

## 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 Eighth December 18 ,2020

This being my eighth **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 317** 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 & 6 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, June 10 -14, 2021** which is being held at the **Deerfoot Inn & Casino**. The Calgary Club will be deciding in the spring of 2021 and basing their decision on the most up to date science concerning Covid 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – President Peter Carter ( [peter.carter@shaw.ca](mailto:peter.carter@shaw.ca) ) Peter is knowledgeable with Zoom.

#### Gyroscope

If you have any submissions for the next edition of the **Gyroscope the deadline is Dec 20, 2020**. Please forward your submissions to the Editor of the Gyroscope and Governor of District 7, **Derek Hay** ([hay.family.58@gmail.com](mailto:hay.family.58@gmail.com))

#### District Notice

### MERRY CHRISTMAS & A BETTER NEW YEAR



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## 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.

I understand that there are more changes / improvement that will be Officially Announced soon. Stay tuned; and be on the **Look Out**.

I want to take this opportunity to thank, 2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice-Pres Peter Carter for leading the charge with the website improvements and chairing the Tech Committee. It has been a busy and exciting time for the Tech Committee. We now have 9 of our District clubs with a web presence and 44 of our 74 clubs with websites. If you want to see what other clubs are doing 9 clubs now have their bulletins available from the International website. The Tech Committee is now going to focus on the Database, and we hope to do a major overhaul of it and the email system.

In the meantime, take a look at [gyro.org](http://gyro.org) for all things International Gyro and [district8.gyro.ws/](http://district8.gyro.ws/) for all things District Gyro.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> International Vice-Pres Blanton Bessinger. Look for more info in the new year.

### District Notice:

I recently attended a zoom meeting with the Sherwood Park Club and they had a PowerPoint presentation about Covid 19, put on and created by Allan Bleiken a member. It was well done and if anyone would like to go through it I can send you a copy. Just drop me an email and request it. Also you may send Allan an email and he may be able to do a zoom presentation for your club.

### 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 to please email or contact **IPDG Larry Fenton** at [lfenton6906@gmail.com](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice- President Peter Carter ([peter.carter@shaw.ca](mailto:peter.carter@shaw.ca)) Next year **District 8** will celebrate 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 Christmas, 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. This time next year we may be able to spend a normal holiday with family and friends. **Merry Christmas and a better New Year**

Yours in Gyro,  
Derm Jackman  
District 8 Governor

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