

*"It's never happened in the World Series competition, and it still hasn't."*

*"Baseball is 90% mental -- the other half is physical."*

*"You give 100 percent in the first half of the game, and if that isn't enough, in the second half you give what's left."*

*Yogi got home early after a rainout, and when his wife arrived later with the boys, he asked her where she had been. When she said she took the boys to see Dr. Zhivago, Yogi replied, "what's wrong with them now?"*

*Congratulations to Craig Scott. Raised and educated in Windsor, he is now Canada's newest MP*



*Craig Scott, MP and Osgoode Hall Law School Professor, is the son of Windsor Gyrette, Barb Scott and the late Gyro, Don Scott*

### The Lighter Side

An Islander in a bar in Charlottetown was about as drunk as it's possible to get.

A group of tourists notice his condition and decide to be good Samaritans and take him home.

First they stand him up to get to his wallet so they can find out where he lives, but he keeps falling down.

He fell down eight more times on the way to the car, each time with a real thud.

After they get to his house, he falls down another four times getting him to the door.

His wife comes to the door, and one guy says, "We brought your husband home."

His Wife asks, "Where's his frigin' wheelchair?"

## Upcoming Events:

- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** is the date for our next Gyro meeting which will be held at the Kingsway Gardens, 5:45 for 6:15 pm. The meal will be salad, Haddock entrée, gingerbread with lemon sauce and tea/coffee. The Kingsway indicates that if someone has an aversion to what is being offered and they know by the previous Monday, they can offer an alternative for either the main meal or dessert. A fruit cup can be prepared in advance if someone doesn't want a sweet dessert. Gerry will be sending out a request notice for attendance, so please be sure to respond by his deadline.

- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April** will be our **next "Ladies Night"** and it will be held at the Kingsway Gardens at the usual time 5:45 for 6:30 pm. The meal for the evening will be a turkey dinner, with blueberry upsidedown cake for dessert. The guest speaker for the evening will be Suzanne Corkum, Owner of Sainte-Famille Wines in Falmouth who will speak about their successes over the years and some promising new developments in marketing their products more openly and freely across Canada. Rumour has it she may even bring a couple of nice raffle prizes to go along with the 50/50 so be sure to pick up a ticket or three when you arrive.

The date for this year's **"Revolving Dinner" has been set for April 29<sup>th</sup>**. As usual, this is a very special event where we get to experience Gyro fellowship as its best. It's an opportunity to share time, food and drink with most of the Gyros and Gyrettes of the Club during appetizers, dinner and dessert at three different locations. Please mark your calendar as this is always a *can't miss event*. The appetizer portion of the event will commence at 4:30 pm; dinner at 6:00 pm and dessert at about 8:00 pm.

The invitation will be sent out the second week of April and participants are requested to respond by April 16<sup>th</sup> so the schedule can be drawn up and the hosts can make appropriate arrangements for food and their guests.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** is the date for our first Gyro meeting in May. It will be held at the Kingsway Gardens at the usual time of 5:45 for 6:15 pm. The nominating committee will be announcing its proposed slate of officers for next year at this meeting. President Jim's year is winding down, so let's have a good turn-out.

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** has tentatively set as the date for our **annual golf day and supper at the Avon Valley Golf and Country Club**. More details to follow.

**Gyro International Convention on June 11-17<sup>th</sup>, 2012** will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio. The program and registration form for the convention are on the Gyro International web site and can be printed on your home computer. This is a once in a hundred year's celebration, as the Cincinnati Club of **District I will be hosting the Hundredth Anniversary of Gyro**. Gyro was started in 1912 in District I so this should be quite a celebration. You could even get to see the "Reds" play.

**District VI Convention for 2012** will be hosted by the New Glasgow Club in September and the date and location will be announced as soon as determined.

### Definitions

**ADULT:** a person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

**BEAUTY PARLOR:** A place where women curl up and dye.

**COMMITTEE:** A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

**INFLATION:** Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

**SECRET:** Something you tell to one person at a time.

**WRINKLES:** Something other people have, similar to your character lines!

### **Stimulus Package**

It was a slow day in the small Saskatchewan town of Pumphandle and the streets are deserted.

Times are tough and everybody is in debt and living on credit.

A tourist visiting the area drives through town, stops at the hotel and lays a \$100 bill on the desk saying he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs to pick one for the night.

As soon as he walks up stairs, the hotel owner grabs the bill and runs next door to pay his debt with the butcher.

The butcher takes the \$100 and runs down the street to retire his debt to the pig farmer.

The pig farmer takes the \$100 and heads off to pay his bill to his supplier, the co-op.

The guy at the co-op takes the \$100 and runs to pay his debt to the local prostitute, who has also been facing hard times and has had to offer services on credit.

The Hooker rushes to the hotel and pays off her room bill with the hotel owner.

The hotel proprietor then places the \$100 back on the counter so the traveler will not suspect anything.

At that moment, the traveler comes down the stairs, states that the rooms are not satisfactory, picks up the \$100 bill and leaves.

No one produced anything. No one earned anything.

However, the whole town is now out of debt and looks to the future with a lot more optimism.

And that ladies and gentlemen is how a “stimulus package” works.

### **The Lighter Side**

A Newfoundlander is driving down a road in St. Johns. A sign in front of a restaurant reads:

***Happy Hour Special***

***Lobster Tail and Beer***

'My Lord tunderin' he says to himself, 'me 3 favourite tings!'



*Until next time, Keith*