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-- IFMR-NA President's Newsletter --

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*** COMING EVENTS ***

- **Monthly rides:** SE TN, NW GA. 'Black Sheep of Rotary'. For more details contact Tom Kale, tskale@epbfi.com
- **April 28: ACC Blessing of the Bikes & PolioPlus Ride, Rocky Mount, NC.** For details go to accbb.org or contact Tim Treanor at spinedocdc@aol.com
- **May 4-6: IFMR Spring Get-Together, Walnut Creek, OH.** For more details contact Rory Windrim, rlwindrim@aol.com.
- **May 18-19: Ozarks...Ride with the Canadians, Hollister/Branson, MO.** For details contact Clarke Paynter at clarke.paynter@ns.sympatico.ca
- **June 1-3: IFMR Get-Together, Ljubljana, Slovenia.** Registration deadline: Feb 29. For more details, contact ifmr.et2012@gmail.com,
- **June 16: Rotary Ride to Provide, Sevierville, TN.** For details contact Jack Funderburk at jfunderburk@funderburkelec.com
- **June 15-???: 48-State PolioPlus Circuit Ride.** Contact Jim Perra, jimp@bankofzumbrota.com, Zumbrota, MN.
- **Sept 21-22: Outer Banks Ride, Manteo, NC.** Contact Carlton Pernell, carltonpernell@aol.com for details.
- **October 12-14: IFMR Fall Get-Together, Townsend, TN, Smoky Mtn area and 'The Dragon' (Rt 129).** For more details contact Tom Kale, tskale@epbfi.com

For info on other domestic and international IFMR rides, check www.ifmr-na.org and www.ifmr.org

First IFMR 'Ride Guides' Appointed

After asking for volunteers willing to serve as IFMR "Ride Guides" in their areas, I heard from several IFMR members who volunteered, as well as suggestions for candidates in several other areas whom I contacted and recruited to serve. They and others that will be named in the coming months will play a key role in building awareness and promoting IFMR membership by helping organize rides, speaking to local Rotary clubs and district events, providing local info to IFMR riders visiting their area, and working with the IFMR-NA Executive Council on continued development of the Fellowship.

Here are the "Ride Guides" who have agreed to serve and been appointed thus far:

Marc Baker, Washington state;
Otto Rieve, British Columbia;
Clarke Paynter, Nova Scotia;
Jim Perra, Minnesota,
Carlton Pernell, North Carolina;
Eric Grubb, Maryland & Delaware;
David Daugherty, Ohio;
Don Thiele, Central California;
Rich Nice, San Francisco peninsula area

Contact the ones in your area and get acquainted.

You, too, can become an IFMR 'ride guide' and play a key role in growing IFMR membership in your area and inviting them to join you for a ride. You can also help spread the word by hosting an IFMR exhibit at your District Conference and other Rotary events, or by speaking at clubs in your area. Just let me know what you'd like to do and I'll help you with details.

On-Line Membership Dues & Renewal Processing

After months of discussion and hard work, the IFMR-NA.org website is now able to handle on-line processing of membership applications, renewals, dues payments, and updating of member information.

While not technically difficult, the challenge faced by IFMR membership director Jean Dore, webmaster Chris Jones, and treasurer Hal James was finding a workable balance between what was desired and what IFMR-NA could afford. As is often the case, it's frequently expensive and difficult to create things that may look simple to the user, such as forms and data bases. But Jean, Chris, and Hal finally found a workable solution, tested it on members of the IT committee and Executive Council, then activated it on the IFMR-NA.org website at the end of March.

You can now renew your membership, update your member information, and pay your dues with a credit card both quickly and easily on-line.

To pay your 2011-12 dues, go on-line to www.ifmr-na.org, select **Pay/Renew Dues via Credit Card**, and click on the **BUY NOW** button at the bottom of that page. *Just do it!*

And new members can quickly and easily provide their information, pay dues, and become IFMR members.

The new process will also make the task of membership processing and record-keeping much easier for the membership director.

The improvement in the membership and renewal process should help considerably in both membership development and collection of dues from existing members. If you haven't paid your 2011-12 dues, you can now go on-line, update your information, and pay both your 2011-12 and 2012-13 dues, all at one time.

Taking advantage of the capabilities of the new process, Jean is also planning to add a few new steps to the 'reminder' process for membership renewals. Expect to receive your first reminder by email a few weeks before the start of the new Rotary year (ie, in early June). Those who haven't responded will receive additional reminders every few weeks until they renew and pay dues, or they ask to be dropped from membership.

Members who pay their dues will receive updated membership rosters via email 2-3 times during the year. If you are a current member and need an updated roster, just contact Jean at ldiharli@aol.com and she'll email you a copy.

IFMR Leader Profile Washington "Ride Guide" Marc Baker Loves Rotary . . . and Riding

When plans were being made for last year's IFMR PolioPlus Ride to the RI Convention in New Orleans, it was clear that we needed someone to organize and lead a group of riders from the Pacific Northwest.



As we began talking with people in that area about possible candidates, Marc Baker's name came up time and again. When we contacted him, he expressed some initial hesitation but soon agreed to take on the tasks of fund-raising and recruiting other riders for

the long journey to New Orleans from the Northwest.

The time and distance required for the journey made it difficult for most Rotary riders to make the trip by motorcycle; but Marc persuaded a few to join him and, more impressive, he proved to be the top IFMR fund-raiser, collecting over \$10,000 – roughly one-fifth of the total amount collected by all the IFMR members on the ride.

Those who know Marc will tell you this is just typical of him. He joined the Rotary Club of Everett, Washington, in June 1980. According to Marc, "I became a Rotarian after hearing Past Rotary International President Dr Cliff Dochterman speak at a Rotary Foundation Dinner." During his 30+ years in Rotary, Marc has served on the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Everett and the Everett Rotary Youth Foundation, becoming the President of Rotary Club of Everett for 1999-2000 for which he attended the 1999 RI convention in Singapore.

He has been chair of virtually every club committee, including Attendance, Club Bulletin, Fellowship, Roster, Sergeant-At Arms, Fireside, Youth Exchange, Local Impact, Rotary Foundation, Group Study Exchange, World Community Service, Air Fair, and Rotary Run. He has also been actively involved in District 5050 activities, serving on various committees and project teams, including Chair of World Community Service, Matching Grants, Group Study Exchange Team leader to Turkey 2007, and Alumni Chair.

Marc is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation (TRF), a Benefactor and a member of the Bequest Society, has

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received *Service above Self* awards from the Rotary club of Everett and District 5050, and been acknowledged by The Rotary Foundation for Generosity, Commitment and Dedication to TRF.

An avid motorcyclist, Marc has been involved with motorcycling since 1969, is member of the “Hell’s Rotarians, the Mild Ones” since 1990, and with the IFMR since its inception, having helped organize and form the organization. Marc has ridden to RI conventions in Calgary, AB; Indianapolis, IN; San Antonio, TX; Portland, OR; and New Orleans, LA. He recently agreed to become IFMR Ride Guide for the state of Washington.

Marc's close friend and long-time Canadian IFMR member Otto Rieve said, “I have ridden with and have been guided by Marc to two RI Convention -- in 2001 at San Antonio and 2011 at New Orleans. In 2011 Marc and I were followed by Elisabeth Saunders from Leavenworth WA in her SUV. While I found Marc to ride hard and sometimes long, he was unfailingly fair even as he grumbled at me. More important, Marc raised over \$10,000 for PolioPlus and through his leadership inspired me to raise \$3,000 from my District 5040 for IFMR-NA President Bob’s PolioPlus Ride for the 2011 Convention. I have greatly enjoyed Marc's enthusiasm and fellowship over the years”.

Marc has ridden in 49 US States (missing only Hawaii), nine Canadian Provinces (missing NW Territories, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Nunavut), and has traveled over 350,000 miles on motorcycles, of which over 300,000 is on Harleys.

Marc says, “I used to be in the ambulance business but I am now employed in my own business, Bakers Services Ltd., which provides medical gases to Doctors, Dentists and Veterinarians”. However, he quickly adds that he now takes more times off from his business since he has a family member running it for him.

Marc enjoys skiing in the winter, but he says his passion is riding and working on Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

Marc’s family consists of his partner Lori A White, son John Garth, and daughter Gretchen E (Betsy) Baker-Bold, and grandson Josh, and Lori’s son Andrew.

IFMR is blessed to have members like Marc who take the lead when asked and serve with good humor, honor, and distinction.



International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians

A world-wide fellowship of Rotary Club members who enjoy and share the sport of motorcycling, travel, and community service, across boundaries and borders. Just one of the many fellowship groups created by and for Rotarians around the world.

Join, participate, share, enjoy . . .

www.IFMR.org
World-Wide Website

www.IFMR-NA.org
North American Chapter

ifmr-na-subscribe@yahoo.com
For newsletters, organized ride info and member chat

IFMR-NA Merchandise Coordinator Needed

Hardly a week goes by that I don't get a call or email from an IFMR-NA member asking about caps, shirts, jackets, banners, patches, pins, decals, and other merchandise displaying the IFMR logo. Now that we have the capability to process credit card transactions on the IFMR-NA.org website, we're in a position to begin satisfying members' interest in IFMR merchandise.

To help with that, we need someone who is willing and able to serve as our IFMR Merchandise Coordinator-Director. If you are an IFMR member with experience in group merchandise production or marketing, or if you know a fellow Rotary club colleague with such experience, who might be interested and available to help IFMR-NA organize and manage a member merchandise program, please let me know by phone or email. We need your help.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Shiner".