

GYRO INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT - X



A Fraternity of Friendship

Governor: Steve Anderson

District X Clubs: Caloosa, Ft Lauderdale, Gasparilla, Tampa
Caloosa President: Steve Anderson, Ft Lauderdale President: David Vlazny
Gasparilla President, Gary Ennis

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"It is not what we have in life, but who we have in our life that matters"

Greetings from Gyro District X. We are alive and well, and offer heartfelt wishes that our Fraternity of Friendship and its' members are the same. The Pandemic intermission separated Gyro members and Clubs from normal, joyful gatherings that are the life blood of our fellowship. The desire to stay connected was clearly demonstrated by the increased use of social media, phone calls, emails and "God Bless Zoom" teleconferencing. Yes, there is a pulse, and it is strong!

District X is thriving and recycling through a period of membership reduction and club resignations. The Tampa Club, established in 1922, found its' members aging and inactive. As a group, unable to energize stag events or social activity, and unwilling to attend District or Int'l conventions, they agreed to submit personal resignations. One member remained and we have maintained the Club charter with hopes - intentions of reforming an active Tampa Club. Stay tuned.

The Gold Coast-Ft Lauderdale Club has been challenged, as others, by Corvid 19 protocols, aging leadership, and several deaths. This club has a core strength and foundation of 5 of the original Charter Members remaining active. They have been true friends for close to 40 years and are looking forward to restarting social activities. David Vlazny, Club President numerous times is again at the helm and the club is in good hands. Several stag meetings have occurred with plans for social gatherings being considered.

Gasparilla Club, a "Den of Pirates," with a history of energy provided by dedicated leadership, has been battered by the loss of that leadership, in the form of 3 members who served as Int'l Presidents: Lonnie Turner, Dave Hansma, and Al Sinicrope. These "Gentlemen Gyros" all passed within a short period of each other. Art Bade PDG and Club President also passed away. The remaining members are understandably "catching their breath" before reclaiming their position as a positive, and contributing member Club of D-X. They will accept District and Int'l assistance as required and look forward to helping hands. Current President and First Lady, Gary and Dorothy Ennis are long time Gyro members who have the much needed experience as Past District Governor.

The Caloosa Club loves experienced members (rather than saying old) to bring new energy through the addition of new members. Proud to have received the Small Club Membership Award last year with 4 new (elder) members, we have also installed 2 (mature) new members with another 2 in the gate for this year.

The Club activity calendar stays complete with a variety of fun events including, stag luncheons, couples socials of picnics, field trips, house parties, shuffleboard tournament, and occasional speakers. Individual members accept responsibility for planning events in advance. Works great. Some of the ladies have proven to be serious recruiters. Also, great.

Club membership is capped @ 20. There is some consideration for future possibility of a percentage of the Caloosa members to form another club of their own, perhaps as the North FT. Myers Club. Caloosa Club would then become The Cape Coral Club. Some members would belong to both, if so desired.

SUMMARY:

District X is in the search for members who wish to be considered for the D-X EC, all positions. Realizing that D-X has a greatly reduced roster, and that Int'l is holding only one convention per year may salve concerns of candidates that serving the District will not be burdensome or interfere with leisure time.

Scheduling of a District Convention in February is being considered with an estimated attendance of 30. The District treasury is liquid with no expenditures the past year. Dues notice will be issued in December for payment by Jan 31st.

D-X would like to extend its' sincere appreciation to the Int'l EC for their excellent stewardship of our friendship organization during a very difficult time, and under trying conditions. They have displayed a dedication to successfully adapt new management techniques and greatly improved communications for the good of the order. We wish them continued success as they move up through the chairs. Int'l President Alan Pentney is to be congratulated for his leadership, vision, and dedication to Gyro. Well done, good friends.

"Tell your friends you love them while you have them."

Respectfully submitted,

*Steve Anderson
Gyro District X Governor*

