

WOW.... Here we are starting a New Year. I look back and wonder where the time has gone. I can't do much for what has past so I'll leave it in the past and push forward. Whew, is that deep or is that deep?? Too philosophical for me! I'm looking forward to an exciting year in 2013. Lots of new things to learn and experience especially on my Gold Wing! I'm thankful I live in an area where I can ride most every day throughout the year! I'm thankful my health is where I can ride most every day! I'm thankful I belong to an organization that is more like a family than an organization! I'm thankful for what this great organization has to offer me. I'm thankful especially for all the things for my safety while riding. All the rider classes, all the seminars, the first aid and CPR classes being offered so I can be a safer and better equipped rider. I'm thankful that through all this I can have more FUN even at my age.

The date is fast approaching that will mark my first year as Florida District Educator. January 17, 2012.

Thank you is not adequate to tell all the chapter educators, District Staff and the two assistant District Educators how much you are appreciated.

Everyone was so very helpful in the transition, answering all of my questions, offering helpful advice and generally just "Being There" for Pam and I, that the assumption of duties went smoothly.

Many milestones were achieved this year and we very much are anticipating the coming year for many more. Of course, each and every day we learn another important fact concerning the Rider Education program for GWRRA and we are grateful for the opportunities we have to share with the members here in Florida.

Remember, you are all a really big part of the Rider Education program here in Florida, and the ability we have to offer all the safety classes at no cost to the membership, SO...in case I did not mention it, please sell those raffle tickets for the motorcycle giveaway in March, (just three months away). This year we have just over 5,000 tickets not distributed. (If your chapter needs extra, just call or email) We need to sell as many as possible to defray the year round costs of classes, ranges, instructors, goodies for educators, and of course, the giveaway Goldwing!!! Thank you for your help, so far.

We hope to see all of you in Kissimmee and thanks once again, for all you have done this past year.

Rick and Pam Northrop

District Educators