

District VIII of Gyro International 2016 – 2017

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GOVERNOR'S BULLETIN

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WALLACE

I am a little slow out of the gate but here is my first bulletin as Governor of District VIII. I don't quite have the publishing and literary skills of my predecessor, Alan Pentney, but I will attempt to keep you informed of important developments and activities within District VIII and International over the next year. I am also interested in hearing from you at the club level. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns relating to Gyro. And, I would also like to know about your club successes.

District VIII Annual Convention

Approximately 100 Gyro cowboys and Gyrette cowgirls enjoyed a western themed convention at the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort from May 26 to 29, 2016. You can read about the Convention in an article which should be appearing in the next issue of the Gyroscope magazine and you can view some photos on our District VIII website (www.district8.gyro.ws). Congratulations to Jim Copeland (Sherwood Park Club) who received a Merit Award at the Convention for his work in establishing and maintaining the website.

Minutes from the business meeting are on the website as well as the District financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2016.

I want to again thank the members of attending clubs who looked after various activities at the Convention. Also, thanks again to Alan and Tara Pentney and Ken and Ann Baker for their tireless planning and organizational efforts which resulted in a very enjoyable Convention.

I am pleased to advise that the Wallace Club has agreed to host the 2017 Annual Convention and that the Nelson Club has agreed to host the 2018 Annual Convention. Details to come.

Club Installations

There have been a flurry of officer installations over the past few months at clubs throughout the District. Alan and Tara Pentney attended installations in Edmonton (April 30) and Sherwood Park (June 18) where Peter Carter and Art Merrick were installed as presidents of their respective clubs. That's the same Peter Carter who has become District VIII Lt. Governor. Laura and I visited Nelson to attend that club's installation ceremonies (May 7) with Harold Arnett coming in as president. We traveled to Saskatchewan for the Regina Club installation (June 9) where Jerry Cheslock is the new president.



Club Installations (cont'd)

Ken and Ann Baker joined us for the Edmonton Crossroads installation (June 26) at the country home of incoming president Bryan McMullen. Past Governor Jim Malott (Sherwood Park) and his wife, Rita, also attended.

Thank you to all these clubs for their generous hospitality and friendship. Best wishes to the new club executives for a successful year ahead.

International Convention – July 11 to 17, 2016

The International Convention in Red Lake, Ontario is fast approaching. Your District VIII executive will be fully represented with me, Peter Carter, Ken Baker and Alan Pentney all attending. Key items on the Convention's business agenda include membership, International finances, Interim Conventions beyond 2017 and the rotational District hosting of future annual International Conventions. I will report back on the Red Lake Convention in due course.

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My best wishes for a happy and healthy summer season.

John Hodgson, District VIII Governor