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February Meeting

Beulah Brinton Community Center

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Monday, February 20, 2012, 7:00 pm

Changing Gears

Greetings from your new President and Board!

The transition from the 2011 to the 2012 Bay View Bike Club (BVBC) Board of Directors occurred at the November, 2011 Board meeting. Board members who served during 2011 and are leaving the Board include Mike Dix, Guadalupe Mittlstaedt, Linda Roessl, Mark Sandler, and Debra T. Thanks to all the 2011 Board members for their service to the Club that contributed to a successful and enjoyable biking season!

The open 2012 positions are being filled by new Board members Bob Tillen (Vice President), MaryJo Schwabe (Membership), Tom Perkins (Classic), and Dan Krall (Social). Norm Wojtal has extended his term and will continue as Treasurer; Kent Kelly will do double-duty as both Ride Chairperson and Newsletter Editor; and Bob Klein will be Secretary. The 2012 Board will be a mix of both long-term members and relatively new members, a good combination that'll bring a new perspective and new ideas to the Club!

As we near the end of 2011, it's fun to review some of the amazing accomplishments of the Club and its members during the past biking season:

Club Accomplishments

Club membership increased

GIG (Get in Gear) rides were revived

Tuesday morning rides were added

Classic registration exceeded 500 riders

Updated BVBC info in Cupertino Park kiosk

Member Accomplishments

- Joined BVBC and met fellow bikers
- Got in shape and/or lost weight
- Rode first century (100-mile ride)
- Rode cross-country
- Rode in a multi-day bike trip

My goals for 2012 include holding Board meetings via teleconference (Skype), streamlining the Classic processes, and raising awareness in the community of Wisconsin's 3-foot law (Wisc Stat 346.075). Also, knowing how to change a flat tire is important for every biker, so I would like to develop a Club program that would reward members for demonstrating that skill.

Your participation during 2012 will help the Club thrive and it's also a great way to meet other members! I encourage you to attend membership meetings; ride with the Club; make guests and new members feel welcome; be a ride leader; help with the Classic, Expo, and other activities; host a picnic ride; and attend Club social events.

Looking forward to the 2012 biking season!

Clare B.

Keep the Club Rolling

Ride Chair, Ride

Although the weather's become blustery and colder with the premonition of the snow and ice to come, we've turned our minds to the warmth of next riding season. We're working on the schedule; reviewing routes for corrections, changes or dropping. Please send ideas and/or suggestions to rides@bayviewbikeclub.org.

I kept the Ride Chair position for the 2012 season because I enjoy it. It is not a position for a solo effort however so "we" are me and the two people I've recruited to be a part of the Ride Chair planning, review, on-the-ground route checking portion. The cue sheets, map work, ride packets, ride leaders, communications, etc. are mine.

Gil Krueger and Linda Roessl have agreed to be a part of the "brain trust". I count on them and trust them because of their long history with the

The V-P Station

Bob Tillen here.

I ride my bike because I want to be healthy and active. I have several very specific reasons. One is I would like to not become a diabetic or at least to control my blood sugar simply through exercise and proper nutrition. Another reason I ride is that I have ADHD and putting on miles helps control the negative symptoms. Simply put I ride because I believe I have to in order to maintain my sanity and my health.

I joined the Board and took the vice-presidency for another simple reason. After having been hit by a car (on 68th St. just north of the Hank Aaron Trail) on my bike in late October I was thinking about what I could do to change things in Milwaukee County, Waukesha County, and Southeastern Wisconsin in general to make it safer for everyone. I didn't exactly have a plan but I thought if I became more involved in the club I would make some contacts in that direction. My hope is that there is a way to have safer bicycle lanes not everywhere but in certain spots where there is higher bicycle traffic.

I'm also working on lining up speakers for our meetings. If you have any ideas, topics, or someone you'd like to hear speak, please email me (vp@bayviewbikeclub.org). Stay tuned.

club; their knowledge and experience of the Club's routes; their awareness of the difference between a route for solo riding and a route for a group; and their willingness to speak their mind among other reasons.

We'll have the 2012 schedule ready for our February meeting. Between now and the April start of our full season, we have the Polar Bear Ride on January 1, the Sweetheart Ride on February 11 or 18, and St Paddy's Ride on March 17 or 18. Watch your e-mail or check our website for details as the dates get closer.

It's not a ride until ridden. See you there.

Kent Kelly

See And Be Scene

Here's what happened:

We went to the Rail Station in Saukville for the November bike club social event. There were well over one hundred in attendance and some of them were bike club members.

Dinner was an "All you care to eat broasted chicken dinner with mashed potatoes, and other fixings" and it turned out to be very very tasty. That was followed by Three comedians, not all at once goofy. The first guy was ok, he had a few good lines and several groaners and some "I can't believe he said that!". He was early in his comedy career and late in his police career (he is retired). The next guy had a lot of laugh and applause for a series of good jokes. Then the headliner, Will Durst, appeared and kept the audience, us, entertained for almost an hour. It was a funny show and there was a lot of political commentary in his presentation. It was very easy to discern the leaning of the audience by the silence from one side and cheering from the other and vice versa. The grand finale for me was having the comedian acknowledge the Bay View Bike Club's attendance at the show. Yay!! We had fun socializing and laughing. Anyone who wasn't there missed a good time. Hope to see you at the next social event!

Here's what is planning to happen:

January 1st we will go either by bike (The annual New Years Day Ride) or by car to watch the people crazy enough to go into Lake Michigan at Noon. Meet at the south end of the beach. After the splash we will meet the bikers at Sven's (subject to change) for a warm up.

January 6th we will meet at Miss Katie's Diner at 6:30 PM for dinner, have some food and continue on to The Coffee House on 19th & Wisconsin Avenue to listen to music. Call Al Burrill at 414-327-3257 by Wednesday January 4th to reserve a seat at the Diner and at the Coffee house. We expect a good turnout because the outing will include the Bay View Bike Club and the Nordic Ski Club. Park on 19th Street so you don't have to move your car. The plan is to have more club outings: a play or movie and dinner or perhaps a billiards tournament.

Please let me know if you have any ideas, suggestions or preferences (social@bayviewbikeclub.org).

Dan Krall

Out-going Membership Chair

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Membership Chair for the past four years. It was a great opportunity for me to get to know many more of the members than I would have had otherwise. I would like to welcome MaryJo Schwabe to the board and to the position of Membership Chair. I trust she will enjoy the position as much as I did. Please keep her informed of any changes in your email address.

Thank you

Debra

In-coming Membership Chair

I started riding recreationally a few years ago with a friend of mine. We both had hybrid bikes and rode mainly on the local trails. Last winter some friends of mine and I started talking about riding outside together in the spring. We all tramped off to the Expo sale in March and spent a bunch of money :) We got some information on group rides and bike clubs as well. Thinking that I might get bored with the trails, I started looking at the info I had picked up about the local clubs. I found a couple that rode in my area and decided to join BVBC. When I went on my first ride with the BVBC, I was so impressed!! The club was by far

the friendliest group of people I had ever encountered!!! I felt so welcome. I started to ride most weekend days and each ride, had a great time!

So, my riding just progressed from there. My friends and I were still riding our hybrid bikes and by mid summer were now riding 25-40 mile distances a couple times a week. In late Sept., I broke down and spent the money on a new road bike. I had a wonderful summer riding mainly with the BVBC and am very excited to get back out there in the spring.

I have now taken on the role of Membership Chair for the club. When you renew your membership for next year, you will be hearing from me. Also, if you are not a member yet and reading this, please feel free to email membership-info@bayviewbikeclub.org with any questions you may have about membership in our club.

MaryJo Schwabe

What Do You Hear?

Welcome back, my friends. I'll be your Newsletter Editor for another year. Your article submissions last year really helped so I'm counting on you this year as well. Anything related to biking is fair game: news, hints, tips, personal experiences, photos (with captions please), or ideas for photos. If you can work in a bicycle angle, send it to: newsletter@bayviewbikeclub.org. I can deal with almost any format you use.

As editor, I claim the right to edit as I see fit. Most usually that's a very light hand so don't hesitate to submit something for publication.

The next Newsletter will be in February 2012. The article deadline is February 10, 2012. Thanks.

Kent Kelly

It's A Classic

Hi Bay View Bicycle Club members. I recently volunteered to co-chair the Classic ride in July. I am fairly new to the club, having only joined about fifteen months ago. However, this past year I was active in the club rides. My reason for volunteering to administrate the Classic ride was just plain guilt. I benefited greatly from all the club rides I did this past summer and figured it was time to put something back into the club.

I asked Mike Dix to co-chair with me because I will need help from the more experienced members to steer me to what needs to be done. However, I will try to do the bulk of the work just because long time members like Mike have already paid their dues on the board. Further, if I get hit from behind by a car this summer while biking there will be somebody in place ready and able to take over the Classic.

Last year I was a Classic volunteer at the Palmyra rest stop and the week before I did the bulk of the classic sentry ride as a club ride. Fortunately, this has given me a good over view of what happens at the Classic.

The Classic is still eight months away, however the planning has already started. We have contacted the Oconomowoc church to again reserve that facility for the ride start and finish. I have looked into the ordinances of Ottawa Township prohibiting the making of their roads with Classic directional arrows. We need to know the boundaries of this township so as not to get ticketed for marking on them. And lastly, we are reviewing and contracting for an ad to be placed in the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin 2012 Ride Guide.

Hope you will consider volunteering to work at the Classic ride. I did and had a good time at the Palmyra rest stop. I know you will too.

Tom Perkins

Rider Points

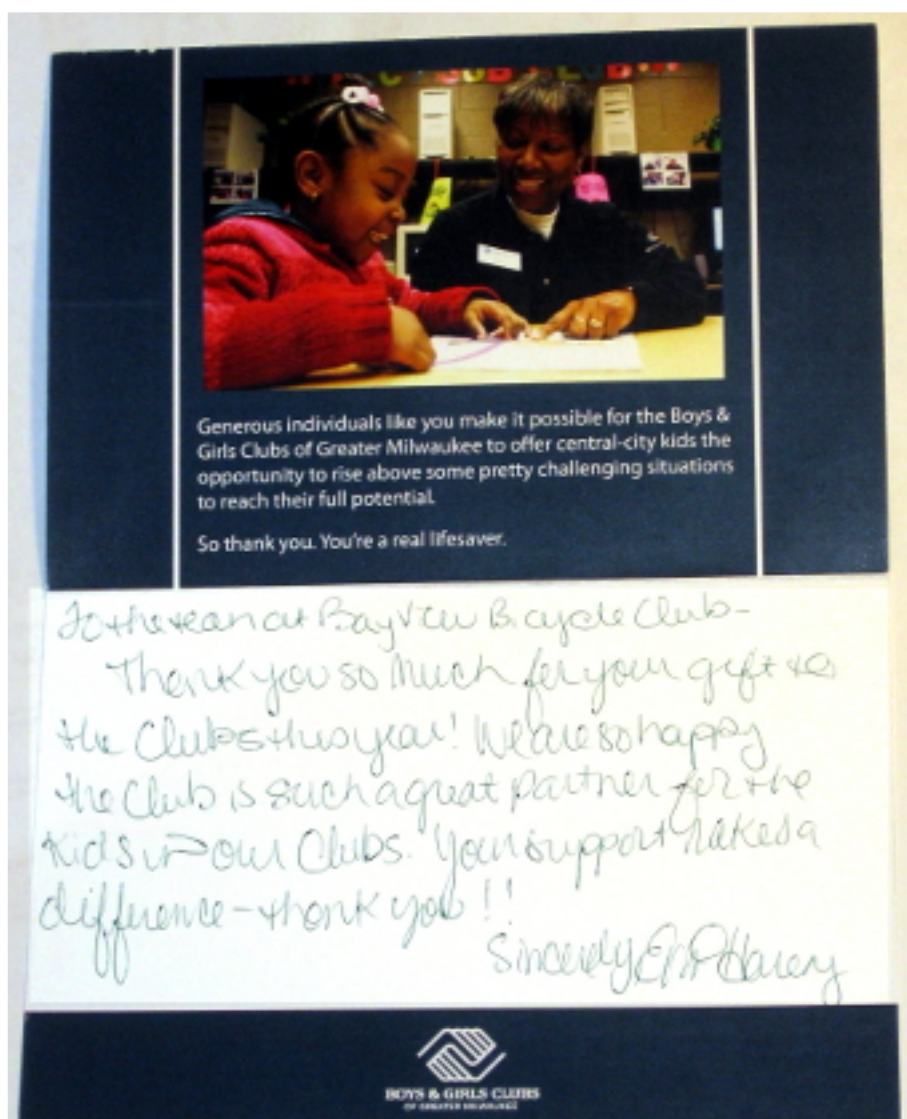
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The journey of life is like a man riding a bicycle. We know he got on the bicycle and started to move. We know that at some point he will stop and get off. We know that if he stops moving and does not get off he will fall off.

~ William G. Golding (English Novelist and Poet. Nobel Prize in Literature, 1983.)



Ride Schedule

Rides will probably start at 11:00am. Check your e-mail or Club website.

January 1, 2012

Polar Bear Ride - 15 miles - Kick-off ride to watch the crazies jump in Lake Michigan at Bradford Beach, easy ride but cold. Starts at South Shore Park in Bay View. Take I-94 exit at Becher St. Go east on Becher to E. Bay St. Veer right on E. Bay St., follow it around to Russell Ave. Turn left on Russell to Superior. Turn right on Superior to Estes St. Turn on left on Estes and right on South Shore Dr. Consult a map for more details.

February 11, 2012 (weather alternate: Feb 18, 2012)

Sweetheart Ride - 10 miles - Celebrate Valentines Day with a ride for coffee (or a mocha, latte, capuchino grande, whatever). Ride starts at FIXX Coffee House (3558 E Sivyver Ave) in St Francis. Take Oklahoma east to Superior St / Lake Dr; drive south to Packard Ave; stay south to Sivyver Ave. Turn right to the coffee house. If you miss Packard, turn right on Howard then right on Packard and left on Sivyver.

March 17 or 18, 2012

St. Paddy's Ride - 16 miles - It is St. Patricks Day so help us spin those snakes out of town then stop for a snack or meal or something afterwards. Starts at the parking lot behind the Pantheon Restaurant on SW corner of 76th and Rawson.