

District VIII

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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 Third!

April 1, 2020

This being my third **Governors' Newsletter** I think it is important to let you know how we are doing as a District, as of today our membership in **District 8 is at 317** members. I must commend you all on your efforts to add new friends to our Gyro circle. In these difficult times it is even harder to gain members. I think our focus should be to stay healthy and safe and follow the regulations put in place to overcome **Covid-19 virus**. Lets' all try no matter how small it seems in the overall picture of the fight, to do our part to help. Be kind to each other and help your neighbor if you can. Just doing that will bring us all rewards in the end.

Ten months have passed since the Drumheller Convention and the Gyro circle continues to turn. It is spring and usually a time to start cleaning up after winter and start planning for our **District & International Conventions**. Unfortunately that will not happen anytime soon! So now is a good time to think about the things we need to address or bring up at our next District or International convention. Maybe think about getting more involved in Gyro. I know it is hard to focus on Gyro when the world is in such stressful turmoil and uncertainty. We all must keep our faith in each other, that we are doing the right thing and will come through these difficult times even stronger and closer as friends.

Online Socializing: I know many of our older members are not computer geeks but maybe there is someone in your club that does have some skills and could help someone setup their computer so the club members can socialize on line with each other or even with their families. **Skype** or **Zoom** are good programs to use to meet and socialize online and they are free to download. This could also be a time to teach someone online how to do things on the computer they didn't know how to do. Maybe clubs could have their meetings online or social or musical events. Experiment try new things and have fun.

Gyroscope: Don't forget to check out the New Gyroscope on the International web site. Thanks to Derek Hay, 1st Lt. Governor of District 7 who is now the New Gyroscope editor. Please let him know if you like it or if you see any problems.

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Lt Governor: Sid Slade

Greetings Fellow Gyros

Just a few observations from a fellow Gyro, I miss the comradery of our meetings and the communication between our fellow members, to catch up with those who have been away for the winter and what is occurring in their lives. These are difficult times, which none of us has experienced before, and we can imagine what some of our world citizens are going through.

Currently, International, District and Clubs have ceased to participate in socialization which we have become accustomed too and is surely missed by many, however the alternative could be much worse.

From a personal perspective it provides me an opportunity to view the various Club Bulletins which provide updates as to their ongoing challenges. All we have to do is go to Gyro International website and read the New Gyroscope to see what is going on in our Gyro family. In the meantime, stay safe, stay home and most of all stay healthy.

Yours in Gyro
Sid Slade
District VIII Lt. Governor

International Technology Committee:

Technology Committee Update – April 01, 2020

Since our last update, the Technology Committee has continued its focus on the development of a new website. The new site features an updated design, which allows members to view the site from any device (computer, tablet, or mobile phone) and have it automatically adjusted to fit the screen.

All content from the previous website has been migrated over, and a list of past international officers and award recipients has been uploaded with search functionality built in. The new website has been reviewed and tested by several members outside of the committee and their feedback has been integrated into the site.

The Tech Committee will be meeting on April 8th with the intention of launching the new site shortly thereafter.

Matt Williams, Tech Committee Chair

Internet Links:

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>

<https://zoom.us/>

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Reminder to all PDG's:

If there is anything you want to add to the agenda for the PDG's meeting at the next District Convention, please email or contact **IPDG Larry Fenton** at **lfenton6906@gmail.com**

The **District Executive** is always looking for new candidates to serve in the executive positions. Those of us that have served on the District Executive know it is a very rewarding experience. Please encourage club members to consider taking a turn on the District Executive.

If you have any suggestions or ideas on how to bring in new members and you want to share them with the rest of your friends in the District, please let me know and I will make every effort to pass your ideas on.

Next year **District 8** will celebrate a **once in a lifetime milestone**, three of our clubs; **Calgary, Regina, Edmonton** are all going to be **100 years old**.

Yours in Gyro,
Derm Jackman
District 8 Governor

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