

# 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

April 30, 2019

### WELCOME 'NEW' MEMBERS

Since the start of 2019 there are four new members who joined District VIII - I am pleased to welcome them all as follows:

- January:
  - **Roger Benner** joined the Cranbrook Club
  - **William Donnelly** joined the Edmonton Club
- March:
  - **Richard Simpson** joined the Regina Club
  - **Don Carlgren** joined the Cranbrook Club

Keeping ahead of membership attrition remains a challenge, so **please keep those new members coming in! Please remember to "Invite a Friend to Gyro"!**

### CLUB BULLETINS

**Ian Greig** (Stampede City Club) has picked up the reins with the "Gyroper" after going unpublished for several months during his convalescence and his recent move and is again offering his services to his club.

The other three Club Bulletin Editors we have in District VIII – **Bryan Sherwood** (Calgary Club); **Fred Schulte** (Edmonton Club); and **Scott Brisbin** (Sherwood Park Club) – continue to publish regularly and include club announcements, activities and jokes of course. I enjoy receiving and reading them to keep abreast of each club's goings-on.

### GYRO International - Technology Committee

The Technology Committee continues to work on developing and implementing the Technology Plan. This work includes 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. With three representatives from District VIII on the committee – Sid Slade, Derm Jackman and Alan Pentney we should be kept in the loop. The committee has regular conference calls using Webex. I understand they will be making recommendations on database improvements at the convention in Reno this June and setting priorities for their work in coming months.

**'A Fraternity of Friendship'**

## CLUB VISITATIONS

On April 1, I attended a “meeting” of the Stampede City Club and, along with 10 of their club members, demonstrated my limited skills at 5-pin bowling. Not being a regular bowler, I was quickly reminded that scoring well is a lot harder than it looks. Alan Pentney must play a lot as he had the best score. It was a fun evening with varied discussions over the post-game meal.

Betty and I attended the Edmonton Club’s Installation on April 27 at the Faculty Club at the University of Alberta. We experienced the nasty spring snowstorm enroute to Edmonton that day but conditions there were much better than Calgary’s. Outgoing President **Bruce Swanson** chaired the function and welcomed about 45 Gyros, Gyrettes and guests. Following a scrumptious buffet dinner, I had the honor of installing members of their new executive as follows:

President	<b>Dave Winfield</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	<b>Chuck Gerhart</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> vice president	<b>Dunc Mills</b>
Past President	<b>Bruce Swanson</b>
Secretary	<b>Barry Walker</b> (not present)
Treasurer	<b>Gary Campbell</b>
<u>Directors:</u>	
<b>Bob Bahniuk</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> year (not present)
<b>Ron Trant</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> year
<b>Fred Schulte</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> year (not present)
<b>Tony Mazzuca</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> year (not present)

After the installation formalities, **Bruce** and his Gyrette **Bronwyn** entertained us with a humorous tag-team presentation about just how several strangely-named towns, cities and other places came to get their names. This was quite funny and eye-opening for most of the audience.



L to R – Gary Campbell, Dave Winfield, Chuck Gerhart, myself, Bruce Swanson, Dunc Mills, Ron Trant



President Dave with Governor Larry



Bruce glad to be handing off to Dave

The Installation of the new executive for the Nelson Club is scheduled for May 11 and Lt Governor Derm will be officiating there.

### **BOARD of GOVERNORS – Conference Calls**

Both myself and Lt Governor Derm participate in regular conference calls every 4 – 6 weeks using Webex. These are chaired by International President Matt Johnson and usually last about one hour. The agendas are constrained to 4-5 items that the Executive Council deems timely with inputs from the District Governors. Over the last several months, we have had about 70 – 80 % participation from all the District Governors and some of the Lt Governors. These have provided a good opportunity for the EC to discuss matters of importance and also gain the perspectives from District Governors.

### **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 – Medicine Hat, May 28 – 31
- International will be in Victoria, BC – June 9 – 14 (dates tbc)

Yours in Gyro,

Larry Fenton  
Governor, District VIII