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The year of my term in office is quickly coming to an end. Our District Interim Convention has just passed and our District Convention is only 3 months away. The last few months have been relatively busy for Linda and myself. We were able to attend the International Interim in Las Vegas the later part of January and then our own District Interim in March held at Fairmont Hot Springs. Just recently Linda and I toured north to officiate at the Edmonton Club Installation. Here we were treated to great friendship and hospitality served with great food. After the formal part of the evening we were entertained with a skit similar to the old radio soapbox play. The following week saw us off to Nelson to officiate at the Nelson Club Installation, Here again we enjoyed the chance to meet new friends as well as keep in touch with the old. I not only installed the incoming executive but I also had the honor of installing 4 new members two of which also were installed to executive positions.

International:

A special thanks goes out to Denis and Diane Moffatt for arranging a well organized and fun time in Las Vegas. There were 185 Gyros and Gyrettes in attendance representing all the Districts. Our own District VIII was represented by 12 couples. The time allotted for the International Interims has been shortened by a day to help reduce the costs incurred by the International and District Executives. The meetings were well attended and generally brief and to the point. This year saw the start of a New Officer's Training Course. This is to become a standard at the International Interims in the future. The training that has been setup will be of great benefit to any incoming executive from the Districts.

International Finances:

The approved renovations to Gyro HQ's have been completed except for adding a new sign. The renovations had a budget of \$10,000 but all the work as completed was done for \$7318. All that remains is painting or the replacement of the soffits. The results of these renovations have been noticed already (furnace runs less, etc)

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It was noted that the Betterment Fund is being depleted faster than moneys were coming in. The past year there were a lot of activities helped by the fund to promote membership. Pledge cards are available for those of you who would like to make a contribution to this most worthwhile fund.

Emil presented the new upgraded Member Kit as well as the new and revised Prospective Members Kit with various information on Gyro and the district involved eg(letter from the Governor, possible club information, etc.). The cost of supplying these two kits will be borne by International.

District Events:

March 18th – 20th at Fairmont Hot Springs was the site of our annual District Interim. This year we had 155 Gyros and Gyrettes in attendance. The event began Thursday for some who wanted to get a head start on the relaxation portion of interim. Friday saw the official start of our District Interim with registration and hospitality hosted by the District Executive with the able assistance and direction of their Gyrettes. Before we broke for supper the men took part in a Bull Session which has been reinstated to have some informal discussion about various Gyro activities. Friday evening saw more hospitality, a soak in the hot pool and of course the usual stories, jokes and catching up on the happenings in everyone's lives. Saturday morning the working part of the weekend (the Business Meeting) took place. The business of the district was conducted in a orderly manner with all matters being handled in record time. Nominations committee chairman Al Clark presented Vern Griswold of the Regina Club as the new incoming 2nd Lt. Governor to be installed at the District Convention in June hosted by the Regina Club. While the men were trying to resolve any problems the Gyrettes were having a Luncheon with Jim Duncan of the Stampede Club as their guest speaker. Jim gave a very humorous look into his times working with the Calgary Zoo animals and their dental problems. Saturday night was our Governor's Ball or should I say Governor's hodgepodge. This year we decided to add a little life to the party and had a theme the "Tacky Tourist". After all was said and done the outfits were great. You all outdid yourselves, although some of the outfits I think you should hide from prying eyes as you may be ridiculed forever. The following are some of the sites for you to view as they may never be seen again. For those of you who were at Interim and for you who were not it is best be advised that some of the fashions below should not be worn in public.

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Coming Events

International Conventions

- ◇ International Convention: Milwaukee, Wisconsin July 21-24, 2005

District VIII Conventions & Events

- ◇ District Convention: Regina Saskatchewan, June 23-26, 2005
- ◇ Annual Golf Tournament June, 2005.
- ◇ Curlarama in Banff, November 4 – 6, 2005

Clubs Installations

- ◇ Regina Installation: June 9, 2005
- ◇ Stampede City Installation June 11, 2005
- ◇ Sherwood Park Installation: June 18, 2005

"Life without a friend is death without a witness." –
Spanish Proverb

Yours in Gyro

Doug Aspeslet

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