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Welcome Chrome Divas! A message from your National Director



One of the most important aspects of the Chrome Divas is the dedication and support we show to our communities. We are committed to making meaning in our lives and the lives of those around us.

It has been a wonderful year for the Chrome Diva organization and chapters beginning with the first National Chrome Diva Board meeting in Daytona Beach, Florida. We had fun, yes, but for the first time in 15 years we were face to face with the other National Board members and spent 3 days going over your responses to surveys and listening to your feedback to work towards making this organization what you, the members, want it to be.



I am proud to call myself a Chrome Diva and I am proud of all of you.

I am here to listen to you, so feel free to contact me any time. Facebook, email, phone, I **want** to hear from you!

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## Year in Review NE Chrome Diva Chapters

## CORTLAND CHROME DIVAS 2017 'YEAR IN REVIEW'



<u>Membership:</u> Current membership: 15 New Members that joined in 2017: 4 Current DIWs/DIT's: 0

In February, members from the Cortland Chrome Divas attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ne Region Winter Retreat.

In April, the Cortland Chrome Divas sponsored a Chicken BBQ to benefit for Cortland County Aid to Victims of Violence, the Sons of Sam MC Steak Bake, and the St. Jude Benefit.

In May, members from the Cortland Chrome Divas attended the Ride for Autism





Members from the Cortland Chrome Divas also took on an 'Ice Cream' road trip

In June, members from the Cortland Chrome Divas attended the Annual Bordoni Memorial Ride



The Annual Stump Run



Thousand Islands River Run Bike Week in Alexandria Bay with members from the Watertown Chrome Divas and the Rochester Chrome Divas





In July, members from the Cortland Chrome Divas attended a 'Ride for Dio' event.



In August, The Cortland Chrome Divas hosted the August Meet-N-Greet for the NE Region Chapters. Members from Rochester and Watertown attended the Meet-N-Greet



Attended the Watertown Chrome Divas 10<sup>th</sup> Annual "Ta Ta" Run for Breast Cancer



In September, the Cortland Chrome Divas adopted a section of State Route 281 Highway in Preble, New York



Members from the Cortland Chrome Divas also attended the Rochester Chrome Divas Scavenger Hunt to benefit CMT6 Research.



In October, the Cortland Chrome Divas sponsored a spaghetti dinner to benefit to the Cortland County "Model for Moms" program providing financial assistance and moral support to single Moms.

Members from the Cortland Chrome Divas attended the Annual "Memorial Ride to Remember Rich Trinkle, Eric Mestler, and Carolyn Carey"



In November, members from the Cortland Chrome Divas attended the Sons of Sam MC Toys for Tots Benefit



Members from the Cortland Chrome Divas attended the Benefit for Ricky and Rachel who were Motorcycle Accident survivors

In December, the Cortland Chrome Divas held their Christmas Party on 12/9/2017





ROCHESTER CHROME DIVAS 2017 'YEAR IN REVIEW'



#### Membership:

Current membership: Carla Betlem, Deb Kushner, Debra Ferrara, Deb Faro, Anita Marrapese, Deana Cedar, Lainey Wilcox, Kathy LeClair, Amy Dodge, Amy Gasper, Shelly Moyer

New Members whom joined in 2017: Lainey Wilcox, Kathy LeClair, Amy Dodge, Amy Gasper, Shelly Moyer

Current DIWs: 0

#### **JANUARY**

Breakfast and Day of Empowering Women/Holiday Inn-Downtown (Rochester) Growing Up Harley - Jean Davidson / Strong-Museum-Of-Play Abate Swap Meet at Hilton exempt

#### **FEBRUARY**

Syracuse Cycle Expo Brotherhood Annual Winter Sucks party at Pineapple Jacks The Great Escape Room (Third Sunday Diva Day)

#### **MARCH**

Euchre Day-Hilton Exempt Club (Third Sunday Diva Day) Ladderman MC Winter Party (McGinny's)

#### APRIL

Motorcycle Parts Swap Meet, Canandaigua Civic Center New Breed Spring Bash Coupe De Villes at Murph's-Divas & Dudes, fun night out

#### MAY

Bike Night at Heintzelmans BBQ Pit, Ontario, NY ABATE Bike Blessing at Romig's Niagara Falls Motorcycle Run BACA (Bikers against Child Abuse) Poker Run (Legion in Henrietta, NY) Widow Sons Spring Fling-6th Annual

#### <u>JUNE</u>

Spring PJ Ride-Ithaca, NY-Ithaca Festival Spring Craft Show & Parade Festival Fifth Annual Heroes Run Veteran's Outreach Flag Sale (Hegedorns, Webster) Couple de'Villes at the Italian American Community Center-Divas & Dudes, fun night out Punisher's Dice Run at Moose Lodge, West Henrietta Rd Thousand Island River Run, Alexandria Bay-Divas & Dudes Zoo Brew at Seneca Park Zoo Ride to Ellicottville (check out Lodge for PJ Ride)-Ride & Lunch Keenan's Restaurant-Saying Goodbye (former RCD meeting location) Wednesday Bike Nights at 585 Rocking Burger Bar, Bands at Barnard and/or Heintzelmans BBQ-Divas & Dudes, fun night out

#### <u>JULY</u>

Roar on the Shore, Erie, PA-Divas & Dudes Ottawa Chapter Divas Meet and Greet Macedon Log Cabin-Diva Ride & Dinner Loon Lake-Ride & Lunch Wednesday Bike Nights at 585 Rocking Burger Bar, Bands at Barnard and/or Heintzelmans BBQ-Divas & Dudes, fun night out

#### **AUGUST**

Wounded Warrior Concert Harv's Harley Davidson's Third Thursdays (Kid Kurry Band) Blue Devil Riders Dice Run Diva Day Pool Party (Member's House)-Diva Ride & Lunch Ta-Ta Run-10<sup>th</sup> Annual, Watertown Chrome Divas Romig's Tavern (RCD Meet & Greet) CMT6 Scavenger Hunt (Ride the Route) Wednesday Bike Nights at 585 Rocking Burger Bar, Bands at Barnard and/or Heintzelmans BBQ Bands at Park Point, Henrietta NY



#### <u>SEPTEMBER</u>

CMT6 Scavenger Hunt (Ride the Route-again) CMT6 Scavenger Hunt, Fundraiser (approx \$12,000)

Ladderman MC Poker Run (Genesee Brewery) Fall PJ Ride to Ellicottville for Rock and Roll Weekend Bastards MC Sausage Roast at Clubhouse Naples Grape Festival Nuts & Bolts Improv Comedy Hilton Apple Festival Ride to AppleUmpkin Festival-Diva Ride & Lunch





#### **OCTOBER**

RCD Oct Meeting (GiGi's Restaurant) National Members-Dani & Jodi present-RCD chapter announcement/splitting of the chapter Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk Celebrating Reincarnation-RCD meeting (Genesee Brewery) RCD 2018 Board Nomination Meeting/Submittal (Review Bylaws: National & RCD) Heintzelmans First Annual Bike Run-Divas & Dudes, fun day out

#### **NOVEMBER**

RCD Meeting-Vote for 2018 Board (Bella Pasta) Annie Play at Kodak Theatre Pampered Chef Party

#### **DECEMBER**

RCD Holiday Party (Installation of Board Members) Pricilla House for Outreach Center-received Donations / Collections to support Veterans Salvation Army Bell Ringing (Marketplace Mall)-Red Kettle Campaign





#### PICTURES FROM EVENTS:



































## WATERTOWN CHROME DIVAS 2017 'YEAR IN REVIEW'



Membership: Current membership: 10 New Members that joined in 2017: 4 Current DIWs: 2

In February Jodie, Danielle, Ann, Erin, Hooker, Deb G., Deb L., Wendy and Kim attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NE Region Chrome Divas Winter Retreat In Cayuga, NY.





Jodie & Danielle attended the ride calendar meeting at FX Caprara Harley-Davidson. This ride calendar meeting was for all clubs / organizations who planned to start or end at FX Caprara Harley-Davidson

Jodie, Danielle, Ann, and Annette attended the Black River ALR Chicken BBQ.

In March, Danielle, Ann, Jodie & Annette attended the Black River American Legion Riders annual "Meet-N-Greet" Ride Calendar meeting and Chicken BBQ.

In April, Ann, Danielle, Danielle's daughter & son, Jodie, Sarah, Deb. G., Deb L., Hooker, Wendy, Annette, and Annette's sister attended the BOB's Annual Adult Bingo Charity event at Maggie's on the River. We won an Easter egg full of candy for bringing the most people ©



Erin & her husband Jody and Kimmie and her husband Bomber attended the Cortland Chrome Divas Chicken BBQ on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at Easy Street Tavern, Cortland NY. Proceeds benefited the Cortland County Victims of Violence

In May, Jodie, Dani, Ann, Wendy, Sarah Monroe, Deb Launt, Hooker, Neal & Jodie's grandson attended the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Breast Cancer Walk in Gouverneur and presented the \$500 check during opening ceremonies to the Gouverneur Breast Cancer fund for the National Chrome Divas "Race for a Charity" Facebook contest that the Watertown Chapter won







Ann, Sarah Monroe, Wendy & Deb Launt met up with the ALR after the Breast Cancer Walk and joined them for their pre-ride for their Ride for the Mission run on 6/3

Deb Gillette participated in building the new children's playground at Thompson Park

Diva Ride Night to Tugger's & Ann's Birthday Celebration





In June, Diva Ride Night – We rode to the 2<sup>nd</sup> stop for the Ta Ta Run; the Boondocks.



Jodie, Danielle, Ann, Sarah Monroe, Wendy, and Deb Launt attended the Black River ALR "Ride for the Mission"





Hooker & Erin attended the Azz Dogz Cluck N Suck ride for Hospice



Jodie, Dani, Ann & Sarah Monroe attended the Cancer benefit for Mark Jones at Colesantes in Watertown after the ALR "Ride for the Mission" run



Diva Ride Night – We met in Adams Center and took a nice ride on the back roads to Nu Pier in Sackets Harbor

Donna and Ann attended the Cape Vincent Post 832 ALR "Bill Gould Sr. Memorial Ride"

Members from the Watertown, Rochester and Cortland Chapters attended the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Thousand Islands River Run in Alexandria Bay. There was more than 1/3 of our NE Region Chapter members in attendance and the Chrome Divas were the best represented organization there (3)





Danielle & Kim Ward went on Channel 7 News live at 5:50am to promote the Ta Ta Run for Breast Cancer

Diva's Ride Night – We met at FX Caprara Harley-Davidson and rode the 1<sup>st</sup> leg of the Ta Ta Run ending at Geri's in Great Bend for Taco night

In July, Diva Ride Night – We took a nice ride to Cape Vincent and had dinner on the patio.

Donna attend the Watertown VFW Post 1400 Annual Run

Ride Night – Jodie, Danielle, Wendy, Kimmie, Erin & Deb Launt took a nice ride on some back roads and ended at Diva Wendy's house for burgers, dogs, and laughter. Kimmie was presented her Chrome Diva patch as well



Diva Ride Night – We met at FX Caprara Harley-Davidson's, rode the 1<sup>st</sup> leg of the Ta Ta Run, and then stopped at Geri's for Taco's for dinner

Jodie, Danielle, Patti, Hooker, Annette, and Sarah Monroe went LIVE on Facebook with NBC Watertown from Public Square to promote the Ta Ta Run

Danielle, Jodie and Ann attended the US Military Vets MC Annual Party at Club No. 9

In August, Danielle, Ann, Jodie & Neal attended the NE Region Chrome Diva Chapters August monthly Meet-N-Greet overnight stay hosted by the Cortland Chrome Divas in Cortland, New York at Diva sister Michelle 'Roto' Rotunda's house.







Ride Night – Jodie & Hooker rode to the Black River Legion & then had dinner at the Mexican Restaurant in Black River

Annette & her husband Aaron attended the American Red Cross "Ride for Red" Ride

Kimmie & Erin went live on Channel 7 News at 12:00pm to promote Ta Ta Run



Jodie, her mother and daughter, Danielle, Ann, Sarah Monroe, Hooker, Erin & Kimmie attended Goat Yoga. The proceeds of \$ 160 were donated to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ta Ta Run for Breast Cancer



Jodie, Danielle, Donna, Annette, Sarah Monroe & Deb G. attended the LIVE Facebook Feed with NBC Watertown at FX Caprara Harley-Davidson to promote the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Ta Ta' Run for Breast Cance

Work night for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Ta Ta' Run for Breast Cancer – Members put the food trays together for the Pre-Registration Party and sorted the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Ta Ta' Run shirts, etc. Donna and Patti were presented their Chrome Diva patches as well.







Watertown Chrome Divas Pre-Registration Party for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Ta Ta' Run was held at the Watertown American Legion



Danielle, Ann, Annette & Donna attended the Combat Vets MC Veterans Support Ride





Jodie, Danielle, Wendy, Ann, Sarah Monroe, Donna & Hooker attended the Pre-Ride for the Ta Ta Run with the Blockers. We met at FX Caprara Harley-Davidson and rode the whole route ending at the VFW in Carthage



Danielle & Jodie conducted a radio interview at 12pm with Tunes 92.5 to promote the Ta Ta Run

Jodie, Danielle & Deb Gillette went LIVE on Facebook with NBC Watertown from Club No. 9 on Arsenal Street during their bike night to promote the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Ta Ta' Run for Breast Cancer

Work Night for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Ta Ta' Run at the VFW in Carthage.



10<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Ta Ta' Run for Breast Cancer













We hosted a Meet-N-Greet Brunch at the Hilton Garden Inn in Watertown for the Chapter members in the NE Region who attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Ta Ta' Run for Breast Cancer. Deb Gillette, Annette and her husband Aaron, Jodie and Diva Dude Neal, Danielle and Ann attended the brunch along with members from the Rochester, Cortland, and Ottawa Chapters, as well as Kristen and Dawn from the National BOD



After brunch, Jodie, Diva Dude Neal, Danielle and Ann took Kristen and Dawn on a ride through the beautiful Thousand Islands





Patti & Sarah Monroe attended the Carthadians Memorial Ride. Danielle, Jodie, Diva Dude Neal, Ann, Kristen and Dawn stopped in to Geri's at the end to support the cause

In September, the Rochester Chrome Divas hosted the NE Region Chrome Divas September Meet-N-Greet and Scavenger Hunt for CMT6 Research. Danielle, Jodie, and Diva Dude Neal attended the event and spent the night. Members from the Cortland Chrome Divas also attended.





Ann, Donna and Deb Gillette attended the 'Stunt Show' at FX Caprara Harley-Davidson

Ann, Donna, Deb & Sarah Monroe attended the BOB's event for the Veterans Center at Thunderin' Cycles

Donna, Danielle, Jodie & Sarah Rivers judged the Breast Cancer Karaoke contest to benefit the Gouverneur Breast Cancer Fund

The Chapter presented the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Ta Ta' Run Proceeds to the Gouverneur Breast Cancer Fund (\$14,500), and Cancer Services Program of Lewis and Jefferson Counties (\$ 500)





In October, the grand finale for the Breast Cancer Karaoke contest to benefit the Gouverneur Breast Cancer Fund was held at the Watertown Exhibition Hall. Ann and Jodie attended, and Danielle stopped in towards the end. Jodie was 1 of the 3 judges. Pat Gaines from Black River, NY took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the contest

In November, Jodie, Danielle, Wendy, Deb Gillette, Erin, Kimmie, Patti & Sarah Rivers attended the Breast Cancer benefit for Michelle Whitley at the Watertown Ice Arena. Danielle and Jodie did some ice skating at the benefit. The Chapter donated a wagon full of toys & a homemade quilt from Deb Gillette for the benefit.





Jodie, Danielle, Wendy, Deb Gillette, Erin, Kimmie, Donna, Patti & Sarah Rivers attended the Divas 'Ugliest Jammies' overnight stay at Erin's house.



Jodie, Danielle, Ann, Deb Gillette, Donna, Erin & Kimmie met at Erin's to decorate the float for the Christmas parade, made the homemade teddy bear ornaments for the Festival of Trees tree, and stuffed and stamped the Ta Ta Run thank you notes





Jodie, Danielle, Ann, Wendy, Deb Gillette, Donna, Patti, Kimmie and Toni met at the State Office Building after the membership meeting to decorate our Teddy Bear tree for the Festival of Trees



In December, the Watertown Chrome Divas participated in the Watertown Christmas parade

and put a Christmas Float in the Parade. We put Jody Towles bike on the float in his memory. Jodie, Danielle, Erin, Kimmie, Sarah, Deb Gillette, Patti & Donna attended the Christmas Parade



Erin & Kimmie attended the Gala for the Festival of Trees immediately after the Christmas Parade. We were thrilled to find out that our Teddy Bear Christmas tree sold at the Gala for \$ 1,500 and was being donated to the Pediatric Unit at Samaritan Medical Center for sick children.



## OTTAWA CHROME DIVAS 2017 'YEAR IN REVIEW'



#### Membership:

Current membership: 18 members includes 3 DIWs New Members that joined in 2017: 5 members (Melissa, Cathy, Megan, Sofia & Valerie) Current DIWs: 3 (Megan, Sofia & Valerie)

#### FEBRUARY

Feb 3,4 &5 - 5 members attended the NE Winter retreat. It was an amazing weekend of sisterhood bonding and getting to know our Diva sisters in the region.

#### <u>MAY</u>

May 6 - We had a luncheon with members at Chances R

May 13 was the Disabled Vets Ride that some members participated in.

#### <u>JUNE</u>

June 3 was the 'Ride for Dad' where some members volunteered and rode in.

June 24 members rode to Merrickville for lunch and a walk around the beautiful Village

#### <u>JULY</u>

July 1 - We attended a Canada Day BBQ at Anita's house in Wakefield.

July 15 - We rode through Merrickville to Smiths Falls and had a wonderful lunch by the Falls, then headed to the Smiths Falls bike show, and then to Andrea Lamontagne-Dow home for a BBQ and bonfire.

July 29 - We rode to Kingston for the Kingston Show 'N' Shine. It was a great day with lots to see and a great lunch.

#### AUGUST

August 19 - We rode to Montreal to Smoke Meat Pete's for lunch.

August 26 was the 'Cruise Don't Bruise' Ride where some members volunteered and rode in. August25, 26 & 27th– 5 members attended to 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ta Ta run in Watertown. It was an amazing weekend for a great cause.

#### **SEPTEMBER**

September 9 was our ride for Alzheimers / Dementia. We mingled with the residents of the Montfort Care Centre and took pictures with the residents and the bikes. There was a bake sale and ride through Gatineau Park. We then returned to the Care Centre and had an amazing BBQ. We raised just over \$500.

September 10, 2017 Ride for the Seeing Eye Dogs. Some members attended this ride and volunteered their time for this great cause.

#### DECEMBER

December 2 was the OC Transpo Food Drive where members volunteered their time for this great cause. 11,700 food items were collected for the Ottawa Food Bank.

December 9 was our Chapters Christmas Party.

This was taken at the NE Region Winter Retreat at the Prison City Brewery on 2/5/2017



This was taken at the Rideau Carleton Raceway Car and Bike Night after our June Membership Meeting



This was taken on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at a Canada Day Party held by Anita Carr. (Left to Right – Anita Carr, <u>Tina Willmott & Melissa Dowdell)</u>



This was taken at our Summer Ride and BBQ held at Andrea Lamontagne-Dowès home on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Left to Right – Colleen Forrester, Brenda McComb, Anita Carr, Tina Willmott, Melissa Dowdell, Andrea Lamontagne-Dow & Cathy Summers)



This was taken on July 29, 2017. We rode to Kingston for the Kingston Show 'N' Shine. There was a lot to see and we had a fabulous lunch before heading back to Ottawa.



This was taken on August 19, 2017 in Montreal at Smoke Meat Pete's. We rode to Montreal for lunch.



This was taken in front of the Montfort Long Term Care on September 9, 2017 where we held our ride and BBQ for the Alzheimers/Dementia fundraiser.



Ride for the Seeing Eye Dogs on September 10, 2017



This was taken on December 2, 2017 during the OC Transpo Christmas Food Drive. It was a fun day for an amazing cause. (Terry Leblanc & Anita Carr)



Also taken at the OC Transpo Christmas Food Drive on December 2, 2017. (Terry Leblanc)



Taken at the Ottawa Chrome Diva Christmas Party on December 9, 2017.

(Left to Right – Cathy Summers, Despina Boukouris, Melissa Dowdell, Tina Willmott, Anita Carr, Brenda McComb & Megan Ladelpha)



Year in Review MW Chrome Diva Chapters

## ALTON CHROME DIVAS 2017 'YEAR IN REVIEW'



The Alton, IL Chrome Diva Chapter formed in June 2005. This month we celebrated our 12th Anniversary. We received patches and a certificate for being established for at least 10 years! We are looking forward to making it to 15 years soon.



The Alton IL Chapter was a founding member of the Biker Memorial in Roxana, IL which was formed in 2008.



Alton, IL Chrome Divas on a Memorial Day Run had a great time.



Alton, IL Chrome Divas annual Double D Run in June was, as always, a lot of fun and food!



In July, we went out to support one of our own Chrome Divas, Lynda, on a run in honor of her Husband, Roy whom we lost 1/1/2017. All the proceeds went to a local Fallen Biker Fund in his name.



Lori (Belle), the Alton's Assistant Director and I spent a lot of time riding local runs together this summer.



In August, we joined others at Foodstock to help a local food bank replenish their coffers before winter.



Alton Chrome Divas and others made the ride to Altamont to support the Fire Department.



The Alton, IL Chapter made a day of it with a ride to Hannibal for a craft festival. We had great weather and a great ride and food along the way.



We had a Great time at the Salty Dawgs Special Olympics Dance which they started in 1982. It was Ann's first time attending and she won the 50/50! It was a lot of fun for a wonderful cause.



We finished the year with a surprise Birthday party at the Christmas party. The hardest decision was what to order! The menu was yummy and the Hillclimb cake was Awesome! It was a great way to end a busy year. We are all looking forward to another busy year of riding and helping our community.







## XENIA CHROME DIVAS 2017 'YEAR IN REVIEW'



The Xenia Chrome Divas had another spectacular year!

In January, we held our 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Birthday Bash with our chapter members and chapter members from around our region! Getting these divas to pose for pictures is like hearding cats and the men that put the "D' in Diva were much easier to corral.





In February, we skipped back to the 1950's for the Annual Midwest Regional Retreat. James Dean was in attendance and the sock hop raged into the night.





In April, the Xenia Chrome chapter members supported the Family Violence Prevention Center at their Annual Walk to Prevent Child Abuse. It was a beautiful day this year and a "Super Diva" time was had by all.



May was another busy month for us as we participated in the Annual Blessing of the Bikes at Kilkare Speedway. It is always an awesome event with thousands of bikers from all over.



We had a fun day supporting our sister chapter, Lost Creek Chrome Divas for their annual poker run.





We also supported our charity, the Family Violence Prevention Center, for their Annual Denim and Diamonds Charity Fundraiser with our very own Chrome Diva Founder and Executive Director, Kristen Wofford in attendance.



In June, we road down south with our Dayton Chrome Diva sisters to celebrate with our Oxford Chrome Diva sisters at their Annual Poker Run.



The second Saturday in July is always the Ridin' Away the Pain poker run. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual began and ended at the Wandering Griffen in Beavercreek, Ohio. Over 144 bikes rode the awesome route and we were able to raise over \$5,500 for the Family Violence Prevention Center.













October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and every year, the Xenia Chrome Divas join with the Family Violence Prevention Center the community to pay tribute to those who have been victims of domestic violence. We had a pause for peace for those in Greene County, Ohio who lost their lives to domestic violence and presented the center with a check for \$6050.00, which we raised during 2017 to assist them in their fight to stop domestic violence.





In November, we supported our Dayton Chrome Diva Sisters at their annual Turkey Dinner and in December held our Annual Diva Christmas Party. Happy New Year to all!















## COLUMBUS CHROME DIVAS 2017 'YEAR-IN-REVIEW'



What a great year 2017 has been for the Columbus chapter. We kicked off 2017 by continuing our monthly sisterhood events to spend time together building bonds and enjoying each other's company. Some of the events that we have had this year included dinner at the Wine Bistro, a ride to Buckeye Lake, Sisterhood Potluck, and the Circleville Pumpkin Show.

Of course, February brought MW Retreat and we returned to Tennessee to spend time with our sisters across the region. The theme this year was the 80's and it was a fun time to dress up and celebrate a blast from the past!





Bowling for Babies, Team Isabella Rose – January 2017



Chapter Meeting at AD Farrow HD - April 2017



In May, Chrome Divas met up with Nascar Driver Kyle Weatherman at Quaker Steak and Lube in Columbus, OH!



Thunder Tunnel, downtown Columbus – May 2017



Circleville, OH 1st Annual Poker Run – May 2017



In July, the Columbus Chrome Divas paid a special Birthday visit to see 13 year old, Elle, at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Just the day before our visit, she had undergone a 15 level spinal fusion surgery due to her severe scoliosis. The Columbus Chrome Divas presented Elle with her very own vest with "Junior Diva" on the back, and a road name patch on the front. From what we were told, it was the first time she smiled from ear to ear since her surgery!





#### Waterfall Ride Retreat, June 2017 – Chapter Ride

The Columbus Chrome Divas Chapter Ride for 2017 was a Waterfall Retreat Ride, stopping at various waterfalls here in Ohio.

Our riding adventure included visiting Honey Run Waterfalls, West/East Riverwalk Falls, and Chagrin Falls. The weekend was full of sunshine, laughter, and quality sister time!

We also filmed our very first video to promote our Rockers 4 Knockers event, thanks to our very talented Diva Sister, Diva Sunshine!



#### Waterfall Ride Retreat, August 2017 – Chapter Ride

Our August Ride Retreat was another riding adventure full of memories and bonding with our sisters. We headed to Fallingwater, PA and made a special stop at the Flight 93 National Memorial.



Bike Blessing - August 2017



#### Fundraising

We were so honored to receive big ticket items donated by Wal-Mart, such as a TV and a smoker/grill. We used these items at various bike nights that generously hosted our Live Auctions. We also included a Jack Daniel lamp made by one of our very own Divas, Diva Hippie!



#### 6th Annual Rockers 4 Knockers

In October we held our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Rockers 4 Knockers event. This is our signature fundraising event for the year where we bring together awesome local bands, silent auction items, amazing live auction items and raffles to raise funds for the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio.

In total, the Columbus Chrome Divas raised over \$9,000 this year for Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio!

<u>New</u> this year, we had a signature shot, Pink Sugar Shot, in memory of one of our very own Diva Sisters, Diva Pink Sugar. We hope to continue this signature shot for many years to come!



#### **Community Service**

In November, we did our very first community service at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank! It was a great time giving back to our community – just in time to kick off the season of thankfulness.



Our annual holiday party was held the first weekend in December. We did something a little different for our member gift exchange in this year – everyone purchased a pair of fun holiday socks and stuffed them with various items such as candy, ornaments, lotion, etc.

We are blessed to be able to call ourselves Chrome Divas and have formed bonds that will last a lifetime!



## OXFORD CHROME DIVAS 2017 'YEAR-IN-REVIEW'



Oxford Chrome Divas year in review patched in 3 new members. Held or 2nd annual ride for Impact a Hero. Held fundraiser to help the less fortunate. Distributed food clothes and toys to homeless and those in need. Countless Diva days and of course riding and road trips.















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## SAN DIEGO CHROME DIVAS 2017 'YEAR-IN-REVIEW'



The San Diego Chapter of the Chrome Divas is growing! We accepted 13 new members in 2017, bringing our membership total to 32. We ride after each monthly meeting but do not limit ourselves to that! Here's a taste of what we were up to in 2017.

After being rained out in January and February, we were off and rolling in March, meeting members of our sister chapter SoCal Divas for a ride to Pechanga Casino. But before heading to Temecula, we picked up Blondie, Director of the Reno-Tahoe Chapter, who visited San Diego and rented a Harley and rode with us for the day. And in March, several San Diego Divas and their significant others attended a San Diego Gulls hockey game.







In May, our destination was Biggs Harley Davidson for the Annual May Ride where the San Diego Divas had a booth.



June was a busy month with a ride to the Julian Blues Festival after the monthly meeting. Earlier in June, the Divas volunteered at Friends of Cats, cleaning 69 cat carriers that were later used during a wildfire evacuation of the shelter. The Divas were also represented at the Annual Ride for a Cause, which benefits the Ronald McDonald House.



July started with the Divas enjoying a Padre game, and later in the month found CDSD riding in the San Diego Gay Pride parade.



In August, CDSD met up with SoCal Divas and Reno-Tahoe Divas at the Mammoth Rocks Motorcycle Rally which benefits the Wounded Warriors.



In September, the Officers and several members had the pleasure of meeting Toni Miller, Director of the Courtland, NY Chrome Divas, who shared insights on how their chapter runs.



Several Divas took part in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Babes Ride Out gathering in October in Joshua Tree. The San Diego Divas were represented at the Oceanside Pride event in October. Always ready for a new experience, November found other Divas getting their scoot on in Palm Springs on a scooter tour.













In November, we had a visitor from the Orlando Chapter. Corinna Owen was in town for business, rented a Harley, and spent a day riding in America's Finest City with a few San Diego Divas as her tour guide. 2017 will wrap up with Officer elections, then a ride to our annual Christmas Party, gift exchange, and a catered taco lunch.

As we head into 2018, the San Diego Chapter of the Chrome Divas will become the proud caretakers of a section of local highway in the Adopt-A-Highway program, and in January, will be volunteering at the San Diego Food Bank.



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHROME DIVAS 2017 'YEAR IN REVIEW'





This year has been busy for the SoCal Divas. As we saw our numbers dwindling, we decided the goal for the year would be to promote our group to help increase our membership. We decided to do this in a variety of different ways. We developed a new group website, submitted articles about our group to various motorcycle magazines, promotional cards, descriptive day rides for our meetup site, additional overnight trips, additional non-riding events, parking lot practice for beginners, and finally we asked the membership to try to get people they know if they would like to join our group. This year we increased our membership by five new members and one returning one. Mission accomplished! In addition, we wanted to add educational opportunities for our members, so we had a class on how to map a motorcycle trip and how to use a Sena communication device.

While we did have a lot of work to do this year, we still found time to have some fun. We

celebrated our ten-year anniversary as a group with a pool party, and overnight trips which included Yosemite, Morro Bay, Babes Ride Out with the San Diego Divas, and a trip to the Sierra Nevada/Lake Tahoe area where we met the Chrome Diva National founder Kristen Wolfe and the Tahoe-Reno Divas. We also increased our presence at local fundraising events such as the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride for the Guide Dogs of America, The Great Escape Charity Ride, and Heels for Wheels Breast Cancer Ride. Lastly, riding motorcycle is not all we do. We had our Road Captain and General beginning of the year brunch where we plan out our year, a bling party where the Divas were able to bling out their Diva wear, patches, or helmet make tutus to wear at the Heels and Wheels event or sew on patches to our leathers. Busy year where a lot was accomplished with fun, sisterhood and in full Diva spirit.



My name is Beth and I joined the SoCal Chrome Divas in 2011. I'd just started riding at the age of 58. These women have become my best friends, my sisters in crime and laughter and all things exciting. With them I've traveled over 65,000 miles, seen things I would not have seen and never experienced. We have many opportunities to ride including day rides, weekend rides and longer. In the last two years we've added 2 week trips for those able to get the time off. I'm just having a blast. I'm including a picture of our bikes in front of a hotel in Shelby, Montana. When you see bikes at a hotel... you know folks are off on a great adventure



#### MISSY

The Chrome Diva organization has been a literal life saver for me. I suffer from chronic depression which has me constantly on medication. Once I started to ride and joined the So Cal Chapter my life has changed in the most wonderful ways. Not only is the riding aspect of it therapeutic, but the girls in this group are truly the most supportive, caring and the most wonderful friends I have ever had.

In the last 5 years of being a member, my medications have been decreased and I am happy as a pig in shit! I cannot stress enough for other ladies that may suffer from this condition to consider taking up riding and find the closest Chrome Diva Chapter to join!!!!

Image attached is me on the best road I have ever ridden on. Wells Ferry Road in Northern Ca. Our road caption Mary is the best there is!!



#### VAL

My name is Val and I have been a member of the Chrome Divas since 2011, however, I didn't ride a lot up until the last couple of years. I was cautious about how much I wanted to spend with this group given my previous bad experience with

other riding groups; therefore, I approached the Diva group cautiously. As I got to know the ladies I realized there was minimal to no drama and really appreciated how well this group was organized. I quickly became a huge fan! The group is well structured no matter how small or how large the turnout is for any given event. They have a pre-ride discussion to talk about the route including passing hand signals and riding in staggered formation. The ladies really look out for one another. One of my favorite rides was a 5 day trip that we did along the Russian River. It was the first long trip that I had done with these ladies and boy was it a blast. The routes were planned so well, the weather was perfect and the laughs went on and on. We rented a house so that really gave us an opportunity to bond with one another, play left right center (LRC) and cook up some mean meals. We left that trip knowing a lot more about one another. We had a little issue with one of our members but our Director quickly jumped in and handled the situation.



#### MARY

2017 was another fun and fabulous year for our group... and while I enjoy every ride, of course there is always one that is a highlight. I think that this year the Slow Speed Coaching Skills day we provided was great. An open event, available to not just our members. Although not a ride, lots of ladies came out that day and they all commented on how much they appreciated the opportunity to get some good practice in. Officer Mike provided the instructions, but I really enjoyed helping as well. "Look at me," "look at me" was the motto of the day. I would stand in the u-turn and yell at them to look at me. Focusing on me enabled them to turn their head and look at where they needed to be looking instead of directly ahead, so they were able to make these great U-turns. The looks on their faces when they did it was priceless. Big smiles and eager to get in line and do it again. All the ladies were very encouraging to one another and made for a great learning and practicing environment. I hope we can continue to provide these skills days for our riding ladies.



#### NANCY

Not sure what to say so I will make it short

I joined the SoCal Chrome Divas in 2009 but didn't started riding with them until 2010.

I have grown not just as a rider, but as a woman because of the friendships and support that I have made. We have all laughed, learned and even cried, seen some beautiful back roads that most people never take the time to see all because of riding a motorcycle. I couldn't ask for a better group of women to share my hobby and my life with. They have given me more support, love, happiness and joy then a bunch of words can express on a piece of paper. We have one life to live, why not live it doing something you love with people who matter!



#### ALESSIA

This is my write-up

I am Alessia or "The Italian" as my sis Laura call me and I joined the SoCal Divas last May. This is my favorite pic from the "Heels & Wheels" ride. I love being a Diva and riding with them cause they genuinely are out there for each other and it's bad ass fun!

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Alessia



#### SUSAN

I consider myself so fortunate to be a SoCal Diva. This is a group of fun loving, supportive, iron rider women! And while we share a love of the open road, being a Diva is so much more than riding. It is the satisfaction of making difference for our community through our support of local charities and women rider events. One of my favorite activities is the ladies slow speed skills training (open to nonmembers) we sponsor in conjunction with local riding coaches. To see women improve their riding confidence is such a cool experience.



#### MAGGIE

I've only been a member of the Chrome Divas for just over a year. Meeting and riding with the ladies of the Southern Ca. Chapter has been the best experience I've had in years. I can't say one ride has been better than another because all of the rides have been awesome. I never knew there were so many back roads. The ladies have taken me in under their wings so heartfelt and welcoming. It's finally nice to meet a group of ladies who love to ride as much as I do. Thank you all for the warm welcome and looking forward to new adventures with all of you.



#### **SHERI LYNN**

Riding your motorcycle in an extreme rain storm can be the most terrifying adventure of your life. Most of which depends on your experience, mindset and level of preparation. Riding to Mammoth, Yosemite, and back, provided such an adventure for the SoCal Chrome Divas.

Riding a motorcycle in the rain can be frightening. I thought had prepared for the elements we would encounter. We had protection from the rain, wind, cold, etc. As it is said ... Ignorance can be bliss...

Some riders avoid rain, but others, especially in areas with more annual rainfall, learn to deal with it. Being from SoCal we have gotten very little rain in the past years. When rode in rain it was usually not a big deal, just sprinkles or a light rainfall. The objective was to just keep on riding, as mindful to the hazards as possible, until we arrived home.

I quickly found out riding in a hard rain/hail storm is a whole new ballgame; but with skills and abilities we are already familiar as well as a lot of patience, we found a safe place to wait out the rain.

As we left Mammoth we were hit by a huge rainstorm. Within minutes I realized that my waterproof gloves were not actually waterproof. They were soaked through. Using my warming grips I fought to keep the numbness from my fingers. As luck would have I had a waterproof glove covers which I rode with till our lunch spot in Bishop...which by grace of the motorcycle gods, there was a laundry mat next door....I put my gloves in a dryer of course which we ate.

When we left the sun was out and it was cold! About 20 minutes into out ride we were hit by a hail storm. I'm not joking! It felt like I was getting hit by paintballs. It really did hurt. There was nowhere to hide! We had to ride in hail/heavy rain until we got to the juncture of the 395 and 14. We waited underneath the only shelter were could find...the gas station cover. We waited a good 35 minutes for the rain to slow down and the water to drain from the roads. By the time we reached our next stop in Mojave we had finally finished with the rain. We were able to clean up and continue our ride home safely.

Lessons learned actually test all your riding equipment. Make sure you have adequate spares of gloves, socks, etc. Get a Wet weather riding suit. Bright colored so you stand out in the world of grey. Your boots will leak so have plastic shopping bags if you do not have waterproof socks.

Best bet is to prepare a packing list and be prepared.



ALITA

Why I joined the Chrome Divas: When I was a new rider in 2012, Mary and Beth fought 405

traffic from Santa Clarita/the Valley to come and get me to help me with my riding skills and decrease my riding fears. I would not get on my bike by myself to even ride around the corner. That showed me how caring and determined they were to help me. The Divas gave me emotional support after a fall, which got me right back on my bike. Years of mechanical problems got in my way of long rides, but I never forgot the Divas. With a new bike I feel honored to ride again with the Divas and to become an official member. All the Divas I've met are wonderful pounding riders, and I just love them!



**SHERBEAR** 

I'm Sherri Alexander and I have been riding for 14 years. I got into it as my mid-life crisis project when I turned 40, LOL.

I love to ride with my fellow Divas because they are all a great bunch of ladies who know what they are doing on the bikes! I am able to rely on them for support and information about bikes and how to ride. My favorite ride was actually two years ago when we went to the Grand Canyon. To say the least, it was a significant emotional event just to see it but being on the bike made it even more majestic. I have to thank our fearless and tireless ride planners who created that trip and many others.

It brings my heart great joy to ride with my fellow Chrome Divas in the SoCal Chapter!



#### **TRINA**

Hi I'm Trina. I joined the SoCal Divas in Sept 2008, but could not muster up the courage to get out of the parking lot with my motorcycle and meet these ladies until the summer of 2009. These women have been a part of my life for a long time. We have fun together, disagreements sometimes, and love each other like sisters should. My favorite rides of 2017 were the overnight rides, Lake Tahoe, and Joshua Tree just to name a few. These rides are special because anything can happen which makes it like an adventure especially when we travel on the goat roads. I feel more confident as a motorcycle rider because of these ladies as there are usually no men around to help us. We have to pick up our bikes, jump start our dead batteries, and fix our flat tires. This is a great group a ladies and I am proud to call myself a Chrome Diva.



# Year in Review SE Chrome Diva Chapters

# TAMPA BAY CHROME DIVAS 2017 'YEAR-IN-REVIEW'



The Chrome Divas celebrate another fantastic year of adventurous rides, charity events and the friendships that keep growing stronger within our chapter. Our favorite ride leaders of Dawn, DeeDee, Karen, Jill and Traci continued to keep our rides scenic and safe! In January not only did we have a scenic bridges of Tampa Bay ride, we had a birthday celebration for Sue that started out with roller skating and ended at Woody's River Roo in Sarasota. We celebrated Jill's, Dawn's and Petra's birthday's at Debbi's house with a nice fire pit and smores provided by Karen and Monika in February. Both February's and March's rides took us north with tree lined curvy back roads led by DeeDee, Dawn and Karen with great photo opportunities. April's ride was a repeat of January's scenic bridge ride and May's ride, Jill took us along the Alafia river for lunch at River's Edge bar and grill. In June the Chrome Divas of Tampa were invited by the director of Mary and Martha House to join in their fundraiser to bring awareness of domestic violence.



We collectively raised \$1200 for the event. The Mary and Martha House is a local women's shelter that we have chosen two years in a row to sponsor a special victim to bring her and her children up from starting over with basic household goods and toys. This year's recipient not only is getting her wish list fulfilled but had the Diva moving crew deliver her furniture to her apartment. Huge thanks to Diva's Dawn and DeeDee who not only moved a sofa set and bunk beds but donated a TV as well. Karen helped pick up the bunk beds in another city across the bay with Amber and assembled them along with setting up the TV with a DVD player donated by Debbi. Special thanks to Karla who not only donated the bunk beds, also bought new mattresses and bedding for the kids.Traci's coworker, Gloria donated a beautiful sofa set with an area rug and some nice pictures to hang on her wall. DeeDee also found a coffee table and 2 end tables to pull the room together. Traci was a huge help with DeeDee and Dawn moving the sofa set into a second story apartment. Sue donated her queen size bed along with bedding for our Mary Martha House lady. She had nothing when she left her abusive husband, just took her two young boys, fled in her van which they lived in for a few months before finding the Mary and Martha house for shelter. Amber's friend donated 3 Florida Aquarium tickets and they had a wonderful experience there. July's get together was organized by Karen where the Divas rode on 4 wheels and raced at the Grand Prix in go carts that could reach up to 50 MHP and we had lunch at Ella's Folk Art Café and treated with a live band too!











Hurricane season affected the Diva's in a rewarding way. We are so proud of Beth for volunteering to go to Houston to help those affected by Harvey with her ER nursing profession. Hurricane Irma brought our Divas to deliver food, toiletries and beer, yes beer, to a local shelter housing the National Guard and first responders. Big thanks to DeeDee and Dawn for shopping and Monika for baking 70 cookies! Amber led the Divas October ride to Plant City's Papa John's where the General Manager treated the us to a tour and taught us how to make pizzas!



November's activities include a trip to Clermont to meet up with other Chrome Diva chapter members organized by our Southeastern directors Michelle and Mahala! It was good to see our other sister's and enjoy great food at the Broken Spoon.



Amber had an idea to bring joy to a small bed ALF that housed Alzheimer's and Dementia residents for the holidays by convincing a local law group to donate funds to buy 9 animatronic puppies and kittens. The other 4 were funded by the Divas and we all brought them to Memory Lane Cottage. The residents absolutely loved their new "pets" and the fresh baked cookies by Monika. Now's a good time to mention that Monika is a Pastry Chef and supplies desserts for most of our events.





We welcomed a new Diva to our chapter, Julie and look forward to sharing our adventures with her!

Both Jill and Debbi became Grandma's this year, congratulations ladies!



We still have another event coming up led by Karen December 17, 2017. Suncoast Brotherhood Annual Toy Run where there are hundreds of bikers coming together for a parade on our bikes that are decorated and we donated toys and gifts cards to the foster kids of Pinellas County.

The Chrome Divas of Tampa Bay wish everyone a joyous Holiday Season and upcoming New Year!





# DAYTONA BEACH CHROME DIVAS

## 2017 'YEAR-IN-REVIEW'



The CHROME DIVAS of Daytona Beach...another great year, with increased member participation in Events and Rides, plus an increase in number of members (*now 23 DIVAs and 3 DITS, with more DITs expected in the first quarter of next year*)!

The year began with transitioning in our new Board of Directors, as well as revising our Chapter By-Laws. We also created new **Chapter Business Cards**:



HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF OUR CHAPTER ACTIVITIES IN 2017:

# SAFFARI ANIMAL RESCUE FUNDRAISER (3-4-17)

The DAB Chapter had an opportunity to help out a local Animal Rescue Organization, financially challenged and needing to adopt out over twenty animals. Thanks to the quick efforts of Debbie "GOGERL," Dog Treat Canisters were created, a Dog Bed purchased, and numerous other items were donated by Chapter Sisters for a Gift Basket. End Result: With the help of the items donated, and the winner of the 50/50 Raffle Drawing donating their \$50 winnings, Saffari received \$200! This initiative had the quickest "turnaround" time in 2017! (Thanks go out to SISTAS Debbie "GOGERL," Susan "WILEY" and Mascot "OSCAR," and Ines "CHERRY.")







#### HARLEY DAVIDSON WOMEN'S RIDE FOR MDA – Daytona Int'l Speedway (3-16-

17) – Thanks go to our Team Captain of this Event, Rose "HARLEY" Davidson and Mary Jane "JERSEY" Facciponti, who both did the ride. With additional donations from DIVAs Patti "WINGS" Caruana, Mary Jane "JERSEY," "HARLEY'S" friend NC Brew Guzzler, and our Chapter, a total of \$350 was raised!

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#### HALIFAX HUMANE SOCIETY "RUFF RIDE" (3-16-17)

Held annually, this is a well-managed run, by an organization with a very diverse list of services to the Daytona Beach community. Not only do they manage Adoptions, but they offer Humane Education to schools, civic groups, etc. They also focus on keeping pets with their families through Animal Training and Behavior classes!





#### **BIKE WEEK 2017**

The CHROME DIVAS of Daytona Beach had their 3rd Annual BIKE WEEK 50/50 Raffle Drawing at the infamous BOOT HILL SALOON, on Main Street, Daytona Beach, the last night of Bike Week (Saturday, March 18, 2017). Unlike previous Bike Weeks, the selling of Raffle Tickets completed far in advance...no last-minute selling this year! Thanks to our Event Coordinator, Pam "SIDECAR," all tickets were sold late February, with last tickets sold at the Beaver Bar, in Ormond Beach (*photo below*). Thanks go out to our Orange Park DIVAS in purchasing tickets, too!



# BIKE WEEK 2017 "SISTERHOOD RIDE" (3-18-17)

The CHROME DIVAS of Daytona Beach celebrate BIKE WEEK each year with a "Sisterhood Ride". This past Bike Week 2017 was no exception. The stop this time...Washington Oaks Gardens State Park – Beachside, allowing riders to walk the beach, talk and take photos with other riders, with bathroom and refreshments available to all.



#### BIKE WEEK 2017 "MEET 'N GREET" at CARIBBEAN JACK'S (3-18-17)

This was the CHROME DIVAS of Daytona Beach 3rd Annual Bike Week "Meet 'N Greet" (at Caribbean Jack's Restaurant, in Daytona Beach). It always immediately follows the Sisterhood Ride.



During the time there, two local Police approached us to thank the CHROME DIVAS for paying their tab. (We still haven't figured out which DIVA[s] did so...Our local police are so good to us!



# BIKE WEEK 2017 50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING

As with all the CHROME DIVA Bike Week (and Biketoberfest) Events, the winner was not required to be present to win...the Winner...BILL COWHERD, of the Daytona Beach Chapter of "Bikers for Christ" was called, and arrangements made to meet him at the Daytona Beach Flea Market - Swap Meet the following morning, where he received his \$1,000 CASH! Bill, is a very warm, welcoming, and giving individual, devoted to his Ministry, and in helping others.



Regarding the Charity Donation for the Bike Week 50/50 Raffle, the CHROME DIVAS presented a check for \$1,000 to ROLLING THUNDER FL-8, at Caribbean Jack's, in Daytona Beach, during the CHROME DIVA monthly Chapter meeting, on Saturday, 4/8/17.

The Florida Chapter 8 of Rolling Thunder has been supporting veterans, active military and their families since chartered in January, 2009. Their ongoing efforts in making sure that we don't forget our service men and women, especially those who have been left behind (over 83,000 who are still unaccounted for), warranted the CHROME DIVAS in supporting their efforts.





#### ST. AUGUSTINE EASTER PARADE (4-16-17)

It was an honor for our Chapter to be asked to be in the Annual St. Augustine Easter Parade...a "first" for many of us! During the parade, we were able to hand out candy to spectators, as well as do circles around our group and certain formations...a lot of clapping and photos taken that day...(plus a few overheated bikes also)!



#### **RIDE LIKE A PRO COURSE (4-18-17)**

A number of our (brave) DIVAS decided to take the "Ride Like A Pro" Advanced Course, in Jacksonville, FL, this past April. The course, based on actual Police Motor Officer training, offered four hours of intense training. Bravo to DIVAs Rose "HARLEY" Davidson, Cheryl "RAYDAR" Riley, Susan "WILEY" Zorn, Amanda "PINKY" Reid, and Jeri "SMILES" Dropp!



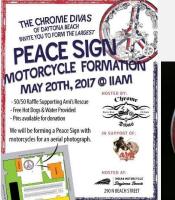
**INT'L FEMALE RIDE DAY – Crystal River** (**May 5 – 7, 2017**) – Highly recommend this Event for 2018!





#### ARNI FOUNDATION CHAPTER BENEFIT – INDIAN MOTORCYCLES (5-20-17)

Thanks to our Event Coordinator, Pam "SIDECAR" Stein (who developed the idea of the Event and successfully created and sold Peace Symbol Pins) and Lauren "SCOUT" Minick (who created the flyer, and managed the Drone and event activities at Indian Motorcycles of Daytona Beach), our Chapter was able to successfully raise \$500 for the ARNI Foundation of Daytona Beach, a 501(c)3 non-profit, no kill shelter for cats and dogs. The Peace Symbol pins were such a hit, they are still in demand! BRAVO DIVAS!









#### DIVA RIDE TO TOM'S B'QUE (6-17-17)

Thanks to the idea and planning by Cheryl "RAYDAR" Riley, a Chrome Diva Meet 'n Greet with other SE Region Chapters was held in April, with riders meeting up at Tom's B'Que for lunch, in Keystone Heights, FL. DIVA sisters from Daytona Beach, Orange Park, Tampa, Leesburg, and Jacksonville participated.

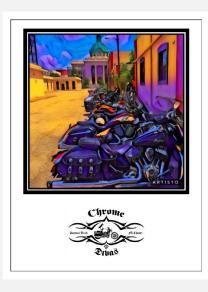




#### DELAND WINGS TRIP/PHOTO SHOOT (7-2-17)

Once again, to the creative thinking of our "Outof-the-Box" Event Coordinator, Pam "SIDECAR" Stein, a trip to the infamous DeLand Wings took place, including a photo shoot and lunch. As a result, a photo of our bikes has become both a Greeting Card and part of a Business Card Holder (made by Susan "WILEY" Zorn) for our Chapter!







#### **SHRINERS RIDE FOR LOVE (7-9-17)**

What a fantastic experience riding the Speedway, participating in an event to raise funds for the Shriners Hospitals for Children...priceless!





# ADOPT-A-HWY GROUP SHOT-ORMOND (10/14/17)

Our Chapter was granted our own Adopt-A-Highway sign this year, in Ormond-by-the-Sea, thanks to our Safety Officer, Debbie "GOGERL" Boyer's efforts! (*The Chapter included in their end-of-year Holiday celebrations a cleanup of their location.*)







#### BIKETOBERFEST SISTERHOOD RIDE-WASHINGTON OAKS PARK (10/21/17)

This year, the ride was a 35-mile scenic ride along the Ocean, to the infamous Washington Oaks Gardens State Park, off A1A, in Palm Coast.





#### BIKETOBERFEST MEET 'N GREET-CARIBBEAN JACK'S (10-21-17)

Although we were unable to have a Drawing down on Main Street following our Meet 'N Greet (due to Hurricane Irma impacts on our community), we were able to relax after our Sisterhood Ride at Caribbean Jack's, with perfect weather this time!



#### NOVEMBER CHAPTER RIDE-ROBISON'S HARLEY DAVIDSON (11-11-17)

Another great idea by our Event Coordinator, Pam "SIDECAR" Stein, was to arrange a visit with the owner of the first Harley Davidson in Daytona Beach (opened in 1962), and located on Int'l Speedway. What an experience in witnessing the shop and bikes, meeting Joe and the staff...and hearing the stories!



# MAMAC'S REINDEER DASH POKER RUN (12-2-17)

In support of our DIVA Sister's "MaMaC's nonprofit organization, "Children R Our Future" (well-known by the Daytona Beach community), our Chapter has participated in a number of Poker Runs this year, including the "Christmas Reindeer Dash Run" this December. Thank you, MaMaC, for ALL you do for our kids...!



#### END-OF-YEAR RECOGNITIONS CELEBRATION (12-9-17)

This Chapter has been very busy this year...with over 40 Rides and Events that we initiated or participated in! For this reason, it was so important to recognize our "Top DIVAs" this year!

This year's Achievements far surpassed the year before...recognized here are our six DIVAS who obtained "Top DIVA Status" in "Chapter Events and Rides Participation." Standing in order of greatest participation is (from the left) Cheryl "RAYDAR" Riley, Rose "HARLEY" Davidson, Pam "SIDECAR" Stein, Debbie "GOGERL" Boyer, Amanda "PINKY" Reid, and Mary Jane "JERSEY" Facciponti.



The following DIVAS obtained "Top DIVA Status" by achieving "Perfect Attendance" in 2017. From left to right are Susan "WILEY" Zorn, Cheryl "RAYDAR" Riley, Debbie "GOGERL" Boyer, Mary Jane "JERSEY" Facciponti, Rose "HARLEY" Davidson, (and missing in the photo, due to your Director's oversight) Pam "SIDECAR" Stein. [NOTE: There were only two with "Perfect Attendance" last year!]



There were two DIVAS that we're recognized for "Exceptional Dedication to the DIVA Cause"...Debbie "GOGERL" Boyer and Susan "WILEY" Zorn.





#### OUR NEW BOD & DISCRETIONARY OFFICERS FOR 2018!

#### **BOD Officers (from Left to Right):**

Director...Mahala "MOUSE" Gilene Assistant Director...Mary Jane "JERSEY" Facciponti Secretary...Amanda "PINKY" Reid Treasurer...Ines "CHERRY" Harris



#### **Discretionary Officers (from Left to Right):**

Sergeant at Arms...Sara "DOODLE" Cashin Membership Coordinator...Amanda "PINKY" Reid Safety Officer...Rose "HARLEY" Davidson Event Coordinator & Historian...Vicky "SCRAPPY" Henderson Event Coordinator...Constance "MaMaC" Jones



CONGRATULATIONS to all Officers!

Another great year for the CHROME DIVAS of Daytona Beach...looking forward to all the memories in store for 2018!

# ORANGE PARK CHROME DIVAS 2017 'YEAR-IN-REVIEW'



The Chrome Divas of Orange Park have had an exciting 2017. Being able to ride year round has provided us with more than 24 opportunities to be together as a chapter. After starting our year with a Blessing of the Bikes, we have spent time on both Florida coasts and on the Georgia coast. We have ridden with our sisters from across the state, had picnics and played in the lake. After surviving Hurricane Irma, we have had some beautiful fall weather and have ridden all over state.



OP Divas have gone on several overnighters this year. One example is Providence Canyon in Southwest Georgia. It is called the Little Grand Canyon and is an amazing place to see. Five Divas and a couple of diva dudes rode the 285 miles one day, visited the canyon which required some skills to do in boots, then rode back the following day. The sites were amazing, the rain storm was frightening, but the fun and fellowship of the sisters was something not to be forgotten.







Our Summer Games were great fun. Our Diva Clipper (Sue Beeskau) always puts together something new for our Divas to compete and get miles all summer. A list of riddles to solve, scavenger hunts, and many other variations give the Divas the chance to get out and ride and provides a little healthy competition. Our Winter Games are in full swing. We are out searching for historic cemeteries, military monuments and firefighters (with or without shirts!) As we have a couple of divas not currently riding, Sue always make sure the games aren't completely dependent on riding.











Our year wrapped up with the 6th Annual Diva Clause Christmas Party. We are privileged to work with our local Victim's Advocates service called the Justice Coalition. The provide support and guidance to the families of victims of violent crime. The Justice Coalition identified several families in need for the holidays and the OP Divas stepped up, as always. Two pickup trucks and several SUVs were loaded down with a ton of wrapped gifts and a bicycle! Children were thrilled and parents were so grateful. Divas were simply happy to be able to provide a few moments of joy.





Chrome Divas of Orange Park want to wish all our Diva sisters warm wishes for a wonderful 2018. Clutch, throttle, ride... Chrome Diva style!

# 2018-2020 Chrome Divas National Executive Board

### Executive Director-Kristen Wolford



2017 was a great year! The National Board met in Daytona Beach, FL for the first in-person board meeting. I had the pleasure of also traveling to Columbus, OH in May to meet the members from both the Columbus and Xenia chapters. In August, the Watertown Chrome Divas hosted their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual TaTa Run where many other chapters in the region were in attendance. Being able to attend this event with Dawn Greene was a dream come true for both of us. We were moved by the thousands of bikers who attended this event and seeing the biker community come together for such a great cause. I am looking forward to attending more events and meeting more members in the regions this year!

About me, I took a motorcycle safety course and got my endorsement and purchased my first motorcycle in 2001. I had no idea how that one "little" decision would have led me on such a magnificent journey! My first motorcycle was a Yamaha Virago. I then purchased a Honda and then my first Harley Davidson. One thing is for certain, no matter what I am riding, I love riding! When I began riding, I rode with a group where all ladies rode on the back. I was the first woman in our group that "stepped off" and decided I'd rather ride my own! I loved riding with the group but felt it would be even better if some of the women I rode with also had their own motorcycle. Fortunately, it didn't take long before my friends decided to also take the motorcycle safety course and purchase their own motorcycles. We were a group of professional women who by day ran our own businesses, worked

alongside judges and attorneys and by night and weekend, we were riding our motorcycles. The fun and excitement of being out on our own and getting a lot of attention was something we really enjoyed. In 2002, prior to taking a trip to Daytona Beach, FL we signed up to volunteer for a rally in our hometown and in exchange, we were offered a booth to promote our "group." We didn't have a name but were certain of our mission and purpose since we did love to volunteer and were already involved in the community. In the planning of our trip to Daytona, we decided we need an official name for ourselves so that when we returned home we could promote our group. The name Chrome Divas was born! We had shirts printed and wore them in Daytona. Women stopped and asked us "Where did you purchase that shirt?" We knew then and there that we were onto something and couldn't wait to open up membership in our hometown when we returned for the rally! We promoted Chrome Divas at our first rally and had an official chapter - Chrome Divas of Tallahassee Florida. As life happens and priorities change, our group slowly parted ways. In 2010, Chrome Divas was restructured and a board of directors was selected from the membership. Having an organization run by its membership has been a wonderful change for the organization. The role and responsibility of the regional directors is instrumental to the organization in providing feedback from members throughout the US and Canada. The board of directors volunteer their time and energy to welcome new members and assist chapters with successfully starting a chapter as well as guidance in growing a chapter and planning events. Having a diverse board made up of women who are active in their chapters and regions who bring their feedback and suggestions from chapters and members is what creates change and growth for Chrome Divas. Thank you to the women who continue to represent Chrome Divas on every level. It is an honor to be a part of an organization of women who love the sport of motorcycling, camaraderie and assisting in local communities and bringing a positive image to women in motorcycling and more importantly, Chrome Divas!

#### National Director – Wendy Chetcuti



Hello Sisters! My name is Wendy Chetcuti and I am your new National Director. I am following in some strong and mighty footsteps and would like to wholeheartedly thank Janet Wiltshire for her leadership and inspiration to the Chrome Divas and for leading us gracefully into our future.

I have worked at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio for 20 years in one capacity or another but for the last 8 years I've been the Academic Program Director for the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. I am married to Andrew, the mother of Ashley, and the grandmother of two beautiful baby girls, Kinlee who is 5 and Everly who is 22 months.

I am the Director of the Xenia Chrome Divas in Xenia Ohio. I joined the Xenia Divas in October of 2011. I have been their Sergeant of Arms, Treasurer and Assistant Director.

I started riding as a little kid in PA with my PopPop but in 2010 decided, I wanted a motorcycle. I started on a Honda 250 which lasted about a second, Honda 750, My couch, the Honda 1300, then bought my first Harley, a Softtail standard. I now have my custom painted Heritage, which I will keep forever.

I love the Chrome Diva organization and I know how much the National Board cares and supports its members. We are always open and willing if you have questions and we look forward to hearing from you! Keep your shiny side up all!

### National Assistant Director – Dawn Greene



Hey there...I'm Dawn Greene, and I am glad to continue serving as your Assistant National Director. After being born and raised in NJ, I moved to Jacksonville, FL in 1997, and have been in Hiawassee, GA since 2015. For the last 20 years, I've been in the technology field and currently perform Microsoft Exchange Operations and Exchange Capacity Management responsibilities for Bank of America. I've been married to my husband, Phil, for 17 years, have two daughters, four grandchildren, and two dogs.

My husband and I started to ride in 2007. I wanted to ride more than my husband did, and I was excited to learn about the Chrome Divas. I joined the Jacksonville Beaches Chrome Divas in 2009, served as their Treasurer for several years, and lastly was their membership coordinator. I left the JBCD chapter when I moved to Georgia. I have served as your National Treasurer from 2010 to 2015, at which time I became your Assistant National Director. Your Board of Directors is always here to assist and welcome any suggestions you may have to better this amazing organization.

#### National Secretary – Danielle Harper



My name is Danielle Harper, *AKA* 'Dani' or 'Hollywood'. I have been a member of the National Chrome Diva for 11 years as well as a member of the Watertown NY Chrome Divas for 11 years. I have been riding since 2006, and currently ride a Harley-Davidson Dyna Low Rider.

Over the past 11 years, I have held the positions of Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer and Membership Coordinator, in mu home Chapter, some of which I held for more than 1 term over the past 11 years. I also served as the NE Regional Director for the past three (3) years until my recent appointment to National Secretary in January 2018.

I live in Calcium, New York, approximately 30 miles from the Canadian Border. My home town is West Stockholm, New York, approximately 79 miles from where I currently live.

I graduated in 1992 from Potsdam High School, Potsdam, New York, and in 2004 from Jefferson Community College, Watertown, New York with my Paralegal degree. I am employed with Bernier, Carr & Associates, an Architectural / Engineering firm in Watertown, New York where I have been employed for almost 15 years.

I have two (2) beautiful children; Ashley (26) and Derek (21), an amazing boyfriend who supports and encourages everything I do and accepts me for me, and I am surrounded by the most wonderful family, friends, and Chrome Diva sisters that a girl could ever ask for.

I love the Chrome Divas, Inc., who we are, and what our purpose is.....to give back to our communities, to ride and to HAVE FUN (2). I have met some amazing women through the Chrome Divas, Inc. and have formed life-long friendships and for that, I will be forever grateful.

In Sisterhood, Danielle 'Dani' Harper Chrome Divas National Secretary

~ Clutch ~ Throttle ~ Ride Chrome Diva Style

#### National Treasurer - Lynn Rhea



Hello Chrome Diva Sisters!

I am Lynn Rhea, aka Diva Phoenix. I am your National Treasurer. I started riding in 2009 after spending many years as a passenger. It was my husband that encouraged me to learn to ride and after a few "bumps" in the road, I was hooked. I mainly rode with my husband, and his friends. Normally, I was the only girl on her own bike. I realized that I wanted to ride with other women, instead of hanging with the boys.

I joined the Xenia Chrome Divas in March 2011. I loved the fact that we had a mission, a goal to help others. I feel very blessed in my life, and I found I needed to give back to my community. The Chrome Divas were a win-win!

I briefly stepped away from the Chrome Divas, before returning and stepping up as the Creative

Genius for XCD, doing flyers, digital ads and shirt designs for our poker runs.

I currently hold the position of Treasurer for Xenia, as well as Creative Genius, and have held the Road Captain position as well. I met the National Board this year in Daytona, and was so impressed with the dedication of the National Board for this organization; I knew I wanted to be part of that as well.

I am the mother of two grown boys, and wife of 25+ years. I have two wonderful rescue dogs that are my babies. I enjoy multiple hobbies, and love to ride horses whenever I get the opportunity.

Please feel free to reach to me if you any assistance, I am happy to help.

Ride safely, Sisters!

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NE Regional Director – Toni Miller



My name is Toni Miller. I'm married and have 2 sons, 3 step children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. I have 2 dogs, 4 cats and an exotic bird. I work at a large company as a machine set up. In June I'll have been there for 29 years. In September I'll be celebrating 28 years working at a dog boarding facility where I'm the office manager. I also have a small business that I started in March 2017 welding horseshoes into crafty items. I have been riding my own bike since 1998. I currently ride a 2012 Heritage Softtail with a custom paint job. I am 1 of 9 original members to start our chapter in Cortland NY. I researched groups, organizations and MCs to see what was the best fit. Chrome Divas won hands down! Our chapter officially started on February 1, 2015. I'm very proud of all the good we have done for women in our community. I started as the Director of our chapter and have remained in that position. I'm looking forward to serving the NE Region as the Director.

# NE Regional Assistant Director



My name is Jodie Foster. I am a mother of 3 grown children. I have 3 grandchildren. One from each child. (one grandson and two granddaughters). I also have a step granddaughter as well.

I work full time as a school bus driver for two locations, the Sackets Harbor Central School and Jefferson Vocational Tech Center.

I have a 2014 low rider and have been riding motorcycle for 10 years. I have also been a member of the Watertown Chrome Divas for 10 years. I have held 3 positions: Road captain, Assistant Director and Director.

I love the outdoors, camping, gardening and crafts. I love to ride and hang out with my Diva sister's.

### SE Regional Director Michelle Key



Michelle Key is a Florida girl through and through. Born and raised in the Jacksonville area, she loves to be outdoors, especially on 2 wheels. She has been riding about 6 years, and has racked up around 30,000 miles over that time with both short and long trips. Her favorite trip so far was in May of 2015 when she rode the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive.

Michelle is just kicking off her 4th year as chapter Director, and has been the Asst Regional Director for the past 2 years. She is looking forward to getting more involved with the chapters throughout Florida, and hopes to help establish other chapters in the southeastern states. There are many, many women riding throughout the area, and she believes they would be a wonderful addition to our organization.

Michelle is married with 2 adult children and 3 dogs. She works full time to support her motorcycle habit and buy more chrome for her Road King Classic named Dolly.

## SE Regional Asst Director Mahala "Mouse" Gilene



My name is Mahala 'Mouse' Gilene. I have been a Diva since birth and a Chrome Diva since 2007. I have been a founding member of 2 Chapters in Kentucky and the founding Director of the Daytona Beach Chapter. In the Midwest Region, I held the positions of secretary, membership coordinator and treasurer. In the SE Region I am the current SE Regional Assistant Director, the founding and 2018 Director of the Daytona Beach Chapter, also the previous SE Regional Director.

I ride a pink VW trike, it has the transaxle of a VW bus with a 1600 dual port motor of a VW Super Beetle and more fun than should be legal. After my husband's death I so needed Wind Therapy. One day I decided that I was never going to be able to kickstart the panhead but I'm sure I can figure out how to ride that trike sitting next to it. Didn't take long before I found the Chrome Divas online and the rest is history. I am very blessed to have 3 supportive Children, 6 Grandchildren and 100's of Chrome Diva Sisters.

During a visit from a Chrome Diva Sister from Ohio during Bike Week 2016, we were talking about how we had both always wanted to go to Sturgis and how our husbands had both died before we ever got to make the trip. Well, fast forward ~ WE DID IT!! We loaded up her mini Winnebago, hooked up the trailer and hit the road. As long as I live I will never be able to thank her or the Chrome Divas, Inc. for giving me that adventure. P.S. While we were waiting out a rain shower in a Harley Dealership near Sturgis, we met another Chrome Diva from Omaha – 'Rebel'. This Sisterhood has no boundaries!

### MW Regional Director – Karyn Temple



Hello Sisters: My name is Karyn Temple aka Diva River. I am a Registered Nurse with certification in Wound and Ostomy management. I have 3 grown sons, who all served our country. When not riding my iron horse I ride a fourlegged one. I ride pretty much year round, one way or the other.

I have been riding a two wheeled motorized bike since I was 7. I started on a 50cc Trail-cat. Had a mini-bike before a bicycle.

After raising 3 sons, I sought out other women who also enjoyed "wind therapy". Looking at various women's groups, in 2010, I found Chrome Divas. I looked into the local chapters. In Feb of 2011, I found the Xenia chapter. Finding them, I found a group of diverse women, who share my love of riding, coupled with a passion for a cause I hold dear. It was a win-win. Friendships quickly grew into sisterhood. Life happens so I took a short time away from my Xenia chapter. While staying a National Member, I continued to get to know other Chapter sisters. My love for the Chrome Divas mission grew. I missed my sisters and the time was right so I returned to my home, Xenia Chrome Divas, I have a renewed love and appreciation for my sisters and a passion to further the mission to "build a positive image of women motorcyclists ... create an awareness of women and children's issues ... ride and have fun."

It is an amazing feeling to know sisters in other chapters, states and regions. To ride side by side, have a meal and a bunch of laughs with your sisters is such a renewal. I want to help create venues that foster that for everyone. I look forward to helping our chapters get together to ride, have fun, while getting a great dose of that sisterhood that binds us together.

## MW Assistant Regional Director – Annie Tasker



Hello Ladies! My name is Annie Tasker AKA Diva Cupcake and I am the Assistant Midwest Director. I discovered the Chrome Divas because I was looking for some women to ride with. I became member of the Columbus Chrome Divas in 2015 and have enjoyed every minute since. I currently ride my Honda Shadow but I am looking forward to upgrading to an Indian Scout in the near future. When I am not riding I am usually cheering on the Columbus Blue Jackets and the Ohio State Buckeyes. I love being a part of a group of women who not only give back to their communities but also support each other through their common bonds of motorcycle riding.

## W Regional Director Nancy Bouffiou



Nancy Bouffiou takes a vision and can see the threads of opportunity that wind through an organization. She helps as a team member, bring them together into a coherent whole. She is an inspirational leader who tells stories that inspire action while at the same time is grounded in financial information that levers the mission. Respected as a credible voice in decision making, establishing governance boundaries, Nancy earns a seat at the table wherever she serves

Throughout her career, she has helped students, peers, and subordinates recognize their unique talents. She has a contagious enthusiasm and passionate belief in people that inspires them to become prouder, stronger, and more valuable contributors to their organizations.

Nancy in the past has owned and operated her own martial arts school for 17 years and has been training and teaching for 25 years. She is the 2012 Pugilist Female Martial Arts Hall of Fame inductee.

She raised two inspirational boys to be contributing men of worth in today's tough society. Nancy currently is employed as the office manager for a company in Verdi, NV helping to keep control of funds fluctuation, and the company growing.

## W Regional Assistant Director Susan Bithell



Hello, my name is Susan and I joined the Chrome Divas in 2012. Over the past four years I've served as treasurer for the SoCal Diva Chapter. I ride a Harley Street Glide and a BMW F700GS. In 2006 a couple of male co-workers challenged me to be a passenger on an afternoon ride. I fell in love with riding! Soon thereafter I earned my MC endorsement and purchased my first Harley! After relocating from Seattle to LA I was looking for a riding group. As luck would have it I came across the SoCal Chrome Divas. Life has not been the same since (in a good way).

The Chrome Diva organization and ladies are awesome! The rides, the adventures and friendships are so empowering. I look forward to giving back to an organization and sisterhood that has given so much to me.

## Central Regional Director Carla Hellbusch



I rode on the back of my first motorcycle when I was 19 and fell in love - with motorcycles. In 2006 my husband bought a motorcycle, it was a small one, not fun to ride on the back of. I told him we needed to get a bigger motorcycle and he said the most wonderful thing ever, "why not learn to ride and get your own motorcycle." That was all the invitation I needed. Now 12 years later I'm still going strong and in love once again - with my own motorcycle. Four years ago, I met another person who has help change my life forever. Mary "Down Town," then the director of the Omaha Chapter of Chrome Divas. I met the group and instantly knew this was a place of safety and a spirit of community. I was taken in by how much they give and serve in the community and I love these women and all of the Divas that I have met, so very much. This really is an organization of sisters.

## Central Regional Assistant Director Janet Wiltshire



I have been a licensed rider since 1982 and Founding member of the Alton, IL Chrome Divas Chapter. I have been a Chrome Diva since 2005. Riding and the Chrome Divas are my passions. I enjoy traveling and meeting other Chrome Divas. Helping to make the Central Region Chrome Divas unified and successful as a new Region is very important to me. I will do my best to help Carla as her Assistant to meet the needs of the Central Region.