

President's Report

Is it my imagination or did the year seem shorter than usual? I just can't believe it's the Holiday Season already and 2006 is just around the corner. The chapter elections are over and by the time this comes in the mail the new Board will have had its first meeting and well on its way to taking over where the last board left off. But I am digressing, so onto business.

First I would like to welcome our new Board Members: Howard and Denise Runge (VP & Membership), Cynthia Schulz (Safety & Ed), Steve Bush (Activities), Tony Garcia (Public Relations) and Roger Pilcher (Treasurer). This coming year is going to be a busy one and the new Board members are going to need all the help you can give them.

Second, but not least, thank you to our returning Board members: Tony Obrecht (Secretary), Larry Haun (Newsletter & Board Rep.), Hollie Sadoff (Board Rep.) and Evan Breyn (Legislative & IT). Again it is going to be a busy year and an election year and they will need all the help you can give them. Third, and again not least,

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thank you to the retiring Board members for the work that they have done, Julie Kramer (Treasurer), Chuck Allard (VP), Marianna Dedina (Membership) and Brenda Eichberger (Safety & Ed).

This year for the first time in a couple years there was actually a ballot for the members to vote on. The ability to vote is the basis of this organization and of a Democratic society. It gives everyone a choice and different points of view which are needed to keep us lively and full of vitality. Steve (Rush) Alpert gave a good campaign and some good ideas, thank you Steve for stepping up and giving the chapter a choice and giving us a real election this year. I hope we see more of you in the coming year.

Thank you to the members that voted for me in this year's elections, I will do the best I can in my position to warrant the support that you have given me. For those members who did not vote me, I thank you for taking the time to come and vote, as this is a member driven organization, it is your vote and participation that make the chapter and organization as successful as it is, and I will do the best I can to earn your support.

Looking at the newly assembled Board I see probably one of the most diverse Boards, as far as rides and backgrounds, than I have ever seen. If variety is the spice of life, then this Board will surely provide plenty of spice, as we have Harley, Wing,

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Elections are Over

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Annual Auction

at the

January Meeting

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cruiser, sport bike riders, old and new wanting to work together. An assemblage of a mix like this with the same goals of:

- A) Retaining members
- B) Increasing membership
- C) Encouraging more membership participation
- D) Improving our political activism and participation
- E) Improving our Spring Fling and Belly Buster
- F) Improving our Motorcycle Awareness Program

is a hard combination to beat. I believe the coming year is going to be interesting and I look forward to working the new Board of Directors.

The next Membership meeting is December 28th and as usual we plan to have a short business end of the meeting with partying afterwards. There is food and goodies brought in by the members and if you can please bring something. So come and join the festivities and meet the new Board, give your input and visit friends, both Old and New.

At the last Membership meeting was the drawing for the Attendance Award, if which you had to be present to win. The first name drawn was present and congratulations are in order to Bill Elliott for winning. Attending the Membership meetings not only pays off in voicing your opinions and helping the chapter, but also in the pocketbook.

Here comes a blatant request for donations. By popular request the January auction will again be presented. That's right; bring in your unwanted stuff from cleaning the garage, house or unwanted Christmas presents. The auction is usually a good, fun time, and brings in some extra badly needed monies to the chapter. We are also looking for donations to bring to the State Seminar this January. This chapter has always donated items for the raffles and door prizes and I hope to keep this tradition alive. These items help at the state level for not only help Safety & Education and other areas that need funding, but also for the PAC funds to help those legislators who help us.

I wish every one a great Holiday Season and Happy New Year! May it be safe, joyous and bountiful with family, friends and food.

Take Care,
Joe Dedina
President

Past Vice-President's Report

Thank You to the Board and Northwest Suburban Chapter for making this a great year. It has been a pleasure being your Vice-President for the past year. Congratulations to the new and remaining members of the board. With everyone's help and ideas the next year will be even better.

Toys for Tots has come and gone. A special thank you to those who braved the weather. Vel and I will be dropping toys off at the Heldt Realty get together on the 10th. Then we will be going over to Black Sheep for the party. Hope to see you all there.

Chuck Allard
Past Vice-President

Newsletter Director's Report

Another year has come and almost gone. I know I did a lot of riding this year. Did you? I hope so. There were a lot of nice rides to go on throughout the year. From the Breast Cancer awareness runs at the beginning of the year to Toys for Tots at the end of the year. Throughout the year there has been a lot of different weather to ride in. From zero days to 100 degree days and back to zero days. From hot, dry days to rainy days. All you had to do was pick a day and there was someone that was willing to ride with you.

This year I think I was at a lot more funerals than most years. In that endeavor, I decided to make a thank you for being a member of ABATE patch. The patch is made and I will be bringing the finished product to the State Board for approval this month. It seems that there are a select few that try to go to the funerals of our dear departed more than anyone else in all areas of the State. These people will be the beginning of the "Honor Guard".

This year as a Chapter, we won the "Flag" events more than any other Chapter. That makes it that we won 2 of the 3 years of the flag events. Great job people. I have been seeing some new faces at the meetings, so maybe we can do it again next year. I

hope so, but I'm sure the other Chapters will try to defeat us in that attempt. If you haven't been to any of these events I the past year you should try to make some in the next year. They are usually a lot of fun and you get to meet some of the other Chapters that are trying to do the same thing we are doing as a Chapter in their areas.

Larry Haun
Newsletter Director

Treasurer's Report

Since I have just been installed as the new Treasurer, I do not really have a report to give and will defer to Julie for any "real" information concerning the financial state of the chapter. Instead, I will just introduce myself. I have been riding heavyweight motorcycles for almost 30 years, starting with a 1972 CB750 Honda and moving through many bikes in varying degrees of customization and disrepair. Just this last April, I finally got the one I have always wanted, a brand spanking new Electra Glide Classic. I now live in Rolling Meadows with my fiancé, Teryl Mayer (who is a member as well), and we maintain what can only be called our own, personal zoo. You see, Teryl is a veterinarian and I am an animal lover so we have combined our pets and acquired more so that we currently have 3 dogs, 2 cats, a parrot, a tortoise and two snakes. Check back to see the progress of this going (and growing) concern. As for me, although I am a lawyer by training, I left practice several years ago – sacrificing future big bucks for freedom and a life. I now work for a Professional Liability insurance carrier to pay the bills and put that increasingly valuable gasoline in the bike. My weekends and evenings are once again my own.

I was involved with ABATE in Iowa way back when it was known as A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. To be honest, we didn't do much in those days except claim membership, party and ride around. After moving around the country a lot, I landed in Chicago and recently found my way back to ABATE, joining the Chicago Chapter. I transferred my membership to

Northwestern Suburban when I moved to Rolling Meadows and got Teryl to sign up as well. I decided to get involved with ABATE again because I believe strongly in its mission and, if I am going to spend my time with a motorcycling organization, I want that time to be spent on something other than merely riding around looking for a good time. I firmly believe that, in this day and age, we need to fight hard to keep our freedoms or we will lose them. It is also for this reason that I decided to pursue a Board position. I have come to believe that it is every motorcyclist's (hell, every American's) responsibility to protect that which we hold dear. In keeping with that belief, I also feel it is every ABATE member's responsibility to do what they can to help the chapter and the organization. Just imagine if every member sought out and served just one term as a member of the Board. Imagine the exchange of ideas, the camaraderie and the brotherhood (and sisterhood) that would flow from that involvement and imagine the results we could achieve.

I was asked to provide my goals and objectives for the position of Treasurer. I must confess that I do not know enough about the position at this time to provide any clear, concise objectives. I can say this, however: I will faithfully carry out the duties of the office and will provide as much input and assistance to the Board and chapter as I can. By the way, Teryl promised to help me, too.

Ride free and ride SAFE,
Roger D. Pilcher (Bluz)

Legislative and IT Reports

I would like to thank the chapter for their support in retaining me as your IT and Legislative Director for 2006. It was not my intention to run for Legislative again and really wanted someone to step up for the position. It is my hope that during the 2006 season, someone will show an interest and step up. The Legislative department is an important part of ABATE of Illinois and should not be allowed to falter. I explained to the chapter when re-nominated at the last minute at the November meeting that I would not be as available for election functions as I was in 2004 and was assured by the membership in attendance that they would help and

support. I will hold you all to that promise. We are going to be busy next year. But I do know this, the 2006 board is going to be another highly qualified chapter board and I am proud to be serving with this group. I have been lucky in my three years on the board of the NWS chapter. I have had the pleasure of working with some great people and am very comfortable that this new board will not only continue with the tradition that has been set but also exceed everybody's expectations. I hope that my feelings are shared by the chapter and look forward to seeing more members of the chapter get involved in 2006. This should be a great year...

The snow is falling and for most of us our bikes are safely tucked away in winter sleep. As we hide from the snow and reflect on the 2005 riding season we should also think to the future and what it might bring. There are threats coming from every direction these days. We are seeing that the anti-noise groups are getting attention and they seem to thrive on attacking on the motorcycle community. But that is not to say that we don't at times deserve some negative attention. There are some motorcycles out there that are so loud that the rider of the bike must wear ear plugs. Is that necessary? Now, don't get me wrong here. I like a little volume in my ride but also want to avoid aggravating my whole neighborhood and everybody I ride near with a set of extra-loud pipes. There is a difference between a good set of aftermarket pipes that are not obnoxious and those straights that make the world cringe. We need to police ourselves before these anti-noise wacko's start a movement that will run over our rights and take away our ability to make common sense decisions about our rides. We need to ensure that our legal aftermarket exhaust systems remain an option for those who choose to accessorize with them. Common sense is needed, not unnecessary legislation.

The whole helmet choice issue is making its rounds again and this time the mandatory helmet law threat might come from within the motorcycle community. There are large segments of the motorcycle community that wear their helmets 100% of the time and support helmet laws. There

are some motorcycle rider groups out there that are under the misguided impression that we oppose helmet usage and are fighting to keep them off people's heads. We need to get to know these riders and educate them about who we are and what we stand for. We need to define that ABATE of Illinois is not anti-helmet, but pro-choice. We need to teach these riders that we support the right of the motorcyclist to choose and encourage every motorcyclist to do their research on the subject and make a decision based on their beliefs. To date, in the time I have been coming to ABATE functions and meetings I have never had any member of the organization make a single comment about the helmet on my head. It is the "right to choose" that I fight for. So, we must be vigilant and educate the motorcycle community about who we are and what we believe in. If manipulated correctly, our foes could use these groups to promote a helmet law in Illinois that would appear to have the support of a large segment of motorcyclists in Illinois. To some, all you need is the perception of support and many of the population will go along with the idea. These rider groups are the people that we need to reach. Not to change their beliefs on wearing a helmet, but to educate them that the freedom of choice is not a danger to their lifestyle but rather something to be embraced. Education, not legislation is the key in most cases. Most riders know that wearing a helmet is safer than not wearing one as the facts are pretty hard to disprove. But what I don't want is some politician who has never ridden a motorcycle in his or her life to tell me that I have no choices regarding my two-wheeled passion. In my humble opinion, the only person who has the right to tell me to wear my helmet is my wife. She says to wear it and I do... End of story.

Another issue that seems to be coming up is the whole "kill a biker, go to jail" argument. We as motorcyclists are deeply offended and downright outraged when a motorcyclist is killed by a negligent driver. You know the one, the driver who is too busy talking on their cell phone, yelling at kids or doing just about anything and everything in their car except paying attention to the road. I hear our membership shout to the rooftops about needing

stronger penalties for these types of incidents. One thing to keep in mind though, we do not want harsher punishment for these criminals just because they kill a biker. We want equal justice no matter who the victim is or what they were doing when they were killed by the driver's negligence. Too many times people will say that because the victim was on a motorcycle, that they were partially responsible for the incident that killed or injured them. And sometimes only a ticket is issued where greater charges would have been filed had the victim not been on a bike. What we need to strive for is equal punishment regardless of whether the victim was a motorcyclist, someone in their car or a pedestrian. It should not matter how old the victim was or if they were a man or a woman. What should matter is that a human life was snuffed out because someone caused an accident due to their own carelessness. Please keep this in mind when these types of incidents happen. We need to let the courts system know that we are watching, but we don't want special punishment just because there was a motorcycle involved. We are not looking for a greater punishment and will not tolerate a lesser punishment. All we want is equal justice.

Evan Breyn ~ The Bulldog

Vice-President's Report

Hi,

I'm Howard Runge. The recently held chapter elections are over and I have been elected vice president. I wish to thank all the members for the great turnout. Being new to the position I really don't have a lot to report this month. So let me just wish you all a happy holiday season.

See you all at the next meeting.

Membership's Report

Hi Everyone,

My name is Denise Runge and I am taking over membership from Marianna Dedina. I have been a NW Suburban member for several years, but just started coming to meetings this year. I am glad I did; I have met some very nice people and have a new perspective on some of the issues that face us as a group.

I always assumed that giving my money each year was enough. I know a lot of people that think that way. My objective as membership officer will be to reach out to our non-active members and try to persuade them to attend a meeting or two. I think if we can get them to a couple of meetings, they too will become more active, energizing our chapter with new blood and new ideas.

I ask for your patience while I learn the responsibilities of this new role.

Here's wishing all of you a wonderful holiday season and a new year filled with health, happiness and great riding!

Ride Safe,
Denise



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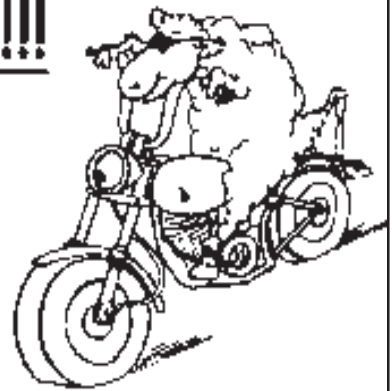
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Safety & Education's Report

Having been around motorcycles only in my adult life and banned from them as a kid, I have learned a lot about riding just in the past 2 years and still have a lot to learn.

My main goal as Safety and Education Director is to get new drivers to understand motorcycles. They need to be more aware of us as riders. They also need to learn how to react to us instead of disregarding us as a lot of people do. They need to understand that we have equal rights but that we have different capabilities and weaknesses.

Another one of my goals is to get the Police and Fire Departments, bus companies and garbage companies with that same information. It is harder for them to see motorcycles then cars and in the riding months they need to be more aware.

As an emergency response personnel worker for 15 years, I have seen more then my share of the results from "I didn't see them" or the best one so far "motorcycles shouldn't be on the roads anyway". I have been to friends funerals and watched others go though rehab because of these types of responses. I'm going to do everything in my power to try to minimize these types of incidents.

We as a group also need to be more cautious of our surroundings. My biggest pet peeve with motorcycles is the carelessness of a lot of the bikers. The excessive speeds, lane changing, lane splitting and wheelies is a large problem and unfortunately there is not a lot we can do about those types of riders other then be aware that they are out there.

Anyway, let's have a great year with this great new board! Also, if there is anyone that wants to help with any classes, please let me know along with your availability. I do have police officers that want to get involved in the education of our future drivers, but I'm sure I will need help also.

Thank You,
Cynthia Schulz

Minutes From the Last Meeting

- Meeting was called to order at 7:33pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance was done.
- Attendance award added to New Business.
- Request to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting was approved and seconded. Motion to approve by Bob Reese. Seconded.
- Half-time sales collected by O.J.

Introduction of New Members and Guests:

- Phil Goldman, new member.
- Chad Falstad from Mundelein, new member
- Mark and Linda Garrison from DuKane Chapter
- Linda Pasetti-Olson from State
- Ed Domine, Mike Ryan and Rick Olson from State

Announcements:

Tonight is election night.

Officer Reports

President:

Request for a variance on the agenda to put nominations for elections both before the break and one last general call for nominations before the elections after break. Motion made for the variance and seconded.

Vice-President:

1. Nice to see everybody here.
2. Thank you to everyone for your support from this board

Secretary:

1. Please sign in.
2. Copies of the minutes from last months meeting and agenda are available.

Treasurer: We have money.

Legislative:

1. Seizure bill did not come to the floor for a vote during the veto session. It is being reworked and it will be put out for next year.
2. We are bringing back the anti-discrimination bill and are going to write it in a way so that riders (legislative attachments) can not be attached to it.

3. There are anti-noise organizations that hate all noise and they're focusing on bikers as well because we're an easy target. We need to police ourselves and ask our own community to keep the sound down.
4. Sue Simpson from the Grayslake area is running for State Senator. We received an invitation to her event and she is looking for our support.
5. We need a legislative coordinator for next year. Evan will not be able to do the sign parties next year.

Activities:

Past Events

- South Suburban Halloween Benefit was on 10/22. It was a good time.
- Brothers of Grundy Halloween Party was on 10/29 and it was a great time. DuKane took the flag.
- Heroes Ride was on 11/6 and it was fantastic.
- McHenry County Toys for Tots was on 11/13 and it was a good time. A Harley Dresser was blown over.
- South Suburban Candlelight Bowl was on 11/19. No one attended.
- Southern DuPage Talent Show was on 11/26. DuKane took the flag. 200 people.

Upcoming Events

- Toys for Tots on 12/4. Park opens up at 6 am.
- Toys for Tots in Hoffman Estates on 12/10. 9:30am – 3:00pm

Products:

1. We have Northwest Suburban ABATE products on our website.
2. We have a chapter cup and T-shirt we are raffling tonight.
3. Many other chapters have the chevron patches stating their chapter name over the ABATE patch logo. The chevron patch is to be brought up at the next

BOD meeting. The chevron patch has to be in a straight line.

Membership:

1. We have members.
2. We have a lot of renewals coming in.

Newsletter:

1. I hope everyone got their newsletters.
2. Working with Toshiba to get a working copier.
3. Larry is in the process of redesigning the newsletter.

Public Relations:

1. Thank you to the members and board for their support over the past year.
2. Request for \$5000 from a boy who wants to travel aboard.

Safety & Education: Not present; No report.

Board Representatives: Not present; No report.

IT Directors:

1. Our website has been moved and has been updated. The website is a little faster. We will probably get less spam.
2. We should send a letter of appreciation to Scott for hosting our website for so long.

NE Regional Coordinator: Mike Ryan and Rick Olson

1. Northwest Suburban won the flag this year. Flag handed over to the chapter. Mark and Linda from DuKane brought the flag.
2. Discussed having a sign planning party as a flag event for next year.
3. The budget has been worked out for next year and will be voted on at the December BOD meeting.
4. Bike show ABATE booth preparations are underway on February 10, 11, 12th at the Stevenson Center in Rosemont. We will have 18 passes and are looking for volunteers.
5. Rich Neb award nominations due in by December 1st.
6. State Seminar will be held in Springfield from January 20th until the 22nd. Hotel

rooms at the Northfield or Ramada are available but going fast.

7. Northeast Region wants to sponsor a flag at the State Seminar and is asking that each chapter donate \$50 to make it happen.
8. Legal services will be voted on at the next December BOD meeting. The vote will be to affirm or not affirm Rod Taylor's legal services.
9. Northern Illinois has been called before the board of directors to answer for the offensive symbols shown in their newsletter and for advertising Michael Hupy's personal injury legal services who is on the non-preferred vendor list. There will possibly be sanctions against the chapter, but the final decision will be determined by the board of directors.

Unfinished Business

1. Chapter Officer Nominations
 - a. President: No new nominations. Joe has considered and accepted.
 - b. Vice President: Howard Runge has considered the nomination and accepted.
 - c. Secretary: No new nominations.
 - d. Treasurer: No new nominations
 - e. Legislative Director: No new nominations
 - f. Safety & Education Director: No new nominations.
 - g. Membership Director: Denise Runge nominated and considering.
 - h. State Representative: Larry Haun has considered the nomination and accepted.
 - i. Activities Director: No new nominations.
 - j. Public Relations Director: No new nominations
 - k. Newsletter Director: No new nominations.
 - l. Products Director: No nominations.
 - m. Information Technology Director: No new nominations.

Break

2. Spring Fling 2006
 - a. New flier has been designed. They will be distributed at the next meeting.
 - b. Donation letters have been revised.
 - c. Books for raffle tickets are being run.

- d. If anyone is interested in getting donations, Steve can get you donation letters. A list is available as well of the companies that donated last year. There's a lot of places that donate that you wouldn't think donate, so ask around.
- e. The band Destination has been booked. Sample CD has been requested.
- f. Please see Steve Bush to volunteer and help out with the Spring Fling such as cooking, decorations, security, etc.
- g. We will not be taking food donations and instead, taking donations towards the food fund. The proceeds for the chapter products raffle also go to the Spring Fling.
- h. The Spring Fling will be a flag event.

3. Belly Buster

Evan motioned to have the Belly Buster set tentatively on Sunday, July 30th and seconded. Majority vote and motion passed.

4. Fundraiser Raffle

- a. Tickets are done. Tony and Steve have the design and they will be printed in color.
- b. There are 200 tickets. All 200 need to be sold and each book will contain 5 tickets. Cost is \$10 per ticket. The raffle will be bringing in \$2000. \$1000 is revenue and \$1000 in prizes.
- c. Prizes are \$500, \$300 and \$200. Winner does not need to be present. They will be ready in approximately 2 weeks.

New Business

1. Chapter Officer Nominations – Last Call
 - a. Treasurer: Roger Pilcher nominated. Seconded. Roger accepted the nomination.
 - b. Membership; Denise Runge accepted the nomination.
 - c. Legislative Director: Evan Breyn nominated. Seconded. Evan accepted but stated that he will not be readily available for sign parties.
2. Chapter Elections
 - a. Speech was given by both presidential nominees, Steve Alpert and Joe Dedina.

- b. Motion made to have all nominees for the uncontested positions to be accepted into those positions and have a run-off election between the two nominees for president. Seconded. Majority vote and motion passed.
 - c. Larry motioned to do ballots for the run-off election between presidential nominees. Seconded. Majority vote and motion passed.
 - d. Bob Reese motioned to pass the remaining board for the uncontested positions as it sits. Seconded. Majority vote and motion passed.
 - e. Ballots were handed out and collected.
 - f. Winner of the presidential election was Joe Dedina.
3. Chapter Donation for NE Regional Sponsorship
- a. Motion made by Bob Reese for the chapter to donate \$50 to \$200 to the Northeast Regional banner to support the state seminar. Seconded. Majority vote. Motion passed to donate between \$50 and \$200. Chapter donated \$50 to the Northeast Region State Seminar banner.
 - b. Question asked about who stores the Northeast Regional banner.

Raffles and Drawings

- Bill Elliot won the membership attendance award.
- Marianna Dedina won the half time. \$23 was donated to the Spring Fling fund.
- Bill Murphy won the bag of chocolate.
- T-shirt was won by Richard Pilcher
- Mug was won Ed Domine. \$61 from the raffle went to the Spring Fling fund.
- Tom Diduca won the membership drawing, but was not present to win.


Good of the Order

- We will be having an auction at the January meeting. Bring in left over Christmas gifts or stuff in from the garage.
- Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Winter Solstice, Happy Kwanzaa. We hope everyone has a great, safe holiday season.
- Black Sheep is having their holiday open house on Saturday, December 10th from 12 to 6pm.

Barely Standing is playing. Food and beverages will be provided. Advanced \$2.00 off tickets for the motorcycle show at Rosemont are available.

- Larry presented the Honor Guard patch and summarized its purpose. He will be presenting it at the BOD meeting in December.
- Larry is an Amsoil dealer.

Next board meeting is December 8th, 2005
 Next membership meeting is December 28th, 2005
 Meeting Adjourned at 9:29pm.



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Outgoing Membership Director's Report

I just want to say, thank you for having me as your Membership Director for 2 ½ years. It has been a great pleasure to of been able to do something for the NW Suburban Chapter. This also opened my eyes a lot more to what we all do as an organization. Remember we represent all motorcyclists. We do a whole lot more than just fight the helmet issues.

I would again like to thank all the members who have helped me at events where the A.B.A.T.E. booth has been. Without you all this would not of been a learning and fun time. I would like to thank and congratulate Denise Runge for being our new Membership Director.

If you have a change of address, please let us know either by, email: membership@abate-il-nws.com, or mail to: NW Suburban ABATE, PO Box 441, Arlington Heights, IL 60006-0441. Below is the renewal list for December and January, if you have already renewed, thank you for your continuing support. December renewals will be mailed out shortly.

December	January
William & Cynthia Dolan	Bard Boand
Michael Garceau	Robert Gleisner
Colin Hansen	Stephen Kramer
Eric Hartman	Joe Lanckhoff
William Yates JR	Chester Lozowski
	Jon Owens
	Carol Wayman
	Dan Weegar

Good Journey
Marianna Dedina
Membership Director (past)
Northwest Suburban Chapter

Secretaries' Report

Hello everyone,

It's your silent secretary here that never writes anything for his column. So to ring in the New Year, I'll try to be a little different.

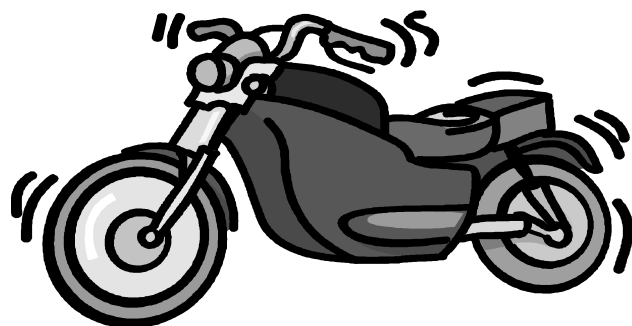
First and foremost, thank you to the chapter for re-electing me as your secretary. For the record, I enjoyed being secretary last year and look forward to this upcoming year as well. I can honestly say I've learned a lot and met a lot of great people. In addition, I've tried and am still trying to take the position to new levels wherever the opportunity arises. If anyone has any feedback whatsoever, I'm wide open to it. My email is secretary@abate-il-nws.com.

As you probably have noticed, we have a lot of new faces on the board. If you haven't had the chance to meet everyone, please stop by January's membership meeting. I'm sure I can speak for each one of us that we'd really like to meet every

member of the chapter and hear what you have to say. Only with your input does this chapter become stronger.

And lastly, thank you to last year's board for your support and guidance. It's nice to be part of an organization that helps one another out so that we all can reach a greater potential. I hope that I can be as helpful to others in this chapter as they have been to me.

Tony
Secretary



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Activities Director's Report

I would like to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Activities Director in 2006. I've made some great friends in this chapter, and it's an honor to be a part of this organization. I believe that by continuing to work together, we can make great things happen in 2006. My goal is to make this coming year's Chapter events better than ever. To accomplish this, I will need your help; such a task requires great effort and teamwork. Volunteers will be needed throughout the year in organizing the Spring Fling and Belly Buster. Everyone is welcome to volunteer and I would encourage you to do so. If cooking, decorating, security, collecting donations, etc. sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact me at activities@abate-il-nws.com or call me at (847) 202-4770. Any help would be appreciated and your input is always welcome.

At this time, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Holiday Season and a New Year of Health, Wealth and Prosperity.

Ride Safe

Steve Bush
Activities Director

*Here is someones joke for the paper,
Hope you enjoy it.*

Upon hearing that her elderly grandfather had just passed away, Katie went straight to her grandparent's house to visit her 95-year-old grandmother and comfort her.

When she asked how her grandfather had died, her grandmother replied, "He had a heart attack while we were making love on Sunday morning."

Horrified, Katie told her grandmother that 2 people nearly 100 years old making love would surely be asking for trouble.

"Oh no, my dear," replied granny. "Many years ago, realizing our advanced age, we figured out the best time to do it was when the church bells would start to ring. It was just the right rhythm. Nice and slow and even. Nothing too strenuous, simply in on the Ding and out on the Dong."

She paused to wipe away a tear, and continued, "He'd still be alive if the damn ice cream truck hadn't come along."

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