

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 Fourth!

June 8, 2020

This being my fourth **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 319** members. I must commend you all on your efforts to stay in touch with each other and experimenting with social media. In these difficult times we must think outside the box. Our focus should be to stay healthy and safe and practice social distancing & wash your hands often and wear a mask when you cannot distance. Be kind to each other and help your neighbor if you can. Just doing that will bring us all rewards in the end.

One year has passed since the Drumheller Convention and the gyro circle continues to turn. It is the end of spring and the start of summer, usually a time to start planning a trip to the lake or to the cottage, start dusting the golf clubs off and hit the links. **District Convention & International Convention**, unfortunately were cancelled for this year. Your District executive decided to have an online **District 8 Club meeting** using the program Zoom. The meeting was well attended. Three members of the International Executive were in attendance and spoke to the meeting. The current District Executive decided to stay in their positions until the **Calgary Convention, June 10 -14, 2021** which is being held at the **Deerfoot Inn & Casino**. It was also decided to **suspend the District dues** for 2020 - 2021. So now is a good time to think about the things we need to address or talk about at our next District or International Convention. PIP Matt Johnson has been awarded "The Honor Key", for distinguished & unselfish service over and above the call of duty, with such services bringing honor to, and respect for, our fraternity in the national or international field. Congratulations Matt.

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 or tablet 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. If you or your club needs any help setting up a Zoom meeting, contact 2nd Vice – President Peter Carter (peter.carter@shaw.ca) Peter is knowledgeable with Zoom.

Gyroscope

If you have any submissions for the next edition of the Gyroscope the deadline is June 15, 2020

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International News

On June 2,2020, the New International Executive was Installed online using Zoom.

International President: Alan Pentney – Stampede City Club, Calgary Alberta

1st Vice – President: Blanton Bessinger – Oryg Club, St. Paul, Minnesota

2nd Vice – President: Peter Carter – Edmonton Club, Edmonton, Alberta

Sec/Treasurer: Mike McNally – Buffalo, New York

Immediate Past International President: Ted Schewchuk - McKenzie Island, Ontario

International Technology Committee:

Technology Committee Update – June 7, 2020

The Technology Committee has launched the new website. When you have a moment please check out the new web site and send any comments or issues to me (matthew@kellyandmatt.ca) or Derm (dermj65@gmail.com)

The Tech Committee will be meeting on June 9th, 2020

Matt Williams, Tech Committee Chair

Internet Links:

<https://zoom.us/>

https://1drv.ms/u/s!AmU3KgaLwYSyhKgnVBdKp_1g6MvUCg?e=NwdURZ - District 8 Zoom Meeting
this link will expire June 30,2020

Reminders:

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 to please email or contact **IPDG Larry Fenton** at lfenton6906@gmail.com
Please keep in mind that the **District Executive** is always looking for new candidates, for executive positions, and it is extremely rewarding to serve on the District Executive. Please consider taking a turn on the District Executive. If you or your club have been using social media to meet and get together, please share your experience with 2nd International Vice- President Peter Carter (peter.carter@shaw.ca)

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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