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A special message from Dottie ...

Yes, Ed is allowing me to write the Director's message for January!

We hope that you all had a Merry Christmas. This holiday season was especially happy for us as we were lucky to have both of our children home for the holidays...and both are planning weddings this spring! Our family is growing as we will welcome a new son and daughter (in-laws).

Now that every one has gone back to their own jobs and lives, our house has become very quiet. That quiet offers a wonderful time for reflection and to think about the coming year.

I feel the time between Christmas and the New Year is an extremely important time.

At this time every year I try to set time aside to think about what I would like the coming year to be like. It's fun to picture the new year as a blank slate and then start to dream of places

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to go and fun things we might like to do. What special people would I like to see, what do I long to see and experience? What could make this coming year as much fun or even more fun than 2007? This is my time to create my own personal vision for the coming year.

It isn't until I have a firm vision of my ideal new year in my head that I share it with Ed. Then I find out what he would like the year to bring...and eventually we come up with our shared vision for the year. Then we begin to plan!

As a leader within GWRRA, you need to create your own personal vision of what you would like the new year to be for your Chapter. Would you like to see more rides? More ice cream? More visits to other Chapters? More help from Chapter members? More money in your treasury? Better communication? If you don't have a vision, you won't know where to lead.

But! Should it be your vision alone that leads the Chapter?

You need to start with a vision in your mind and then share with your Chapter or your staff to come up with a "shared" vision for the Chapter. Once your Chapter agrees on a "shared" vision, you can start to plan and to create goals and action steps that will lead you toward your vision.

A vision is a guiding picture that leads you toward action. Take time to reflect on what and why GWRRA is important to you. What as a leader would you like to achieve within your Chapter? Also, make sure that you put your vision within the context of your own personal vision for YOU and YOUR Family. And, while you are reflecting and forming your vision, keep the important ideals of GWRRA in mind...FRIENDS.....FUN.....KNOWLEDGE.

Ed and I hope you find 2008 to be filled with Friends (both new and old)! We hope you have lots of Fun and experience riding on great roads. And we wish you the Knowledge to ride safely and lead successfully.

Happy New Year!

Dottie Bahrenburg

A Message from the District Director

Did you check out the masthead? If you did, you see that we have a large number of new Chapter Directors. We wish them success and loads of fun as they lead their Chapters in 2008. As District Director, I look forward to working with a great team of Chapter Directors.

Happy New Year everyone! We look forward to seeing a number of you at the District Meeting in Binghamton on January 26th. The meeting will be a good chance for Chapter Directors to meet, exchange ideas, and network. We are also delighted that our Region Directors, Lorraine and Earl Knight, plan attend.

You probably noticed that the newsletter is a little different in January. The District Support Staff works hard for you and we felt that they should spend time with family and friends during the Holiday Season. You will hear from them again in the February newsletter.

Remember that the District Meeting will be held on January 26th in Binghamton.

Please respond to Ed with a check by January 15, 2008.

Who should attend:	Chapter Directors, Assistant CDs, Rider Educators, Chapter Couples, and any other interested members
When:	9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Where:	Chenango Fire Station, 86 Castle Creek Road (Rt. 11), Binghamton, NY 13901.
Cost:	\$10.00 pp, two people free per Chapter
Lunch Provided:	Spiedies, Meatballs, Rigatoni, Potato Salad, Tossed Salad, bread, dessert
Hotel Information:	If you are coming in on Friday, rooms have been blocked at the Comfort Inn, 1000 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905. Call 1-800-469-7009. Mention GWRRA for group rate of \$89 (until 12/25/07) then \$99. The rate includes the breakfast buffet.
Friday Evening:	For those coming in early, there will be a “get together” with pizza in the Comfort Inn conference room. Come join us.

Send a check from your Chapter to Ed Bahrenburg by January 15, 2008.
Make sure to list who will be coming from your Chapter and their position.

There will be no charge for District Staff as they will be working.



Mort & Ruth Smith, Region Public Relations Coordinators
WORKING TOGETHER

Here in GWRRA we have volunteers step up to take the lead on our many tasks. These volunteers are the finest people that put forth great effort to create the atmosphere necessary to the type of success we enjoy in GWRRA. But there is another important element that many people forget about that ties everything together and produces success. That element is TEAMWORK.

To succeed today in any endeavor that involves more than one person it requires TEAMWORK. Here's how the dictionary defines TEAMWORK—1,-cooperative effort on the part of a group of persons acting together as a team or in the interests of a common cause. 2.work done with a team.

Let's look at the Regions first. We have a Region Director who is just a GWRRA member the same as the rest of us. The big difference is that he has stepped up and accepted the challenge on our (members) behalf. He is willing to do this job because someone must take this position in order that organization can function. The

District Director is the same, as is the Chapter Director. Unless you've been in one of these positions you cannot imagine how important TEAMWORK becomes.

If you have ever tried to accomplish something with a few people and they aren't working together you can then understand how hard it is for these officers of ours when they must try to work with the many numbers of people they are required to deal with. Let me give you an example. Let's say that the Region, District, or Chapter decides to run a ticket raffle to raise funds because they want to do something special for you the members. They ask the members to help to sell these tickets. If all the members take some tickets and sell them the task is very easily accomplished. That's excellent TEAMWORK, the job gets done quickly and thoroughly with little effort on any ones part, everyone benefits. The job gets done. No needless strain is put on the officers or anyone else. If only half the people help sell the tickets that puts more work on the people selling the tickets because they have to sell twice as many to get the job done, but at the same time the good deed that the ticket money will support will be done for all the members that are involved that includes the ones that didn't help sell the tickets. This last example is POOR TEAMWORK and puts undo pressure on the people. I used the ticket sales example because I believe that everyone has been involved in ticket sales some time or another, even if it wasn't in GWRRA, and you can relate to what I am trying to point out.

Remember any time these Officers take on a challenge on your behalf get behind them and support them with the WHOLE TEAM and see how easy your forward progress becomes and also how strong the organization becomes. You never know maybe sometime in the future you may be one of those officers and you'll be looking for TEAMWORK from your constituents.

TEAMWORK is a winner.



Dates to Keep in Mind

2008

January	10-12	Maryland District Rally; WinterThing 2008, Ocean City, MD
January	26	NY District Meeting, Chenango Fire Station, Binghamton, NY
June	21	Delaware District Ride In
July	3 – 6	Wing Ding XXX, Greenville, SC
July	17-19	New England Rally, Rutland, VT
July	31-Aug 2	New Jersey Rolling Hills Rally, Mt. Olive, NJ
August	7-9	The Race is On to the New York District Rally, Newark, NY
August	21-23	Pennsylvania District Rally, Johnstown, PA