

April 18, 2014

**Fairmont (Apr 25-27, 2014)**

Ten Gyro's will be attending this informal gathering and our schedule will include Hospitality Suites Friday and Saturday afternoons and evenings. We will be getting together for dinner on Friday at The Black Forest and at the Lodge on Saturday. Some of us will golf on Saturday morning. Of course the Hot Pool is available as always.

Anyone who might want to join us for any or all events is welcome. Please let me know so we can adjust our reservations. I think rooms are still available and can be booked using Reservation Group # 750309, Their Toll Free number is 1-800-663-4979.

**Wallace Convention (June 15 -22, 2014)**

If you haven't booked your room yet you can still phone 1-800-643-2386 for help.

Please don't procrastinate because you think all the rooms are taken. I know of a few cancellations due to health issues so rooms are available. ( You may have to get the room from somebody who registered and can't come).

If you haven't received the Registration form go to the Wallace website to download it. <http://www.wallacegyro.com/>

**Survey**

District VIII clubs were asked to participate in a survey recently to help us plan for the future. The results will be discussed in detail at our Annual Meeting in Wallace.

In general, there should be a spirited debate over whether we should eliminate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Governor position. It appears that the majority are in favor of this but there is a lot of opposition.

It also seems that most clubs are in favor of keeping costs down at District and International even if it means reduced services. Again there could be a heated debate over this.

There was little or no support for the idea of making the executive terms two years.

If you have strong feelings about these or other topics, speak to your Club President so he can bring your thoughts to the Annual Meeting in Wallace or better yet present them yourself.

**Membership**

Congratulations to Cranbrook, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Sherwood Park and Wallace who have all increased their membership in the past 12 months. Their efforts have resulted in an overall increase of 5 in District VIII.

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