

District VIII

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GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER – Derm's Sixth August 23, 2020

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

This being my sixth **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 318** members. I must commend you all on your efforts to stay in touch with each other and experimenting with social media. Amid the pandemic 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 to a point where we may be able to get back together again.

One year & 3 months have passed since the Drumheller Convention and the gyro circle continues to turn. Most of us are having a **staycation** this year and staying at home or at our summer homes in our own provinces or state. **District 8 Clubs are trying to stay active in various ways.** The 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.**

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 September 20, 2020. Please forward your submissions to 1st Lt. Governor of District 7, Editor of the Gyroscope, Derek Hay (hay.family.58@gmail.com)

District Notice:

Due to the Co-vid 19 pandemic **Curl-a- Rama 2020 is cancelled.**

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Technology Committee:

I just wanted to mention that IF you have not seen the **International Website** lately, **you should take a look** as there has been a number of changes made which make the website more informative and easier to use. On the **Home Page**, of the website, you will readily see **'WHAT'S NEW'**:

- **Board of Governors** Page;
- **Districts & Clubs** Page has been completely revamped;
- **Gyroscope** Page;
- **Gyro Store** Page;
- **International Convention** Page;
- **President's Newsletter** Page;
- **Special Funds Page** – The **Betterment** and **Memorial Funds** – which lets you know all about the Funds, who controls them and how;

The changes to the website have been done on the quiet, but I understand that there are more changes and improvements that will be Officially Announced in the near future. So, stay tuned; and be on the **Look Out**. In the meantime, take a look at gyro.org

2019 - 2020 AWARDS:

Typically, the annual **Gyro International Awards** are announced at the Annual General Meeting which this year would have been in June in beautiful Victoria, Canada. Since an in-person announcement is not possible the following award recipients list is being provided to all members. Congratulations to the successful clubs and individuals.

1. Best Bulletin

- Small Clubs Stampede City Gyroper - **Editor, Ian Greig PIP**
- Medium Clubs Canton Scope – **Editors, Mike Goodson and Chris Snyder PIP**
- Large Clubs Edmonton Gyrolog – **Editor, Fred Schulte**
- Governors **Derm Jackman, District 8**

2. Best Website

- Calgary Club <https://www.calgarygyroclub.com>

3. Expansion Awards (These awards are based on new members recruited in the fiscal year from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020.)

- Small Clubs **Caloosa FL**
- Medium Clubs **San Jose CA**
- Large Clubs **Rochester NY and Camosun BC**

4. Ed Steinbacher Lifetime Achievement Award (This is in recognition of extraordinary, magnanimous, and perpetual service to the Gyro Fraternity of Friendship.)

- **Mike McNally, PIP** received this award in March 2020 (see article in the March Gyroscope.)

5. Honor Key

- Matthew Johnson, PIP received this award in June 2020 (see article in the June Gyroscope.)

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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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