

District VIII

2019 – 2020 Executive:

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Our Clubs:
CALGARY
November 12, 1921

CASTLEGAR
May 25, 1984

CRANBROOK
May 17, 1924

**EDMONTON
CROSSROADS**
May 18, 1957

EDMONTON
July 29, 1921

LETHBRIDGE
March 28, 1925

NELSON
February 16, 1924

REGINA
October 20, 1921

**SHERWOOD
PARK**
October 4, 1975

STAMPEDE CITY
November 3, 1962

WALLACE, ID
May 19, 1934



GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER – Derm's First!

August 1, 2019

This being my first **Governors' Newsletter** it is special to me. The **Drumheller Convention** was special for **Lillian** and me as the evening that I was installed as **Governor** was 35 years to the day that I became a **Gyro**; AND 35 years to the day that **Lillian** and I started dating. The **Gyro Road** that we have been traveling for 35 years has been wonderful and full of unforgettable memories and friendships.

We are looking forward to our year as your Governor and hope to renew old friendships and make many new ones.



2nd International Vice-President Alan Pentney installing Derm Jackman as District 8 Governor

2nd International Vice-President Alan Pentney installing Sid Slade as District 8 Lt. Governor



2nd International Vice-President Alan Pentney installing Larry Fenton as District 8 Immediate Past Governor

2nd International Vice-President Alan Pentney installing Ken Baker as District 8 Secretary/Treasurer

‘A Fraternity of Friendship’

International Convention:

After we returned to Castlegar, from the Drumheller Convention, we had a few days to help with our **Community Festival**, launder our clothes and repack our suitcases before heading to **Reno, Nevada**, for the **International Convention**; which was well organized and very interesting. Some highlights:

Technology Committee:

The technology Committee presented a new Database design they have been developing over the last 6 months and showed how we are going to move forward with email, web sites and security for our new technology. We need to get our technology up to date at **Gyro International** so we can keep moving forward and try to attract new members.

Here is a link to the Database Presentation – please send any questions or suggestions to the email address given: <http://www.district4gyro.com/wp-content/uploads/New%20Gyro%20Database.mp4>

Dues Increase:

At the AGM, a Motion was made to raise the **International Dues** from the current \$60 to \$70, for the **2020/21** fiscal year (note that the last dues increase was in 2011). A rough budget was presented that indicated additional monies would be required to supplement declining revenues and to fund increased expenses going forward. In support of the motion, and prior to the vote, **Larry Duba PIP**, generously **volunteered to pay 25% of the 1st year's increase for ALL MEMBERS!** In other words, members will only pay \$7.50 of the \$10.00 increase, for 2020/21! The vote was an overwhelmingly approval (424 In Favour, 117 Against, and 41 Abstained).

Other Highlights:

Installation of **Ted Schewchuk** as **International President**; **Alan Pentney** as **1st International Vice – President**; **Bryan Flanigan** as **2nd International Vice - President** and **Mike McNally** as **International Secretary/Treasurer**.

PIP Larry Duba received the **Edward “Ed” Steinbacher LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**. This is given in “Recognition for Continuous Distinguished Service of 20 Years or More to the Fraternity”

Club Visitations:

In June Lillian & I attended the **Sherwood Park Installation** and were hosted by **Lt. Governor Sid Slade** & his wife **Sharon**. We had a Meet and Greet at Lt. Governor Sid's home before the Installation. I meet with the incoming executive and we had a very informative discussion about Gyro and where it is heading and how we can try to make it better & attract new members. I installed their new executive and 2 new members. Outstanding event & hospitality.

The next morning before our trip home we were hosted for breakfast at **PDG Bernie and Brenda Kropp's** home along with **Lt. Governor Sid Slade & Sharon**, **District Secretary/Treasurer Ken Baker & Ann**.

Thank you, Sherwood Park Club, for the outstanding hospitality!

We also attended the **Nelson Club** wind up with the other members of the **Castlegar Club** and our Gyrettes and I installed a new member.

In September Lillian & I will be heading to Calgary to do the installation for both the **Calgary Club & Stampede City**.

In October it will be over to **Cranbrook** to do their Installation.

Report of Lt. Governor Sid:

Sharon and I had a golden opportunity to attend the **Gyro Club of Regina** for their Installation of new Officers. It was an opportunity to get to know some fellow Gyro's and to revisit Regina which we once called home, in the mid 70's. Sharon and I were treated like royalty and the member's and their wives were very gracious hosts. In addition to their regular program they had their annual music award recipient attend and provide a musical arrangement. **President Alex MacDonald** proved himself very capable on the keyboard as well and provided a sing – a – long to conclude the evening. For Sharon and I, it was a most enjoyable night with new found friends. Great job Regina!

Past District Governors:

Reminder to all **PDG's** of the **Membership Challenge** that was put to you, at the **PDG Meeting**, in Drumheller, by **PDG Peter Carter**: to show by example and do your utmost to bring in one (1) **New Member**, by **September 30, 2019**. Please keep Peter advised of your progress

Reminders:

As we head into the fall a lot of our clubs will be holding their **Founders Night** events, which is a good opportunity to reflect on where we came from and to invite possible new members to your event. Don't forget to keep in mind the work that your club members do and how much they give of their time to promote **Gyro** and make your club enjoyable for all the members. Please consider recognition in some way for those outstanding members.

Also, please keep in mind that the **District Executive** is always looking for new candidates, for executive positions, and that it is very rewarding to serve on the District Executive. Please consider taking a turn on the District Executive.

Curl-A-Rama:

PDG John Hodgson reports the event will be held in **Canmore**, as the Voyager Hotel, in Banff may be closed for renovations. **Curl-A-Rama will be held November 1 – 3, 2019**. More details to follow.

Upcoming Conventions:

- District VIII, **Medicine Hat, AB**: May 28 – 31, 2020 – hosted by the Stampede City Club: <http://district8.gyro.ws/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2020-Medicine-Hat-Convention-Information.pdf>
- **International, Victoria, BC**: June 9 – 14, 2020: <https://victoriagyro.com/victoria2020/>

Yours in Gyro,

Derm Jackman
District 8 Governor

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