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**NORTHEAST REGION B
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Our Chapter gatherings are held at 9:00 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of every month at Kelly's Scenic View Restaurant, on east Main Street in Everett, PA.

Our ride departure location is the Masonic Temple parking lot, on Main Street in Everett, PA.

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Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Region B District of PA

CHAPTER 'W' NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2020

Director's Corner

by Eldon & Kerri Mickel

GWRRA PA-W Family & Friends,

We are about to start a New Year of leadership in our group, we hope it will be a fun year.

I'd like to thank Kerri and Christie for another great Winter Party. Also wish to thank all those who contributed to the party with door prizes and baskets. If you attended and didn't have a good time, shame on you. Our ugly sweater contest seemed to be a hit with Yogi Holsinger winning it. Jerry's music group, "The Afterthoughts" played a nice variety of songs and I think they enjoyed themselves. The American Legion venue was another good choice this year.

It was our pleasure to have Chris and Christie Hull, the current Couple of the Year in attendance. They had to give up their role as Chapter Couple of the Year and introduce the new Couple of the Year, Yogi Holsinger and Pat Miller. It is our hope they participate in some of the activities of the COY program, representing PA-W as well as previous couples have done. We are also pleased to announce that Gary Shaffer has accepted our request for him to become Assistant Director of PA-W. I would like to convey to the group that Gary has no aspirations of becoming a director. We will cross that bridge when we come to it. I would like to apologize to Gary for not announcing him at the party, with everything else going on it slipped my mind. We are really happy to have Gary come on as Asst. Director and think he will be a real asset to the group. We also retained Peggy Grimm and Ed Steele as MEC's and Ralph Feathers as our Treasurer. I think PA-W will have a strong leadership team to keep us moving forward. As of publication of this newsletter, Kerri has received NO suggestions for rides or events. Remember the calendar is a work in progress during the year, so don't be afraid to suggest trips.

Upcoming events are Chapter S after Christmas Party in Williamsburg on the 18th. Ice Cream ride at the Meadows on the 21st and the Gathering on the 25th. We are planning a Dinner Ride on February 8th, details to be determined and on February 14th is a RFD to Somerset.

On the health front, my surgery has been postponed pending new testing. Hopefully it won't interfere with riding season. Kerri is heading back to work the end of January if everything keeps going as good as it has been. Gary is doing well with his hip recovery and Nancy is doing well in Florida with her progress on her shoulder. I haven't heard too much from Peggy on Ed but hope he's having his problem addressed so they can ride this year.

Hope everyone has a good winter and stays away from the flu. Stay healthy and warm.



Eldon and Kerri Mickel, Directors

Assistant Chapter Director **GARY SHAFFER**

When Eldon emailed me and said he wanted to meet with me in early December, I became suspicious. I actually replied: “if you are going to ask me to become the Assistant Director, don’t bother.”

He said that he did want to ask me about AD and he just wanted me to hear him out. Out of respect, I felt that he was making a very reasonable request, so I agreed to meet him at the Meadows.

Before our meeting I was under the impression that the Assistant Director automatically became the Chapter Director at the end of the three-year term. This was my objection. Eldon assured me that the bylaws do not specify this, so I agreed to serve as Eldon and Kerri’s assistant for those times when I may be needed to pinch hit for our directors. I’m sure they will be excellent Directors and I think I can work well with both of them.

I want everyone to be fully aware of the fact that I will not assume the position of Director of the chapter at some future date. I enjoy the people and the activities of PA-W and hope it remains viable well into the future.

PS- On a personal note, I want to extend a hearty THANK YOU to all of you who sent me cards or emails or texts wishing me well in the recovery of my hip surgery. I was overwhelmed by your thoughts and prayers and concerns. Chapter PA-W is made up of very good people!



We continue to keep **any and all** of our members who have a special need, in our thoughts and prayers.

Membership Enhancement : **PEGGY GRIMM & Ed Steele**



January 2020
Chapter W.M.E.C.

Welcome to 2020. It can be a year of hindsight, or a year of vision. I hope it's the latter. The weather welcomed in the year a bit cold, but then it turned spring like. Probably by the time you are reading this it will be back to cold. Temperamental weather!



December was a hectic month and we didn't do a lot of activity with the Chapter. But of course, what is a December without a party? On the 14th of December our Chapter PA-W Winter-Holiday party was hosted at the Bedford, PA American Legion. The Legion provided a very well prepared and very delicious meal of stuffed pork chops, roast beef, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, Coleslaw, rolls and butter.

Kerri and Eldon done an outstanding job organizing and cohesively putting together a fun party. Kerri knitted stockings and put candy canes in each of them at our place settings. Also, beautiful poinsettias fancied each table. Kerri also outdone herself with a bunch of baked goodies. We had Jerry Woods and his band for entertainment, a 50/50 drawing, an ugly sweater contest (which Yogi won), a basket raffle, and an exchange gift game. I was fortunate enough to win a beautiful basket. The gift exchange game is always a hit because one never knows what they will end up with at the end of the numbers.

We had a very nice turnout from our Chapter members and visitors from other Chapters. Thank you all for attending. Thank you, Kerri and Eldon, for a wonderful party. And, thank goodness for pleasing weather.



Congratulations to Gary, Kerri, Chris and Ralph for their awards on most attendance of Chapter activities. You guys keep pretty busy.



Yogi and Pat miller are our new Chapter Couple. I am sure they will represent Chapter W well. Congratulations you two.





December 17th was our ice cream night, but Ed and I did not make it to The Meadows with the rest of the crew, because Ed did not feel well. You know he had to really feel bad to not want to eat ice cream.

We are looking forward to our new year of activities, and hope the trikes cooperate with us this year. Please don't hesitate to mention some ideas of places you'd like to visit or things to do. We will do our best to accommodate the desires.



"May your coming year be filled with magic and dreams and good madness. I hope you read some fine books and kiss someone who thinks you're wonderful, and don't forget to make some art - write or draw or build or sing or live as only you can. And I hope somewhere in the next year, you surprise yourself. " - Neil Gaiman

**Until next time,
Peggy Grimm and Ed Steele
Chapter W MEC**



CHAPTER W

ACTIVITY and MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan 18 - PA-S Winter Party - Williamsburg
Farm Complex Building - Williamsburg – 4:00pm

Jan 21 - Ice Cream Ride - The Meadows on
Mile Level, RT 30 Bedford at 6:30pm

Jan 25 - Monthly Gathering 9:00am at Kelly's
Scenic View Restaurant in Everett, PA

Feb 08 - Dinner Ride. Details to follow

Feb 14 - Roll for the Dough to PA-T, Somerset

Feb 18 - Ice Cream Ride - The Meadows on
Mile Level, RT 30 Bedford at 6:30pm

Feb 22 - Monthly Gathering 9:00am at Kelly's
Scenic View Restaurant in Everett, PA

Mar 17 - Ice Cream Ride - The Meadows on
Mile Level, RT 30 Bedford at 6:30pm

Mar 28 - Monthly Gathering 9:00am at Kelly's
Scenic View Restaurant in Everett, PA



BIRTHDAYS:

January 16 - Ed Steele
January 25 - Kerri Mickel
January 31 - Ralph Feathers

ANNIVERSARIES:

None in January

ROLL FOR THE DOUGH:

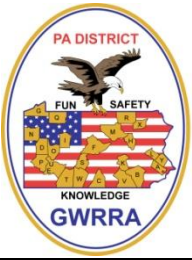
As of 12-31-2019 The Chapters earning a
prize due to points earned are:

Chapter B - 20 Points
Chapter W - 11 Points
Chapter I - 10 Points
Chapter Q - 10 Points
Chapter V - 10 Points

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“Associate with men of good quality if you
esteem your own reputation; for it is better
to be alone than in bad company.” George
Washington





District Director Notes: January, 2020

The holidays are behind us and we are now looking forward to another fantastic year in 2020!

We have noticed many chapters have a full riding season planned for 2020. We look forward to 2020 and having FUN with our GWRRA family.

Thank you to all the officers that have stepped forward or remaining in office for your dedication to your GWRRA chapter. And thank you to those officers that have completed their term; we appreciate everything that you have done for your chapter and GWRRA. Thank You!

If your chapter has an office position that is not filled or needs your help in a non-office position, please volunteer. It will be a rewarding experience and you will be helping your GWRRA family.

2019 Chapter Directors and Chapter Treasures it is time to turn in the chapter's year end paperwork and file the chapter's 990N. We need to have this by January 15, 2020.

Chapter Directors have you turned in your money, sold tickets and any unsold tickets for the PA District Raffle to Sharon Golanka, DT at 647 South Ridge Road, Coal Center, PA 15423? They must be turned in by January 15, 2020.

Have you looked at the 2020 Calendar of Events on the PA District website? The year is going to be very busy with chapter gatherings, rides, dinners and ice cream. We hope you are planning on attending the PA District Rally, All Chapters West, district rides and Wing Ding.

The Roll for the Dough program starts in January and the 2020 guidelines are posted on the PA District website. So, let's get out there and visit your friends and GWRRA family at other chapters and events being held. And as a bonus, while you are doing your visitation you can earn points in the Roll for the Dough program.



Now is a great time to send in your PA District Rally registration for "Ride Back in Time" being held May 14-16, 2020 in Altoona, PA at the Altoona Grand Hotel. If you send in your registration before February 29, 2020 you will be entered into a drawing for \$100 cash!

Don't forget there are several extra events to consider signing up for on the registration:

Thursday evening Welcome Party that includes a meal.

Riding Classes: Advanced Rider Course (ARC), & Trike Rider Course (TRC).

(deposit is refunded after you take the class)

Road Captain Course (RCC)

GWRRA Medic-First Aid course on Saturday. (Fee is for class supplies)

Don't forget to book your room at the Altoona Grand Hotel; room rate is \$95 & includes breakfast.

District events we hope you plan on attending:

03/14/20 Couple of the Year FUN

Day

04/18/20 Officer Conference

06/12-14/20 All Chapters West (ACW)

Hosted by PA-I

08/16/20 PA District Ride In

09/11-13/20 All Chapters East (ACE)

Hosted by PA-X

This year you, your chapter and the district need to come up with some recruitment ideas so we can get some new members in your chapter. Please let us know what your idea is.

Remember to always ride safe!



Harold and Diane Jackson
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PA District Announcement:

Hello GWRRA PA District!

It is our pleasure to announce the following news:

Tim and Crystal Brakebill will be Assistant District Directors beginning on January 1, 2020.

They will be serving the following chapters: D-E-I-N-P-Q.

This commitment will be in addition to their duties as ADUC (Assistant District University Coordinators), PA Medic First Aid Coordinators and Tim as a GWRRA Rider Course Instructor for TRC.

Harold and Diane Jackson
Your PA DD

Assistant Dist Directors:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Hoping 2020 will be a great year for each of you. We look forward to having FUN visiting and riding with our GWRRA family in 2020.

If your chapter is still working on their 2020 riding schedule, be sure to check out the District website for upcoming rides & events planned by other chapters. There's also District events planned that we hope your chapter will consider attending as well. That's a great opportunity to meet new people and also earn points for your chapter by participating in the Roll for the Dough program.

Does your chapter need a winter project?? We have one for you. We are hosting the talent show on Friday night, May 15, 2020 at the PA District Rally. This is a great opportunity to get your chapter involved in something just for FUN. The act can be any skit, song, dance, musical instrument or any other special talent. The act can be a favorite one from past rallies to keep with this year's theme, RIDE BACK IN TIME. New acts are welcome too! It can be one person, multiple people or your whole chapter. The more the merrier. We would love to see each chapter participate in this year's Goldwingers Got Talent * 3rd Act show. So put on your thinking cap this winter and come up with something spectacular for the talent show. If you have any questions or plan to be a part of the show, please contact us at rchull275@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Ride Safe and Have Fun!



Chris & Christie Hull
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District Trainers:

Hello Fellow Goldwingers

And So It Begins!!! Another year of **FUN** and **Frolic** with our **GWRRA** Family of Friends. There are so many **FUN** activities being planned throughout the District to make everyone's Summer much more **FUN**

What could be better than taking advantage of some training with your **GWRRA** friends? It sure beats sitting around the house day dreaming about warmer weather, so we can get our bikes out of **Hibernation**. Why not spend some time with your **GW** friends learning more about our Organization and how to Safely Ride our Bikes? A list of available training can be found on the District website under the Training button. With the help and support of the **GW University Instructors**, we would be happy to offer any training "**YOU**" the members, are interested in attending or your Chapter is interested in hosting. Just let us know your interests and we'll do our best to schedule the training at a convenient place and time to support you, our members. **Please!!!** Promote the Training within your Chapters and encourage those members who are interested in taking advantage of the Training. We need Everyone's help and participation to make the most of the training programs, and with that support we'll do our best to make the training both **Informative** and **FUN!!!** All training requests or questions should be directed to Bonnie & me at (gbvanart@msn.com or 570-764-1279). We will keep everyone informed of any future training opportunities as they become available.

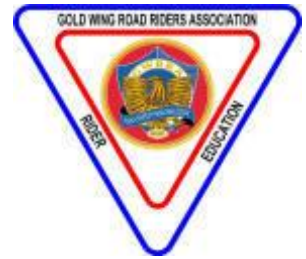
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Gerry & Bonnie VanArt
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OCP Trainers, Master Tour Riders
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PA DISTRICT EDUCATOR



Hi Everyone:

It's hard to imagine that 2019 is almost gone and 2020 is fast approaching.

Christmas is only a couple weeks away and New Years is one week behind.

Evelyn and I hope that all of you are prepared for all the activities associated with the holidays and have prepared yourself for the addition of several pounds.

As we enter 2020 **you should be going on line and checking your individual training status to see what classes you need to take in order to stay current in the levels program.**

With the arrival of 2020 means another GREAT YEAR of riding, attending GWRRA functions and visiting with our GWRRA friends.

The majority of us have already put our bikes/trikes away for a long winters nap, but there may be a few who continue to ride through the winter. Not everyone has the luxury of heated grips, heated seats and heated clothing.

Keep in mind when you are there riding to watch for the following: anti- skid, slippery spots on the roads, pot holes and white/yellow lines which
Become slippery when wet.

Take a break and stop to warm yourself. Keep in mind that cold hands and feet do not react well. If you are out riding and your fingers become numb, put latex gloves over your liners, and then put your regular gloves on over the latex gloves. It's amazing how effective this simple idea can be.

The winter months will also provide a great opportunity to have a Training Day. These are always fun to have during the cold winter months and it only takes a couple of hours.

Again in 2020, ***we encourage everyone to get involved in the Rider Education program*** to improve your riding skills and knowledge so that you and your passenger enjoy the ride and return home safely.

Evelyn and I have enjoyed the last year as PA District Educators and would like thank all of you for all your help and support. In addition, we would like to wish you and yours a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Remember **ATGATT.**

“Ride Safe and Ride Proud”

Chuck & Evelyn Stone
PA District Educators



National News:

Submitted by

Jere & Sherry Goodman

Directors of GWRRA



End of Year Reflections

Sherry and I would like to wish our GWRRA Family a Joyous Holiday and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

As 2019 comes to a close, several thoughts come to mind as we reflect on this past year. Our President, Anita Alkire, has retired and we wish her and JR the very best and thank them for all they have done. We have taken on the role of Directors of GWRRA and are delighted that Team GWRRA stayed on. The Presidential Assistants transitioned over to Directors' Assistants and we welcome John and Shawn Irons to Team GWRRA as a Director's Assistant.

To our many Officers and Staff volunteers who are stepping down after so many years of service, we say thank you very much for all that you have done.

As we reflect on this past year, we should also be thinking about what the future holds for us as 2020 is just around the corner. It is a new and exciting time for our Officers and Staff taking on different responsibilities. Events are already being announced for 2020, and so we begin the process of planning for all those GWRRA family reunions that we can attend. Of course, planning for Wing Ding in Springfield, Missouri, is a sure thing for our to-do list! District and Chapter events continue to provide us with fun times and exciting travel adventures. Looking ahead, 2020 is shaping up to be an awesome year as we welcome in a new decade.

Team GWRRA is ready to support your efforts as we continue to enjoy our association dedicated to our motto -- Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge.

Ride safe; be well. And, as always, remember that fun shall be the last word—so HAVE FUN!

Jere & Sherry Goodman

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2020 PA DISTRICT AND CHAPTER EVENTS

JANUARY

- 12 - Chapter M - After Christmas Party - 505 Restaurant - Williamsport, PA - 3:00pm
- 18 - Chapter S - Winter Party - Williamsburg Farm Complex - Williamsburg, PA - 4:00pm

FEBRUARY

- 22 - PA District - Medic First Aid Basic Plus - PA-C Host - Antrim Brethren in Christ Church - Chambersburg, PA - 8am

MARCH

- 08 - Chapter D - Bowling Challenge - Mars Lanes - Mars, PA - 2:00-4:00pm
- 14 - PA District - COY Fun Day - Trinity United Methodist Church - Clearfield, PA - 10:00am
- 21 - Chapter E - Anniversary Party - Clubhouse Grill - Cedarbrook Golf Course - Belle Veron, PA - 12:30pm
- 28 - Chapter R - Ice Cream Party - Details to follow

APRIL

- 18 - PA District - Officer Conference - Trinity United Methodist Church - Clearfield, PA - 10:00am

MAY

- 03 - Chapter M - Hobo Stew - Memorial Park - Williamsport, PA - 9:30am
- 09 - Chapter B - Spring Fling - Lancaster Central Park - Pavilion #22 - Lancaster, PA - 9:00am
- 14-16 - PA District Rally - Altoona Grand Hotel - Altoona, PA - PA-S Host
- 30 - Chapter X - Pancake Breakfast Ride - Nepa Power Sports - Honesdale, PA - 9:00am

JUNE

- 06 - Chapter R - Meet & Greet - Details to follow
- 12-14 - All Chapters West - Treasure Lake KOA - Dubois, PA - PA-I Host

SEPTEMBER

- 11-13 - All Chapters East - Bodnarosa Motel & Campground - Berwick, PA - PA-X Host

2020 National Events:

Jan 09-12, MD/DE District Rally, Winter Thing
– Dewey Beach, DE

Jun 30-July 4, Wing Ding 42 – Springfield, MO

June 11-13, Buckeye Rally – Wooster, OH

June 02-06, Americade – Lake George, NY

July - New England Districts Getaway
Weekend, - (ME,VT,NH,MA,RI,CT)

Aug 06-08 - NY State Rally – Cortland, NY



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Chapter W Website at: <http://www.gwrrapaw.com/>

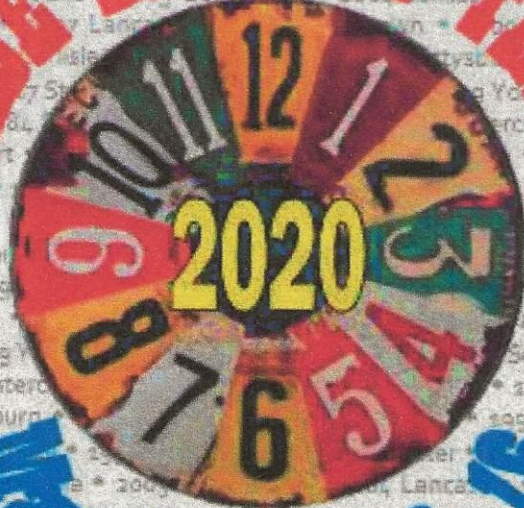
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Pennsylvania District Rally

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