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GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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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



This Newsletter is **very late** for which I apologize.

Since July, I have begun writing this Newsletter countless times, in my mind, but have failed to **put my fingers to the keyboard** as writing has never come easy for me, so I procrastinate.

However, after receiving the recent Club Bulletins from **Bryan Sherwood** (Calgary Club); **Fred Schulte** (Edmonton Club); **Ian Greig** (Stampede City Club); and **Scott Brisbin** (Sherwood Park Club); I realized that they have a much more onerous task of getting out their regular Club Bulletins than I have of doing an occasional Governor's Newsletter, soooo I said to myself **stop procrastinating and get at it!** So, here goes...

CLUB VISITATIONS

June 22 – Regina Club: Eileen and I drove to Regina for my first official function as Governor, which was to do the Officer Installation for the Regina Gyro Club. Thank you, now, **Past President Jerry Cheslock**, all Gyro members, Gyrettes, and spouses for making us feel so welcome! It was a most enjoyable evening, including the party back at **Jerry and Vi's** home, afterwards.

The next morning, I had a delightful breakfast meeting with the Club's Executive (**Alex MacDonald**, President; **Jerry Cheslock**, Past President; **Terry Field**, Secretary; and Directors: **Don Blair**, **Keith Picketts**, **John Moore**, and **David Fuller**). We were also joined by outgoing Directors: **Doug Barss**, and **Ralph Paragg**. This meeting gave me the opportunity to learn the club's history, upcoming Membership Ad Campaign, and so much more. Many thanks gentlemen!

June 24 – Sherwood Park Club: My second installation and the second time Eileen and I have attended an event at the Sherwood Park Club, was for the Installation of the Club's new Officers.

As the picture indicates, it was an enjoyable evening, at the **German Canadian Club**, and the new officers – **Herb Zmurchuk**, Director; **Art Merrick**, Past President; and **Ken Lesniak**, President; were happy to accept their new responsibilities!



'A Fraternity of Friendship'



Also, that evening I had the distinct pleasure to present to **Keith Bradley**, Past District Governor (PDG) joined by his lovely wife **Jan**, his **40th Year Membership Award**.

Many thanks Keith for everything you have done, for Gyro, these past 40 years!

June 25 – Edmonton Crossroads Club: Eileen and I had the pleasure of attending the Edmonton Crossroads year end **'Wind Up BBQ and Bocce Ball Tournament'** which was graciously hosted by **President Bryan** and **Sharon McMullen**. My role, as Governor, was to drink wine, eat good food, and say very few words. It was an afternoon enjoyed by all.

The only downside of the afternoon, was my absolutely terrible performance, in Bocce Ball; so apologies, again, to my teammates **Brian** and **Cathe**.) :



(Brian Dunnigan, me, Eileen, and Cathe Little)



(Everyone enjoying Gyro friendship and fellowship)

After our delightful afternoon, Eileen and I then drove to Airdrie, so we would be in good position for our drive to Nelson, BC, the next day.

June 26 – Nelson Club: The dinner meeting was focused on the importance of Membership, starting with the Installation of **New Member Joe Duncan**, seen with his lovely wife **Karen**. We then enjoyed a wonderful buffet meal, catered by the **Hume Hotel**. President **Joe Vingo** then had me speak about the importance of the Club's strong membership, which gave me the opportunity to remind everyone of the contributions of its club's members, over it's 92 year history.



For the finale, I had the distinct honour to acknowledge and congratulate the club's six (6) **50+ year members**, seen here along with their wives – **Norma Vingo** was George's date ☺.



Pat & Barb Renwick
- 54 Years -



Jim & Emiko Sawada
- 57 Years -



George Coletti & Norma
- 59 Years -



Jim & Doreen Todd
- 59 Years -



Gerry & Fran Townsend
- 59 Years -



George & Wilma Turner
- 59 Years -

September 22 – Calgary Club: Lt. Governor **Larry Fenton** kindly did the Installation of the Calgary Club Officers, as I was in Portugal. Seen here is **Larry** installing **Bruce Martin**, as President.



Congratulations to the new executive: **Bruce Martin**, President; **Gary Cobb**, Vice President; **Dave Jenner**, Past President; **Bryan Sherwood**, Secretary & Bulletin Editor; **John Hodgson**, Treasurer and Directors: **Bill Watson**, **Jay Likely**, **Ken Prather**, **Ken Friesen**, **Ken Baker**, and **Les Hamilton**.

At 2017 International Convention, in Vancouver, the Calgary Club was awarded the “**Best New Website**”. So, that evening, **Ken Baker**, PDG, made a point of recognizing **Thor Jepsen’s** significant contributions to the creation of the club’s website, that they **both** put together. Congratulations Ken and Thor!



September 30 – Stampede City Club: This event was for the Club’s **Founders and Installation Night**, ably emceed by **Alan Pentney**, PDG. The Founders Address was given by **Ian Greig**, Past International President (PIP) and PDG.

The Installation of new Club Officers was performed, by **John Hodgson**, Immediate Past Governor (IPDG). Seen here is **John** installing **Jim Barrette**, as President.



Congratulations to the new executive: **Jim Barrette**, President; **Ken Williamson**, Vice President; **Dale Green**, Past President; **Garry Pattison**, Secretary/Treasurer; **Ian Greig**, Bulletin Editor; and Directors: **Keith Arid**; **Al Clark** and **Brad Hinds**.



There were, also, some special presentations made that night, worthy of mention:

First, **Bob Howell** was presented his **50th Year Membership Pin**, seen here with his wife **Patti**.



Next, **John** installed **Thad Prevette**

as the newest member of the club.

Then, **Club Certificates of Appreciation** were presented, by outgoing President **Dale Green**, to: **Nigel Way**, **Bob Rowan**, **Ian Greig** and **Ted Gaffney** for their longtime support and participation in club activities.

Worthy of note is that these four (4) Gyros collectively have **199 years of membership** in the **Stampede City Club!** **Congratulations gentlemen!**



DISTRICT CURLARAMA - BANFF

This week the **Calgary Club** is hosting the **2017 District Curlarama**, in Banff. The dates are November 3 – 5. Although I will not be curling, because of my hip, I will certainly be there cheering everyone on!

If anyone has a last minute interest in participating, please contact either **John Hodgson** – at 403-253-3150 or jehodgson@shaw.ca - or **Larry Fenton** – at 403-242-9464 or lfenton6906@gmail.com.

DISTRICT DUES

Due to some technical difficulties, **Michael Matei**, District Secretary/Treasurer is sending out the Invoices this week. We apologize for the delay. (:

GYRO INTERNATIONAL NEWS

You may have already heard that the **Executive Council**, for **Gyro International**, has eliminated the Interim Meeting, as a cost saving measure. In its place, International President **Dale Woodroffe**, is now having regular Video Conference Calls, through Webex, to conduct Gyro business with his executive and the District Governors. I am pleased to report that the first such Conference Meeting was held on Thursday, October 12, and it was well attended and productive.

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

2018:

- **District VIII** is in **Nelson, BC**: June 7 – 10;
- **International** is in **Lake Geneva, Wisconsin**: June 25 – 29;

2019:

- **District VIII** is in **Drumheller, AB**, hosted by the Edmonton Club;
- **International** is in **Reno, Nevada**;

Yours in Gyro,



Peter A. Carter
Governor District VIII

PS. Hallelujah... it feels great to have this, finally, done!!!

PPS. Club Presidents, please keep me posted on your Club activities.