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News from National...

GWRRA's Sister Organization

Trike Riders International is GWRRA's sister organization. Please be sure when you are holding any type of GWRRA event that you charge the same amount for TRI Members as you would GWRRA Members. This includes Chapter, District, and Region rallies as well as Wing Ding or any type of event where there is a fee. This way we can recognize the Members of TRI and show respect for Members of our sister organization.

Computer Training Classes Available

We are excited to share with you that GWRRA is partnering with Metrotek Learning to bring computer training classes to you at a discount price. It's online training to increase your computer skills. If you struggle while working in Excel to complete Rider Ed reports or Financial Reports, or you want to learn more about formatting a letter or Word document, or you need to learn the tools to give a successful PowerPoint presentation for GWRRA or your business - Metrotek is the answer! With Metrotek Learning's online training you will enjoy learning new skills, shortcuts, and tips to be the most effective and productive in your work

News from National...

Choose from many Microsoft Office Suite Programs, including Word, Excel, Access, Outlook, PowerPoint and Project, as well as Adobe Acrobat, just to name a few. We know this program can help many of you in your personal and professional lives. You can take these classes any time day or night from any location that has broadband internet access. These classes can fit into the busiest of schedules. The classes retail for \$179, and they are being offered to GWRRA Members for only \$75! For information, lists of the classes, and to get started now, contact Katherine Orr, by email at gwrra@metroteklearning.com or by phone at 704-523-2272 and remember to mention you are a Member of GWRRA to get your discount!

Rescue Plus Adds More Towing Miles

We are very excited to announce that Rescue Plus has added 50 more miles of towing for our Members! They have increased the miles from 50 to 100 per tow. There is no extra charge for the additional miles. This applies to Members who currently have Rescue Plus and those who wish to sign up for the roadside assistance.

NEW! GWRRA TRAVEL STORIES

Don't forget that we've added a new feature on the GWRRA Homepage. GWRRA has created another place for Members to have their stories read. It's called The GWRRA Travel Stories Page. The new page is located at www.gwrra.org at the bottom of the Homepage titled GWRRA Travel Stories. This will give you, the Members, another outlet to share your experiences with your fellow Gold Wings.

You must be a current Member of GWRRA to have your story considered for publication. Please submit only *original* Travel Stories to gwrtravelstories@gwrra.org. The stories should be no longer than two typed pages or no more than 1,000 words. You **must** include your full name and membership number at the top of the page. Your story will not be considered without this information. Due to space limitations and/or story content, not all submissions may be published. Please do not submit photos with your story, they will not be published. There will be a limit of five stories published each month and, at the end of the month, they will be archived for future reading.



News from the Northeast Region

Wing Ding Schedule and Volunteer Request

Your Northeast Region Directors **WANT YOU!**

Yes, it is Wing Ding time once again! And because we were so successful last year, we have the dubious honor of organizing this year's Grand Parade and Light Show in Tulsa. Whereas we were the luckiest region in the world last year to have the most number of volunteers, because Wing Ding was on the East Coast in Greenville, SC; we don't anticipate that luxury this year. We understand the heart

is willing but the budget isn't. This year will prove to be our most challenging year ever. But we will step up and make it work, with quality rather than quantity. That is why it is most important that our District Directors contact the Chapters and ask for volunteers at Tulsa, on our behalf. We would like to request that the DD's compile a volunteer list of those who will be going to Wing Ding and would be willing to volunteer to work a couple of hours at the Grand Parade and/or the Light Show.

The Grand Parade Staging will be on Saturday, July 4th from 3:00 - 5:00 PM . The parade will begin at 5:00 PM SHARP! We will need volunteers at both the beginning and the end points.

The Light Show will be held on Thursday, July 2nd. Classification will take place from 7:00 - 9:00 pm; the parade will start at 9:30 pm and judging and awards will follow at 10:00 pm. Remember, this is a major responsibility for our region. We need everyone to step up and help!

Thursday, July 2, 2009

7:00pm - 9:00pm	Light Parade Staging/Classification
9:30pm	Light Parade
10:00pm	Light Parade Judging and Awards

Saturday, July 4, 2009

3:00pm - 5:00pm	Grand Parade Staging
5:00pm	Grand Parade

Lorraine & Earl Knight, Northeast Region Directors

From the District Director

Hello everyone! Happy Spring. Ed has been so tied up at work that he asked me if I could fill everyone in on District happenings.

Ed and I came home a little early from our Florida vacation due to demands of Ed's work, but we still had a great time. We met Bob and Sandy Kelley (NY H) in Arcadia and had some great rides with them. We also met up with Dan and Paula Thomas (former NY U) directors. They included us in a ride up the western shore with several other current members of NY U.

Next weekend, Ed and I will travel down to Mt. Pocono, PA to meet with a team from NJ regarding the Rally. The Bi-State Rally promises to be a fun event. The host hotel is already sold out, but there are still rooms available at the sister hotel in Norwich.

We are moving into the busy season for GWRRA. The District Ride In is coming up in just a little over a month. Also, there are several Mall Shows and the Miracle Network Ride in May. You should have received an email with details regarding the Ride In, if not, check out the information below.

Shortly after the Ride In, many members will be traveling to Americade in Lake George for a week of riding and chrome envy. The New York District again will be coordinating the GWRRA recruiting booth under the bridge. Stop by and say hello if you are passing through. Other happenings at Americade are the Chapter L Gathering at Sweet Basil's Restaurant on Friday evening. This Gathering is good for a Dash for

Cash point (if you meet the requirements). Also, on Saturday morning, the GWRRA Breakfast at Americade will be held in the same place and the same time as last year. Ed will get more details out to you soon.

Wing Ding XXXI is almost here. We have heard from some people who plan to travel to Tulsa, OK for the event. Please note that Lorraine and Earl Knight are looking for volunteers to help with the Light Parade and the Grand Parade at Wing Ding. If you are available and willing to help, please drop us an email and we will let them know. We haven't heard anything yet, but there usually is a parade of Chapter Directors tied to opening ceremonies. If any Chapter Directors are planning to attend Wing Ding, and would like to participate in this event, please let us know as we need to provide a list.

Please be aware of the Quilt Project and Chapter money-maker described below. We will soon be sending out a flyer and tickets (you print them). If anyone plans to submit a quilt square, please contact Ed (wingin-it@stny.rr.com).

Also, all members are invited to submit an entry into the NY District Logo Contest. It is time for NY to have a logo, see the details below.

Also, June is fast approaching and since we still do not have Couple of the Year Coordinators in place, Ed and I need to know if your Chapter Couple is planning to attend the Bi-State Rally and participate in the Couple of the Year Selection. This year we have a special very nice prize for the incoming District Couple. Also, remember that there is a Couple of the Year door decoration contest. Chapters with a Chapter Couple in attendance should plan to decorate the Couple's hotel room door. The decorations may include photos and should show the Couples participation in GWRRA activities. A prize will be given for the best decorated door.

Don't forget; *Share the Fun: Ride, Recruit, Retain!*

Dottie

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg

District Directors

District Ride In

When: Sunday, May 17, 2009 11:00AM-3:00PM

Where: Marcellus Park Platt Rd Marcellus, NY 13108
Latitude: 42° 58' 31"N Longitude: 76° 20' 12"W

Food: Please bring your own food and drink. Grills and charcoal will be provided by host Chapter D. A grocery store, a gas station/ convenience store, and, Subway are nearby (see map).

Cost: Entrance to the park is free. Chapter D requests a \$1.00 per person donation toward the cost of park facility usage

Facilities: Multiple restrooms, walking paths, trout stream, horse shoes and ball fields as available, paved roads and parking.

For help with directions call:

Julie Spencer: 315-391-6970 or Bill Spencer: 315-391-6969

New York District Logo Contest

We need your help! The New York District does not have a current logo and we need one.

The District needs a logo to head our District newsletter, webpage, and to make up as patches or pins for those who are interested.

We are looking for members to submit possible logos. We have had several suggestions as to what the logo should look like or include, but we would like to see what you, the members come up with.

Requirements:

- Logo entries should be round or square.
- No more than 5 colors
- Size of the patch needs to be no larger than 4"
- GWRRA or Gold Wing Road Riders Assn must be included in the design.
- Logo entries should be submitted no later than July 1, 2009.

Members have made suggestions that a NY outline map should be included and a Gold Wing motorcycle. But we are keeping an open mind and would like to see what you come up with. The winner of the Logo Contest will be announced at the Bi-State Rally. So put on your creative thinking caps! Let's develop a logo!

Dates to Remember

May 17	District Ride In: Chapter D At Marcellus Park
May 30	Miracle Network Ride, Spinning Wheel Restaurant, North Syracuse
June 1-6	Americade
June 6	GWRRA Breakfast at Americade, Elks Lodge, 32 Cronin Rd, Queensbury, NY
July 2-5	Wing Ding XXXI, Tulsa, OK
July 16-18	New England Rally, Seekonk, MA
July 24-25	Region K Rally, Belleville, Ontario
August 6-8	Bi-State Rally, Norwich, NY
August 21-23	Pennsylvania Rally, Johnstown, PA

RALLY NEWS



- The Bi-State Rally will be held in Norwich, NY, on August 6-8, 2009. The host hotel is Howard Johnson's. Call 607-334-2200 for reservations. Make sure to mention Gold Wing to get the group rate of \$85. ***We under that the host hotel is full, however, they should assist you with reservations at their sister hotel.***
- Registration information is available on the web at: <http://www.gwrra-ny.org/rally2009.htm>
- **T-shirts** bearing the Rally Logo are available only through pre-order. Again, see the Registration form.
- Get ready for **line dancing** on Thursday night! There is a great dance floor and great instructors.
- Chapters agreed to contribute **Chapter Baskets** as opposed to door prizes this year, but would like to come up with a new idea for 2010.
- The **Couple of the Year Selection** will be held on Saturday, August 8. The New York District Couple and the New Jersey District Couple will be selected at that time.
- **Chapter Displays:** This year Chapter Displays should take the form of a collage. Make use those creative individuals in your Chapter to come up with a unique collage that represents your Chapter. Displays should be no larger than 36" x 48".
- On Friday, rally attendees have an option of attending **Antique Car Museum** and having the **World Famous Brook's BBQ** chicken dinner. Yes, there is an additional cost, see the Rally Registration form for information. This event is available by pre-registration only. We must know the number of dinners by July 15.
- We already have more vendors lined up than we did last year.
- **Rally book ads** are due by June 15. If your Chapter plans to place an ad, please get it to Dottie as soon as possible. The rally book ad form is located on the District website Rally page. <http://www.gwrra-ny.org/rally2009.htm> If you can email the ad, it would be great! Thanks.
- The Crash Scene Re-enactment team has been meeting and are working hard to put together a great learning experience for the Rally.

From the District Educator



**Taken from:
Northeast Region
Keith & Elaine Price – Region
Educators
Frank Germa, Tim & Anna Grimes –
Assist. Region Educators**



Spring is here!

Yes spring is here and with it the beginning of the new riding season. Just as autumn has some unique riding hazards so does riding in the spring. Like the fall, the spring can present rapidly changing and very challenging weather conditions. What may have started out as a bright, beautiful, warm day can all too quickly turn to snow, sleet, or even freezing rain. It's absolutely critical to check the weather forecast before venturing out on your Wing. If there is a possibility of severe weather it would be best not to ride. The weather will be suitable soon enough. Even if the forecast looks good be sure to take extra warm clothing and your best rain gear. If you're out on a long ride and the weather turns real nasty consider stopping, overnight if necessary, and wait until the weather improves. Traction is another concern with spring riding. Sand, rock salt, and fine gravel will be present at the right side edge of the roadway and in intersections. Triangular patches of this debris will be found in intersection and curves. If you are in a turn when you encounter this stuff your bike will act as if you were on ice. During a poker run the bike right in front of us went down just because of it! Fortunately as his speed was slow and he was wearing leathers, he wasn't hurt but his bike did get scraped up some. Go extra slow when approaching intersections and watch out for sand and gravel. It's definitely pothole season so watch for them. Potholes may be a problem in a 4-wheel vehicle but they can be a disaster for a motorcycle! Hit on that is deep enough, fast enough and you will likely go down. If a pothole is filled with water, you have no idea just how deep it is. Remember about target fixation. If you stare at an upcoming pothole you will most likely hit it. Look just to the side of it (where you look the bike will go.) Although not a safety concern have you noticed the white powder on the roads this time of year? This is noticeable especially in cracks and low spots in the pavement. This white powder is SALT. Salt loves to devour any uncoated aluminum. Your wing has such aluminum especially the wheels and engine parts. Need I say more? For the good of your bike keep it off the roads until a few good rains have washed the salt away. During the past few weeks, we have had the unique opportunity to experience something unusual in New York this time of year...reasonable riding weather. So, like a number of you, I decided to ride. I went over the 1800 and discovered that my rear tire was 10 lbs. low; the front was only down 5 lbs. If you lose a tire on a car, it's bad but not catastrophic. If you lose a tire on a bike, well...it could be deadly. Nothing can prevent having a tire go out after hitting something, but proper maintenance and inspections can go a long way toward decreasing the chances of a breakdown along the road. Inspections are vital to maintaining your bike and riding safely. This is especially true when we start the new riding season. After the string of winter months, how many of us have jumped on our bike after it's been sitting in the garage and taken it for a spin just to shake out the cobwebs. Make a habit of inspecting your bike before you ride it, especially if it's been awhile since you have taken it out. Now if you're like me and commute to work on your bike, you don't want to crawl around your bike on the ground and check tire pressure in your work clothes. But at least once a week, and especially before long rides, you want to conduct an inspection to make sure the bike (and you) are in safe riding condition. I would rather find out at a rest stop that I have a nail in my tire than find out at 70 mph! If you didn't give your ride a thorough going over last fall, now would be a good time to do it.

The T – Clock system provides a good check list for doing just that. The following is a reminder by Frank Germa that describes the T – Clock system in its essential basic T-CLOCK is an acronym that describes an overall safety inspection of the motorcycle. While this is a much more extensive inspection than you would make at a rest stop, this will give you an idea of what you should be looking for and checking in most aspects of the motorcycle to maintain proper operations or alter you to improper operations. The checklist that covers the inspection called T-CLOCK is available on the GWRRA website.

Here is **T-CLOCK** in a nutshell:

T – Tires and Wheels – inspect condition of front and rear tires (pressure & tread), wheels, rims, bearings and seals.

C – Controls – this covers the condition of levers, cables, hoses and throttle.

L – Lights – inspection of lights, lenses, reflectors, wiring and headlight reflector; also, check the aim of the headlight (right/left and height).

O – Oil – check levels and for leaks in engine oil, rear end gear oil, hydraulic brake fluid, coolant and fuel.

C – Chassis – inspect frame, steering head bearings, swing arm and suspension.

K – Kickstand – inspect center stand and side stand for cracks and bent parts.

Maintain proper tension on springs to keep stand in place when folded up. Also, make sure the engine stops with the bike in gear and the side stand extended.

The T-CLOCK form has more extensive descriptions of the inspections suggested above. Whether you use T-CLOCK or your own experience with your inspections and making sure the bike is ride-worthy, I encourage each of you to routinely go over your bikes or have a mechanic do it for you if you are so inclined. The crucial point is that we have a new riding season ahead of us, and some bikes have been sitting for the entire winter. Before you take off for the next weekend jaunt or cross-country trip, make sure the bike is as ready as you are. It may well be the most important time you spend preparing for your next trip. Above all else when you start riding this spring, be **extra** vigilant. Remember the 4-wheel drivers haven't seen many motorcycles for four or so months. They are **not** looking for you. You must look out for them! Be careful as the streets are extra dangerous this time of year! Furthermore you are not as good as you were last fall. We are rusty after the long winter hiatus. Don't head off into busy traffic right off the bat. Go down some empty country roads. Do some practice in an empty parking lot. Practice what you learned at your last ERC. Turn, brake and swerve – you remember. Ease into the riding season!

Ride Smart – Ride Safe

Keith

Thank you, ride safe and always practice what we have learned through our education!

Your Rider Educator, Al Stahl

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From the District Trainer

The article below appeared in Wing Wisdom, the National Leadership Training Newsletter. It was written by Amy Peterson, LTD Editor

Let It Be You!

Each and every day, someone is going to schedule some meaningful time with their friends. Someone is going to enjoy an enriching experience with family. Someone is going to decide to improve their relationships. So why not let it be you?

Someone is going to set a goal to read each day for the next year. Someone is going to become a lifelong learner. Someone is participating in a seminar to improve their life and skills. So why not let it be you?

Someone is going to decide to eat smarter to improve their health. Someone will join an aerobics class or make a commitment to walk every morning with a neighbor. So why not let it be you?

I think that by now you can get the point: every day people are improving their lives. Whether you do or not doesn't matter to those who do. They are going to do it regardless. It is simply a matter of a decision being made. Let that person be you!

You may be asking "How?" Let's cover the very simple actions.

The first and most important action is to make a commitment to yourself. Do you want to improve or stay the same? The decision about what you will become is made each and every day. The choice is yours.

The second action is to make a plan. It doesn't have to be a long, intricate plan. It can be simple: save a dollar a day, walk a mile a day, read a page of a book a day. These are all examples of simple plans with achievable goals.

The third action is to begin to act. All of the great ideas become stale and useless without action. People who act on their dreams and ideas are the select few who gain better health, wealth and wisdom.

Someone has made the decision to improve a part of their life. Someone is going to develop a plan that will take them into the future. Someone will act today. Let it be you!

Submitted by Dottie Bahrenburg, District Trainer

From Your District Membership Coordinators

Don't be afraid

Debby and I joined GWRRA back in 1995 and at the time, the greater St. Louis area had 7 active Chapters, but sadly, today we are down to just 4 Chapters. Looking back, it was hard to tell that this was going to happen, it was a gradual decline, and looking for answers, one common theme comes to light...

NO ONE WANTED TO TAKE ON THE ROLE OF CHAPTER DIRECTOR.

I have said many times that Chapter Directors hold the most important position one can have in GWRRA. They are the "glue" that keeps the organization running. Maybe saying that keeps people afraid of accepting the position, but in truth, it doesn't take much to handle the job.

Some of the traits that help you do the job are enthusiasm, humor, a cooperative spirit, patience, trustworthy, appreciative, honest, sincere and generous. Nothing in there relates to Rocket Science.

And even though you may not have "all" those qualities, what you really need is the desire to have fun. As the Guidebook states, *Keep it Simple...Make it Fun!!* And remember, you don't have to do it all yourself.

So if you decide to accept the challenge, what can you expect? It may take a while to get acquainted with everyone, getting to know what they like and don't like, and what they want to get out of the Chapter. Remember it is a known fact that many Chapter Directors held a staff position prior to becoming CD. So what is that saying?

GET YOUR MEMBERS INVOLVED!! Keep an eye on those who constantly volunteer. You may be looking at your next Chapter Director!! In addition to sharing the responsibilities, you will start to realize diversity playing a role in the decision making, and everyone knows that "variety is the spice of life." If you can't fill a position permanently, just assign them a task, get them involved...it will be the start of something big.

To become a successful Chapter Director is one of the most rewarding positions you can find in GWRRA. What you give is returned to you in more ways than you can imagine. Never be afraid of it, and know that there is plenty of help available from other Chapter, District, and Region Directors along with the entire Membership Enhancement Staff.

Thanks to Allen and Debby Biddlingmeier for the use of their excellent article you have captured the spirit. Article previously published in the MED Newsletter.

Pete and Marielle St-Amour, NY District MED

From District Public Relations

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OF NY DISTRICT GWRRA MEMBERS

This weather we have been having is totally amazing. One thing is for certain, if you don't like the weather, just wait a minute and it will change for you. Saturday I was down at Seneca Lake Park walking in the nice warm sunshine and now we are expecting that "four letter" word-begins with an "S" and ends with a "W". Yuck!! So, if you took the opportunity to get your Wing out on one of the nice days, CONGRATULATIONS! Some are just waiting to make sure all the SALT is off the roads before taking out the beloved WING.

I was reading on of the chapter newsletters and I was curious as to how many of the chapter members really reads these newsletters. Believe it or not, I read every newsletter-sometimes I will get the same newsletter 3 or 4 times. Below is the information for the 2009 District Ride-In.

I recently spoke to my contact person at the Chamber of Commerce in Norwich and it seems as though our BI-STATE Rally is creating a buzz in the area and that people are excited about us coming. I having some search and find being done to locate restaurants and of course, ice cream stands in and around the area.

For any of you who may be traveling in the Geneva area should be aware that the speed limit from the Seneca Lake State Park to just before the ramp to Rt. 96A has been reduced from 55 MPH to 45MPH. I don't know how many times I have caught myself doing 55 in the 45 MPH zone-so this is a heads-up and be careful.

Also, Mac's Drive-In, Waterloo, NY is opening this Friday, 10 April for the season. They will be open only on weekends until Memorial Day-they will be open 7 days a week from 10am to 10pm.

Now for some humor-and with what we have been hearing on the news lately-we need to keep things in proper perspective.

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, 'I know what the Bible means!'

His father smiled and replied, 'What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?'

The son replied, 'I do know!'

'Okay,' said his father. 'What does the Bible mean?'

'That's easy, Daddy...' the young boy replied excitedly, 'It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.' (This one is my favorite.)

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

'Is there anything breakable in here?' asked the postal clerk.

'Only the Ten Commandments.' answered the lady.

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'Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, 'Good morning, Lord,' and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, 'Good Lord, it's morning.'

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A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.

Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: 'I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses.'

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note 'I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation.'

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There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: 'I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets.'

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While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... 'Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust.'

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A Sunday school teacher began her lesson with a question, 'Boys and girls, what do we know about God?'

A hand shot up in the air. 'He is an artist!' said the kindergarten boy.

'Really? How do you know?' the teacher asked.

'You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven... '

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A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

'Reverend,' said the young man, 'I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip.'

The minister chuckled, 'I know what you mean. It's the same in my business.'

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People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

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Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about.

The daughter answered, 'Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt.'

Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed.

Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said 'Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming.'

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The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute the substitute wanted to know what to play.

'Here's a copy of the service,' he said impatiently. 'But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances.'

During the service, the minister paused and said, 'Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up'

At that moment, the substitute organist played 'The Star Spangled Banner.'

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

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Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life,
And pass it on to other folk.

REMINDER: Tax Day is nearing-April 15-so if you owe, get it in; if you are to receive-hold out your hand. ☺

I wish everyone a blessed Easter and would like to leave you with this thought:

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the power to turn a life around. Leo Buscaglia.

Until next time

*Linda L. Waterman
District Public Relations*

Around the District



New York Chapter Y pulled an all-nighter and visited Niagara Falls and picked up the Traveling Plaque and a Dash for Cash point visiting Chapter H.

If you want a great breakfast, join Chapter H for their gathering! Yum!

The Cool Chapter (NY C) is on the move! They visited NY chapter D to gain their first Dash for Cash point of the year!



Region/District/Chapter Quilt Fundraiser

Quilters! Here is your chance! The Maryland District has proposed a fundraiser for the Northeast Region. Each District and Chapter should benefit. Read below for information. Printable tickets will be sent to your Chapter Directors.

		2010 GWRRA		Region B		GWRRA 2010			
		EMB	State	EMB	State	EMB			
		State	EMB	State	EMB	State			
		EMB	State	Winterthing OC Maryland	State	EMB			
		State	EMB	State	EMB	State			
		GWRRA 2010	EMB	State	EMB	GWRRA 2010			

The colors of the borders will be determined by the colors in the squares. EMB= State name embroidered on solid color. State = the square designed by the state.

Each District will supply a quilt square that is 12 ½ inches X 12 ½ inches (unfinished) that represents their state.

It is very important that the squares be exact. Each District will ask their chapters that wish to participate in the quilt square, to submit a completed square to the District Director by August 15. All squares will be sent to Jerry Rollyson, Chapter L Maryland, to be assembled into the finished quilt top. Quilt squares must be sent to Jerry no later than September 1, 2009 for assembly.

Chapters should sell the raffle tickets for \$1.00 each. Each chapter will keep 50 cents; district will receive 30 cents and region would receive 20 cents of the funds sold from the sale of the raffle tickets. The chapter treasurer would send the 50 cents for each ticket to their district treasurer along with the tickets that have been sold. The funds that are raised in each district stay in the district. The district treasurer would keep 30 cents from each ticket and send the 20 cents per ticket to the region treasurer.

Example: Chapter sells \$500.00 in tickets they keep \$250.00 and sends \$250 to the district treasurer. The district treasurer keeps \$150.00 and sends region \$100.

Each District will forward all tickets to Maryland District for the Drawing.

The Maryland District will furnish all materials and expenses for finishing of the quilt.

The name, address and phone number must be printed on the ticket and returned to the Maryland District Director. Tickets must be sent in no later than January 1, 2010 for the drawing at Winterthing in OC. The drawing for the quilt will take place at Winterthing Ocean City Maryland in January of 2010.

Finished size of Quilt 84" wide 93" long

NOTE TO QUILTERS. Please make sure that your square is exact. The extra squares will be assembled for another quilt later in the year. Good luck and start quilting.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jerry 443-521-0217 cell or 410-376-3945 home

Additional Details:

1. The square should be something that represents the state of New York, apples, Empire State Building, Twin Towers, etc. The submitted square does not have to be quilted, rather a square with a design on it that will be quilted by MD.
2. The finished square is 12 x 12 unfinished is 12 ½ by 12 ½ .
3. All quilt squares will be submitted to Maryland, and an outside group of ladies (A quilting club not associated with GWRRA) will choose 1 square from each district for the front of the quilt, the other squares will be used for backing on the quilt.
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DD will not make the final selection as to which square gets put on the front of the quilt.
4. We must have the finished square by 8/15, so they can be sent to MD. by 9/1/09.
5. The squares will be quilted, backed and assembled by Maryland.

In closing, anyone who wishes to submit a square to us can do so, and we have been assured all squares will be used. If you have someone in your chapter who wishes to participate, please let us know. I know some of you have people willing to do this, and I am still willing to assist with a design if anyone wishes assistance. Our main concern is that NY be represented and that every person who completes a square will know that their work is being used.