

2021 Gyro International Annual Meeting

District VIII Report Covering 2019 -2021

Membership - District VIII has eleven clubs with a total membership of 312 on April 30, 2021, up one from 311 on April 30, 2019. The member losses were primarily due to death and geriatric health issues. On a more positive note, there were new members installed in the Edmonton, Sherwood Park, Stampede City, Calgary, and Nelson clubs.

The aging member demographics continues to be the greatest threat to the sustainability of our District VIII clubs.

Club Visits and Communication - 1st Lt. Governor Sid Slade installed new executives at the Regina Club.

My term as Governor of District VIII began at the May 23 – 26, 2019 District Convention which was held in Drumheller, Alberta. On June 3 -9, 2019 I attended the Gyro International convention in Reno, Nevada. On June 19, 2019, I installed the new executive for the Sherwood Park Club. In October 2019, I installed the new executive for the Cranbrook Club, and May 11th I installed 1 new member and the executive of the Nelson, B.C. club. In June of 2019, I installed the executive of the Stampede City Club and four days after that I installed the executive of the Calgary Club. In Feb of 2020, I installed the executive of the Wallace, Idaho club

Since May of 2019 I have issued 10 Governor bulletins. The bulletins are emailed to all members and posted on our District VIII website. Four of our clubs' issue regular newsletters to members and six clubs maintain current websites. I have also held online zoom meetings with the clubs.

Curlarama

District VIII's annual curling bonspiel, known as Curlarama, was held in Canmore, Alberta during the first weekend in November of 2019. The event has been held for more than sixty consecutive years with organizational responsibility rotating between the Calgary and Stampede City clubs. There were 60 Gyros and guests in attendance with representation from eight clubs in District VIII. Curlarama continues to be an excellent event for introducing guests to Gyro. Unfortunately, there was no Curlarama in November of 2020. We are hopeful that Covid will be behind us this November and that we can again meet with Gyro friends and renew old friendships and make new ones.

Future District VIII Conventions - The 2020 District VIII Convention was to be hosted by the Stampede city club in Medicine Hat, Alberta from May 28-31, 2020. This was cancelled due to the pandemic.

The 2021 District VIII Convention is scheduled for Sept 23 -26 in Calgary. ***THESE DATES ARE NOT FIXED AS OF JUNE 9th.***

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District VIII Governor

