

# **GOVERNOR'S BULLETIN**

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## Joint Calgary Club Installation at Founders Night

Gyro friendship was at its best on 16 October in Calgary. A Calgary and Stampede City Club joint installation with a Founders Presentation occurred with 72 Gyros and guests at the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club.

Ian Greig, Past International President, wrote after the event "To me, the high light of the night was a reply to the toast to the ladies presented by Mary Ann Clark. Mary Ann recalled her upbringing in small town Saskatchewan where everyone knew you by name, knew your likes and dislikes, knew more about you than you did and genuinely cared for you and were there with you in times of joy and in sadness. She likened this to her experiences in Gyro over 35 years. It was quite touching."

A full slate of executive Committees were installed for both clubs. Rod MacLeod replaced Jim Barr as President of the Calgary Club and the Stampede City Club ushered in David Smith following Ridge Forster. Pictures of these gentlemen are on the District website – For the Good of Gyro. The picture below is of Ken Williamson accepting his 25-year pin and plaque. He has been a true supporter of Gyro following in his father's footsteps.

We heard a well-researched presentation on the Founders of Gyro and the founding of the two clubs from Past District Governor, Al Clark. Always good to reflect on why we have a Gyro club and what it can do for each of us. It was great to see Past District Governor, Doug Aspeslet and Linda of Lethbridge at the event as well.



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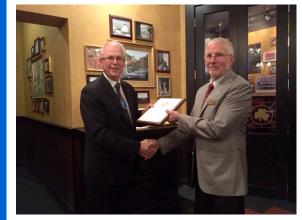
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### Cranbrook Gyro Club 90 Years Young

The Cranbrook Club Celebrated its 2015-16 installation with a great turnout of members and guests on 8 October 2015. This was the Club's 90 installation since it was formed as a club 91 years ago. I was honored to present a plaque commemorating this achievement on behalf of Gyro International to out-going president Jim (Hutch) Hutchinson (in picture below).



Another highlight of the evening was the installation of two new members. Please welcome George Dowling and George Farrell to our merry band of friends. They may even be at the Curl-a-Rama.

Of course the main event was the new executive committing to uphold Gyro principles and objectives to provide for the continuation of fun in Cranbrook. The Executive now is:

President, Bill Bennetts (picture on

the District website); Vice President, David Farrell; Administrator, George Dowling; Treasurer, Harvey Venier; Sgt-at-Arms, Glen McIvor; and Past President, Jim Hutchinson.

Thank you to Past District Governor, Don and Norma Boyle for their hospitality and to the Cranbrook club for their warm reception.

### News Across the District

Planning for the **May 2016 District VIII Convention** is starting in November and a registration package will be out by January. If you have any suggestions to add to the fun or to the business meeting please send me a note.

If you are wondering about fun ideas please consult the **Gyro cookbook** at: http://international.gyro.ws/index\_htm\_files/GYRO%20NEW%20GYRO%20FUN%20PARTY%20COOKBOOK .pdf

**1st Lieutenant Governor** candidates are going to be recruited via a letter from District within a few weeks. Please consider volunteering as there is more to Gyro than your own club for your own satisfaction and fun as well as for the good of Gyro in the best District in Gyro!

Curl-A-Rama is occurring on Nov. 6-8 in Banff. Late arrivals still welcome.

Details of the **International Conventions** (Savannah, Georgia in February and Red Lake, Ontario in July) are now on the new District website.

Please send information on your club **special events** and installations to Jim Copeland (jim.copeland@icloud.com) as we all would like the opportunity to see what is happening and possibly participate.

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