

# District VIII of Gyro International 2004-2005

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## Governor's Bulletin # 1 District VIII September 2004

It has been nearly three months since I was installed as Governor at our District Convention in Waterton on August 7. Summer has passed and now the fall has begun. I hope everyone enjoyed the summer season and were able to participate in the things they enjoy.

I am trying a new approach for the Governors bulletin in that I will be emailing a copy to all the Gyros in District VIII that I have addresses for in the hopes that I can keep everybody better informed. For those who do not have email I hope the club presidents or bulletin editors will pass on a copy for them to read. If there is anyone that receives this but does not want it in this fashion please let me know and I will take you off the mailing list. Also if I have missed someone please let me know.

Rocky Mountain Rendezvous was the theme of this years district convention. The convention was attended by 172 Gyros and Gyrettes. Our visiting International officer was Al Sinicrope 1<sup>st</sup> International Vice President and his Gyrette Bea from Florida.

The idea was to allow the attendees a time to relax and enjoy the friendship of others, with only a few structured events planned, (golf, hiking and a boat cruise). The weather cooperated fairly well with only a few bumps. At this time I would like to thank all the Lethbridge Gyros and Gyrettes for their team effort in planning and running a great convention. The pig roast, boat cruise and hikes were the highlight of the weekend with the majority of those at convention attending.

### Convention Awards:

Man Mile Award: Regina Club  
District Bulletin Award: **Keith Bradley** (Sherwood Park)  
Best District Secretary: **Barry Walker** Edmonton Club  
Russ Carter Award: **Calgary Club**  
Golf: Men's Low **Mike Wagg** Nelson Club  
Ladies Low **Jan Bradley** Sherwood Park Club

### Business Meeting:

The business meeting was held in the local pub but to the ire of those in attendance the spigots were dry. After some other comments and queries the meeting was brought to order by Governor Al Clark.

The minutes of the meeting have been attached for anyone who has not already received them.

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Linda and I were unable to attend the International Convention in Syracuse, NY, but our District was well represented by Governor Al and Mary Anne Clark as well as five other couples. The following are some of the highlights that were noted by Al in his 4<sup>th</sup> Governors Bulletin.

- The total membership has decreased by 49 members over the past year. On the brighter side many clubs are experiencing new growth and as well there are good prospects for external expansion.
- The guidelines for running a convention have been updated. New Members and Prospective Member Kits have been updated.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Jim Roberts will be looking at improving the content of the Gyroscope
- A \$5 increase in the annual International dues was approved.
- Sec/Treas. Emil Baijot reported that the Gyro Store had a net revenue of \$6000 for the past year.
- The Painesville office has had the improvements completed to assist with improving the utility consumption. (new windows and doors as well as new lighting)

## International & 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.ws](http://www.gyro.ws)

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 (January 2005).
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 (July 2005).
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".

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The coming year will be not only a challenge for me but for all Gyros. We seem to be suffering the same fate as other clubs in that our numbers are declining. There are a few clubs who seem to be weathering the declining numbers well. There seems to be many factors to this, but one thing I have seen that is common is that they have programs set up that are of interest to most. Also the time and dates for these are scheduled at the beginning of the year. This allows the membership to plan ahead. As well if they wish to ask a friend out they can see what is on the agenda and what might interest them. Also as stated before if the Gyrettes are involved in some of the events the participation seem to be the best!! With the dates and events laid out for the year and made known to all the Gyros in the District this could also promote visitations from other club or individuals if they are in the area. Also if events are publicized others could possibly plan to attend an event. These are just a few of things to think about starting in your club if they do not already exist. If we have active and interesting programs or activities you could have people asking to join Gyro rather than you having to ask them.

Our Past District Governor Al Clark is the Membership Chairman for our district. He will be available for your questions or suggestions with regards to membership.

I strongly urge you to set up the calendar for the year and when complete send it out to all the clubs in the district so all can be aware of what is happening throughout the district.

## Up and Coming Events

### International Interim

**Date January 23 – 27, 2005**

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

### 2005 District Interim

**Date: March 18 – 20, 2005**

Location: Fairmont Hot Springs, BC

### 2005 District Convention

**Date: June 23 - 26**

Location: Regina, Saskatchewan

Host Club: Regina

### International Convention

**Date: July 21 – 24, 2005**

Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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At this time I would like to thank our Past District Governor Al Clark and his Secretary/Treasurer Wes Fillo for their outstanding job. They both put many hours and much effort into handling the problems within the organization as well as keeping a keen eye on our financial issues. Also I would like to thank all the other past governors for their support in our endeavors.

Yours in Gyro

Doug Aspeslet  
Governor District VIII

