

- From the Directors -

Merry Christmas to All and a Very Happy New Year!! It sure doesn't seem like the year should be coming to an end, and yet, here we are. We'd like to thank everyone for their participation in last week's meeting(s). Laurie Cruzan, Dave Wren & Chris Ward were especially appreciated for their contributions to open up our regular meeting. Seemed as though everyone really enjoyed it, Cliff and I mostly. If you didn't happen to make the meeting, you missed out, but chances are there are some photos somewhere in this newsletter.



A big thank you goes out to those members from the far north that joined us. Chapter J brought 13 people down to rescue Jazzy from us. Of course, beating our number of 12 that we had up there. And someone made off with Rocky again. It would probably do well for me to remember just who it was. Feel free to let me know if any of you know which one of them varmints got away with him.

We really want to thank those that stayed to help us with the 2013 planning meeting. It was a huge success. I can't thank Didi enough for arranging the volunteers and setting up the Sandwich Bar. What a treat!!

Our Chapter I Christmas Party is next Saturday, the 8th. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there and viewing all the beautiful "Ugly Sweaters". It promises to be an interesting evening. Please give Nancy Daniels a big hug when you see her as she single-handedly set this up for us. Thank you Nancy!!

Following that you all will have a few weeks off from Chapter I business. I hope you'll join us on the New Years Day Ride. Rich Noah (Chapter I) and Jon Pons (Chapter J) are teaming up to coordinate an opportunity to again bring together all of the Front Range chapters that can make it. We'll get an email out to you as soon as we have the details locked in.

In the meantime, please enjoy this Christmas season, enjoy your family and friends, be safe and thankful. Come January a new riding season begins. We can't wait to share it with all of you.

Don Cruzan & Cathy Luce
Chapter I Directors

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**HEARTFELT THANKS & APPRECIATION FOR THE
MULTITUDE YEARS OF SERVICE,
& CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Treasurer—Paul & Jeannie Bondurant

**PAUL HAS BEEN
CHAPTER I'S ONLY TREASURER
FOR 28 YEARS!**

**STEPPING UP TO FILL THE POSITION IN 2013,
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW
CHAPTER I **Treasurer**—Doug & Marilyn Irish**

Springs Wings



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Dates to Remember

- Dec 8-CHAPTER I CHRISTMAS PARTY
Sr Manuel's
 - Jan 1, 2013-New Year's Day Ride
 - Jan 5-Chapter Meeting
 - Jan 12-CPR/1st Aid-Air Force Academy
Multi-Chapter Bowling
 - Jan 18-20 Grand Lake Snowmobile Trip
 - Jan 23-Dinner Ride, Glenn & Alexis
 - Jan 26-District Officer's Mtg -Lakewood
- E-mails should follow with more details

Birthdays

- DECEMBER**
- Belated Birthday Wishes
22—Donna Noah
- JANUARY**
- 12-Marsha Curry
Joann Hauser
14-Donald Roberts
17-Bob Nyquist
19-Don Moller
28-Rainy Moncrief

Anniversaries

- JANUARY**
- 22-Ron & Marsha Curry

- JANUARY GOODIES**
Ralph Clayton
Mark & Sue Damschen

CHAPTER I MEETING

WHEN
1st Saturday
8:30 coffee, 9:00 meeting

LOCATION
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
4125 Constitution Ave.

Visit us at
www.springswings.org

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Couple of the Year
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Nancy Lockhart



GOOFY



Goofy is awarded to one Chapter member who has done the goofiest thing since the last meeting. Goofy gets to spend the next month with that person. The person receiving Goofy must add or attach something that represents their “goofy” stunt.



Don, this was just too good a picture not to include in the Newsletter.

RIDER EDUCATION

DISTANCE???

During the month of September 2012, Laura and I traveled approximately 750 miles on the first day of our trip. Now some would say that is too much on the first day or any other day. And I would tend to agree, however, on my planning stage, my first day is my longest day. If I go east on I-70, my first stop will be Whitman Air Force Base. (Knob Nester, MO.) Yes, it is a long day, but I am mentally and physical ready to take the trip. Keep in mind that I'm leaving from my house, good night sleep, my own bed, fresh and ready for the next day. Remember, this is not just a whim that I thought up before I got on the motorcycle that morning. I plan routes months in advance so that it is not a surprise. Now, if you are riding two-up, your co-rider must be in sync with the route as well. Tell the co-rider...it is going to be a 12 hour day or 750 miles before we reach our destination. You should have a plan and let the co-rider in on that plan. It's going to make for a better trip. I let my co-rider know it is going to be a long day in the saddle. Or on the other hand if it is going to be a short day...let him/her know that. They will enjoy a short day. It makes for a better ride and happy riders.

The same goes for a group rides. Everybody should know the route or destination and how long it will take to reach the destination. Everybody may not like time span or route and the route may have to be adjusted. That being said, everybody should be on the same sheet of music, everybody must know the route and how long it will take to reach the destination. Now that being said, the first day is the only long day of the trip. What do I mean by long days? My definition of long days is 9-12 hours days. Everyday after the first day is going to be 8 hours or less. Remember, not everybody can do a long day. Please check your physical ability before you do any long day riding. Do what you feel is best for you and **RIDE YOUR OWN RIDE.**

Earl Edwards
Chapter Rider Educator



NEW SHERIFF....and NEW DEPUTY pics

A New Sheriff In Town

Well Chapter I has a new Sheriff and Deputy in town. Congratulations to Don Cruzan and Cathy Luce & Cliff and Myra Childs as Chapter Directors and Assistant Chapter Directors. They will lead us to infinity and beyond. Getting there will be half the fun...

Earl Edwards
Chapter I Rider Education



Thanks to
Earl Edwards
&
Laurie Cruzan
for
Photos



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ronald McDonald House

On Saturday, December 1 st, Sandie , Laurie, Alexis, Myra, Marilyn, Mel and Darlene packaged and delivered 20 blankets, 20 dozen cookies and bags of toiletries to Ronald McDonald House. The blankets donated were those made by the women of Chapter I, the toiletries were collected from chapter members throughout the year and cookies were baked and boxed by the retreat planning committee.

It was an amazing and very moving experience. Becah, with Ronald McDonald House, was our tour guide of the 12 bedroom home and gave us the 20 year history of helping those with children in the hospital by providing a home away from home. It gives families the warmth and comfort of a home while dealing with sick children in the hospital which we all know must be exceptionally difficult. A complete pantry is available to parents and families for lunch and breakfast needs and a warm meal is served in their inviting dining room by volunteers each evening. The donated blankets will be given to children and their families as they arrive at the house and need some comfort and are also available in the "family room" where rocking chairs offer opportunities for family time with those children that may be visiting siblings in the hospital and need some snuggle time with mom and dad. A playhouse, basketball hoop and play equipment are in the backyard with a tree to climb that was even calling my name. Families have made the house their home for up to 6 months so the blankets, toiletries and cookies are greatly appreciated by the families and staff.

We ended the tour in the Memorial Garden where we were all touched by the hand painted tiles made by family members and siblings of loved ones to be remembered.

Thank you all for making blankets and donating toiletries - it was a day that I will remember for a long, long time and the warmth from the blankets will warm some child's heart. Thank you!!!

Myra, Sandie, Laurie, Lexi, Mel, Marilyn



Thanks to
Myra Childs
for
Article & Photos



COMMUNITY SERVICE

On November 5th Marilyn Irish, Mel Partner, Bonnie Kerbs, Casey Ward, Marsha Curry, Nancy Daniels, and Rainy Moncrief met at the Currys' house to fill small bags with toiletries collected by Chapter I throughout the year. The Chapter collected an unbelievable amount of soaps, shampoos, tooth brushes, tooth paste, hair conditioners, and lotions. Prior to the ladies getting to my house I had most of the items sorted on tables which made it a lot easier. Casey Ward made 120 AWESOME fabric bags and the gift tags (way to go Casey-you are the woman!). If you are a crafter or quilter please save any large pieces (1/8 of yard or larger) of fabric and any extra cloth ribbon that you could donate for those bags. Casey plans to construct the bags again for next year and she would like to get an early start on the project.

On Wednesday, November 7th, Casey and I met to deliver the gift bags. Half of the bags were taken to Lizza's Place where we learned that 27 ladies were given assistance and were currently housed there. They were so excited to receive our little gifts that we shared many hugs. The other half of the bags were taken to an organization called S.E.T. where uninsured and homeless can come for medical help. Both groups were truly grateful for the gift bags.

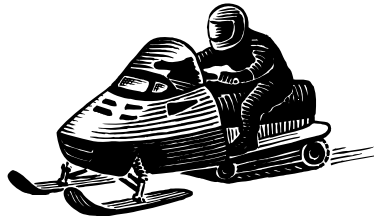
What an uplifting feeling to know that a small gesture from our Chapter meant so much to them. Thanks so much to the entire Chapter for collecting these items over the year. Please begin again collecting these items as the Community Service Committee plans to repeat this project next year.

Community Service Committee

Marsha & Nancy L.



EVENTS/ ACTIVITIES



Chapter I Snowmobile Trip Grand Lake, CO January 18-20, 2013

Rooms prices from \$85 to \$115 – first night full price, second night ½ price:

\$85 rooms are Front view with 2 queen beds

\$99 rooms are Mountain view, 1 queen or king and balcony -

\$115.00 rooms are Mountain View with king and balcony – some with fireplaces -

(Cancellation policy – More than 15 days ahead \$30. Less than 14 days, entire stay is due.) Make your reservations by calling Gateway Inn at: **Reservations: 1-877-627-1352** – tell them you are with Chapter I – GWRRA – Cliff Childs

Visit their website at: www.gatewayinn.com **(A first night's deposit will be due at the time of your reservation)**

Snowmobile prices – \$90-\$170 per machine for 2-4 hours and could be less with additional people signing up– we will snowmobile on Friday – Saturday is a free day

Make your snowmobile rental reservations at On the Trail **after December 15th** (Winding River Resort) at 1-888-627-2429 or at www.onthetrailrentals.com – a deposit is required.

We have reserved a meeting room in the hotel (2200 sq. feet) and will have a soup dinner on Saturday night – There is also a full bar and lounge on the main level

There will be a sign up sheet for meal items emailed to all participants closer to the event

Each room has a refrigerator and coffee maker

Friday night dinner - you may want to find a restaurant in town or we can order pizza in –

If we have enough participation – we'll try to secure the meeting room for Friday night

Please contact Cliff or Myra Childs 303-353-9502 if you plan to participate



CHAPTER G's TURKEY BINGO



Thanks to Chris Ward for photos



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Yummy Favorites Anytime !!

Peanut Clusters

2 pkg choc chips melt in microwave 1 minute at a time, stir, when melted add 1/2 gallon on salted peanuts

Drop on waxed paper with spoon. Let cool! Enjoy!

Chicken Tortilla Soup

6 T veg oil
8-6 in tortilla corn- chopped
1 T minced garlic
1/2 c fresh cilantro- chopped
1 onion chopped
1 29oz can diced tomatoes
2 T cumin
1 T chili powder
3 bay leaves
6 c chicken broth
1 t salt
2 cooked chicken breast chopped

Saute tortilla, garlic, cilantro, onion in oil. Add rest and simmer for 30 mins. Remove bay leaves!
Enjoy!

Courtesy of Laurie Cruzan

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