

GYRO District VIII

2018 – 2019 Executive:

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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 – Larry’s First!

August 10, 2018

I think I have now collected enough stuff to make this newsletter a worthwhile read for all you Gyro’s in District VIII.

In his last newsletter, **Peter Carter** as Immediate PDG did a very thorough job of covering the highlights of the District Convention held June 7-10 in Nelson. He included several dozen pictures, many with captions, to help us all remember who was there, who did what, who won what events, who took on what positions and some of the antics at the Governor’s Evening. I too extend my congratulations to the Gyro Club of Nelson, the convention committee and their spouses for hosting such a well-organized and successful convention.

CLUB VISITATIONS

June 21– Regina Club: I travelled to Regina for my first official function as Governor which was to do the Officer Installation for the Regina Gyro Club. I installed **Terry Field** as Secretary (sitting left), **Alex MacDonald** continuing as President (sitting right), **Ken Derkatch** as Treasurer (standing 2nd from right) and **Ashok Shah** as new Director (standing right). Standing also are Directors **Ralph Paragg** and **Keith Picketts**, Past President **Jerry Cheslock** and Director **David Fuller**. The evening was enjoyable and I thank Alex and all Gyros, Gyrettes and spouses for making me feel welcome. After the evening meal and formalities the Executive met with me to discuss issues facing their club.



‘A Fraternity of Friendship’

District VIII Website: I am pleased to announce that Peter Carter, IPDG has graciously assumed the role of Webmaster since the unfortunate resignation of Jim Copeland from this role in June. Thank you Jim for your fine work in creating and maintaining the website for all the time you were involved.

Peter has now updated and added some current information to the website and I invite you to visit it at: <http://district8.gyro.ws/> Peter welcomes any feedback on any corrections that need to be made as well as any additions/changes that would make the website more useable.

International Convention at Lake Geneva: Betty and I attended this convention from June 24 -30. It was an interesting week with the following high-lights:

- Alan Pentney (PDG) was installed as 2nd Vice President of Gyro International (GI)
- Ted Shewchuk became 1st Vice President of GI
- Matt Johnston (District VI) became President of GI
- Dale Woodroffe became Immediate Past President of GI
- Peter Evans (District IV) became Membership Director
- Mike McNally (District III) was confirmed as Secretary/Treasurer towards year-end.

District VIII received some GI Awards for 2017 – 2018 as follows:

- Calgary Club – Bryan Sherwood- Best Bulletin (large club)
- Edmonton Club – Internal Expansion
- Stampede City – Internal Expansion (small club)
- Stampede City – Ian Greig – Best Bulletin (small club)
- Stampede City – Al Clark – Best website

At the Executive Training session, the Metro Gyro Club of Minneapolis shared their new approach to enhance membership growth and retention which was well received and viewed as a “best practice”. I have distributed this presentation to District VIII club presidents for their consideration in adopting/adapting this approach or at least some of its components within their own clubs. This presentation is also available on the District VIII website under the What’s New as well as under the Clubs tab.

CURLARAMA – 2018 is now scheduled from November 2 – 4 in Banff and is being hosted by the Stampede City club. Registration form has recently been issued to clubs and is available on the District website under Main Page / Upcoming Events / Curl-a-rama: <http://district8.gyro.ws/>

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

2019

- District VIII in Drumheller, AB May 23 - 26 hosted by the Edmonton Club
 - Watch for registration package
- International is in Reno, Nevada – June 2-6

Yours in Gyro,

Larry Fenton
Governor, District VIII