

District V1 Governor's Report

Hello my friends, as we all know the International Convention in July was a great success. The planning, organizing, and hosting this event as a district has drawn the clubs closer together and installed a renewal of interest in everyone within these clubs.

Again I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this happen and to all our gyro friends who came to visit, I thank-you.

In November the District V1 gyro clubs got back to normal and Pat and I started visiting. We visited the Truro Gyro Club to help them celebrate not only the founding fathers but 60 years of Gyro friendship for Don and June Muir. I asked Don what he liked best about gyro. He said the friends he made and continues to make as well as all the hospitality rooms. Congratulations Don and June.

While visiting with the Windsor club on their founder's night, I had the honor of presenting the Gyro Award of Merit to Raymond Harvey for his hard work in the District as well as his own club. Congratulation Raymond on the award, you earned it by your hard work and being a great friend to everyone.

I also had the honor and privilege of presenting the Gyro Award of Merit to Mac Weaver when Pat and I visited the Kentville Club. Mac is District V1's data administrator and is a very active member in the Kentville club and District. Keep up the good work Mac, the award is well earned.

In New Glasgow and Charlottetown I had the pleasure of inducting new members into each club. New Glasgow welcomed, Norris and Marilyn Robinson plus John and Shauna Robinson. Charlottetown welcomed, Daryl and Cathy Kennedy plus Preston and Mary Cameron. Congratulation to all and welcome to gyros.

In Dartmouth at our Founder night, Lt. Governor Keith Aucoin was our guest of honor and he reminded us what gyro was all about. We had a perspective new member in attendance that night and he was so impressed that he has since put in his request to join the Dartmouth Gyro Club. Thanks Keith for that visit and for taking an interest in our perspective new member.

In December while attending the Windsor Christmas Party, I had the pleasure of induction a new member into their club. There were three couples there from Dartmouth who came to enjoy the fun and get to know the Windsor Gyros better. This visiting between clubs is making our District stronger and more active.

We are always looking for way to explain gyro to perspective new members. While visiting Charlottetown gyro's on Founder's Night, Merrill Croinn, President of the Charlottetown Club, showed me a brochure he made up to help his member do just that.

This brochure is in the format of the one you get in the prospective membership kit. However, the front page of the pamphlet tells all about how gyro got started and a little about our founding fathers. On the inside of the front page it tells about gyro International and how it is broken down into Districts. The next page tells about what District V1 is all about and the clubs within the district. Then it tells all about the Charlottetown Club and what they do, where they meet and how often, etc. It gives information who they can contact if they have any questions.

Merrill has given each member some pamphlets and if they know someone who asks about gyro, the member tells him a bit about gyro and then hands out a pamphlet to that person saying this should answer your question better or if he is a little shy about explaining Gyro, just hand him the pamphlet.

They have installed two new members in November and maybe installing two more new members at our Interim in Feb.

I think this is a great idea and maybe other clubs can do the same.

On January 9th to the 12th I attended the International Interim in Clearwater, Florida. PIP Harold Bernard was also there representing District V1.

The BOG meeting was informative and International President Jim Hyland kept the agenda moving and we finished on time.

This year all gyros will get a printed copy of the Gyroscope, 100 year edition.

I hope to see a good many of my friends in Truro. It is important that we get good attendance at our conventions and it is a great time to relax with friends and have some fun.

You're Friend
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