

SPOKE Notes

Newsletter of the Cyclonauts Bicycling Club — Springfield, Massachusetts



Visit us on the web, www.cyclonauts.com for late additions and changes to the schedule. Also, for photos of rides, hikes, tours, etc. that your fellow club members have submitted to the website.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteer hike leaders we have had a great hiking season, and thank to a few late season northeasters, it ended with some snow. Special thanks to James DeSellier and Mary Ann Siron for coordinating the hiking season.

After four storms in a row, I am sure that we are all looking forward to spring. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to lead rides and our awesome ride coordinators, Janet Parslow and Ted Jeremicz, we can look forward to some great cycling. All rides, Alternate and Traditional Saturday, Wednesday, Sunday and Rail Trail rides will be starting up in April. The Rail Trail rides will be on Wednesday this year. Please check out all of our schedule pages.

If you are reading this Spokenotes, you are on our website as we are no longer mailing Spokenotes or schedules. The ride and hike schedules will also no longer be included in the Spokenotes as they are found already listed on our website. Members are encouraged to submit articles for publication in the Spokenotes about upcoming special event rides and activities as well as past activities. I would like to see our Spokenotes return to a place where members can share their cycling adventures. Betty Siwinski, President



ANNUAL BANQUET AND BUSINESS MEETING

Please do not forget to make your reservation for our annual Club banquet and Business meeting at Tony and Penny's on Saturday, April 7, 2018. The social hour starts at 6 pm, followed by dinner at 7 pm, following by a brief meeting with election of our officers. Please plan to attend as you do not want to miss the wonderful evening with good friends and great people. Tickets are \$30 per person. Your banquet reservation form was mailed along with the mid-winter Spokenotes or call Les Prentice at (413) 783-6775 by March 28th. Looking forward to seeing you there. - Betty Siwinski, President

At our banquet we will be electing officers for 2018. We currently have the following candidates nominated:

President - Betty Siwinski
 Secretary - Ann Morin
 Treasurer - Les Prentice
 Trips Chairperson - Betty Siwinski
 Wednesday Hike Chairperson - Mary Ann Siron
 Saturday Hike Chairperson - James DeSellier
 Spokenotes Editor - Suzanne McAuley
 Web Master - Ray Siwinski
 At Large Members:
 Susan Strange, Mady Schorsch, Diane Goguen, and Mary Ann Siron.
 Diane Goguen has been nominated for the open At Large Member position, and nominations remain open for all positions. If you would like to nominate any additional candidates or run for any of the officer positions, please contact the nominating committee - Sue Strange (860) 763-3046

Cycling Tours 2018



Unfortunately there is no more Katelynn's ride. It was decided by the Katelynn ride committee to end the ride in 2017. So here is what is going on in the valley for some of 2018:
 Mount Greylock Century 2018 - berkshirecycling.org Sunday July 22, 2018 Northview Reservation Windsor, MA \$30.00
 Food Bank of Western Mass Will Bike for Food on Sunday September 30, 2018@foodbankwma.org
 More to come as rides are announced.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The next Ride Schedules are due to Trips Chair by May 19th for the Summer Spokenotes Edition.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our newest member Donna Dunn. We hope you will enjoy cycling and hiking with the Cyclonauts and that we will see you often. We encourage you to present your ideas, as we are always looking for ways to improve our organization.

Please help us keep our membership records up to date. If you move, change email address, etc, notify Ken Paquette at kenpaq@charter.net or 413-593-3091.