

Hello Everyone!

I hope that you had a Happy Easter! This Covid thing is really kicking our nation's ass. I know the stay at home decrees are taking a toll on everybody and impacting almost every aspect of our lives. I also know it's intrusive and un-American but please pay attention to it. I have a sister who is fighting for her life right now because she came into contact with a virus carrier. She's on a ventilator and is suffering from severe pneumonia. She is drowning. She has been hospitalized for 11 days at this time and her fate will have been decided by the time you read this. Carriers can have no symptoms and go merrily on their way spreading this Chinese virus. Please take it seriously. It's a slow miserable death that is so unnecessary. Hunker down and stay put.

We had to cancel our April meeting for obvious reasons. I missed last month's deadline due to a "Senior moment". I had sent out a thank email to my Region 17 members for all of their work on the Pub Crawl and somehow that got remembered as my newsletter submission to Silla. Sometimes I wonder about me! We also had to postpone our Stripper Pole Run until we see what develops with getting everything up and running again. Please be mindful that the shutdown is detrimentally affecting ABATE's income also. When everything is open for business again, we'll need you all to support regional and state ABATE events so we can try to regenerate our lost revenue.

As I previously stated, I sent out a message through Doc that thanked Region 17 members for their time, effort, and support of the Pub Crawl. It was our best attended and generated the most funds ever! Barbie C and Jean put so much effort into making sure that the Crawl is a success. I want to thank our friends from other Regions that came out to support us! We even put some of them to work to cover where our locals were MIA. Special thanks goes out to Robin Braden, Marlene Krause, and Barbie Brown. They sold the Crawl forms, tickets, and dealt cards to the runners. They donated items for the Silent Auction too, which was the largest cash generator ever at this event! Part time Region 17-member, Pat Sheridan, donated his winnings back to ABATE which helped our bottom line immensely. New members and old worked together to make this event happen and I can't thank you all enough. Well done Regions 3,4,7, and 17! THANK YOU!

I'm hoping that we'll be able to get in the wind shortly but God's Country is supposed to get hit with an Easter storm that has high winds and 20 inches of snow! SO bring a shovel to any egg hunts you're participating in! Contact your Rep and Senator and ask that they support S.B. 528.

Stay safe and please stay healthy!

Gerry