



# THE SPROCKET

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## ***Farewell SIW President's Message from Paul Beach***

The Southern Indiana Wheelmen Bicycle Club turned 40 this year. Where has the time gone? We...and I mean everyone, must be doing things right. Just look at our full ride schedules, great rides, new members, and the unbelievably high mileage being ridden. We had another great Harvest Homecoming Bike Tour at the beautiful Forest Discovery Center in Starlight, IN, thanks to the Koetter Family and Cris Kruer. I would like to send out a special "thank you" to everyone who helped to make this "the Best" cycling event in Southern Indiana.

What a great turn out and a great evening at this year's Awards Banquet. Joe Gutmann did an awesome job as MC, and also everyone who worked on the table center pieces and the wonderful memorial video for Phyllis Lewis and Phil Baldyga.

Barb and I can't thank those enough who put together the memory book (Presidential Couple Extraordinaire) and the Christmas money tree. You left us speechless!

Congratulations to everyone on your 2015 SIW cycling achievements!

We look forward to working with our 2016 SIW officers and Board of Directors in the coming year. A special thanks to Jeanne Garrison-Young who has stepped up to take over as our 2016 SIW President. Also, thanks to Stan Wheeler for accepting the challenge of Slowspokes Coordinator for 2016. David Rausch is moving over to be our 2016 Treasurer. Paul Vice has graciously taken over for Phyllis Lewis in 2015 and will continue as SIW Editor for 2016. These officers will continue for 2016 as last year: Michael Hottois, VP Touring; Ann Bishop, Secretary; Bryan Huhnerkoch, Statistician; Tim Meyer, Web Master; and Bob & Susie Peters as HHC Directors.

Our Board of Directors are: Ron McKim, Chairman, Jan Campbell, Carole Sutton, Joe Gutmann, Alison Ewart, Ray Thomas, and Tak Koerner.

Congratulations and thank you to all our officers!

I wish all of you a healthy and Happy New Year. Ride safe and God bless.

Paul Beach

## **News from our New SIW President: Jeanne Garrison-Young**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Club Meeting for 2016**

Please plan to attend our first 2016 club meeting (and my first meeting as SIW President) on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Clark County Library. The meeting will start at 6:00 pm.

The preliminary agenda includes:

- **Officers' reports**
- **Discussion/Feedback on the Awards Banquet including comments from the Survey**
- **Discussion regarding Survey feedback to the following:**
  - What are your suggestions for making SIW an even better organization?
  - Do you favor keeping the 15 minute grace period for ride start times?

Let me know if you have other items you would like to include on the agenda. I will send out a revised agenda the week of the meeting.

Look forward to hearing your thoughts!

Jeanne Garrison-Young

Jeanne's grandson giving a big thumbs-up for the Southern Indiana Wheelmen.



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If you are a bicyclist in the Southern Indiana/Louisville area and would like to ride with a great group of people with similar interests, come check us out! Just pick up a Southern Indiana Wheelmen or Slowspokes ride schedule from the Clarksville Schwinn bicycle shop. If you have any questions, please contact one of the club officers or visit our web site at [www.siwheelmen.org](http://www.siwheelmen.org).

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Mark Your  
Calendar!

Next Club Meeting  
Thursday, January 14, 2016  
Clarksville Library

We will begin promptly at 6 pm.

Come join us & support your club.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Polar Bear Ride January 1, 2016

Join SIW for our annual Polar Bear Ride - it's the perfect way to start off the New Year! The ride starts at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 1st at TAK and Kelly Koerner's home at 3007 Walnut Cove Court in Jeffersonville and lunch will be ready at 12:00. Routes of 16 or 27 miles will be available.

Please **RSVP** to (812) 987-3341 and bring a covered dish or dessert.

The Redbud Ride April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24th, 2016

<http://www.redbudride.com/>

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*Note from Carole Sutton:*

Canned Good Ride  December 18, 2015

Thanks to all the brave souls that weathered the cold & wind on the canned goods ride, in tradition w/Phyllis Lewis. The canned goods were delivered to Center for Lay Ministry in Jeffersonville, IN. They weighed in at 59 lbs. The center was quite joyful to receive them & expressed their thanks.

Thanks to all who participated! Phyllis would be quite proud!



# Happy Birthday!!

January			February		
Nancy	Lovett	01/01	Ron	Galbraith	02/01
Marty	Jones	01/02	Rachel	Hirsch	02/05
Joe	Lobred	01/06	Tony	Young	02/05
Melissa	Marksbury Roe	01/11	Genna	Brock	02/06
Dick	Keith	01/12	Matt	Prather	02/07
Robin	Meredith	01/12	Paul	Vice	02/08
Karen	Summers	01/12	Chris	Harkness	02/11
Carson	Torpey	01/15	Tony	Barranco	02/12
Bryan	Huhnerkoch	01/16	Max	Owen	02/12
Karen	Johnson	01/16	Nita	Bernat	02/18
Joe	Bishop	01/17	Tak	Koerner	02/18
Michael	Poindexter	01/18	Carolyn	Vose	02/21
Lynn	Luking	01/19	Ken	Meyer	02/22
Barbara	Thorn	01/21	Merrell	Grant	02/23
Sharon	Thomas	01/22	Amy	Harkness	02/23
Roy	Schremp	01/26	Becky	Best	02/27
Ron	Snyder	01/30	Taylor	Ladd	02/27
Tony	Wilson	01/??			

If you see any of the riders listed above, please wish them a **Happy Birthday!!**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**So Long 2015! Happy Cycling in 2016!**