



GYRO DISTRICT 4 GOVERNOR'S BULLETIN

Power

Poise

Purpose.

First, my sincere gratitude goes out to IPD Governor Saul Hilchey and First Lady Alice, and to IPD Secretary Matt Williams and his wife Kelly for their energy and commitment to the District 4 family during the past two years. These folks went where angels fear to tread (no, they're not fools), while being active career professionals, raising young families and stepping up to the travel commitments as representatives of their Club (Nanaimo) and their District. Throughout all that they perfected the art of maintaining a sense of humor and carrying on an intelligent conversation while sleeping with their eyes open and their hands on the wheel, er . . . keyboard.

As for me, your new District Governor, I am honored to serve you. I am a proponent of the servant leadership model and a fan of the late Will Rogers, who once said, "You might be on the right track, but you'll get run over if you sit still." I believe that the future of Gyro is waiting to be created. I commit to do my best to lead District 4 boldly into that future, and have fun while doing it. I ask for your support.

There isn't one among us who doesn't know a man of good character who would both benefit from and be a benefit to Gyro. I challenge each of you to bring that man to a Gyro event; to explain the history and accomplishments of your Club, and to purposely invite him to consider membership, which is exactly how you became a member of this fraternity. Go on, I dare you! There is nothing more prized in this life than true friendship - Thomas Aquinas.

LOOK WHO'S NEW IN THE ZOO



At the 2017 Kitimat Interim



Zion National Park, Utah

Jordan Henry is a member and Past President of the Kamloops Gyro Club. Here he is being introduced as our incoming Lt. Governor by PDG Dan Durban at the Kitimat D4 Interim in May 2017. My apologies for the fuzzy image. My camera was drinking before dinner.

Jordan and his wife Catherine live with their two sons Wyatt and Logan, and their dog Thor, in Kamloops BC. Jordan is a construction business owner. Catherine is an intensive care nurse at Royal Inland Hospital. They are outdoor enthusiasts, so be sure to ask about their latest adventure.

Values

Integrity

Commitment

Our new District Secretary, Sean Walsh, is currently the President of the Olympia Gyro Club. Sean and his wife Lisa live in Olympia, WA. where he is an attorney and where Lisa works for the State government. They have two children.



**Sean Walsh installed as D4 Secretary
by 2nd Intl. VP Ted Shewchuk**



Frank Hanaus being reinstated as D4 Treasurer

Our long-suffering servant-treasurer Frank Hanaus is a member of the Fraser-Delta Gyro Club. Frank serves on other non-profit Boards and is currently spearheading an initiative within D4 to consider supporting retired emergency responders suffering from the effects of PTSD.

2017 Gyro International Convention

The Vancouver Gyro Club did an outstanding job hosting the convention at the Coast Plaza Hotel in Vancouver's West End. Delegates and their wives attended from across North America, some of them driving from as far as Florida and Texas. The International business meeting addressed several issues, including the elimination of the International 3rd VP position, a bylaw amendment governing Club dissolution and a motion to increase the International membership dues, which was defeated. The D4 motion to undertake a review of the International Secretary/Treasurer position, with a view to making it voluntary as opposed to a paid position was adopted by the convention. That review has begun and will be reported on by December 31st.

Another important piece of business at the GI AGM was the passing of a resolution to amend the International bylaws to include provisions for the dissolution of a Club. Previously, Clubs could simply 'turn in their Charter', which often left members who wished to remain Gyros orphaned, with their only recourse being to apply for International Associate status. This amendment establishes new guidelines to ensure due process occurs before a Club turns out its lights. More information on that will be provided in a future Newsletter.

The District 4 AGM was also held and because we had 'taken care of business' so thoroughly at the Kitimat Interim, Governor Saul was able to devote much of that time to two presentations. Forty-four delegates from GI and D4 attended these sessions, the first one delivered by Ms. Suman Hothi, a professional PTSD counsellor sponsored by Frank Hanaus, and a second session, which was an appreciative inquiry of Gyro's past, present and future value proposition, facilitated by Ms. Tracey Abbott, professional leadership coach. The first session was an eye opener for many of us; even me, a former career emergency first responder. The second session was, in terms of the future of Gyro, a validation of what many of us knew.

Tracey was asked to compress what ordinarily takes two days to accomplish into two hours. After asking the audience to name Gyro's positive attributes, she couldn't write fast enough to capture them all: belonging to something bigger than one's self, fun, comradeship, humor, confidence building, connecting, mentoring, feeling welcome and appreciated, learning, personal growth and enrichment, and so on. Similarly, when she asked us to identify the things *we do* that will ensure the future *demise* of Gyro, we came up with: blaming, complaining, badmouthing the leadership, being unfriendly to newcomers, not participating in events, putting tradition ahead of innovation, fragmenting clubs into cliques, boring activities, and so on. The better we know ourselves, the better our relationships with others.

Moving Over and Moving Up

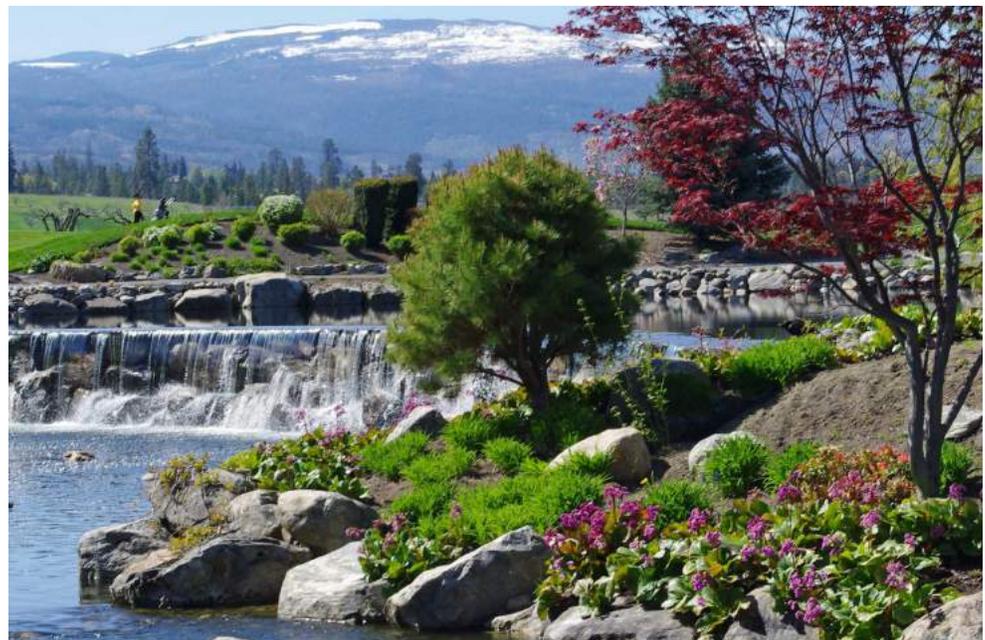


Immediate Past District Governor Dan Durban and his wife Missy (right) of the Olympia and Tacoma Clubs dropped the 'immediate' from his title and relinquished that role to Saul Hilchey of the Nanaimo Club. Past District Governor Matt Johnson and his wife Lisa (left) also of the Olympia and Tacoma Clubs has been elevated to 1st Vice President of Gyro International. My sincere gratitude goes to each of them for their strong and determined leadership of the District.

Dale Woodroffe, a 32-year Gyro and member of the Stampede City Club (Calgary, AB) is our 2017/18 Gyro International President. Dale's career as a construct project manager and company CEO makes him eminently qualified to lead Gyro, ably supported by Matt Johnson (1st VP), Ted Shewchuck (2nd VP, McKenzie Island, ON), Emil Bajot (Secretary Treasurer, Bellingham, WA), Ken Baker (Finance, Calgary, AB) and Larry Duba (Membership Director, Fresno, CA). These men, working professionals all, volunteer their time and energy to the Gyro fraternity, and together with their wives, travel to support, encourage and mentor the Clubs and Districts throughout Gyro Land. Let us all show them the respect and appreciation they deserve.

Upcoming Events

Many of our Clubs take the summer months off, but summer wouldn't be summer without the York-Brimacombe golf tournament, being hosted this year by the Kelowna Club at the Harvest Golf Club. This event occurs annually and is hosted by the club that won the tournament in the previous year. The York-Brimacombe tournament is named after Bob Brimacombe and Greg York of the Vancouver Club, venerable golfers who never passed up an opportunity to keep the Gyro drive alive.



Harvest Golf Club, Kelowna, BC



Gov. Pete presenting the Jimmy Hubble award to Denis Moffatt

Pictured here is the Sidney Club, which launched in April of this year. The recent International Convention presented Denis Moffatt (Camosun), Paul Fogh-Dohmsmidt (now Thunder Bay) and Rick Senkler (Victoria, posthumously) with the Jimmy Hubble Award for external Club expansion for their commitment to establishing the Sidney Club. Jimmy was the Gyro co-founder who proffered the Gyro name and first published the GyroScope.

Incidentally

Two documents accompany this Newsletter as separate attachments in the covering email. The first is the D4 2017/18 budget and the second is a recap of the Appreciative Inquiry workshop held at the Vancouver Convention, mentioned earlier in this Newsletter.

I invite you to study the budget in order to understand D4's cash flow position for the year. Falling membership has led to a reduction in dues revenues, for which we've had to adjust our spending estimates in

order to balance the budget. Pay particular attention to the footnotes, which explain the potential cost saving measures, e.g. billeting of visiting Officers attending Club installations and holding the 2018 D4 Interim and AGM at locations that are easily accessible by road. The big-ticket items for 2018 are those two events plus the GI Convention and AGM in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, which we are obligated by the Constitution to attend. A resolution was passed at the 2017 D4 AGM to include a modest annual \$250 contribution to the GI Betterment Fund, which exists to efforts to expand the fraternity.

The Appreciative Inquiry recap, *Harvest* is how Tracey, the workshop facilitator titled it, outlines the takeaways from that workshop. I was impressed by the responsiveness and level of engagement that took place. It goes without saying that Gyro is a very special organization; worth promoting and worth sustaining. What we think, and more crucially what we say to each other about our fraternity, including our Gyro leaders, either builds barriers to growth, or takes them down. We are not sheep. We all have and are entitled to our opinions, which when expressed constructively can inspire unity instead of conflict. Let's be builders. There is already enough conflict in the world. We don't need to manufacture more of it.

The Big Picture

Attracting, orienting and retaining new members is made easier by *Sharing the Big Picture* with them. The anniversary (2012) edition of the GyroScope is a valuable resource in that effort. Check it out:

http://international.gyro.ws/index_htm_files/10%20Jun%202012.pdf

There is a lot of informative content in this edition that can give each new member a solid grounding Gyro and prepare him for a future leadership role. A printed copy of that edition would be a useful addition to the new member kit.

The Last Laugh

Lorna's pet Schnauzer had ingrown hair inside its ear canal. After removing it the Vet told Lorna to apply a small amount of hair removal cream inside the ear once a week. At the pharmacy, the druggist told her, "if you're using it on your underarm, avoid using deodorant for a couple of days." "I'm not using it for my underarm", Lorna replied. "Oh, if it's for your legs don't put any lotion on for a day or two", said the druggist. "If you must know, it's not for my legs, it's for my Schnauzer", Lorna offered. "Oohhh I see", said the druggist. Then, after a moment's hesitation, "In that case say off your bike for at least a week".

Until next time,

Yours in Friendship,

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