** District VIII**

 **2021 – 2022 Executive**

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**IPD Governors’ Swan Song**

The time has come to pass the gavel, mine & Lillian’s time in the chair as your Governor, has been an honor and a memory we will cherish.

To say our term has been unique is an understatement. We did get to physically visit with and install 6 of the 11 clubs in our district before covid shut the world down. We did visit with many of the clubs who continued to meet and socialize online, and we did get to perform some installations virtually.

District 8 has come through a tough time in its history, but it is a strong District, and its’ members believe very strongly that Gyro is the best club in the world. This District has many great gyro leaders as does every district. I am so proud of District 8 for continually stepping up and taking the lead and doing its part to keep Gyro relevant, you guys’ rock.

To the members who have not served on your local club executive, take a turn, get involved, try to get the most out of being a member as you can. Travel if you can, meet as many of your other friends as you can. You will get out of Gyro what you put into it.

To those members who have not served on the District Executive, think about it. It is not a difficult thing to do, it is extremely rewarding.

It is time to say thank you, to my wife Lillian for her support and being there when I needed her. I love you.

To Ray and Peggy Guindon, PDG Todd & Gail Verhaeghe of my own club for their never-ending support we love you.

To Governor Sid Slade & Sharon for your support, hospitality and never saying no. Lillian and I wish you much gyro friendship and support in your term, we are only a phone call away.

To PDG Larry Fenton for your never-ending support and guidance and your quiet wisdom.

To new Lt. Governor Ken Williamson & Mina, we wish you much friendship & support along your journey through the district executive & if you need help in any way just ask.

To PDG John Hodgson for asking me to let my name stand.

To PDG/ District Sec/Treasurer Ken Baker & Ann for your hospitality. Ken, thanks for your guidance and always being my sounding board, and your wisdom, and just being a friend.

To PDG, IPIP, Alan Pentney , thanks for your support, guidance and never ending commitment to our Fraternity and for leading our fraternity through the pandemic and starting a rebuilding process that we all hope will grow, and make gyro a club people will want to join. To all members of District 8, thanks for the opportunity and support. Invite a friend.

 **Website:**

 **district8.gyro.ws**

 **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**



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