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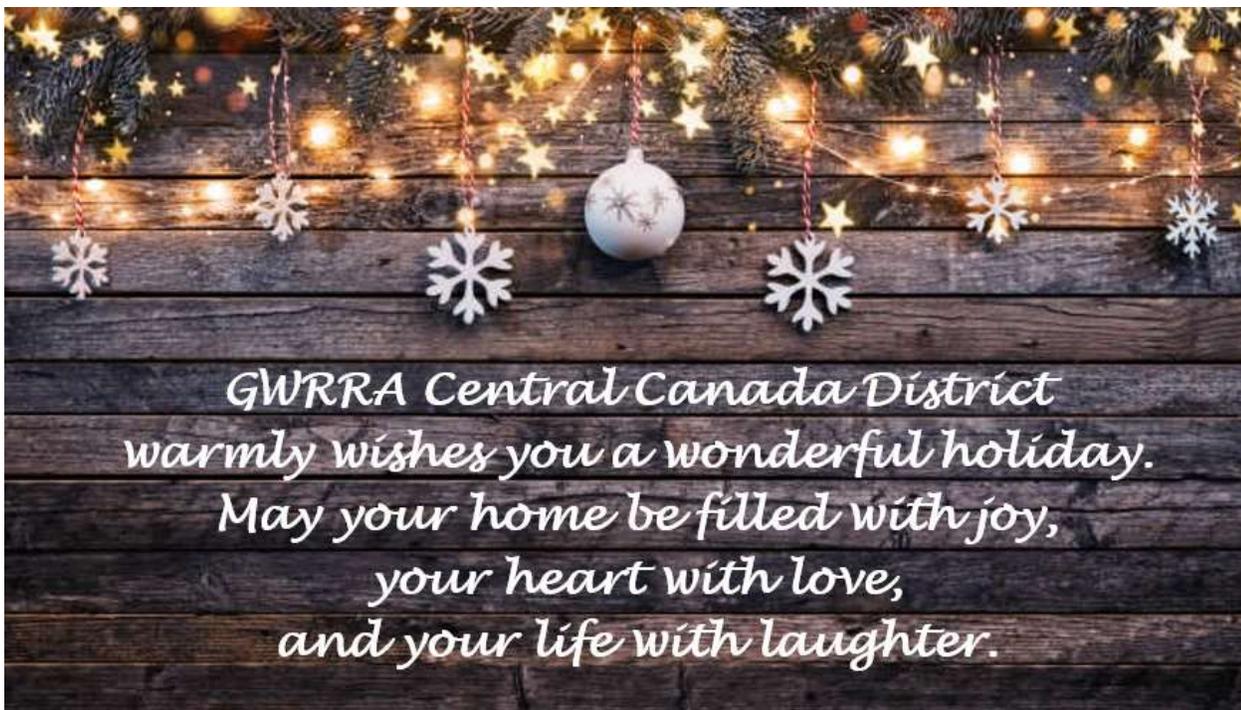
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3 Ways to Say Thank You Meaningfully

People are working hard, times are challenging. Expressing your gratitude doesn't have to be elaborate or in person, but it should be *meaningful*.

Be specific about what you have appreciated. Saying "Thanks, great job" is nice but you can add more substance to it by specifically describing what you've noticed and appreciate.

Acknowledge the person, not just the outcome. How did that person contribute to the outcome? Try to attach the effort and outcome to the person's strengths or skills.

Share the impact they have made. People can feel frustrated by their work sometimes because they don't have a sense of how their efforts make a difference, especially those whose work is more behind the scenes. Describe the parts they contributed to or were responsible for and share with them the impact the outcome has had or will have.

Credit to Charity Village, full article at charityvillage.com

Santa says, "Be kind to others, and yourself. Enjoy the holiday season with your family, friends, neighbours, and colleagues, and carry the joy and warmth of Christmas throughout the year."





MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

Chapter Couples of the Year

Source: Bob & Karla Greer, Assistant Dir, MEP



A very large percentage of GWRRR leaders have been a couple of the year at some level along their GWRRR journey. The Couple of the Year program starts in the Chapter. Every Chapter has a deserving couple that can be named as the Chapter Couple of the Year. This deserving couple should not be asked if they want to be the Chapter Couple of the Year. They have already earned the title for what they have done. The Chapter Director has final say in who is named as the Chapter Couple of the Year. The Chapter Director can ask around or even appoint a small committee to gather information, but the Chapter Director appoints his or her Chapter Couple of the Year. In the business world around us, managers do not ask who wants to be the "Employee of the Month or Year", they just make an announcement, give them a special parking spot and maybe some other sort of rewards. The GWRRR Chapter Couple of the Year selection is no difference. Once the Chapter Couple of the Year is selected, that couple becomes a part of the Chapter Team. The Chapter Couple of the Year should get special recognition at Chapter Gatherings. The Chapter Couple of the Year should be given an opportunity to talk at Chapter Gatherings. When a visiting Chapter, District or International Couple of the Year visits your Chapter event, they should all get special recognition. This is a big deal for them and for GWRRR.

Now, early in the calendar year is the time to select your Chapter Couple of the Year. A lot of Chapters select and make this announcement at their Christmas Party or January Gathering. But this can be done any time. The earlier you select your Chapter Couple of the Year, the longer they have to enjoy this new position. We would ask that the Chapter Director or his/her designee tell their District Couple of the Year Coordinator, District Membership Enhancement Coordinator or District Director as soon as possible after the Chapter Couple of the Year is selected.

The District should reach out and congratulate all new Chapter Couples of the Year and answer any questions they have regarding the program. This District representative should also tell them about the next step in the Couple of the Year Program, which is the District Selection. This should be done in an encouraging manner without scaring them off with a bunch of, "you've got to do this and that" stuff. Tell these Chapter Couples about others in your District, or someone you know, that have had fun going through the District and possibly the International Selection Process. If members of the District Team need any help at all with this, they can always get in touch with us or any other member of the International Membership Enhancement Team.

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Check out our MEP COY Site at:

<https://gwrramep.org/couple-of-the-year> **LIFE GRAND MASTERS**

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The GWRRR Couple of the Year Program is spelled out in the April 2021 Officer's Handbook on pages 101 – 115.



RIDER EDUCATION



Good day to you all members, riders, and co-riders,

As I reflect on 2021, all I can say is, Oh boy, what a year! Because of this pandemic stretching over time, we work hard to find new ways to reach you all. First, I have to say *thank you* to all the District Team that have joined me as the DUC in the idea for the District to have its own Zoom account. Kudos to Darlene Drouin and Terry Boyle who have been great University Module Instructors online. With their fantastic participation, we have presented 10 modules, and reached out to nearly 300 district members within the past three winter months. Let me know what you would like us to present in the winter months of 2022?

Second, thanks to Troy and Peggy Robins, ADE, for the background work accomplished trying to find out what Riders Course you needed at the Chapter level. Don't worry, they will get back to you very soon. Even with all the restrictions, we were able to provide three ARC Range Only courses for a total of 33 members. Big thank you to Paul Haller and our newly certified instructor, Ron Nowell, who have ridden nearly 2500Km to instruct this new ARC Range Only course so you can maintain or improve your riding skills and level. I don't want to forget all the Chapter organizations and great volunteers of ON-E Kitchener-Waterloo, ON-G St-Catharines, and ON-H Sault Saint. Marie for your great work and for welcoming us and setting up the course. I take this opportunity in inviting at least one or two members per Chapter to become either a Chapter Ride Coordinator (CRC) or a Chapter and Social Member Enhancement Coordinator (CSMEC) to help the chapter's members at the ground level. We need members that can get the pulse and the needs of the chapters, then pass it to us. Last but not least, thank you to Adrian Young, our District Ride Coordinator (DRC) who sends me all the chapters' riding statistics each month. I encourage again all CDs to forward their Riding stats to him, and Social stats to me.

In closing, I wish every one of you a peaceful Christmas with your family, and a prosperous New Year filled with a lot of safety chrome, great riding, and joining as many Riders and University classes as possible.

Ride Safe Always

Rouler toujours prudemment!

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Get Your Christmas Party On!



Holiday parties are in full swing this time of year and it can be challenging to come up with adult games that are fun, without making guests feel awkward or stupid (mostly anyway). Try one of these!

2 Truths and a Lie

Have each guest write down two true details about themselves and one that's untrue (three sentences or less) in no particular order. Guests take turns sharing and other guests have to guess which of the 3 is the lie. You can also add a theme to the game, such as Christmas, high

school, marriage, etc.

12 Days of Christmas

Have everyone start to sing the classic 12 Days of Christmas song. When you get to the part where you name the gift (such as five golden rings), point to a random guest. The guest must come up with a gift for the verse that is NOT part of the original song without missing a beat. All guests join in to sing the rest!

Holiday Pictionary

Use Christmas carols, holiday movies, traditions, and other festive themes to come up with phrases to write on index cards. Set up a large whiteboard or easel (with red & green markers for an added holiday touch).

Split guests into two teams, each team taking turns sending one player to the board. They pick a card and attempt to draw clues until someone guesses correctly. No using numbers, letters, or hand gestures.

Both teams try to guess the phrase. If a team member of the person drawing guesses the right answer first, that team gets a point. If the other team guesses the answer first, no point is awarded.

Movie Night

Prep your snacks and pop in a favorite holiday movie, but make BINGO cards based on the movie ahead of time for guests.

Gift Wrap Challenge

Pairs compete against each other wrapping a present. Each participant can only use one hand though!

Ornament Guessing Game!

Have guests write their guess of how many ornaments are on a decorated tree. Closest to the correct number without going over wins a special ornament!

The above were found on Pinterest and in an article from [Canadian Family](#).

[Popular, Easy Christmas and Holiday Party Games for Adults \(canadianfamily.net\)](#)

Stay alert, stay safe this holiday season!



It's that time of the year where we know there'll be some drivers with too much Christmas cheer on the roads. Here are some characteristics that will distinguish a drunk driver from a sober one:

- Making wide, abrupt or illegal turns
- Slow response to traffic signals
 - Driving at a very slow speed
 - Stopping for no reason
- Driving on the wrong side of the road
 - Deviation from the center line
- Almost hitting another vehicle or other object

Credit omqlaw.ca

When was the last time you listened to the whole Twelve Days of Christmas performed by Bob and Doug McKenzie?!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DTwLqR071M&authuser=2>

Editor's Note



Be sure to check out the January issue where we will highlight some leadership changes that occurred over the year and express our many thanks!



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