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CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S CORNER

We did it!

Our chapter has won Chapter of the Year and Allen and Debbie Dowell were selected as District Couple of the Year. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Marie Crow and her impeccable record keeping skills, we have the honor of being Chapter of the Year. It was a tough journey and our chapter competed against some very strong contenders but through perseverance, we won. For those of you who don't know, the Chapter of the Year Program was created to recognize the significant achievements of a Chapter that excels in all areas of Chapter Life.

Since Chapters vary in size, the scoring was based on a percentage to allow each Chapter to compete on equal footing.

Congratulations to Allen and Debbie for their poise and tenacity in becoming District Couple of the Year. They have worked long and hard for this position and I know they will make us proud. Please join me in celebrating their success. Although prior to the selection process, Debbie told me she was nervous but there was no indication of that when she took the stage. She spoke with ease and warmed the audience's heart. Allen, in his usual manner, joked and made the audience laugh. Thank you Allen and Debbie for all that you do.

For those of you who missed the Rally, you missed a great venue. The classes were abundant and there was the usual comradery. The hotel selected this year was especially nice and there were plenty of

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restaurants in the area. Rosalie, a.k.a Crazy Lady, put on a great show and had the audience howling in their seats. I, again, was persuaded to be George of the Jungle one last time. If you haven't been to a rally in a few years. Try to make it next year. I'm sure you'll enjoy it as much as I did.

Please attend our July social. We will be celebrating our success as Chapter of the Year, winning District Couple of the Year and celebrating our 34 year anniversary as Chapter D.

Additional Comments:

Preparing for a long trip?

Make sure your vehicle or bike is in good condition before you leave. Have your route planned. Also, plan your stops along the way, i.e.: gas stations, rest areas, ice cream parlors and restaurants. Remember to stop often. Stay alert and make sure you carry water with you on these hot days and maybe a little snack or fruit. So, please enjoy your rides and always know where you are going.

I pulled an old article from Debbie Hardwick which I believe is appropriate for this time of year:

Use of cooling devices.

Crystal-filled wraps are available that provide a longer term cooling effect when worn across the back of your neck. Misting sprayers can also help provide relief from the blistering summer heat. Of course, the number one technique is to drink plenty of clear fluids, especially water. Replenishing your body's fluids helps prevent dehydration, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Although soda, coffee or alcohol may be more appealing, your body needs clear water to maintain its fluid equilibrium. Without it, you will lose your equilibrium and the effects of the summer heat will have claimed another victim. Keep your cool in the summer heat. Ride Smart! Ride Safe!

Fritz Sassine

VA-D CD

COY & ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Hello everyone,

Allen and I have had quite a busy weekend at Rally in the Valley. Setting things up with Cathy Withworth, Asst. DD, and Kathy & John Skinner, Virginia District Directors. Everyone else on the

District Team went to their location. Also getting ready for opening day on Thursday.

Within our walks up and down the halls getting supplies to the right locations, I came across the

District Couple of the Year, John & Sarah Hoogendoorn from Oklahoma, and boy did we click together. It was like you knew them for years. What a sweet couple! When John & Sarah left the rally, they went to see a old buddie (Jim) from the Navy in Mechanicsville, VA. for a few days, and not far from us, so we made plans to join together for dinner, along with Ervin & Denise Blake, and Chapter D's MEP couple, Larry & Marie Crow. What a lot of talking and laughing. I thought the restaurant was going to throw us out. Then, we made plans to join together on 4th. July at the Veterans Hospital for their event. That also turned out to be a great day too. Marie & Larry makes all plans for Chapter D members to help the Veterans with Flags. George & Judy Chenault, and their band will played music for (4) hrs. There was dancing, and food given out to everyone, along with door prizes for the Vets. More, More, Fun. Chapter D participants included, Marie & Larry Crow, Fritz Sassine CD, Iris Guillet CD, Ted Nelems, Pastor Rick, Tommy & Ginney Broughton, Allen & Debbie Dowell.



2018-2019 COY
Assistant District Directors



Continuing with our duties, we met another District Couple of the Year Mike & Becky Stevenson from Louisiana. Well, Becky is known as "Trouble". I just had to let her know that is my nickname "Trouble" too. Next thing I knew, the Rally had two "Troubles", me & Becky Stevenson from LA. Her husband kept close ties on her. I did let her know that there is another "Trouble" in KY. You know what the saying is "they come in threes".

COY & ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Allen & I met up along with Va. District Couple Steve & Sherry Morgan, to get our competition on its way so all Chapter Couples can have Fun. What a great couple to know. They are with Chapter L, Chesapeake, VA. They are another sweet couple, and Allen & I are honored to be friends with them and Virginia MEC, Ervin & Denise Blake, who has worked so hard to make things go well for all of the Couples at the rally too. They are Super Membership Enhancement Coordinators.

VA.Couple of the Year in Virginia are James Astono & Lisa Bryant -VA.E, Jim & Ann Peterson – VA.I, Leo & Margaret Smith-VA.O, Dave & Randi Green-VA C, Glenn & Becky Underwood- VA.W, Dan Clark & Lorrie Thomas-VA.L, Al & Debbie Dowell-VA.D.

Chapter D Basket won again this year 2018. But, there was so many well put together baskets from the Chapters, I think it came close this year. I just love to see more chapters involved in the Fun.

Then the time came. Allen & I had so many supporters, and we Thank You all for it. Jim & Ann Peterson from Chapter I VA. were competing with Allen & I. What a great couple. We knew Jim & Ann for years and they are Membership Enhancement Coordinators for Chapter I. And now they have VA.Traveling Plaque to give it away this Sunday July 8th. 9AM Eat- Social 10AM.

Back to the rally, the time came to compete with Jim & Ann. The atmosphere was perfect and we competed for District Couple of the Year 2018. It is an honor for Allen & I to be the District Couple of the Year 2018 for Virginia.

The judges were :

Back Row Left- Carl & Kathy Williams, District Coy, FL., Dennis & Jan Peterson, District Coy, TN., David & Karen Hill, District Coy, TN., Dan & Mary Costello, MEC. NJ., Glenn & Joy Kennedy, District Coy, NC, John & Sarah Hoogendoorn, District Coy, OK. Virginia District Coy 2017, Steve & Sherry Morgan.

“Thank You All”

Virginia Couples of the Year 2018

From the left: Dave & Randi Green-VA-C, Al & Debbie Dowell-VA-D, Jim & Ann Peterson-VA-I
James Antone & Lisa Bryant- VA-E, Dan Clark & Lorrie Thomas, VA-L,
Leo & Margret Smith-VA-O, Glenn & Becky Underwood-VA-W

COY & ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Check this face out! Waiting for the answer on who will be the next Virginia Couple of the Year 2018?



Location Veterans Hospital John – Sarah - Jim July 4th. 2018 Debbie & John leaving Veterans Hospital.

Our travels have shown the true spirit of GWRRA and the GWRRA motto. We find our "meet and greet social" is always lovely and always a great time with friends.

Allen & Debbie Dowell,

VA District Couple of the Year 2018

VA Asst. District Directors

VA Chapter Couple 2018

MARIE REPORTS THE NEWS (GOSSIP, RUMOR & HERESAY) AND SPECIAL EVENTS

DONATIONS TO THE HOMELESS HEARTS ARE WELCOME We're still collecting toiletries all year long. We are collecting the individual soaps, shampoos, conditioners, lotions, etc. that you get from the hotels when traveling. We deliver these to the McGuire Veterans Hospital's Chaplains Program.

"TWO WHEEL TUESDAY" The Tuesday riders are still riding every week even with some stifling hot weather. There are a lot of good rides planned so check your schedule and take the opportunity to ride with them. 2018 has been a good riding year so far. If you want to be added to the Tuesday ride list, let them know.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING & LEVELS SEMINARS COMING IN 2018 Look for some new seminars for 2018 and we will let you know as soon as we get more information. Rally in the Valley had seminars and also the ARC and Trike classes. It was a perfect opportunity for those needing these classes to progress to the next level in the Levels Program. There are more classes for the Advanced Rider Course planned for 2018

CELEBRATING JULY 4th AT THE MCGUIRE VETERANS MEDICAL CENTER: Our annual Chapter to celebrate with the veterans as a great success this year. Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial provided small American flags to pass out and provided funds to purchase over 150 new and used DVD's for the video library there at the hospital. Thanks to everyone who came out to help us celebrate.

UPCOMING CHAPTER PROJECTS: We're collecting DVD's to donate to the McGuire VA Hospital for next year's 4th of July celebration. Consider going through your collection or picking up a few new or used DVD's for the Fisher House and the McGuire Veterans Medical Center and donate them.

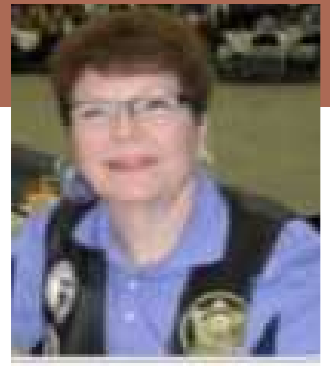
RVA BIKE NIGHT 2018 HAD ITS KICKOFF ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4! Every Wednesday night from April to October is RVA Bike Night at Mission BBQ at Broad and Glenside Drive. Bikes start arriving at 5 PM and stay way beyond 8 PM when the weather is good. <https://www.facebook.com/rvabikenight/>



RVA BIKES & COFFEE! Eis a new event that is every Sunday morning starting at 10 AM at the Coffee Shop at 5001 Huguenot Road (next to the Virginia Eye Institute). <https://www.facebook.com/rvabikesandcoffee/>

WE HAVE 3 REASONS TO CELEBRATE IN JULY!!! At the Rally in the Valley event in Roanoke, Chapter D received two big awards. We received a Chapter of the Year plaque for our 2017 rides and events and our wonderful Chapter Couple of the Year, Al & Debbie Dowell won District Couple of the Year for 2018-2019. We're so proud of our accomplishments. Thanks to everyone who helped us reach out goal for the plaque and to Al & Debbie for their dedication to GWRRA and our chapter. The 3rd reason to celebrate is our Chapter's 34th Anniversary in July. You don't want to miss our regular monthly gathering because you don't want to miss anything we have in store for those attending.

CHECK OUT THE CHAPTER D WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE at www.richmondwing.com is our website where you can find all the information on events and planned rides or visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GWRRA-Richmond-Goldwing-VA-Chapter-D-1656767124575394/>



Membership
Enhancement
Coordinator

Marie Crow

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From Your Membership Enhancement Coordinator

ABOUT THE CHAPTER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM (CHOY)

HAVE YOUR HEARD THE NEWS...At the Rally in the Valley event in Roanoke, Chapter D we received a Chapter of the Year plaque for our 2017 rides and events. We've posted some pictures in the newsletter and on the website and Facebook page from the rally so check them all out. We can't compete this year, so we have one year off until we can try again. We still want everyone to take the opportunity to ride and attend all the other chapter events so plan some rides and invite everyone to go with you. Some of the best rides are the ones we make up along the way. Most important of all, **HAVE FUN AND ENJOY YOURSELVES!** Remember, we all have a **"LICENSE TO HAVE FUN"!**

The Chapter of the Year program was designed and created to stimulate the chapters to strive for excellence within their respective Districts. So far it's been a fun filled year of activities, rides, motorist awareness events and rider education. Don't forget all the training opportunities at Rally in the Valley, June 28 – 30 in Roanoke, VA. Also the District will offer some classes during the year as well. We are here to assure that all Chapter participants have a good time, so let us know what we can do to make that happen.

A few things to remember:

- We need at least 3 people at each activity to be able to count it towards the CHOY program application.
- Please contact me when you plan or participate in an event and want it included in the CHOY events.
- If you attend a training seminar sponsored by GWRRRA, the District or your chapter, please take a

Marie Crow

Membership Enhancement Coordinator

MOTORIST AWARENESS PROGRAM

This year we want to focus a little more time talking to the public and sharing with car drivers about Motorist Awareness. We have Motorists Awareness brochures that we have available for our Bike Nights and Cruise In's. We would like to bring attention to the need to have drivers made more aware of motorcyclists that share the roads with them. If you have a Facebook page, occasionally post a message of the need to watch out for motorcyclists in your neighborhood and on the open road. I did this recently and a few people thanked me for reminding them that now that the weather is warmer, they would be more mindful of motorcyclists on the road.

I recently shared with a site called NextDoor (an app that tells you what is going on in your neighborhood) in my neighborhood the need for car drivers to be aware that motorcyclists are now out on the roads traveling now that we have some nice spring weather. I received 32 replies thanking me for the post. I evidently have quite a few motorcycle enthusiasts in my area and they know how important it is that car drivers are aware that they are out on the roads of our neighborhood. I had one or two replies that also said that motorcyclists are speeding through their neighborhoods and make a lot of noise. Unfortunately not all motorcycle riders are courteous.

Our Motto is "Share the Road"

Our Mission is to "Facilitate a Reduction in Motorcycle Crashes with Other Motor Vehicles."

CELEBRATION



GWRRA Anniversaries

Ted & Ethel Nelmes 01 Jul 1990

Fritz Sassine & Iris Guillet 06+Jul 2015

Chapter D Jul 1984

Happy Birthday

Debbie Bonham 2-Jul

Vernon Cook 10-Jul

Hope Carneal 13-Jul

Kelly Critton 17-Jul

Larry R Crow 19-Jul

Martin J Link 20-Jul

Gretchen M Phinney 21-Jul

Robert M Carneal 23-Jul

Lester Critton 25-Jul

Dave Wilson 25-Jul

Mary Ellen Freer 30-Jul



Corresponding Secretary
Ginny Broughton

Anniversaries

Steve & Diane Flournoy 10 Jul

Dave & Nancy Wilson 11 Jul

George & Judy Chenault 12 Jul

George & Ginger Kirchmier 13+Jul

T-SHIRTS!

VIRGINIA IS FOR MOTORCYCLE LOVERS T-SHIRTS FOR SALE \$20.00 each

Chapter D is selling these wonderful t-shirts for a discounted price of \$20.00 each. If you buy them online from the Virginia is for Lovers site, the cost is \$24.00+ tax and shipping. If you want to buy one, let me know so I can reserve one for you. Popular sizes will sell fast. You can pay with cash or check (made out to GWRRA-D) and there is no sales tax, only the \$20.00 per t-shirt. Sizes are Med, Large, X-Large, and 2 XL. I can special order a 3 XL if you need it but there is an additional cost for this larger size. Contact Marie at 804-674-1265 or by email at crowmg@verizon.net.



Gold Wing Road Riders Association



Virginia Chapter D History

By Marie Crow #31132-1
(Life Member)



In The Beginning:

A small group of interested Gold Wing owners met at Earl and Cathy Banton's house in the summer of 1984 to start what was to become the 4th Gold Wing Road Riders Association Chapter in Virginia. Their first meeting was held on Sunday, July 15, 1984 at 3:00 pm with a pot luck supper for the 12 new "CHARTER MEMBERS" of "Chapter D". One year later in July 1985 the Chapter had grown to 58 members. The Chapter "D" staff was organized in 1985. The Chapter was originally organized by Earl & Cathy Banton, and Earl became its first "Area Representative" (now Chapter Director). In September 1987 Earl resigned and took on a new position as Virginia State Director, which he held until December 1992. The following have led the chapter since Earl stepped down:

Chapter Directors:

September 1987	Leon & Dottie Headley
October 1990	Don & Pam Coats
August 1991	Tommy & Ginny Broughton
January 1993	David & Lois Nichols
January 1997	Calvin & Linda Hall
January 1998	Steve and Linda Whitmer
January 2001	Kathy Hooper
October 2001	Chris Hooper
January 2004	Steve & Diane Flournoy
January 2006	Ted & Ethel Nelmes
January 2009	Chris & Kathy Hooper
April 2010	Rich & Debbie Bonham
January 2013	Al & Debbie Dowell
January 2018	Fritz Sassine & Iris Guillet

Assistant Chapter Directors

Don & Pam Coats
Tommy & Ginny Broughton
David & Lois Nichols
Jerry & Gretchen Phinney
Calvin & Linda Hall - 1996
Steve & Linda Whitmer - 1998
Al & Debbie Dowell - 1998
Ricky & Colleen Dean - 1999
Kathy Hooper - 2000
Steve & Diane Flournoy - 2003
Ted & Ethel Nelmes - 2005
Vernon & Brenda Cook - 2008
Vernon & Brenda Cook - 2008
Rich & Debbie Bonham - 2009
Vernon & Brenda Cook - 2008
Fritz Sassine & Iris Guillet - 2017

Before January 1995, GWRRA had 9 Regions in the USA and 3 Regions in Canada. After January 1, 1995, the USA has 13 Regions. Virginia District, which had previously been in Region B is now a member of the newly created Region N family along with districts in West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

Chapter D "FIRSTS" include:

First Group Ride - October 20, 1984, a ride on Skyline Drive.
First Rally - October 1984, Virginia State Rally at Haymarket, VA.
First "Hands-on" Bike Clinic - Fall 1984.
First Teddy Bear Run - November 1984
First Christmas Party - December 1984, at Earl & Cathy Baanton's home.
First Picnic/Fundraiser/Mini Rally - June 25, 1985 at the Americamps Campground in Ashland, an all day affair featuring vendors, pinstripers, trailer displays, food, and a country & western band.
First Chapter Queen & VA State Queen - 1984 - Margaret Burkett.
First Wing Ding - June 1985 - Knoxville, Tennessee.
First Bike Show - March 1985, Blue Knights Motorcycle Expo, Richmond Arena. First Parade - October 5, 1985, at the West Point Crab Festival & Parade.
First Ride on the Track at South Boston Speedway - June 1987 before the race. First Halloween Party - October 1988 at the home of Bob & Carol Witherspoon.
First Taste of Bike Week - March 1988 some Chapter members visit Daytona for sun, sand, cycles and scantily clad women.
First Virginia State Couple - October 1988 Jane and Vernon Vanderloecht became the first State Couple for Virginia.
First Wingless Weekend - January 1989, Kings Quarters at Kings Dominion.
First Poker Run - August 1990, at Cycle Connection of Virginia to benefit MDA.
First Rivah Rally & Fish Fry - Summer 1997 at Jamaica, VA

Chapter Queen & Chapter Couples of the Year:

Chapter "D" is the home of the last "Wing Ding Queen," Cathy Banton who started as Chapter Queen, then the State Queen at the Virginia State Rally, then went on to the Region as Region "B" Queen and competed and won at the top level as Wing Ding Queen at Wing Ding in Knoxville, TN in August 1988. Chapter Couples competition started in 1988. Chapter D couples who have participated in the past are:

1988 - Jane & Vern Vanderloecht & Virginia State Couple	
1989 - Larry & Marie Crow	1990 - Tommy & Ginny Broughton
1991 - Jerry & Judy Lamberth & Virginia State Couple	
1992 - David & Lois Nichols	1993 - Steve & Linda Whitmer
1994 - Ray & Coralee Baker	1995 - Teddy & Diane Johnson
1996 - Calvin Hall & Linda Carter	1997 - Sir Dave & Linda Grubbs
1998 - Al & Debbie Dowell	1999 - Bill & Chiffon Robinson
2000 - Eric & Debbie Albert	2001 - Fred & Florence Tayler
2002 - Chuck & JoAnn Spain	2003 - Ted & Ethel Nelmes
2004 - Steve & Diane Flournoy	2005 - Marty & Lawanna Link
2006 - Vernon & Brenda Cook	2007 - Bob & Hope Carneal
2008 - Chris & Kathy Hooper	2009 - Billy & Lee Russell
2010 - Les & Kelly Critton	2011 - Bob & Hope Carneal
2012 - Al & Debbie Dowell	2013 - Larry & Marie Crow
2014 - Rich & Debbie Bonham	2015 - Bert & Theresa Harris
2016 - Fritz Sassine & Iris Guillet	2017 - Fritz Sassine & Iris Guillet
2018 - Al & Debbie Dowell & Virginia District Couple of the Year	2019

Virginia District Rallies:

The list includes:

- 1984 - Haymarket, Virginia
- 1985 - Hampton, Virginia - Chamberlain Hotel
- 1986 - Doswell, Virginia - Kings Quarters at Kings Dominion
- 1987 - Alexandria, Virginia - Holiday Inn
- 1988 - Virginia Beach, Virginia - Pavilion Twin Towers
- 1989 - 1990 Roanoke, Virginia - Roanoke Civic Center
- 1991 - 2013 Salem, Virginia - Salem Civic Center
- 2014 - 2018 Roanoke, Virginia

Early Chapter Christmas Parties:

Chapter "D" has always been a group that enjoys a good time including our annual Christmas party. After the group had outgrown the "homes of its members" it was decided that we needed a larger facility to accommodate Our first Christmas Party away from "home" was at the North Chamberlayne Recreation Center in Northside and we had a pot luck supper, music and dancing. The succeeding years brought even bigger and better parties to include the Belly Dancers in 1987, the Womanless Wedding in 1988 and the Holly Follies Dance Revue in 1989. Santa along with his Missus helped distribute Christmas gifts to all. In 2010 the three local chapters came together for one holiday party. Each chapter shares responsibilities and expenses for this event and several sites have been utilized.

Chapter D's Charity Involvement:

- 1986 - Make A Wish Foundation. A cottage for terminally ill children and their families to stay while visiting Disney World and other attractions around Orlando.
- 1986 - Muscular Dystrophy Association. Volunteered for their yearly telethon.
- 1990 - Sgt. Santa. Toys for the children and money for Christmas gifts.
- 1997 - Virginia Home for Boys. Picnic and social event with the Corvette Club.
- 1998 - McGuire VA Hospital. Ice Cream Social & Bike Show.
- 1996, 1998, 2000, 2003: National Pony Express Tour for cancer awareness.
- 2003 & ongoing - VIRGINIA RIDE FOR KIDS charity ride,
- 2000 - 2010: American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Powhatan, VA.
- 2004-05: Miles Jones Elementary School
- 2006-09: From the Heart
- 2010: Mended Heart, Christmas Friend, Allie Dulio Fund & 4 Christmas Mothers
- 2011: Mended Heart, 4 Virginia Christmas Mothers, Lucy Corr Village, Relay for Life, Central VA Food Bank, & V-COM
- 2012 - 2018: Mended Heart, 4 Local Christmas Mothers, Lucy Corr Village.
- Ongoing: Homeless Hearts; collecting personal care items for donation in the community.
- Lucy Corr Village; collecting calendars for the residents. McGuire VA Medical Ctr; donation of DVDs to the residents.

Membership & Education:

The chapter supports the members with educational offerings and awareness events.
Chapter Educators - Billy Russell, Don Russell, Carl Halye
Motorist Awareness - Michelle Halye
Membership Enhancement - Ethel Nelmes, Marie Crow

Other Chapter Activities:

Many of our members have written articles published in GWRRA's Wing World.
Chris Hooper "Charity, It's Not Just Giving Money" 2/95
Chris Hooper "GWRRA Cowgirls Ride in 96 Pony Express Tour" 6/96
Chris Hooper "Virginia Puts Out Welcome Mat" 7/95
Chris Hooper "Virginia's Governor is One of Us" 8/97
Chris Hooper "Tale of Two Tires" 12/97 & 2/98
Chris Hooper "Those Who Have - Those Who Will", 3/98
Chris Hooper "I was Bob's Wing", 1/99
Debbie Dowell "Hakuna Matata" 6/96
Calvin Hall "Bike Show Winner at Wing Ding" 6/95
Calvin Hall "Calvin & Linda Win At Americade" 9/95
Linda Whitmer "Why I Pay My Dues" 7/96
"Virginia's Star Attraction: The Rally in the Valley" published 9/95

Chapter D's website started in November 1997 at www.gwrrava.org/vad by Chris Hooper. In 2010 the site was revamped and moved to www.richmondwings.com and a Facebook site was added shortly after that at <https://www.facebook.com/GWRRAVAD>.

In 1999 Kathy Hooper was named Region N "Educator of the Year". In 2000 Chris Hooper was named "Spirit of Virginia" award recipient at the Virginia District Rally in the Valley and Debbie Dowell was named the award recipient in 2013.

In Memoriam:

Herman Johnson - October 1989	George Haislip - June 1991
Art Seeley - September 1991	Louis & Audrey White - September 1991
Shirley Wood - November 1992	Jim Cook - May 1993
Roger Coleman - January 1995	Jerry Tyler - April 1997
Sharon Butler - August 1997	Margaret Headley - October 1998
Mickey Jenkins - April 2002	Steve Schwartz - May 2002
MacRae Powers - June 2003	Kim Powers - September 2003
Jean Leehy - October 2003	Eddie Crouse - May 2004
Harold "Pops" Horstman - April 2005	William "Bill" Hubbard - July 2005
Jeri Link Munden - November 2007	Jerry Bracey - December 2007
Ray Baker - January 2008	Toni Bruce - 2008
Jeanne Dixon - May 2008	Don Coats - April 2009
Beverly J. (BJ) Dixon - June 2009	Ken Yeomens - April 2010
Margaret (Peggy) Yeomens - June 2010	Fred Tayler - September 2010
Jimmy Headley - April 2012	Jacque-Lynn Westendorf - June 2012
Florence Tayler - August 2012	Willard "Junie" Miller - November 2013
Mike Gabriel - August 2015	Carl Halye - April 2017
Calvin S. Hall, Sr. - July 2017	Vern Vanderlocht - August 2017
Neal Leehy - August 2017	Steve Flournoy - August 2017

Earl Banton - June 2018

DISTRICT NEWS

Wow! Now that was a great rally!

Wonderful new venue, good weather, a whole lot of fun, and most important-ly, well attended by both folks in Virginia and FOURTEEN other Districts.

Time and again, folks stopped me simply to tell me what a great time they were having! Many members had never seen Rosalie's show before, which was fall-out-of-your-chair funny on Friday evening, and we discovered that while all of her volunteers had a great sense of humor, some of them have a real talent for the stage. Tom McGrath's Motorcycle Law Group sponsored the Ice Cream Social, which was quick and easy thanks to Schwan's sending a truck full of delicious ice cream to the front door. We just lined up and grabbed a cold treat!

Click the link below to read more:

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/65ea8e_8d0091a6361a49fcb62337ff1721258.pdf

NATIONAL NEWS

My Thoughts for All Officers

As Officers in GWRRA we have a responsibility to GWRRA, each other, and to our Members. This responsibility is to respect each other, hold each other up when needed, have fun with one another and to be good peers, sharing information, ideas and friendship. We aren't going to be best friends with every Officer, but we owe respect as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Officer Handbook, and the Standards of Conduct in the Handbook. A Member doesn't really understand our roles unless they have walked in those shoes. Remember to always praise down and up, but always bring concerns or complaints up. The Members shouldn't hear this as they can't relate. They are also the folks that you will want to talk with about stepping forward and if all they have heard is negative, they will be very reluctant. Also use your peer network, they have walked in your shoes. Lastly, remember that where the Officers go, the Chapter or District go. So be a strong and active leader and you'll have a strong and active Chapter or District. Besides, going is the fun part!

Click the link below to read more:

<http://gwrra.org/oconnect/newsletter/2018/InsightNewsletter0618.pdf?v=1>



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VA CHAPTER LISTING

Chapters	Area / Location	Chapter Director * Senior CD *	Phone Number & Email	Monthly Gatherings & Web Site
VA-A	<u>Northern Virginia</u>	<u>Mary O'Connor</u> (11/09)	703-378-3873 e-Mail: marvoc4429@aim.com	<u>2nd Wed.</u> - 7:30 pm - The Ponds Community Center, 9837 Burke Pond Lane, Burke, VA. 22015
VA-B1	Tappahannock	<u>Jim & Beverly Evans</u> (01/18)	804-836-7704 e-Mail: jevansez@gmail.com	<u>3th. Sun.</u> 2:pm-3:pm Bell's Italian Restaurant, 1673 Tappahannock Blvd., Tappahannock. VA.
VA-C	<u>Hampton/Newport News</u>	<u>Dave & Donna Huey</u> (01/18)	757-719-0668 e-Mail: dhuev1800@cox.net	<u>2nd Sun.</u> 4:pm - 5:pm Anglo's Steak House 755 J. Clyde Morris Blvd, Newport News, VA.
VA-D	Richmond	<u>Fritz Sassine & Iris Guillet</u> (01/18)	804-938-9183 e-Mail: fritz.sassine@gmail.com	<u>4th Wed.</u> 6:pm-7: pm - Candelas Pizzeria & Ristorante Italiano, 14235 Midlothian Turnpike.
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