

## *Thank You for your Donation to the MS Society!*

With your help, Denise and Carl have raised **\$10,190.00** this year for MS. This is an all-time high for us for a single year. This brings our total to over **\$101,190.00** for the 22 years that we have been riding for MS. A **BIG Thank You** to everyone that helped break that record this year! Your support of the MS River Road Run helps people living with MS to live their best lives possible. The money raised by the MS River Road Run is donated to the National MS Society who uses it to fund research, support groups, educational seminars, accessibility equipment and many more activities that help people living with MS cope with their daily lives. The 38th Annual MS River Road Run was held on August 19-20,2023.

Friday night, Denise and I took a scenic route to Monticello, about 130 miles where we spent the night, so that we did not need to get up at 4 am on Saturday. Saturday, Aug. 19 we met the group at Moon Motorsports, Monticello for the Start.

Moon provided a breakfast for the Riders and at 9am we had the Blessing of the Bikes by James Fuchs, followed by Denise and Carl being recognized as Top Fund Raisers this year, having raised over \$10,190.00 for the year. We were honored to be the Grand Marshall's to Lead the group for the Start on the Ride.

When we got about 10 miles west into Maple Lake, MN, and they were having a Roll In of cars and bikes which the route that Denise and I had designed went through downtown, which is also the main highway. This was also the street that was being used for many blocks to park cars and bikes for the show. I had to explain to every flagman what we were doing and that about 40 bikes would be following us. There was a flagman every block for 3 blocks that I had to explain that to and we finally made it through town to the open country. From there we headed to Tonka Bay, MN for a scenic ride around lakes and eventually past Prince's Paisley Park then to Leo's South in Lakeville for Lunch.

The afternoon route took the Riders towards the MN River and followed the river crossing it a few times until we got to across the river from St. Peter, where we headed East towards Waterville and eventually back on the south side of Mankato with the end at Country Inn & Suites for the banquet. This was 249 miles for Saturday.

We always think about the people with MS and no matter how tough the ride might be it is something that we can do to help the people with MS. There was a banquet along with live and silent auctions on Saturday night.

There were about 60 people that attended this year's banquet. A few drove cars because of the very hot weather and some of them have MS and that is hard to cope with for them.

The Sunday route took people on a scenic ride back towards Lakeville area if they were from the twin cities for 78 miles.

We can accept money for MS all year long. Make checks out to the "MS River Road Run" and send to us.

If anyone has a cycle, and would like to ride with us, or just attend the Saturday night banquet, please let us know. The date for the 2024 MS River Road Run is planned for August 17-18-2024. If you do not have a motorcycle, you can take in the route by car, or join us as a volunteer. There are many positions that need help to make this ride a success.

The MS Society and the people with MS, and Denise and Carl want to give you a **Big Thank You** for your help!

In the 37 years of the MS River Road Run, with donations like yours helped pass the \$2,317,379.00 in lifetime fundraising. It's a fantastic accomplishment and one that we wouldn't be celebrating if it weren't for every one of you.

***We Ride Because We Can, And For Those That Cannot.***

Sincerely,

Carl & Denise Wieman