

**Gyro International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
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They say “**Time flies when you are having fun**” so I must have had LOTS of fun this past year – my first year on the **Executive Council** – as the time has certainly flown by.

After my ‘initiation’ to the **Executive Council** and my expressing an interest in being the **Chair of the Technology Committee** I was brought up to speed on the **Gyro International Website**, by **Matthew Williams, Past Chair of the Technology Committee** and creator of the new website platform. Over the next four (4) months I found myself totally immersed in the redesign and updating of **gyro.org**; and ensuring that we have current and useful information on the website. To that end, I have received many positive comments, so I think progress has been made. HOWEVER, with that said, please let me know if you have any suggestions that will make the website more useable and informative.

As a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic and the cancellation of in-person meetings, I quickly became the **Zoom Virtual Meeting Host** for the **Executive Council** and the **Board of Governors**. I was then delighted to be a ‘Zoom’ resource to Clubs and Districts, in an effort to ensure Gyros stay in contact, with each other.

Last summer, in an attempt to have more Clubs with a website presence, the Executive Council introduced the new **Sub-Site Program**, to all **Club Presidents and Governors**. This program allows Clubs and Districts to create and maintain their own websites, **at no cost**. The Sub-Sites are hosted by **Gyro International** on its new and improved **Website Hosting Service**. We were also able to offer the use of new and easy to use software – **WordPress** and **Elementor** – so that Clubs can easily create and maintain their own website. Club Webmaster **Derek Hay**, of the **Winnipeg Club**, was the first Club to go online using our **Sub-Site Program**. We currently have **18 Clubs, 4 Districts, and 2 International Conventions** using or are in the development stage of our **Sub-Site Program**.

We then introduced an alternative website presence, for Clubs that did not want to have a Club Webmaster maintain a website. This is called our **Generic Web Page Program** and **District IX Governor Mike Eisner** immediately had 5 of his 7 Clubs sign-up for the Program, within the first week and the other 2 Clubs followed shortly thereafter. With the promotion by the Governors and the follow-ups by the members of the Technology Committee, we **now have 24 Clubs** using our no cost **Generic Web Page Program**! To see the website presence of our Clubs, please take a look at: <https://gyro.org/district-clubs/>

Last October, I had my first **Technology Committee** meeting and since then the committee has been meeting monthly and actively working on a number of projects for the improvement and betterment of technology, within Gyro International. The most significant item that has been worked on, by the Committee, but, in particular **District IV Governor Matthew Williams** (Creator and Designer), is the ‘Soon to be Launched’ **Members Portal**! This will be an ‘**easy to use**’ and ‘**intuitive**’ **Software Program** that will replace our existing **Gyro Database**. I will not go into its MANY WONDERFUL Features, at this time, as they will be explained when the **Members Portal** is launched, which will be **Very Soon**!

If you know any of the Committee Members, please let them know that you appreciate their efforts for the good of Gyro. They are: **Sam Day; Derm Jackman; Mark Jarred; Rich Makela; Alan Pentney; Peter Pollhammer; John Overall; Sid Slade; Randy TARRIER; and Matthew Williams**.

As for my role on the **Executive Council**, it has been an enjoyable, informative, and learning year, working as a team, with **Alan, Blanton, Mike** and **Ted**. A particularly important learning opportunity, this past year, was Alan's initiative whereby each of us reached out and made contact with the Club Presidents in order to get their input on how things were going, etc. **This was a most informative and gratifying experience for me**; and without a doubt was appreciated, by the Club Presidents, having a member of the **Executive Council** make contact and ask for their input!

In closing, I look forward to working with the **Executive Council**, next year, as it is **truly a Team committed and dedicated to Gyro!**

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter A. Carter