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Our Clubs:

CALGARY

November 12, 1921

(100 yrs.)

CASTLEGAR

May 25, 1984

CRANBROOK

May 17, 1924

EDMONTON

CROSSROADS

May 18, 1957

EDMONTON

July 29, 1921

(100 yrs.)

LETHBRIDGE

March 28, 1925

NELSON

February 16, 1924

REGINA

October 20, 1921

(100 yrs.)

SHERWOOD

PARK

October 4, 1975

STAMPEDE CITY

November 3, 1962

WALLACE, ID

May 19, 1934



GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER – Derm's Last

May 26, 2021

This being my last **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 313** members. I must commend you all on your continuing efforts to stay in touch with each other. Now that we are receiving vaccines, 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, check on them to make sure they are OK.

One year & 11 months have passed since the Drumheller Convention and the gyro circle continues to turn. **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 on **June 10th** 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.

International Convention

June 26 Virtual AGM: An annual Convention is mandated by the Gyro Constitution, but the June 2020 in Victoria was cancelled due to the pandemic. In July 2020, the Constitution was amended to permit the Executive Council to hold a Convention by any means possible. A Gyro AGM is unique because Club Delegates carry votes for their club or if a club is not able to attend, then their votes are assigned to their Governor. Club Presidents and Secretary/Treasurers will receive meeting material and an invitation to register their club around May 28th, for this year's Virtual AGM. Additional details are on the International website under "Conventions" (gyro.org/conventions). **If a member wishes to observe the AGM, please email GI President Alan Pentney, at president@gyro.org.**

Gyroscope

If you have any submissions for the future editions of the **Gyroscope** the deadlines are **June 20, September 20, and December 20, 2021**. Please forward your submissions to Derek Hay, Editor (editor@gyro.org).

Calgary, Edmonton, Regina Clubs
Celebrating 100 years of Gyro Friendship, in 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 and for all things District go to <http://district8.gyro.ws>. The tech committee is currently working on a new database which will be called the Member's Portal; watch for the upcoming launch.

Club Per-Capita Dues to International, for 2021-22:

I am pleased to report that the Board of Governors approved a \$20 reduction in the International Dues; so, the dues for this coming year will be \$50. This reduction is possible because of savings last year due to the Pandemic; primarily no Travel or Convention expenses. 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:

Membership Survey – Larry Duba, PIP, recently sent each member and some former members, a survey to assess how we can adapt to membership challenges that many organizations have. I encourage you to answer the survey by May 28 as the more advice we receive, the better. Here is the link to the survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BKWV8V3>

Certificate of Appreciation – Peter Carter, 2nd Vice President, has arranged for a new downloadable Certificate. It is on the gyro.org website under Club Resources at <https://gyro.org/club-resources/>. The Certificate is attractive, and clubs are encouraged to use it because there are members that deserve recognition for the things they done to make Gyro great! A **New Member Kit & Gyro Business Card** are also available to download. **Check it out!**

Thanks:

I want to take this opportunity, to thank my wife **Lillian** for her support during our term as Governor. I want to also thank, **1st Lt. Governor Sid & Sharon Slade** for their support and hospitality & wish them much Gyro fun & friendship in their term. Thanks to **IPDG Larry Fenton** for his support and guidance. **PDG, District/Sec Treasurer Ken & Ann Baker** for their never-ending support and guidance, hospitality, and foresight. To **International President Alan Pentney** and the rest of the **EC** thanks, for the hard work and commitment put forward in keeping Gyro relative and guiding us all through the pandemic. I know how hard it was to lead the fraternity and not be able to actively do the normal things Gyros do. Our world is showing signs of normality again after extremely hard times, but we still have a way to go. The last thank you I have goes to **all the clubs in District 8**, it has been my **honour** to represent you and be your friend. Thank you for giving me this **privilege**. I will continue to work for improvements to Gyro and try to help in any way I can. **Thank you!**

Yours in Gyro,

Derm Jackman
District 8 Governor