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In 2019 is a new start for a new year of riding freedoms! We had successes such as revising the gang ordinances and replacing it with motorcyclist's rights to move freely with the small havens up north. We have had disappointments such as the Governor signing an Executive Order allowing more perks for Autonomous Vehicles. Our fights are not dormant. Every day our Legislative Coordinator Josh Witkowski keeps his ear to the ground to make sure that nothing slips thru the cracks. But this does not mean we sit placidly by and let him do all the work while we ignore the small issues that could get bigger around us! We must in the year 2019 be vigilant with protecting our Motorcycle Rights!



2019 will also bring significant changes. We have a new Governor, new Senators, and new Representatives that we must forge new relationships with. There will be Helmet Laws sponsored this I can guarantee. Our Accent Light bill may be challenged if we try to add Blue and Red lights as part of your decision to accent your bike. Even sound ordinances will again raise its ugly head and start to target motorcycles with their unprovable testing.

But this coming year is not all doom and gloom. It is a year for new challenges, new political friendships and new members! We all must do our part to make sure that the communities we live in shows respect and the roads we ride on remain free!

I also want to make you aware that we do need new members and expired members to return. If you have a friend that you know let their membership expire, help us by bringing them back! And, I am hoping that all DuKane Chapter members bring in one new freedom fighter to join our ranks! This will guarantee our roster and show the lawmakers that may go head to head with us, that we are powerful because we are united to keep our freedoms and rights!

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Vice President: Joe Barnes

A Bit from the “ViP”

I'm back for another term as Vice President and ready to roll up my sleeves and get rolling and bowling. I'm not going to steal our event coordinator's thunder about the upcoming ABC bowling event on March 24th (see Chris' article and the event flyer), but I do want to invite anyone that is interested in hanging out with bikers on a Sunday evening to come watch, substitute or open bowl with the Hog Wild League. We bowl every Sunday (except Feb 2/3) 6:30pm at the Brunswick Zone in Glendale Heights. We finish on March 10th.



I'd also like to recap the results of our December 2018 elections for the 2019/2020 years. DuKane board members serve two year terms. We have the following incumbents returning Joe Barnes (Vice President), Tina Hejnar (Treasurer), Amanda Gotte (Legislative Coordinator) and Linda Barnes (stepping into Public Relations position from Independent Rep). We are also welcoming John Bloch (Independent Rep) back to the board. Some of you may remember that John had previously served the DuKane board as our President and other positions. And last but not least, we have appointed Amy Nelson (Secretary) to finish the 2019 term. The Membership position was not filled this election, however the board has accepted the appointment of Linda Barnes and Amy Nelson to fulfill the duties. If you would like to volunteer on the board or have election questions please contact Judy Kaenel our President at 630-669-2588 / dukanepresident@aol.com

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers for their service in 2018, and especially thank Patty and Greg Smith for their past service on the DuKane board.

DuKane is also very proud of our President, Kaenel, as she was appointed Chairman of By Law Review committee for Illinois ABATE. And kudos to Amanda Gotte and Chris Hansen appointed to the State PAC for the Northeast Region. I'm also looking forward to attending the State Seminar later this month and learning more about what the board can be doing to help with our motorcycle right fight, involving our members and better ways to enhance the chapter. If you'd like to get more involved, please give me a call or shoot me a note. 630-251-4565 / joseph.barnes@att.net

Since I'm married to the Public Relations officer I'll save space in the newsletter and give a quick update on what she is working on (with her permission). In 2019, DuKane's board is looking to enhance communications with chapter members and to solicit feedback from the members on the best tools to use (e-mails, text messaging, which social media outlet). Linda also suggested to the board that each board position write up a simple job description and give the chapter some ideas of what their role is and what they are working on 2019. Please look for this information in the February newsletter and general meeting on February 19th.

Ready to Ride,
Joe Barnes



Events: Chris Hansen

Happy New Year fellow DuKane ABATE Members!

2019 is here and that means new year, new goals, new faces. Not only do we have new faces and challenges in Springfield, but we have new faces to the DuKane ABATE BOD. I'd like to welcome Amy Nelson and John Bloch to the board. Also, a big thank you to Greg and Patty Smith for their time on the board and all of the hard work they've done over the years.

Now, as we forge ahead into 2019, I'm pleased to announce that the A.B.C. – ABATE Bowling Classic is back!! We have changed it up a bit this year as it will be SUNDAY March 24th at 4pm. That's right. No more bowling until 1am! HAHA. It will again be at the Brunswick Zone in Glendale Heights and the winners will be able to win prizes, including 2 hour of service work from the Toy Run & Motolounge in Arlington Heights! \$15.00 will get you two games of bowling, including shoes, and for an extra \$10.00, you can get into our 9 Pin-No-Tap Tournament. Make sure you have this family friendly fun afternoon of bowling on your calendars. A big thank you to Joe and Linda Barnes for their assistance on this event!

In other news, if you weren't aware, 2018 was the last year of the Toy and Food Run ending at the VFW in Batavia. They are under new ownership and we will all be going in a different direction. Judy and I are working vigorously to find a new destination, and we've cast a wide net of potential destinations that we will be looking into. I will do my best to keep everyone informed of the changes going forward, but rest assured that the 33rd Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run WILL happen this October!

I look forward to being your Events Coordinator for the 2nd year of my term and continuing to bring our events to this awesome chapter!

Until Next Time,

Chris Hansen



2ND ANNUAL
ABC
A.B.A.T.E. BOWLING CLASSIC

**MARCH
24TH
4PM START**

Brunswick Zone
IN GLENDALE HEIGHTS

**\$15 GETS YOU
2 GAMES W/ SHOES**

**AN EXTRA \$10 GETS YOU IN A
9 PIN-NO-TAP TOURNAMENT**

2 HOURS OF SERVICE WORK

DONATED BY

The Toy Shop

**\$100 CASH PRIZE
(MINIMUM)**

**ALL PROCEEDS
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DuKane Downed Rider Fund



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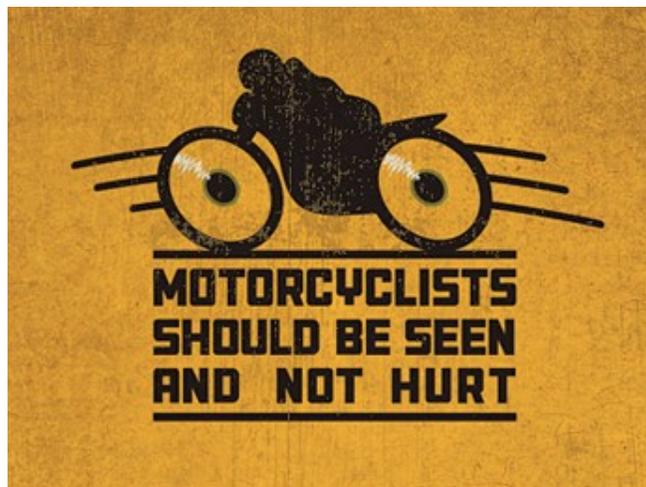
**FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE!
BRING SOME FRIENDS AND LET'S
HAVE SOME FUN FOR A GREAT CAUSE**

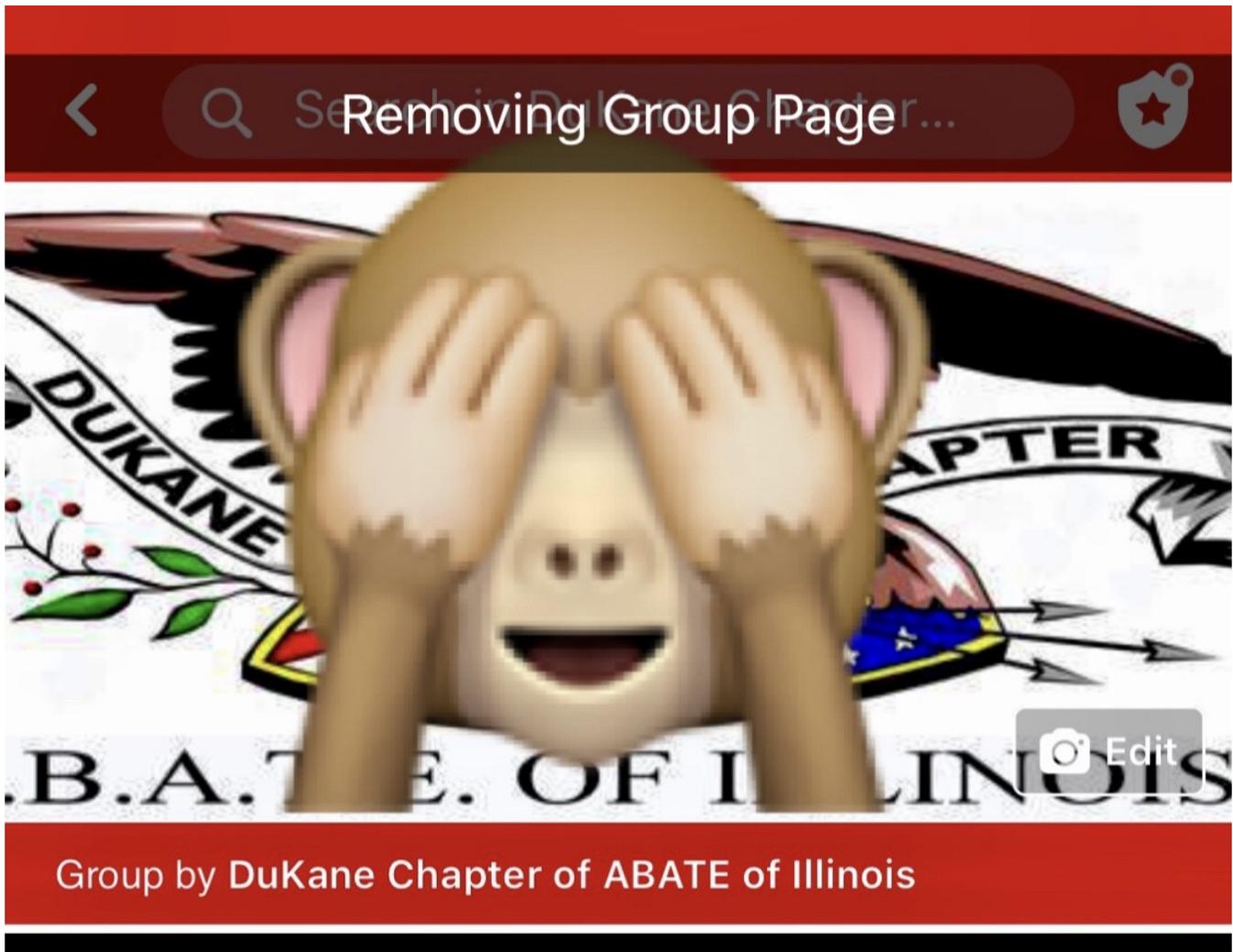
Kley Abel: State BOD Representative

Not a whole lot of activity to really “write home to mom about” again this time. Legislative day this year is March 6th, new officers were voted in for the next E-Board – they’ll be listed in an upcoming state paper. Also seated were ABATE PAC trustees as well as FedPAC trustees. Our supreme commander – Judy - was nominated and seated as the Bylaw review committee chair as well. Josh had a little bit to say from a legislative standpoint, however, I don’t want to steal any of Amanda’s thunder, so I’ll let her report on that. For those of you that are on Facebook, and if you’re connected to the ABATE of IL page (the state page – separate from the DuKane page) if you have anything to say, please keep it constructive and not turn it into a bitch session. There’s been an increase in the amount of BS going up on the page, and they’d pretty much prefer to NOT have to go back to moderating it again. Safety & Ed reported that state-wide we had 111 crashes and 116 fatalities last year – while these numbers sound like a lot, overall they’re down 28% from 2017. Unfortunately as of the December BoD meeting, he didn’t have the breakdown by county yet.



The state website is undergoing a total revamp – this time with an all new look and feel, and will be modernized to “play well” with all the search engines – Google, Yahoo, etc. as well as have all the ties to the major social media outlets – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and the likes. The individual chapter pages will again come available for those that don’t have anything right now, or are just using Facebook as their link. In doing so, the chapter pages will have a more cohesive look – very similar to the main state website. Also, a MUCH better products shopping site and online membership renewal pages will be available. You may ask, why does the website need to be “re-done” again? In it’s simplest terms, nowadays, most websites like ours really should have a consistent look and feel throughout – doing so makes it easier to navigate around and also find things when those few folks actually DO go to the ABATE of IL website. Also, by optimizing it to work better with Google, Yahoo, etc. as well as integrating social media, all help bring it into modernity - something the state organization REALLY needs in order to start being “relevant” if we want to try and start attracting younger riders (and I’m not JUST talking about courting the crotch-rocket riders). It’s also needed because, if anyone’s ever put a web page up, it really CAN become (or at least feel like) it’s a full time job to maintain it – particularly if there’s a good stream of updates and changes to it. Having a contracted individual to do all these edits and changes, takes a lot off our plates, so all we end up having to do is just “feed” him the content for the site, and he takes care of the rest.





DuKane Chapter of ABATE is consolidating all posts, notices and events to one FB Page.

Please follow the link below to the official page:

<https://www.facebook.com/DuKaneChapter/>

There are tons of photos on this old group page. We are making every effort to preserve them and are making decisions on where to store them. They may not be available publicly. Please check out the photos and save them to your personal devices or computers.

On 1/31/19 this group page (RED Banner) will be removed. If you are a member of this page and have not liked our other page, please do so soon. <https://www.facebook.com/DuKaneChapter/>

Public Relations: Linda Barnes

Memories are important, and as we enter the New Year lets take a look back to 2010 and some memorable pics. There are some of photos on our "group" Facebook page.



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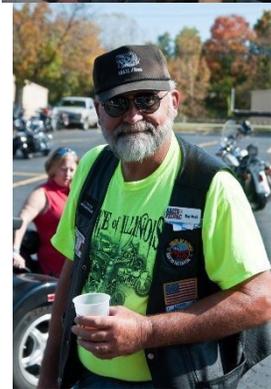
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Thanks for reading,
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About the Toy and Food Run

Something Worth Sharing

On January 8th Chris Hansen and Joe Barnes presented Fox River Harley-Davidson with the coveted cups! Fox River HD and their Fox RiverHog chapter donated the most items and registered the most riders for the DuKane ABATE 32nd Annual Toy and Food Run. Thanks to all!



It's not too early to start thinking about this year.

A note from the Editor

Hi all,

Did you ever think about what profiling can be? Not just local law enforcement taking an extra bit of interest, but in a more day to day setting? How about in the grocery store? You know, the one you go in 2,3 or 4 times a week.

It was November and we had been involved in a local Toys for Tots event. As the day went on we realized our original dinner plans were not going to work. So I dropped my wife off at home and went on to the grocery store to pick up a few things we needed to throw together a fast dinner.



I will admit I was wearing a leather jacket with a vest over it. The vest has a fair number of patches on in it. The majority are from various rides we participate in. All of those are for various charities. A few are of a more humorous nature, "Don't Follow Me, I'm Lost" is one of my favorites. On the yoke is a group of patches in support of Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, POWs and MIA. Nothing controversial or insulting.

So, I walked in the store and before I got across the Produce area I had 2 guys walk over and ask if I needed help. That was a first. I said thanks and no, I just needed to get a couple things. Another 30 feet to the dairy cooler to get cheese and another male employee comes over to help me. I let him know I was having a problem deciding to get cheddar or swiss for my lunches the next week. He laughed and left.

I turned around and walked into the bread aisle. As I pondered rye or sourdough I had stock people, oddly both older males, come in and start to straighten up the aisle I was in. Sourdough in hand I went to the back corner of the store to get a couple pork chops. I managed to complete the task without any offers of help.

As I walked to the checkout the Manager was coming towards me and asked if I had any problems finding what I was looking for. Now, I will admit that was absolutely normal for this store. His walking to the front behind me and the male, 4 guys, presence near the ends of aisles was not.

The lady at the checkout recognized me and asked what was up. When I told her we were out at a Toys for Tots event that ran late. We joked about the cold and being on the bike. The Manager, who oddly was right there, said that was a good cause and made a couple other remarks before heading back up the center aisle as the stock crew disbursed as well.

I told someone my tale to laugh about it. They looked at me and said it sounded like profiling to them. I had to think about that. Merriam-Webster says profiling is the act of suspecting or targeting a person on the basis of observed characteristics or behavior.

Well I'll be damned. At least by some. Will you? Have you?

Ride safe and I hope to see you on the road.

Mike Nicholson
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Some of us are still out there.

**START SEEING
MOTORCYCLES**

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