

GYRO BETTERMENT FUND

Have you got a great idea to promote Gyro membership? Is your Club planning a membership drive or event that needs funding? Do you have an idea to enhance Gyro? If the answer to any of these questions are yes, then Gyro can provide assistance through the Betterment Fund.

The Fund was created in 1994 with the objective of bolstering declining revenues in the face of declining membership. In 1996, the Bylaws of Gyro International were amended to include Chapter 11A which formally established the Betterment Fund, its' Purpose, Administration, and Use. Article IV - Purpose of Fund, Section 1 states "*The Fund shall be maintained for the purpose of perpetuating, promoting, and expanding the concept, membership, welfare and influence of Gyro by using the moneys in the Fund for expenses not normally included in the Budget of this Organization; to encourage membership in, and expansion of this Organization and other such purposes as the Board shall deem appropriate and in keeping with the intent of this Section 1.*"

The Betterment Fund Board of Directors (informally known as the Committee), composed of three Past District Governors elected by the Board of Governors and the two most immediate Past Presidents, has authority for the expenditure of moneys from the Fund.

While membership efforts are a priority, other worthwhile endeavors for the "Betterment of Gyro" should also be explored and submitted for consideration. For example, seed money was provided to develop the original Gyro home page. Any one or more Gyro members, Clubs or Districts may submit a proposal for expenditures from the Fund.

Your proposal or request should be outlined in a Gyro Betterment Fund Application Form and sent to the Committee by:

Email: bettermentfund@gyro.org

Mail: Betterment Fund Board of Directors
c/o Gyro International,
1096 Mentor Avenue, Painesville OH, 44077

In order to avoid any delay in consideration of your proposal, you should provide as much information as possible on the application form, with attachments if necessary, including:

1. A description of the event or project including what you expect to accomplish.
2. The approximate amount of funding which will be required and how these moneys will be spent or allocated and used.
3. Why you feel the proposal or project is eligible for funding.
4. The names address and phone number of a contact person.

If your proposal is accepted, you will be notified in a timely fashion. Reimbursement is also approved by the Betterment Fund Committee.

The Betterment Fund has limited funds so its success lies not only in what it can accomplish in the way of Gyro growth, but also in contributions from Gyros like you who think that Gyro is a great concept, and well worth promoting. Hopefully every Gyro would wish to participate and contribute to the Fund. To make this easier, a Pledge Form is available. Feel free to fill it in and send it with your contribution to Gyro International.