

## *District IV Governor's Bulletin*

*September 2022*



Well, here we are on the morning of the District IV Convention. Tonight, as my last official act as Governor, I get to install the executive of my home club, Prince George. And tomorrow night I get the honor of having Matt Johnson install me as Past District Governor as my good friend Marc Dumais takes the reins.

My term began with Clubs fighting to maintain a connection through creativity and innovation... Zoom meetings, virtual bingo, phone trees, social distance BBQ etc.

In my home club of Prince George, we had an in-person Christmas party last December. Getting together again was therapeutic but also anxiety inducing. Without zoom, we all had to wear pants! Gradually, we began to hear about more clubs easing back into limited face to face events.

We were incredibly sad when the International Convention in Cleveland was cancelled, but then elated to learn that Nanaimo's 100<sup>th</sup> Installation / District IV Interim Convention was going ahead – in person! What a great party! I heard some got sick... I believe all got better... I am sure all had fun. We followed that up with a visit to beautiful Victoria B.C. to conduct the installation of the Camosun Gyro Club which was wonderful.

And then Joanne and I, and three other Prince George couples, went to Kitimat to help them celebrate their installation earlier this month. To all of our southern District IV members, make a plan to attend a Kitimat installation in the future. When you do, consider flying into Prince George and arranging to drive up with a Prince George member. You won't regret it. I had forgotten how stunningly beautiful it was.

District IV is leading our beloved friendship fraternity into the future. Dan Durbin (*Past District IV Governor/current International VP*) is chairing the task force on Gyro structure. Matt Johnson (*Past District IV Governor/Past International President/current International Secretary-Treasurer*), is a part of that committee as is Steve Revell (*Past President and current Treasurer, Kitimat Club*). Those three gentlemen I am very proud to call my friends, and you can all be proud of them as they work to modernize and simplify our fraternity's structure.

It's been an eventful term. We transitioned from the anxiety and fear of a world changing pandemic into a new era where the virus is one of the important things. COVID will continue to be a challenge to a fraternity that exists solely to promote social interaction, but we are getting through it. And hey, who would have thought we'd begin my term with a toast to the Queen, but end it with a toast to the King!

The time has flown by. There are things I wanted to do but did not get to them... things I started to do but did not finish. However, as I step down as Governor, I know the District is in good hands.

Let me end with what I am most proud of. Please go to the Gyro International website and read the Diversity Guide. You do not even need to log in as a member to read it. Go to [gyro.org](http://gyro.org), click "Club Resources", and then click "Diversity Guide". I did not draft it. But I sat at the Board of Governors virtual table representing our District as it was developed, discussed, debated and revised. It is long overdue but now we have it. I challenge every one of you to read it, look inward and ask yourself... Can I do more to encourage diversity in my club? Now the challenge will be to not just have a policy, but to live by it.

I welcome anyone's comments, calls or emails on all matters Gyro. I am looking forward to my year as PDG.

You'll love Marc Dumais, he is a progressive thinker and a passionate gyro. After we roast him tonight at the convention, I hope we are still friends tomorrow. I guess he'll have to update you on that in his bulletin.

Yours in Gyro Friendship,

Trevor Slaney

Governor (for one more day) District 4