

# 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



## GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

June 13, 2019

This is Larry's final newsletter and will focus on the recent District Convention. I have enjoyed my year as Governor and have had lots of support from my Executive as well as a few Past District Governors. It was rewarding to travel to a number of clubs to conduct their installations and meet several of their members. I especially want to thank my wife Betty for her support during past year. I am looking forward this coming year to still being involved on the District VIII Executive in the capacity of Immediate Past District Governor.

## WELCOME TO NEW GOVERNOR DERM



**2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice-President**  
**Alan Pentney** installing new  
**District Governor Derm Jackman,**  
Castlegar  
being supported by his Gyrette **Lillian**

## THE DISTRICT VIII CONVENTION

For those unable to attend this year's **District Convention, in Drumheller, Alberta from May 23 – 26, 2019**, the **Edmonton Club** hosted 116 Gyros and Ladies from nine (9) clubs in District VIII, to meet and renew friendships. I have chosen to incorporate only a few pictures as many more were taken and are available on the District website (district8.gyro.ws/index.php/district-conventions/) or from home page look under What's New or Events/District Conventions /2019 Drumheller/Link to "Edmonton Club's Convention Photos page". Also please note that a related article ably prepared by Fred Schulte (Edmonton) will soon appear in an upcoming edition of Gyroscope. Thanks Fred!



**'A Fraternity of Friendship'**



The location for the convention, **Drumheller** and the **Canalta Jurassic Hotel**, chosen by the Edmonton Club was a bonus, as 'Alberta' is the best place in the world to hunt for dinosaurs. Gyros took advantage of the good weather to tour the **Atlas Coal Mine** Historic Site, walked the **Star Suspension Bridge** and the **Hoodoos** and visited the **East Coulee Museum**.

As for the Convention Program, there was a Past District Governors Meeting (15 in attendance), on the Thursday followed by a cocktail hour before a very nice pasta dinner.

Friday started with an organized golf tournament with 18 participating, including 4 ladies, at the **Dinosaur Trail Golf and Country Club**. If you have never seen this course, the front 9 is quite conventional but the newer back 9 is "target golf" up in the hills and significantly challenges most golfers. I know a few others, besides me, lost several balls and the scores showed it. The afternoon had everyone at the historic **Last Chance Saloon**, in nearby Wayne, for the **Bocce Ball Tournament** with 52 participants. Although cooler, all enjoyed fellowship, great food and live music. During a break in the music, **District Awards** were presented for **Golf** (by **John Hodgson – Calgary**) and **Bocce** (by **Bernie Kropp – Sherwood Park**):



The historic Rosedeer Hotel at Wayne



Some Bocce participants





**Men's Low Gross: Mike Wagg**



**Men's Low Net: Sid Slade**



**Ladies Low Gross: Betty Fenton**



**Ladies Low Net: Sharon Slade**



**Bocce Winners:**

Alan Pentney, Larry Fenton, Jim Malott & Mina Williamson – presented by Bernie Kropp (SP)

### **Saturday, Business Meeting:**



Call to order was at 0900, and **Secretary-Treasurer Dave Jenner** did the **Roll Call** and established that we had a **Quorum**; with **9** of our **11 Clubs** present.

**Governor Larry** introduced the current executive, club delegates, International executives, past and present, and the 15 Past District Governors present. **International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Alan Pentney** gave Greetings and an update from Gyro international. **District Officer Reports** were then given, followed by **Club Delegate Reports**. A **Curl-A-Rama** report for 2018 was given by **Ken Williamson** and **John Hodgson** provided an update on planning for 2019. **Dave Jenner** presented the **District Financial Statements** and advised a loss of \$1,657 had been incurred versus a budgetary deficit of \$5,556. **Brian Stein – Stampede City Club** – gave an interesting presentation for the **2020 Convention, in Medicine Hat**. **Ken Baker** presented a rationale for a “**sunset clause**” for both **District** and then **Clubs** to guide eventual dispersal of assets should the need ever arise.

A motion was passed for **District Executive** to establish a committee to develop recommendations and present at 2020 Convention. Next up was **Lt. Governor Derm Jackman** who presented his **2019-2020 Budget** and that was quickly approved.



**IPG Peter Carter** then gave his Nominations and **Sid Slade – Sherwood Park** – was nominated as incoming **Lt. Governor**

**District Awards** were then presented:



**Best Bulletin** – Sherwood Park - Scott Brisbin  
(accepted by Rick Craddock)  
Lt. Gov. Derm Jackman presenting



**Man Mile Award** – Edmonton Club  
(accepted by Dave Winfield)  
Sec.-Treas. Dave Jenner presenting



**Membership Award** – Cranbrook Club  
(accepted by Jim Jackson)  
Sec.-Treas. Dave Jenner presenting

### **Saturday Luncheon for Gyrettes and Gyros:**

The **Edmonton Club Gyrettes** treated all to a very nice luncheon complete with entertainment – a humorous analysis of the liberties taken by Hollywood with their portrayal of dinosaurs featured in various movies by Dr. Don Henderson, Curator at the Tyrell Museum. This was followed by **Brian Stein** repeating his presentation for the **2020 Convention** for the ladies benefit.



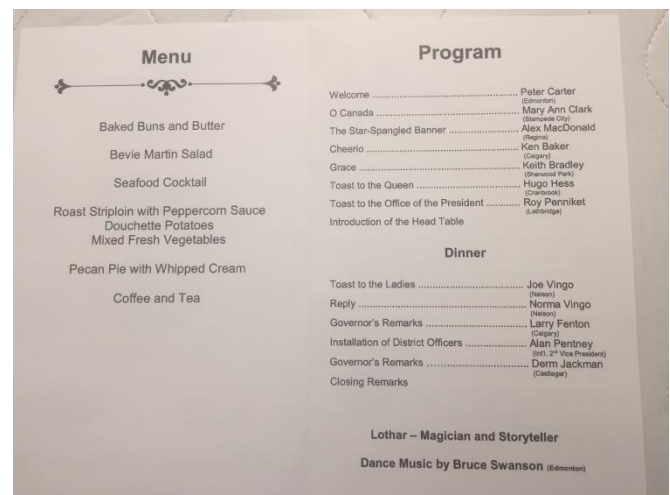
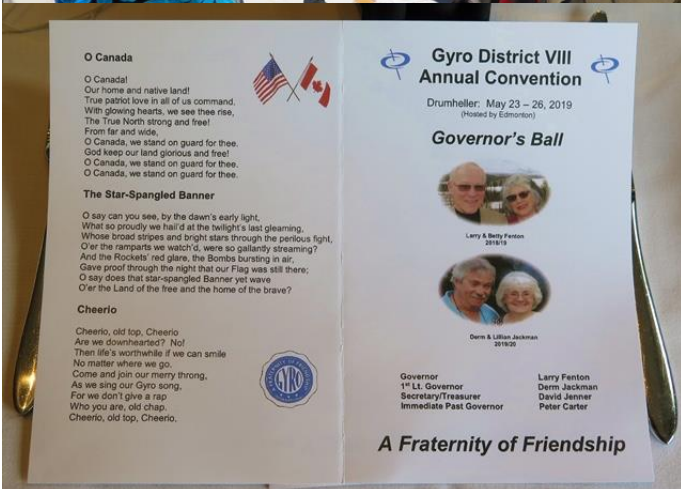
## Saturday Evening – Governors Ball



Above – L to R - head table with IPDG Peter as Emcee, Eileen Kuhl, Alan & Tara Pentney, Larry & Betty Fenton, Derm & Lillian Jackman, and Dave & Dian Jenner



Left – part of the enthusiastic audience





Emcee Peter presenting Larry with 'Testimonial' for serving his year as Governor, supported by Betty



2<sup>nd</sup> Int'l VP Alan installing Sid Slade as Lt. Governor being supported by Sharon



2<sup>nd</sup> Int'l VP Alan installing Ken Baker (once again) as Secretary-Treasurer being supported by Ann



Lothar the story teller/magician working with Dunc Mills (Edmonton)

I would again like to congratulate the Edmonton Club on hosting a very well-organized and well-managed convention. Under the leadership of Chair Bruce Swanson and Co-chair Larry Dobson with the support of many volunteers, both Gyros and Gyrettes, things proceeded rather smoothly. Thanks to all for the memories.

## **UPCOMING CONVENTIONS**

### **2020**

- District VIII - will be hosted by Stampede City Club – Medicine Hat, May 28 -31
- International will be in Victoria, BC, June 9 – 13
  - <https://victoriagyro.com/victoria-2020-convention-schedule/>

Yours in Gyro,

Larry Fenton  
District Governor (*now Immediate Past*)