

Gyro District VIII Governor's Newsletter

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Now that summer is coming to a close, I would like to update you on the happenings over the last 3 months (and a bit).

Gyro Events

June started with the **Gyro International Convention** held in Niagara Falls from June 2 – 6. District VIII was well represented by District Governor Dunc Mills, me as Lt. Governor, and several members from Calgary and their wives. The organizing committee did a great job of providing a large variety of activities to keep us all entertained between formal meetings. One of the highlights was the Tacky Tourist contest and Karaoke evening. Of special note is that our Dunc Mills was elected as 2nd Vice President to the Gyro International Executive Council. Thanks to Garth Paley and his organizing committee for a job well done.

I had the honor of attending **Gyro Days** in Wallace Idaho from June 14 – 16. For those of you who do not know Gyro Days is an annual tradition in Wallace. A massive carnival takes over the streets, vendors set up shop on the sidewalks and the smell of delicious food fills the streets. The highlight of the event is the **Lead Creek Derby** which celebrated its 82nd anniversary. The whole town of Wallace gathers in the town of Mullan 6 miles uphill, drops a massive beach ball in the river, then follows and races the ball down the river on bikes, skateboards and parade floats with plenty of adult beverages on hand. I was fortunate enough to ride the Speeder with my fellow Gyros as it followed the ball back to Wallace. Money generated from raffle ticket sales is used to pay college tuitions for high school grads in Mullan and Wallace.

Gyro District VIII Annual Convention was held June 19 – 20 in Lacombe, Alberta. The convention started with a golf tournament on Wednesday morning and ended with the Governor's Ball on Thursday evening where I was installed as Governor. Governor Dunc Mills did a great job in putting together and leading the committee of Ken Baker, Alan Pentney, Peter Carter, Ken Williamson and myself to make this event a success. Over 70 Gyros from District VIII were there to have a fantastic time, make new friends and create new memories.

Immediately after the District Convention Dunc Mills and I drove to Nelson to help them celebrate the **Gyro Club of Nelson 100th Anniversary** on June 22. The festivities started with the dedication of the new foot bridge at the wading pool in **Gyro Park**. The park is a charming community park known for its stunning views and family-friendly amenities.

Located on a rocky outcrop, it offers a spectacular birds-eye view of Nelson's heritage downtown and the waterfront. The park features beautiful gardens, a playground, and a family pool that operates in the summer. The birthday celebration culminated with a superb roast beef dinner. Thanks to Joe Vingo and his organizing committee for their wonderful work. Joe even got the mayor to stand in the wading pool for pictures. Nelson club, as is Wallace, is an example of the importance of community involvement to keep clubs alive and vibrant.

News Items and Upcoming Events

You all will have received your information package outlining the **Gyro Structure Proposal**. Voting has been conducted by the individual clubs and your President's will be formally presenting the Club votes. Results will be announced in the near future. This is historic and will set the direction for Gyro.

Most clubs will be honoring our founders with a **Founders Night** celebration in mid-October. This is a time to remember where we came from and to reflect on the importance of friendship.

Gyro International Convention – 2025 (Alaska Cruise)

I have been engaged with our travel agent in planning the Alaska Cruise from June 3 – 10 2025. We will hold our District VIII convention in conjunction with the International convention. For further information: [Cruise Details – 7-Day Inside Passage \(Roundtrip Vancouver\) – Princess Cruises](#)

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