

District VIII of Gyro International 2003-2004

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REGINA

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SHERWOOD PARK

SPOKANE

STAMPEDE CITY

TRAIL

WALLACE



District VIII – Governor’s Bulletin – Edition #1 – September 2003

Recently our fine fall weather was interrupted by our first minor snow fall that reminding me that summer was drawing to a close and also it would be timely to get out the first Governor’s Bulletin. Mary Anne and I were not able to attend the International Convention in Salt Lake City but I am including some of the highlights as reported by the then District Governor Gerry Glassford and other attendees I have talked to.

I ask all of you Club Presidents to please circulate these Bulletins to your members. For those of you that I have an Email address I am sending it via Email as well – perhaps you can pass on to your Bulletin Editor and have him include with his Bulletin.

International Convention – Salt Lake City, Utah – July 24-27

Approximately 210 Gyros and Gyrettes had a hot time in Salt Lake City as the area was in the midst of a prolonged heat wave with temperatures over 100deg F every day. Five couples from the Edmonton Club (Glassfords, Burnetts, Larsons, Walkers, and Russells) together with Bakers (Calgary Club), Ballans (Nelson), and Greigs (Stampepe City) made up the contingent from District VIII.

Highlights of the business sessions included:

- The ever present issue of our overall continuing membership decline. It was noted that only District VI (10 Clubs) and District X (6 Clubs) met the annual challenge of increasing membership by one net member per Club during this past year.
- Discussion on enhancing the effectiveness and reducing the cost of the Gyroscope.
- Expediting communications through more effective use of computerized communication.
- Make use of the Gyro store for apparel items and gifts as the profit helps to reduce the cost of running Gyro International.
- Plans are to reduce the 2005 International Interim by one day as a cost cutting effort.
- No Dues increases were proposed.
- New membership has now been terminated in the Lifetime Membership Fund. It is expected that the fund will be depleted in about 10 years. A letter is being sent out asking existing Lifetime Members for voluntary donations.

New International Offices installed for the coming year are as follows:

Arnie Crass, President (Davenport, Iowa – Dist. II)
Denis Moffet, 1st Vice-President (Camosun, Victoria, BC – Dist. IV)
Al Sinicrope, 2nd Vice-President (Gasparilla, Tampa, Florida – Dist. X)
Jim Roberts, 3rd Vice-President (Hollyburn, Vancouver, BC – Dist. IV)
Tom Lennox, Immediate past President (Rochester, NY – Dist. III)
Emil Baijot, Sec/Treas, (Bellingham, Washington – Dist. IV)

Of special note is that our now Past District Governor Gerry Glassford was awarded the Best Governor’s Bulletin Award for this past year. Congratulations Gerry!

District VIII Convention – Wallace, Idaho – July 31-Aug3

Two hundred Gyros and Gyrettes gathered in this historic small town for “Hot August Nights”. Visiting current International Officers were immediate Past President Tom Lennox, First Vice President Denis Moffatt, and Third Vice President Jim Roberts. We were kept busy with golf, bocci, museum tours, and Gyro hospitality. Where else could you find 200 Gyros, complete with mining hats (lights and all), being led on a Friday night pub crawl through the downtown streets by the Wallace Drum and Bugle Corps. Co-Chairmen Dean Cooper and Rick Shaffer, Club President Jeff Cantamessa and Immediate

Past President Jon Cantamessa, together with the other club members and their Gyrettes did a remarkable job of orchestrating a well run convention as well as prepared and served our meals each evening. The Wallace Club is to be congratulated on a job well done. We hope that they, through new friendships initiated, will in turn travel to more future District functions where they can be repaid for their effort.

Highlights of the business meeting are as follows:

- Past Sec/Treas. Dave Burnett is to be commended for providing, for the first time, a five-year financial summary. This summary illustrates our declining asset base due to the decline in membership and dues revenue.
- For the coming year a \$5.00 per member dues increase was approved. The budget was developed giving priority to visitations to all clubs and also providing expenses to attend the recommended International meetings. After 2004 the International travel budget is expected to be less due meeting locations and other cost saving initiatives under review by International.
- Three resolutions passed - challenges for the coming year:
 1. Membership - we have accepted the challenge presented to us by Gyro International to increase our net membership in the District by 16 members for the year 2003-2004. This challenge has gone out to all Districts – let’s make the extra effort and be among the Districts that are meeting or exceeding this challenge!
 2. District Finances - Each club within the District is asked to prepare at least one proposal for enhancing the fiscal viability of District VIII – these proposals are to be submitted at the March 2004 Interim Meeting.
 3. Communications – Each club is asked to provide regular monthly information submissions to our District VIII web site. Have your Bulletin Editor submit your bulletins. Other suggestions include sending along your schedules of activities, pictures of events, and information about new members.

New District Officers installed – see attached listing with complete information.

And lastly – the various Convention awards were as follows:

1. Golf - Nelson golfers swept up all the trophies (Ruth O’Bryan – Ladies Low Gross, Mike Wagg – Mens Low Gross, and Mickey Maglio – Mens Low Net.
2. Bocci – A diverse group from Edmonton (Bruce Foy, Carol Dobson, and Paulette Schulte) together with a ringer from Rochester, NY (Tom Lennox)
3. Man Mile Award – Sherwood Park with 12 couples (Regina was a close contender with their usual great turnout and the longer distance traveled). Also of special mention is Nelson with about 17 couples - but of course they hadn’t traveled far enough.
4. District Bulletin Award – Erik Braun (Sherwood Park Club)
5. Best District Secretary Award – Gary Cull (Calgary Club)
6. Russ Carter Award – Calgary Club (most new members (7) installed during the year)

Installation / Visitation and Coming Events Schedule

See attached listing - please contact me with any additional information on your scheduled events so that we can update this schedule which we are also endeavoring to keep current on the District web site.

International and other Awards

Now is the time for all clubs to consider recognizing those Gyros who have made outstanding contributions. Please review the following awards available. More information and forms are available at the Gyro International web site www.gyro-international.org

1. International Merit Award: “The Merit Award is NOT given to a Gyro who has done a good job as a club President or District Governor; indeed, EVERY Gyro is expected to do a good job in any office, elected or appointed. Rather, the award is to that man who does a good job when it is not expected. The man who day in and day out serves as a reminder of what the true Gyro spirit is; the man who is indeed special, perhaps in his own quiet way, but who has provided Exceptional Service”. Nominations for this award should be submitted to the District Governor at least 60 days before the next Board of Governors meeting (Feb 2004).
2. International Gyro of the Year Award: “For Extraordinary Service to the Gyro Fraternity in Club & District affairs ... in the Promotion of External and Internal Expansion ... in Recognition of the Unique Esteem he holds among fellow Gyros ... and for Exceptional Involvement in Community, Business or Governmental activities”. A nomination for this award must be submitted to the District Governor at least 90 days before the next International Convention (June 2004).
3. Other Awards at the Club level: “At the club level, consider one of the many Certificates of Appreciation available from International; for long membership, there are 25, 40 and 50 year pins and certificates; and for expansion efforts, the Hubbell Award is also available”.

Membership Report for District VIII

(From Gyro International – August 2003)

As you know, Grand Forks (with 22 members) withdrew from Gyro during this past year disappointing all of us and I have chosen to leave that club out of statistics indicated below. Instead I want to accentuate the positive - *Congratulations to those five clubs with indicated membership increases over the past year – you have shown that it can be done!!* Also a reminder that at Wallace we accepted the challenge from Tom Lennox, Immediate Past President of Gyro International to increase our net District membership during the coming year by a minimum of one per club or a total of 16 for the District. *Let's do it!*

	TOTAL	TOTAL	Net	Percentage
	8/30/02	8/29/03	Change	Change
1. Calgary	53	58	5	9.4%
2. Castlegar	7	8	1	14.3%
3. Coeur d'Alene	13	11	-2	-15.4%
4. Cranbrook	19	20	1	5.3%
5. Dawson Creek	11	11	0	0.0%
6. Edmonton	50	48	-2	-4.0%
7. Edmonton Crossroads	13	13	0	0.0%
8. Lethbridge	33	30	-3	-9.1%
9. Nelson	55	52	-3	-5.5%
10. Regina	59	59	0	0.0%
11. St. Albert	13	13	0	0.0%
12. Sherwood Park	42	46	4	9.5%
13. Spokane	7	7	0	0.0%
14. Stampede City	23	26	3	13.0%
15. Trail	14	14	0	0.0%
16. Wallace	53	47	-6	-11.3%
Total	465	463	-2	-0.4%

District VIII Web Site

Just a reminder that our web site (www.gyrodistrict8.com) is up and running. Our webmaster is Derm Jackman (dermj@shaw.ca). The web site provides links to the clubs that also have web sites and also to Gyro International. We welcome submissions, pictures of activities, etc., from all clubs and encourage you to have your bulletins included on the web site as well – just contact Derm if you need information on the format he requires. We will also endeavor to keep the web site current with information about coming events, etc., so please use it. Stop by and check the pictures from the Wallace Convention. The Governor's Bulletins are also available on the web site.

On the lighter side

A schoolteacher in Calgary asked her students to use the word "fascinate" in a sentence. Molly said, "My family went to my granddaddy's ranch, and we all saw his pet sheep. It was fascinating." The teacher said, "That was good, but I wanted you to use the word "fascinate".

Sally raised her hand. She said, "My family went to see the Calgary Stampede and I was fascinated." The teacher said, "Well, that was good, Sally, but I want the word "fascinate".

Little Johnny raised his hand. The teacher hesitated because little Johnny was noted for his bad language. She finally decided there was no way he could damage the word "fascinate", so she called on him. Johnny said, "My cousin's wife has a sweater with ten buttons, but her tits are so big, she can only fasten eight."

I cannot end this report without a big thank you to our now Past District Governor Gerry Glassford and to his Secretary – Treasurer Dave Burnett. They both put in an outstanding amount of effort during the last year in handling our financial issues, in organizing one of the best District Interim meetings, and in their dedication to all matters Gyro. I also want to thank Past District Governor Richie Ross for his support and leadership over the past couple of years that I have been on the District Executive.

Al Clark
Governor, District VIII

District VIII Club Installations and Conventions, etc

Gyro Club - Contact	Installation Date	Installing Officer
Calgary – John Fildes	September 26 th , 2003	Erik Braun
Castlegar – Todd Verhaeghe	April ?, 2004	Al Clark
Coeur d'Alene – Norm Ridge	?	Doug Aspeslet?
Cranbrook - Hugo Hess	January 8 th , 2004	Al Clark
Dawson Creek – Franz Steinlechner	?	Al Clark?
Edmonton – Roy Bennett	May, 2004	Doug Aspeslet
Edmonton Crossroads – Don Kashman	May ?, 2004	Erik Braun
Lethbridge – Roy Penniket	November 22 nd , 2003	Doug Aspeslet
Nelson - Ray Ballan	May 8 th , 2004	Al Clark
Regina – Les Tandler	June 10 th , 2004	Erik Braun
St. Albert – Larry Wayne	?	Al Clark
Sherwood Park – Richard Dickinson	June , 2004	Al Clark
Spokane – Milan Siana	?	Al Clark?
Stampede City – Gary Rowntree	June 12 th , 2004	Doug Aspeslet
Trail – John Noakes	?	Al Clark?
Wallace – Jeff Cantamessa	March?, 2004	Erik Braun

Other Important Dates

1. **Curlorama** --- Nov. 7-9, 2003 --- Banff, Alberta (Host Club is Calgary Gyro Club)
2. **International Interim** --- Feb. 3-7, 2004 --- Melbourne, Florida
3. **District Interim** --- March 26-28, 2004 --- Fairmont Hot Springs, B.C.
4. **International Convention** --- June 24 -27, 2004 --- Syracuse, New York
5. **District Convention** --- August 5-8, 2004 --- Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta (Host Club is Lethbridge Gyro Club)

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