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President's Point of View, by Jeff Grube

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# LIHR President's Message

Season's Greetings Harley Riders!!

T'was the month before Christmas.....and it was AWESOME!!!



We had an incredible month to begin winding down the 2022 riding season. Our Veteran's Ride on November 6 th was well attended, very rewarding and inspirational. The new format of visiting multiple group homes worked out really well and allowed for a lot of interaction with the Veterans. They were all unique and special in their own way. Next up was the Tech Day at HD of Nassau County. The dealership did a terrific job of welcoming a large group of us for coffee, snacks, giveaways and some time with one of their top technicians. HDNC management was overly appreciative of our visit and they are impressed with the number of miles our club rides. On very short notice we were also able to take part in the opening ceremony for a One Club Golf Tournament up in Darien CT to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project. Despite some wet weather we were able to usher in last years Champion on one of the bikes to a very enthusiastic and appreciative group of golfers.

The Sagamore Ride did need to be postponed after the monthly meeting however the rain date is coming up on December 11 th . Please try to attend this wonderful event. It means so much to the kids at the facility.

A reminder to all that the 2023 Membership Drive is underway. Take advantage of the discount on membership by renewing by the end of the year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Members, Officers and Road Captains for all of their participation throughout the year!! Our club may not be the biggest on the Island but I sincerely feel that it's the best and that is because of YOU, our members! Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season and looking forward to an active 2023 riding season.

See you on the road....

Jeff

# November Membership Meeting, 11/27

Our President Jeff Grube called the meeting to order, asked our members to stand, remove their covers and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked if there were any new members. He welcomed new member Donna Drake and returning member Lou Vaccerelli, our Club Historian for many years. Susanne Ewald has also joined as an Associate member. We were also honored to be joined by former members Ginny and Rich Zeier who were visiting from Texas.

Jeff spoke about the upcoming events the Club had planned. The Annual LIHR Holiday Party was on schedule for Saturday 12/3 at 7pm. Lynne Ficalora reported tickets were still on sale after the meeting. She gave the current head count based on the tickets already purchased and overall we hoped for at least 50 people in attendance. She has some volunteers for setup but others are welcomed to meet at the VFW hall on Friday 12/2 at 7pm. Lynne reminded us there will be a Silent Auction during the holiday party as well. Some baskets have already been accounted for but if anyone needs an empty basket we have some available in the Club's storage room.

Jeff invited Dom Mazza up to the speak of the Sagamore Children's Center Ride which originally scheduled after meeting had to be postponed until Sunday 12/11. Dom had collected some gifts for the kids already but also encouraged the members to make a good showing on the day of the ride. The kids and staff really appreciate us coming with Santa and are especially thankful for our holiday cheer and gifts. Many of the children are less fortunate or have literally nothing so our contributions make a big impact. When we visit Sagamore we will attempt to bring some of the motorcycles into the court yard for the kids to enjoy. And we must not forget to check out the meditation garden and see our dedicated bench.

The meeting agenda continued with Jeff reviewing the ride to Darien, CT on 11/25 to support the Wounded Warriors Project. The weather on the ride was cloudy and the group encountered some rain but the folks honoring the WWP at the Country Club gave us a warm welcome and were tremendously thankful for our participation in the ceremony.

Our Treasure Joe Giacalone gave an update on our cash position, any upcoming expenses, and mentioned the Club was in good shape as we move into 2023. Joe also gave an status on the Spirit Wear website and reminded the membership that orders need to be in by Tuesday 11/29. The vendor would be shutting down the site and fulfilling all the orders that had been placed by the Club members. All orders are expected to be delivered before Christmas. Joe will look into opening up the site again at some point after speaking with the vendor.

Head Road Captain Sal Fino recapped the miles logged for 2022. He reported our club rides to date are 32 rides and 11 canceled rides with a total of 9333 miles shy of our usual 10,000 plus. Sal spoke about our recent rides to the Long Island Veterans. There was an excellent turnout which was much appreciated by all the vets who we met while we visited the four different residences. Each Vet home was different but the Vets we met and spoke to were welcoming and thankful for the gift cards we presented to them. Thank you again to the membership for your wonderful donations made during the Poker Run specifically for this event. Sal and Jeff also discussed our ride the Nassau Harley Davidson, their tremendous hospitality, biker breakfast and tech sessions. They were happy with our turnout. This was an excellent way to get closer to the dealership on a Club level and hopefully we can build on our relationship. Sal gave run down on the 2023 overnighters planned for the year. The Officers and Road Captains look forward to the rides and encourage the membership to participate as well. If anyone has any ideas for rides please let us know.

Our Membership Officer Scott Musorofiti gave a status on our membership reporting we are in the process of doing the renewals for membership. It's been a busy time and all members should take advantage of renewing before the end of the year to take advantage of the discounted membership fees. Scott was available after the meeting to accept the required paperwork and profile information for those wanted to renew today. Scott also reported that he handed out membership brochures to some people at a recent Fire Riders biker event. Some folks knew of our club and seemed interested. He has also posted LIHR Brochures in the Motorcycle shop in Port Jefferson on Main Street. Scott and the owner are very good friends. If you happen to shop in the store please mention you are a member of the LIHR's to receive a discount.

Annette of the Ladies of Harley gave a quick status and mentioned will be making plans for the upcoming year. update on the LOH committee

Pres Jeff will continue to make the 'Ride Like a Pro' DVD available to any members who are interested in viewing the safety related video. The DVD is currently on loan. Rod Morganweck spoke about a HDNC safety class to be arranged for the Spring of 2023. Trying to set up for 4/15/23 or 4/16/23

Jeff told the membership there will be no monthly membership meeting in December and the first monthly meeting of the New Year will be January 22.

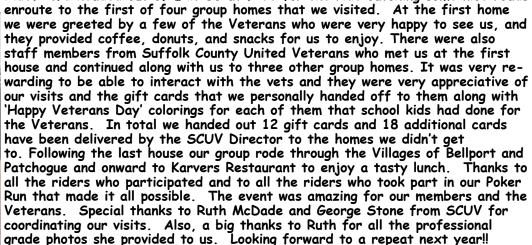
# HAPPY HARLEY DAYS

# November Meeting Pics



# Long Island Veterans Ride, 11/6

RC Gary with the help of RC Assist John led 18 bikes and 21 riders on what turned out to be an incredible and inspiring Veterans Ride. We headed out of Exit 56 at 9:00 for the ride catching some nice roads





# LIHR Ride & Meet & Greet to HDNC, 11/19

RC Jeff led a dozen bikes to Harley Davidson of Nassau County where we joined up with some other member riders and a few by car. We had 17 bikes in total for the event sponsored by HDNC. All together we had 29 members attend the event which was both fun and informative. Our hosts at HDNC did a terrific job greeting us with coffee, bagels, and snacks. LI Harley Riders were also prominently displayed on the dealership doors and on monitors inside the dealership welcoming our group. All our members got to spin a prize wheel for some tee shirts, hats, and coffee mug giveaways. Following the giveaways, we got a tour of

their new service area and got some technical instruction from one of HDNC's most experienced technicians. Everyone enjoyed the event and information. After wrapping up at the dealership Jeff lead most of the riders to The Parlor House in Sayville for an enjoyable lunch. This was a return trip to this lunch venue for the club and they did not disappoint. Overall, a great turnout on a very chilly day but it was well worth it.

## Wounded Warrior Ride to Darien CT on 11/25

RC Jeff led 6 bikes and 6 riders on Friday 11/25/22 to Darien CT to take part in the opening ceremony for a "One Club Golf Tournament", a fund raiser for the Wounded Warriors Project held at the Country Club of Darien. The bikes staged in a nearby park and when given the signal rode in with last year's tour-

nament Champion on the back of John Hachmann's bike. The golfers were unaware of the motorcycle precession to bring in the reigning Champ. The golfers were in the midst of getting their tournament briefing when the bikes rolled in to their surprise. The golfers were very pumped up to see the bikes pull in and we got lots of handshakes and fist bumps after we dismounted. The organizing team was very welcoming and they took us through their Pro Shop and then into the golfers lounge where we were presented with some tournament swag and we hung out a little while and had some coffee and sodas. We're planning a repeat the same Friday after Thanksgiving next year and we'll make it a full day Club ride with additional cruising in CT, a lunch stop and return by Bridgeport Ferry. Thanks to all the riders who were able to attend despite a little bit of rainy weather. It was still an awesome event for a very good cause.



# December Safety Article

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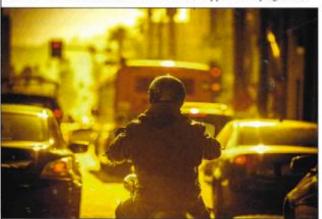
### Vigilance

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noun: vigilance • the action or state of keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties.

It was a dark and rainy night...

No, it wasn't. It was really a soggy and wet afternoon and we had left New Jersey Motorsports Park a couple of hours early as the wet rolled in. As we motored up Interstate 287 and just a bit north of the 78 interchange, my eyes picked up a Mercedes SUV rolling onto the highway and into the right lane. I didn't have to think about it... I knew he'd be a couple of car lengths ahead of me and maybe five in front of Shira at my 6. Both of us in the left lane. Then the white car blipped into my right-side



mirror. Unlike too many riders I try to keep a constant grasp of what is around me. Situational Awareness. That combination of scan, look, and digest as much as possible.

The beat-up white car was moving quickly past Shira and then me, before sliding into the far right lane; just as the Mercedes was entering the highway.

The Pauli Exclusion Principle says two identical matter particles can't occupy the same quantum state. In simple terms, you can't have two things taking up the same space.

Indeed.

I sometimes tell people I am ever vigilant. It is usually done in a joking manner about something inconsequential – like historic signs, new restaurants, or great pieces of pavement. Surely, all of these are important in an easy manner – but I am not so light on vigilance when it comes to riding.

I admit this day a combination of vitamins and coffee had me a bit hyper-vigilant, and as I saw the collision about to unfold in front of us I thought of any possible escape route when the two cars hit.

It is amazing how your brain can hit Warp 7 in

an instant and I was predicting the hit, the Mercedes (the protagonist) pushed into the rail and then ricocheting back into the road. The white junker (the antagonist) spinning clockwise.

Both would confirm Wolfgang's Principle when they took us both outcollateral damage as it were. Just bit players in highway drama.

Both Shira and I were on the brakes - as were some of the other more aware drivers this day.

Then it happened... or didn't.

The driver of the Mercedes spotted the incoming hit and made a remarkable evasive move off the road right up to the guard rail and then back a tire width... the German car actually skipping with a puff off the front tires as the ABS kicked in and the wheels turned.

Mr. Junker swung too ... in and out – fish-tailing about wildly but then accelerated into the lane and then back to the center – picking up speed and disappearing into the rain continuing his erratic chess piece moves.

We all let out a collective breath and I looked over at the couple in the Mercedes – they were wide-eyed and making, what I believe to be, a string of colorful metaphors. He glanced at me and I gave him a big thumbs up on his save. It probably saved us as well – as I heard Martha Reeves and the Vadellas singing our tune.

Vigilance... It is certainly easy to say, but hard to keep up and nobody can keep 100% Situational Awareness 100% of the time.

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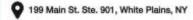
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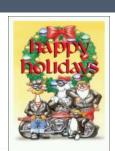




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### December Birthday's

Griff Wolf 12/1, Robert Sardoni 12/2, Jeff Grube 12/6, Anthony Petrunti 12/10, Karen Imperial 12/12, Patrick Donahue 12/12, Robert Romano 12/12, Maria Lana Morvillo 12/14, Gary Kinkel 12/14, Mario Ruffolo 12/14, Mary Faley 12/16, James Hernandez 12/18, Jerry Small 12/18, Bob Mesa 12/21, Lance Margolin 12/22, Bob Blair 12/24, Pelops Damianos 12/27, Ron Ferrugiari 12/30, Chris Faley 12/31



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### **Upcoming Events**

December 11th - Sagamore Children's Center Holiday Toy Ride

December 25th - Merry Christmas

January 1 - Happy New Year



Charter rides that begin and terminate on Long Island are officially over when the destination is reached. If a Charter Ride leaves Long Island, the ride will officially end upon returning to Long Island. Official charter rides are "dry" rides, no alcohol. Helmets are required on all club rides.

Check your email, our website or facebook for last minute changes. Full tank of gas and empty bladder required for all Rides

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### Upcoming Rides

12/11	Assist. John aka Santa	Sagamore Children's Center	11:30am, VFW
12/18	Gary	City Island for a seafood lunch stopping at Empire Harley and Glen Park	9:00am, exit 32

Destination

Note: We have replaced the KSU starting point from LIE exit 43, to <u>LIE Exit 32 for off Island rides</u>



Date

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Remember to check the Hotline at (631)406-4170 two hours before KSU to hear updates and cancellations.



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# 2023 'Look Ahead' Overnighters

May:7th-13th, West Virginia week over night ride (RC Jeff will be Leading the ride)

June: 10th-13th, Laconia bike week over-night ride (Head RC Sal will be Leading the ride)

July: 8th-9th, Rhode Island overnight ride (RC Frank will be leading the ride)

Aug:10th-13th, Up State New York Letchworth state park (Assistant RC Chris Leading the ride)

September 9th-12th, St. Mary's PA to view the Annual Elk Rutting (RC Jeff Leading)

October 13th-15th, Location TBD (RC Gary will be leading the ride, Fall Foliage)

NOTE: Lodging and date details on all overnighter's will be in the Members Only section on our LIHR website at the appropriate time prior to the event. When the overnighters are posted please use the Sign-Up Genius to confirm you are attending. It is really helpful to the R.C.'s to be able to know all who are going and to finalize the ride details based on the total # of riders.

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After the meeting, our Charter Photographer will take your photo!



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