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January is already past and February is here, where does the time go so fast. Before we know it this year will be at its end and we will start all over with a new year. Time flies, but we see that life goes on.

I have never been one to make new year resolutions but with one exception: ENJOY EVERY MINUTE God has given me while I can, and as I get older what I can becomes less and less. Anita and I hope to spend more time on our trike than we have lately so I just wanted to remind us of some of our rides coming up:

1. Chilly Willy Feb.16
2. Monthly Tuesday dinner rides.
3. Monthly Saturday Breakfast rides
4. *Bike Week Safety Break- March 9th*
5. Officer Michael Smith Charity Ride, March 23
6. *40 to Phoenix*, March 26
7. *2019 Chapter Spring Ride*, April 11-14

So, as you can see, we have a lot of fun time planned, and if you go to our web site www.gwrra-gaa.com and find many other rides.

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 Meet every third Saturday

Eat 5pm to 6pm, Meeting 6pm till 7pm

<http://www.gwrra-gaa.com>

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A HELPING HAND

BY JOYCE PIOTROWSKI

As the Holiday season was upon us, (I know this is February now!), helping a veteran in need for Christmas was to be the next charitable project for Chapter A.

VSG, (Veteran Support Group), gave us the name of a veteran that could use some help at Christmas. Ms. Blount, a Navy veteran, had been living in a motel with her 3 sons for 9 months. Working with VSG to secure her benefits, while trying to obtain housing, was a long process for her. Juanita, Phil and I met with Ms. Blount to find out her greatest needs. She wanted nothing for herself but caring about her sons, ages 14,15, and a 20-year-old with special needs. After some urging, she said she could use some pots and pans, and food storage containers. After discussing her sons needs and interests, a request was put out to the Chapter members to help provide some of the items.

The donations from everyone were awesome! As usual, we always step up to assist when the need is great!

Chapter A's Christmas to Ms. Blount included: Pots and pans, food storage containers, lotion, a Wal- Mart gift card. The youngest boys (Jayden and Alex), received sweatshirts, sweatpants and Taco Bell gift cards. For Jaceem (20), sweatshirt and sweat pants, and art supplies. Also, a small table top Foosball game for them all to enjoy. We were also able to provide a ham and vegetables, along with donated items for their kitchen.

I want to especially thank those who gave monetary donations: Bob and Bonnie McCroskey, Bob and Karla Greer, Mike Tant and Susan Scott, Bryan and Nina Douglas. Also, thanks to Carla and Darryl Rapp for the pots/pans set, Juanita and Peg for food storage containers, Bernie and Becky Batt for the Wal-Mart gift card, and Linda Ferguson, a crocheted afghan.

On Dec. 20th, several members met Ms. Blount and son Alex at the VSGH to deliver our Christmas goodies. She was very appreciative of all the Chapter had done for them, and she later called me to thank us all.

Again, Chapter A gave from their hearts, and we were able to provide a Merry Christmas to a family in need. Thank You all so much for caring and giving!

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OFFICIAL OPENING OF VSG FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHES CLOSET

The official opening of the Veterans Support Group Food Pantry, and Clothes Closet, was Jan. 11, 2019. As it gets into full operation, we will continue to support this worthy cause, with our donations of nonperishable food items. So please remember to bring your items to each monthly meeting/gathering, events, rides (or get them to me or Phil). So far, our donations have been greatly needed and appreciated!

The Clothes Closet will be open February 22, then will increase to every Friday in March. Volunteers will be needed as our turn is decided upon. I will be reaching out to members to assist during the 10-4-time frame. Watch for upcoming info on this. Thanks everyone!

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GA Chapter A Couples of the Year
Through The Years

Year **Chapter A Couple of the Year** **Georgia District Couple of the Year**

How far back can we fill in the blanks? If anybody can help me fill in the blanks (year & names) please send me an e-mail and I will try to get this information posted on the ChA COY pages.

Tom & Ellen Jeanes
Gary & Barb Thayer
Tom & Ellen Jeanes

Vernon & Luann Harp

2003	Bob & Karla Greer	
2004	Bob & Bonnie McCroskey	Bob & Karla Greer
2005	Brian & Cindy Allen	
2006	Phil & Joyce Piotrowski	
2007	Don & Judy Severs	
2008	Steve & Dottie Fagan	
2009	Roy & Julie Degler	
2010	Bob & Dianne Hickly	
2011	Dick & Peg Hopkins	Bob & Dianne Hickly
2012	Larry & Pam Clemmer	Dick & Peg Hopkins
2013	Bryan & Nina Douglas	
2014	Don & Sharon Jenkins	
2015	Gary & Juanita Rackley	
2016	Nathan & Beverly Ensley	Gary & Juanita Rackley
2017	Larry & Sheila Appleby	
2018	Ken & Anita Maynard	
2019	Bob & Karla Greer	

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Chapter A Spring Ride 2019 - South Georgia & Beyond

Thursday, April 11 – Sunday April, 14, 2019

Itinerary Summary - Visit GWRRA GA Chapter K, Okefenokee Swamp, Plains, GA & Providence Canyon State Park – Georgia's Little Grand Canyon

We just wanted to remind you to make sure you make your hotel reservations for the 2019 Chapter A Spring Ride. A complete itinerary with day by day rides and planned activities can be found in our January 2019 Newsletter Article. This is going to be a very relaxed & chilled out back roads rides to some very interesting and historical South Georgia sites.

Day 1 - Thursday, April 11, 2019

McDonough to Brunswick, GA

Hotel for 1st night/Thursday, April, 11, 2019

Super 8

211 Palisade Drive

Brunswick, GA 31520

(912) 217-4949

To make your room reservation at this Super 8 call (912) 217-4949 and press 1/reservations. Make reference to Booking Itinerary Number 5136B81524508. The Booking Itinerary is under the name "Block GWRRA". This hotel only has 7 King Rooms so I blocked those 7 King Bed and 5 2-Queen Beds. The price for a King is \$57.80 + \$6.94 tax = \$64.74 and the Queens are \$62.05 + \$7.45 tax = \$69.50. These prices go away, as does the group block reservation, Wednesday, March 27, 2019. If anybody has any problem with making their reservation please call Lula at (800) 363-2297. She is the person that set up this group block for me. Once your reservation is made you can cancel your reservation without penalty on or before Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

Day 2 - Friday, April 12, 2019

Okefenokee Swamp, East Entrance

Be sure to bring your National Parks Senior Pass with you to save you a \$5 per vehicle parking fee

Hotel for 2nd night/Friday, April 12, 2019

Super 8

132 Havanna Avenue

Waycross, GA 31501

(912) 584-1517

To make your room reservation at this Super 8 call (912) 584-1517 and press 1/reservations. Refer to Booking Itinerary Number 5136B82405629. The Booking Itinerary is under the name "Block GWRRA". This group block is for 10 Kings and 2 Doubles. All the rooms are the same \$48.00 price + \$6.72 tax = \$54.72. These prices go away, as does the group block reservation on, Thursday, April 4, 2019/1 week prior to arrival. If anybody has any problem with making their reservation, please call Lula at (800) 363-2297. She is the person that set up this group block for me. Once your reservation is made you can cancel your reservation without penalty on or before Thursday, April 11, 2019/1 day prior to arrival.

Room Amenities are: Free WiFi, Continental Breakfast, Mini-Fridge, Microwave & A/C.

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If you don't want to eat another Continental Breakfast (2 mornings in a row) there are lots of restaurants in the area. Go eat, come back to Super 8 and be ready to leave at 9:00 AM.

Day 3 - Saturday, April 13, 2019

Plains, GA

Hotel for 3rd night/Saturday, April, 13, 2019

Econo Lodge

1611 E. Lamar Street

Americus, GA 31709

(229) 928-5400

Rooms should start at around \$51.00 for a non-fundable rate through CHOICE Hotels website and \$64 for their refundable rate. I called the hotel for a group rate and no one returned my call.

Day 4 - Sunday, April 14, 2019

Providence Canyon State Park & back home

Bob & Karla Greer

2019 Georgia Chapter A

Couple of the Year

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DAYS TO REMEMBER

March Birthdays

- March 5 Gary Tuttle
- 9 Darryl Rapp
- 15 Phil Piotrowski
- 15 Juanita Rackley

March Anniversaries

- March 26 Gary and Glenda Tuttle



HOPE YOUR SPECIAL DAY IS A GREAT DAY AND YOU HAVE MANY MORE. GOD BLESS YOU!

Special Concerns

I am glad to say I have not heard from anyone about any of our Chapter A family members who have been or are in the hospital. I know we have had some under the weather with colds and many aches and pains but no reports to me. We do have some District members recovering from surgery and hospital stays. Garland Dennis, Chapter T is out of the hospital with a lot of continued care for recovery. Joe Piper, Chapter S out of hospital after back surgery, a long road ahead (6 months). Ken Hemingway, Chapter M recovering from back surgery. Don Yearwood, Chapter B-2 is home and doing well after his hospital stay. Frank Crane, Chapter I-2 has had a small stroke. Let's keep all our GWRRA family in our thoughts and prayers.

Stay warm and if you are doing any riding at all stay safe.

Peg Hopkins



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