



GYRO DISTRICT TEN GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Here We Go!!

Here I sit pondering what I should write about for my very first Governor's newsletter. I've had a bit of experience writing the BULLETIN for Tampa, my home club, but this is the first attempt at addressing all of District Ten. So I ask myself, "What would I want to hear if I were you?" Some thoughts come to mind such as, International news, good news, people news, problems that need to be addressed, suggestions to be solicited from you, and so on. So, I'll attempt to cover at least some of the above.

But before I start, I want to say how much I enjoyed working with our immediate past Governor **Tom Bringley**. He always kept me in the loop of Gyro activities, solicited my suggestions and was an all around good friend during his entire tenure. I hope I can at least fill part of his big shoes.

CONVENTIONS:

My Gyrette Joan and I just returned from a fabulous International convention in San Diego hosted by District IX.

The Convention was held in San Diego the week of June 7th and what a great get together it was! District X was represented by myself, 1st Lt. Governor **Gordon Elliott** and Past International President **Al Sinicrope**.

After business meetings were held on Tuesday and Wednesday, the festivities began on Thursday evening when we attended a Polynesian buffet complete with hula dancers – some of whom turned out to be Gyros &

Gyrettes.

Tickets were included in the registration for a tour of the Midway aircraft carrier now anchored permanently in San Diego as a museum. All guides on the ship were retired naval personnel many of whom had



Polynesian Buffet with all sailors present - *Anchors Aweigh!*

served on the Midway. Also included were tickets to ride the Old Towne Shuttle to various places of interest in the San Diego area.

The International President's Ball – Dinner/Dance was held on Saturday night. All traditional events took place: – bagpipe player leading in the persons at the head table, singing of the national anthems of Canada and the USA, toasts to the Queen and President of the USA (it was my honor to offer the toast to the President at the Ball which was a sumptuous affair.)

The new International Officers were installed as follows:

President	Ken Klinck
1 st Vice Pres.	Harold Bernard
2 nd Vice. Pres.	Jim Hyland
2nd Vice Pres.	Larry Duba
Immed. Past Pres.	Ab Nightingale
Sec/Treas.	Emil Baijot

At the ball and throughout the week, Tribute was paid to our late President **Pete Belding** who passed away prior to the convention and sympathy offered to his wonderful Gyrette **Linda**. It was Pete's grandson who said to Pete, "You know Poppy, Gyro is a family with different last names."

As you know, District IX was running into financial problems staging this convention and established a 50-50 drawing to help defray expenses. Our club contributed substantially as did several other District X clubs. And **three from District X won!** They were: our District 1st Lt. Governor, **Gordon Elliott, Steve Capellini**, (my son) and **Falco Schmidt** of the Ft' Lauderdale/Gold Coast club. There were about 170 Gyros & Gyrettes in attendance and I'm happy to report, District IX is going to wind up in the black!



District X Wine Holders at the Silent Auction

There was also a Silent Auction held to help with the expenses – we're proud to say the Wine Bottle holders made by our **District X Gyrettes** and given to the attendees at the last District X convention were included in the auction and brought in a sizeable amount of money. These were the holders left over after giving a holder to each member of the Executive Committee as requested by the Gyrettes who made them.

McGill, expressed their gratitude to me several times during the convention for the money received from our District for the purchase of the 50-50 tickets and donation of the wine holders

Note: Some of the forgoing may seem familiar to those of you who "subscribe" to the Tampa Gyro BULLETin but hey, this newsletter goes to all District X Gyros.



District IX Gyros, including Governor **Bob**



Cappy & Bob McGill - Gov. District IX

I received the following email from **John De Yulia**, District IX convention chairman:

Hey, Bob,

Bob McGill forwarded a copy of your BULLETin to me. Once again, GREAT JOB. I'm going to include your bulletin in my newsletter, which will come out next week (I hope).

*Well, Paisan, as our mutual coomba says, "It's not over until the fat lady sings", and I am still waiting for the fat lady to take the stage so I can close the books. However, you are right and we will finish in the black, **thanks to the support of the District X Gyros and all the other Gyros.** But the most important thing is that everyone had a lot of fun.*

If there is anything I can do to return the help from District X, feel free to ask,

Arrivederci,

John DeYulia Convention Chairman

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Speaking as your Governor, I just wanted to express my personal thanks to those District X clubs who responded to my pleas for the purchase of 50-50 tickets. It was on rather short notice but you came through in true Gyro spirit. **Thank you all!**

## UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

While we're on the subject of conventions, here's an early reminder: the **District Ten Interim** convention will be held in **November** (place and date to be determined) and the District convention will be hosted by the **Sarasota** club in late **April of 2010**.

The International Interim Convention will be held in Las Vegas on January 17-21 of 2010 and the regular International Convention will be held in St. Paul Minnesota on July 12-18, 2010. The theme will be "*Rollin' On The River.*"

## CLUB NEWS

I thought perhaps you might wish to hear a bit of news about District X clubs in this newsletter. About a third of our clubs go "dark" in the summer when many members return to the north to spend their summers while the rest of us swelter away in Florida-land. If any one would like me to include news about your club in future issues of this newsletter, please let me know.

**Sarasota:** In April we were invited to attend a special birthday party for Past District Governor **Gus Ehrman** who was celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. I had heard Gus referred to as "Mr. Gyro" of the Sarasota club so I presented Gus with a plaque identifying him as "Mr. Gyro of the Sarasota Club". There were many Sarasota Gyros and Gyrettes there including **Nan Ehrman**, Gus' wonderful Gyrette of many years. Several other honors were bestowed on Gus that day. I was grateful to have been invited.



**Gus Ehrman** being presented with his "Mr. Gyro" award.

## I NEED YOUR INPUT PLEASE!

### 1. The Governor's Newsletter

I've been kicking around a few ideas about how to save a few bucks on the District level. One item is this newsletter. The postage is now 48 cents – that's almost a buck for every two newsletters we mail out. So I thought about emailing them to those who have email addresses. But then, I'd be faced with having to keep about 100 email addresses up to date. **This is where you club Presidents come in.** How would it be if I **emailed** each of the 6 presidents the newsletter (in PDF format) and you in turn would forward (email) it to your members? It's easier for you to keep pace with email address changes than it would be for me. Or I could email it to your club Secretary. Of course I would still snail mail the newsletter to those without email addresses – just let me know who they are.

As of 3/31/09, we had 111 Gyros in District X. If I emailed all the Newsletters, that represents a **savings** of about \$50 for each mailing times 4 mailings equals around **\$200 a year** (I always was good in math). And that's not counting copying costs and envelopes.

***The first 6 Presidents to respond will win a prize!***

### 2. Convention site for District Interim

Looking at the Florida map, it seems like a good place to hold the District Interim might be the Naples/Ft. Myers area. Folks from the east coast clubs could shoot over Alligator Alley and the West Coaster could traverse I-75 south. Again, I'm seeking your opinions. If you agree with the above please let me know, if not, please offer an alternate site(s).

## NEW MEMBERS

At the International Convention, there was much discussion about the ever diminishing number of members in Gyro.

I offer a couple of suggestions:

1. Establish A **"Bring A Friend To Gyro night"** in each club. Each District Ten club would establish one meeting a year for each member to bring a friend to Gyro. If just 10% of the Gyros do this and the friend becomes a Gyro, our membership increases 10%! (I told you I was good at math). I'm going to call each club president later in the year and ask for the date you establish for this event. I know this has been done in the past by some clubs with good results.
2. **Gyrettes** have been a positive force in suggesting names of men they know through friendship with other ladies perhaps husbands or acquaintances of those ladies. Many of those men have become Gyros. So Gyros, please share this newsletter with your Gyrettes, ask them to think about this and see if they can suggest names of possible future Gyros ..... please?

That's all for now – best wishes to all!

Bob Capellini AKA Cappy  
Your District X Governor

