

“SAVE THE DATES” – for THE GYRO 2023 DISTRICT VIII CONVENTION

- **July 27 – July 30**
- **Main Venue: Deerfoot Inn & Casino**

Attendees needing hotel accommodation are encouraged to book early. For **hotel registration**, call 1-888-875-4667. Use Group Code 821406, identify yourself as being with the Calgary Gyro Club to qualify for group rate. Hotel rates are \$129 plus taxes per night for a standard room.

Our Calgary Club Gyros with help from our Gyrettes are hosting our counterparts from other clubs in District VIII. Main venue will be the Deerfoot Inn & Casino with activities on Saturday, July 29 taking place at the Mahogany Beach Club (both located in SE Calgary).

Every year many Gyros and Gyrettes from the 10 clubs in District VIII get together at an Annual District Convention. This gathering, while mostly a time for fun and friendship, is also when the business of managing Gyro affairs is done. Many Gyros and their ladies that have attended past conventions are usually keen to participate again.

A convention planning committee under the leadership of Ken Baker has been formed and a *preliminary Schedule of Events* has been developed which will be finalized as details are firmed up, likely by late April. Registration fees are expected to be in order of \$550 per couple (\$275 per person). The theme of the convention will be “Denim and Diamonds”.

For those considering attending, and especially potential first-timers, following is an elaboration on a very preliminary Schedule of Events to provide a more complete understanding.

What’s Included in your Registration fee?

- Evening meals for 3 days
- Three evenings of entertainment for your enjoyment
- Chance to test your skills at Bocce Ball
- Brunch for the Ladies
- Bus transport to Mahogany Beach Club (Saturday afternoon activities)
- Many opportunities for socializing, meeting friends and making new ones

Thursday – July 27

- *Convention Registration*
 - *Attendees check-in, receive name tags w/lanyards, goodie bag*
 - *Out-of-towners check into Deerfoot Inn & Casino (Some Calgarians may choose to book too)*
- *Past District Governors’ Meeting*
 - *A short meeting of past governors to discuss District business/issues*
- *Hospitality Bar – Wine, Beer, etc*
 - *An opportunity to meet and socialize informally with members of own and visiting clubs*
- *Buffet Dinner & (Entertainment - tbd ?)*

Friday – July 28

- *Business Meeting*
 - *For all attending Gyros and District Executive - men only*
 - *About a 2-hour meeting focussing on club reports, district finances and nominations for District Exec positions, new business, annual awards*
- *Ladies Brunch*
 - *Calgary Club Gyrettes host all Gyrettes from District VIII*
- *Golf Tournament*
 - *for the “golfers” from various Clubs in District VIII (per registrations)*
 - *usually has 20 – 30 participants, District trophies for both men and women*
- *Club Hospitality Open*
 - *Calgary Club providing pre-dinner hospitality to attendees in suite(s)*
- *Governors’ Ball (Denim and Diamonds Theme)*
 - *most formal part of Convention*
 - *Introductory remarks and toasts, Four-course meal*
 - *Remarks by out-going Governor*
 - *Installation of District Officers*
 - *Remarks by new Governor*
 - *Entertainment*

Saturday – July 29 (a Fun Day)

- *Plans for morning still evolving*
- *At 1:00 pm sharp, Bus(es) depart from Deerfoot Inn & Casino for Mahogany Beach Club*
- *Bocce Ball tournament (weather permitting)*
- *Plan ‘B’ exists for indoor activities (if inclement weather)*
- *Dinner – catered*
- *Awards for winners of Golf, Bocce, etc*
- *Entertainment*
- *Bus(es) back to Deerfoot Inn*

Sunday – July 30

- *Optional – breakfast on own at Deerfoot Inn & Casino*
- *Goodbyes, Hotel check-outs, departures*