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Rethinking Life

The past four years I have spent on District Executive has truly been a great experience, especially this past year as Governor where I was honored to join Gyros at their club events across the District. Even today I attended the Calgary Club Spring Brunch where they were welcoming back the snowbirds, enjoying entertainment and announcing upcoming events. Every week across this district and across North America, Gyros are gathering at fun events to share experiences, hug and enjoy friendship. I recently saw a YouTube by Prince Ea (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7745JFnxfq>) where he criticized humanity for letting technology get in the way of real conversations. I believe Gyro is the ideal organization to gain friends and to enjoy other's company. It is especially critical in these times when parents are passing on, friends are challenged with illness and the economic and political climates are frustrating.

This is my last Bulletin (of seven) as Governor. I hope you have found them informative and I hope this communication tool as well as the website set up by Jim Copeland has helped unify the District and stimulated you to participate in Club and District events as well as attract and retain members.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the District Convention in Fairmont Hot Springs and Tara and I thank all of you for your kind words and acts of generosity this past year.

Convention Primer

As you can see by the picture of Fairmont Hot Springs Resort – it is a much different place in May than in March. It is so nice to lounge on the lawn or patio with friends with a beverage to relive and create memories.

There will be Golf on Thursday followed by dinner and a Trivia Contest. Following the Poker Run and Boccee on Friday there is a Western Theme Party so please bring western attire. If you are not

one to dress up – just put on some jeans. Of course the Governor's Banquet occurs Saturday night. We already have over 100 registered with more coming. I think when I was installed last year there was only enough for the head table so incoming Governor John is either more popular than me or it's the reduced registration fee. Ken Baker cringes with every registration because we are losing money from our surplus – but that was the intent.



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

Annual Meeting Primer

The District Convention is a fun event but the Annual General Meeting is an integral reason for coming to the Convention. So I wanted to prepare you for that. To start with, the constitution requires that each club be represented. I admire Sherwood Park for their constitution, which mandates that they will attend. Each club receives votes based on their membership. If a club does not attend then those voted may be passed to another club delegate but the Secretary Treasurer for the District must be advised of this in advance so telephone confirmation can be made.

Voting is important as motions regarding International dues, donations, and constitutional changes can be made. In this case I plan to send out a motion to be considered at the meeting where the Lt. Governor would have his expenses paid to go to the International Convention (currently he only receives expenses for the Interim). This is important to attract Governor candidates and because the Interim may not exist in future.



Recruiting Lt. Governor candidates is becoming increasingly difficult. A workshop will be held at the meeting to discuss options going forward. One option is that a Board of Club Presidents be created from which a Lt. Governor is selected by vote of the Presidents. We will discuss the details and you may have your own ideas to present for ratification in 2017.

Lets keep the fun in Gyro!

For the Good of the District

If you are looking for fun ideas please consult the **Gyro cookbook** at: http://international.gyro.ws/index_htm_files/GYRO%20NEW%20GYRO%20FUN%20PARTY%20COOKBOOK.pdf

Details of the **International Convention in Red Lake, Ontario** July 11 to 17 2016 are on the District VIII website at <http://district8.gyro.ws>.

2017 conventions are in **San Diego** January 29 to February 3 and in **Vancouver** June 9 to 13th followed by an optional **cruise to Alaska**. Details are on the International website.

Please send information on your club **special events** and installations to Jim Copeland (jim.copeland@icloud.com) as we all would like the opportunity to see what is happening and possibly participate.

Stay tuned for material for the May Convention. Lt. Governor Hodgson is sending a report form for Club reports; I am sending the agenda and motions for constitutional changes; Sec-Treasurer Baker is sending the financial statement and the minutes of the last meeting. Remember there is an award for the most club members coming (with mileage factored in).

Alan Pentney, Governor District VIII