

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 Ninth

February 15, 2021

This being my ninth **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 315** members. I must commend you all on your continuing efforts to stay in touch with each other and experimenting with social media. Now that we have vaccines coming out, I want to remind you we cannot let our guard down, 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. Please remember those who may be alone at this time of year, check on them to make sure they are OK.

One year & 8 months have passed since the Drumheller Convention and the gyro circle continues to turn. Most of us are staying home this coming winter. **District 8 Clubs are trying to stay active in various ways**, Zoom meetings and socials. The District Executive decided to stay in their positions until the **Calgary Convention, rescheduled to September 23 – 26, 2021** which is being held at the **Deerfoot Inn & Casino**. The Calgary Club will be deciding in **June of 2021** and basing their decision on the most up to date science concerning Covid, and the Hotel status on whether the Convention will be going ahead.

Online Socializing:

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 International Vice – President Peter Carter (peter.carter@shaw.ca) Peter is knowledgeable with Zoom and happy to assist.

Gyroscope

If you have any submissions for the next or subsequent editions of the **Gyroscope** the deadlines are **March 20, June 20, September 20, December 20, 2021**. Please forward your submissions to Governor of District 7, Editor of the Gyroscope, Derek Hay: (hay.family.58@gmail.com)

District Notice

Calgary, Edmonton, Regina
Celebrating 100 years of Gyro Friendship
2021

'A Fraternity of Friendship'

International News

International Technology Committee:

I just wanted to mention that if you have not seen the **International Website** lately, **you should look** as there has been several changes made which make the website more informative and easier to use. In the meantime, look at gyro.org for all things International Gyro & for all things District Gyro district8.gyro.ws/. The tech committee is currently working on a new database design and Member Portal.

Club Per-Capita Dues to International, for 2021-22: I am pleased to report that the Board reduced dues for the coming year by \$20. This means \$70 dues will be rebated by \$20 for a net dues of \$50. This rebate is possible because of approximately \$25,000 surplus funds from the current year will be used to supplement the 2021-22 budget. The surplus is primarily due to no expenses for the Annual Convention. Some may say – why are there any dues? The response is that dues are needed to continue the basic operation of Gyro and to implement initiatives to improve the organization.

International Membership Committee:

Did you know there is a Membership Committee at International? This committee is working on improvements to the tools needed to bring in new members and retain members. The committee is being headed by 1st International Vice-Pres Blanton Bessinger.

Member Perks: The membership committee is actively looking into providing direct member services with a financial benefit such as a discount card and/or access to groups where topics of mutual interest are discussed. Cost benefits will be carefully considered.

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 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) **District 8** is celebrating a **once in a lifetime milestone**, three of our clubs; **Calgary, Regina, Edmonton** are all going to be **100 years old**.

I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself & Lillian to wish you and your families, a safe year ahead, please do not travel unless it is an emergency, stay home, wear your mask when out, wash your hands and social distance, stay in your bubble. Vaccines are being rolled out across our two countries but that does not mean it is safe to go back to the old normal. Be vigilant, this time next year we may be able to spend a normal time with family and friends.

Yours in Gyro,
Derm Jackman
District 8 Governor

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