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## DuKane Chapter News

Hi DuKanners!

It's November and that means Election Time. The most local election is for DuKane A.B.A.T.E. Board positions. Once you have gone out and voted on the 6th take a little time and check out what is below.

Before you do that take a look on the following pages as a way to help you get ready for Election Day 2018 on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

**Here are the current DuKane Chapter of ABATE of Illinois Board Positions and who holds them. Nominations will be taken for positions at the DuKane ABATE Monthly Chapter Meeting on November 20th.**

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**Road Captain: VACANT**

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**Safety and Education: VACANT**

**Be at the West Chicago American Legion Post #300 on November 20th to cast your nominations.**

**You may have heard there is no wrong choice in an election.  
Actually that is incorrect.**

**The wrong choice in an election is if you chose not to vote.**

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# Events: Chris Hansen

Hello fellow DuKane ABATE Members!

Hello members! On the events side of things, I would like to thank everyone that braved the cold and participated in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Toy and Food Run and congrats to Fox River Harley-Davidson for winning both dealership trophies for donations collected and off-site registrations. Great job! Even though the cold kept attendance down this year, it was still an amazing event and so many donations were collected for needy children in our community. I applaud you all! Now, on to current events. It's that time of year, election time! There is a lot to take in right now with the elections only a few days away. There are a lot of important races going on right now that have to do with motorcyclist rights, freedoms, and safety and your voices matter. Do homework on the candidates. Where do they stand on autonomous vehicles? Where do they stand on motorcyclist profiling? Where do they stand on ethanol? Where do they stand on distracted drivers and the penalties that go with it? There is a lot to consider and it's not a party thing. Vote people, not party. Whether it's the local race for county sheriff or the race of 4 for Governor of Illinois, every race matters.

By now, I'm sure you're all aware that the A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois PAC has pulled the endorsement from Governor Rauner. This was done after he signed an executive order to open Illinois Roads to autonomous vehicles. The issue with the executive order is that the order sets up a testing program with no public scrutiny, the order only requires one safety driver, there is no definition of vehicle class or size, there is no requirement for data or a demonstration that the sensors on a vehicle function well enough to safely operate on the roads, and other things. I'd like to make one very important point about all of this. Nowhere did A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois PAC say that you can't or shouldn't vote for Governor Rauner, or anyone else for that matter. They also didn't take away his A grade. The endorsement list and voter guide from A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois PAC is just that - A guide. You as citizens of Illinois have your rights to vote for whomever you want. A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois encourages you to do so and encourages your freedom to choose as that's what we fight for, your freedoms.

I encourage all of you to make your plans to get to the polls and cast your vote, to be a voice, to make a difference, and to help make Illinois an even better place for motorcyclists and their freedoms!

Until Next Time,

Chris Hansen

DuKane ABATE Events Officer



# A Few Words from Joe and Linda Barnes

Your Vice President and Independent Rep.

Please remember that we have a right to vote and that not voting is not an option. Linda and I recently watched an episode of Madam Secretary that played in time for the elections and to remind the viewers to get out and vote. Without going into a lot of details about the episode one of the characters was upset that a candidate that they had believed in and even worked on their campaign had changed a piece of their platform. The character was not going to vote at all. The main character (Secretary of State) reminded her adult daughter that our democracy is flawed and people are not perfect. It is our job to make the best choice, but not voting is not a choice.

The producer, director, writer and characters did an amazing job with this episode. Linda and I are grateful for our rights and try to do our best to defend them. This episode was a wakeup call and I went as far as to share the clip on Facebook because sometimes people need a push to act. At least the clip was positive and not a negative commercial.

Please remember that ABATE is “A Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education.” We are a grass roots lobbyist group, but also offer training to schools. Recently I saw Facebook postings by individuals claiming that they were not renewing their membership in ABATE because of the recent announcement by State PAC. I’m writing to all that this thinking is wrong and if you did write or think of cancelling your membership please think about the value that we do add especially in the schools and without funding (membership fees) we cannot offer that training and education. State PAC is a committee of elected ABATE members that works statewide to raise funds for statewide offices. ABATE PAC is ABATE of Illinois’ State Level Political Action Committee. They make campaign contributions to candidates who support the views of Illinois motorcyclists. From the ABATE of Illinois’ State Level Political Action Committee webpage, “In years when state level elections are being held, money spent purchasing fundraiser tickets for those in uncontested races is very limited. In election years, we turn our focus on the campaigns of our friends in contested races. In election years ABATE PAC money is primarily spent purchasing tickets to campaign fundraisers, making direct cash contributions and producing the following materials: voters guides, mailings, bumper stickers and other campaign materials. Please drop by a meeting to discuss the actions of ABATE’s State PAC with your board members. If you can’t make a meeting please reach out to myself or Linda so that we can communicate your concerns to the DuKane board.

Next, we’d like to talk about the upcoming DuKane ABATE elections and getting involved. This past year has been a bit challenging for us personally and we are ready to end 2018 and start 2019. 2018 was my first year serving as Vice President and I’d like continue as your Vice President. I believe that the first year is your initiation and time for learning the ropes. I’ll stop here and give more details in the next newsletter about why I’d like to be your Vice President in 2019-2020.

# Legislative News: Amanda Gotte

## STATEMENT FROM ABATE PAC CHAIRMAN MIKE FISCHER:

ABATE of Illinois Political Action Committee is disappointed in Governor Rauner signing an executive order opening Illinois roads to autonomous vehicles with no safeguards. It has been our policy when working with elected officials on issues to hear what they say, but see what they do.

We believe that the Governor's actions are a serious departure from discussions and intentions communicated to our committee, and represent a danger to the lives of motorcyclists on Illinois roadways.

For these reasons ABATE of Illinois PAC is removing our endorsement from Governor Rauner's re-election campaign. ABATE is an independent organization representing Motorcyclists in Illinois, and we hope that by removing this endorsement other elected officials realize how seriously we take the issue of autonomous vehicles on Illinois roadways.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REACH OUT TO ME - 815-757-1410, Alreising.24@gmail.com, MIKE FISCHER - 618-357-1399, swabatepac@gmail.com, or NEAL TOEPHER - 815-297-5819, abatepac@comcast.net

## EDITORS NOTE:

For the most up to the minute changes check the [DuKane A.B.A.T.E. Facebook page](#) or the [A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Facebook page](#)

For prior endorsements check your State Newsletter.

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