

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



GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

December 23, 2018

WELCOME 'NEW' MEMBERS

In late December, two more new members joined District VIII - I am pleased to welcome to the Sherwood Park Club – **Ian Bannatyne** and **Brian Wolfe**.

Keeping ahead of membership attrition remains a challenge, so **please keep those new members coming in!**

CLUB VISITATIONS

Betty and I attended the Christmas functions of the two Gyro clubs in Calgary this past week.

- On December 15 the Stampede City Club held their Christmas Party – a dinner and dance – at the Kensington Legion where we and 53 others were treated to a delicious meal followed by a lot of dancing to age-appropriate music and songs by Joel Spire. A very enjoyable evening!
- On December 17 the Calgary Club held their Christmas luncheon at the Blackfoot Inn. With almost 90 Gyro's, Gyrettes and guests in attendance we enjoyed an excellent buffet meal and a brief formal program. The entertainment consisted of a live-action (complete with costumes) version of The Twelve Days of Christmas and was enjoyed by all. Well done!

CLUB BULLETIN EDITORS

To the three (3) currently active Club Bulletin Editors we have in District VIII – **Bryan Sherwood** (Calgary Club); **Fred Schulte** (Edmonton Club); and **Scott Brisbin** (Sherwood Park Club) – thanks to each of you for your regular and consistent efforts in communicating your club's announcements and activities and jokes of course. I enjoy receiving and reading them to keep abreast of your club's goings-on. **Ian Greig** (Stampede City Club) has gone unpublished for several months during his convalescence – here's hoping he soon recovers from his recent move and is once again able to offer his services to his club.

SEASONS GREETINGS

Betty and I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a joyous holiday season and best wishes for 2019.

'A Fraternity of Friendship'

GYRO International - Technology Committee

As some of you may know, the GI Executive Council has commissioned a Technology Committee to oversee the development of a Technology Plan. This will include conducting a review of current systems and practices (database, website, social media) and making recommendations for improvements in both systems and practices. The Committee is being chaired by Matt Williams from District IV. We have 3 representatives from District VIII on the committee – **Sid Slade**, **Derm Jackman** and **Alan Pentney** so we should be kept in the loop. The committee was activated last summer and has regular conference calls using Webex. I expect we will see a progress report early in 2019.

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

2019

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

2020

- District VIII – will be hosted by Stampede City Club - dates and location to be confirmed early in 2019

Yours in Gyro,

Larry Fenton
Governor, District VIII