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District VIII Website Promotes Communication

Welcome to the first District VIII bulletin that is accessible through the new District VIII. The website is amazing! Jim Copeland, Sherwood Park Club, created it in a short 2-month period. Jim is the winner of the international award for best website for 2014-15. The site has details on all the clubs, history of the District, awards, upcoming events, current news and a means for potential members to contact us. It is a one-stop shop for everything you need to know and has links to the International site where you can access the member database, Gyroscope magazine and other information. Check out the cool picture of your community at the top of the website (Your Chamber of Commerce would be pleased).

Jim says building a site connected to the international site is very easy to do. He is willing to assist other clubs to do that so this site can link to it. To make the site even more interesting and useful we would like to post news and upcoming events from each club. That way we can hear about our friends in other clubs and plan to take in proposed activities with other clubs if we are in the neighborhood. It is also a great place to post pictures and comments after an event. For example Sherwood Park posted a photo of me making a plaque presentation for their upcoming 40th anniversary.

Please send information for posting to Jim at jim.copeland@icloud.com

Executive Biography - Dave Deroos



I was born in Wallace, ID in 1944, raised in Osburn, ID and graduated from Wallace High School. After a few years of working underground in the mines, I bought the Osburn Club from my parents and operated the club until moving out of state in early 1970.

While living in California, I met my wife, Bonnie. We married in 1990 and between the two of us we have four children and seven grandchildren. In San Diego, I owned and operated a very successful construction maintenance company. I

also became an active member of the Volunteer Sheriff's Patrol.

We began our investments in the Wallace, ID area in the late 1990's and ultimately moved back to Wallace in 2006. We have remained active in all of our businesses, which include a new event center, cocktail lounge, 12-unit condo complex, restaurant/bar and 19-unit motel/apt units. In 2012, we opened a first-class zip line company in Wallace and we are both actively involved in the business.

I am currently the past governor of District VIII. We have attended a number

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<http://www.District8.gyro.ws>

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SPOKANE

STAMPEDE CITY

WALLACE



An international organization that provides a setting for our members and friends to socialize and have fun.

of conventions and have enjoyed making new friends throughout the years. I have been a Wallace Gyro member for eight years and served as President of our club for one year.

I am an active member of our City Council and enjoy participating in various community events. I enjoy traveling, investing and an occasional round of golf, snowmobiling, 4-wheeling and fishing.

News Across the District

This is the start of a new year of activities in most clubs. Please supply Jim with details. I am looking forward to attending the **Cranbook installation** on October 8 and the **joint Calgary/ Stampede City installations** on October 16. Please let me know if you have an event coming up that District Executive can participate in. If you are wondering about fun ideas please consult the Gyro cookbook at:

http://international.gyro.ws/index_htm_files/GYRO%20NEW%20GYRO%20FUN%20PARTY%20COOKBOOK.pdf

October is coming up fast and each club is expected to recognize our heritage with the tradition of a Founder's night. This 100-year plus organization is slowly evolving with the leadership of International Executive so even with new ideas we should pause to reflect on the objective of the club and remember that friends keep in contact – otherwise they slowly drift apart.

Another reminder to register for the ever popular **Curl-A-Rama** which is occurring on Nov. 6-8 in Banff. The fees of \$240 include 2 nights of accommodation, Friday hospitality and food, 2 breakfasts, a Saturday banquet and of course curling. Without curling it is \$175.

If Wallace can field a team from 8 hours away, Regina travels 9 hours and Port Alberni can travel from Vancouver Island then you can share the fun with a short drive. Please make the effort – the memories are priceless.

Details of the District and International Conventions are now on the new District website.

Your Friend in Gyro

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