



GAXII Supports The Ronald McDonald House

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On February 23, 2008 GAXII President Melissa Pittman and Vice President Karen Gray visited the Ronald McDonald House of Central Georgia. The Ronald McDonald House provides temporary lodging for the families of seriously ill or critically injured children. It is a "Home Away From Home". The Ronald McDonald House has provided over 1800 families with 17,547 room nights in a warm caring supportive

environment. The families they have served are from 105 Georgia counties, 26 states and 5 countries.

For the second consecu-



Courtney Gale Benefit Ride Huge Success



Riders Stage at the start of the Courtney Gale Ride

On February 24, 2008 GAXII members Melissa Pittman, Bob and Karen

tive year, GAXII has contributed to this very worthy cause. This year the Central Georgia Chapter of the Blue Knights contributed \$460.00 to the Ronald McDonald House. Accepting the check was Mrs. Jaren Robertson. She was extremely grateful and thanked the chapter for supporting them. During their visit Mrs. Robertson gave Melissa and Karen a tour of the facilities and shared information on how they serve families in need.

Family Matters

Melissa Pittman's father continues to struggle with his health. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Member Spotlight

Every month *the GAXII Chapter News* will spotlight a member. We have great members who have done positive things in their professional and personal lives. We want to share them with our Chapter members.

Please e-mail us a photo with information on where you work, what you ride, your interests and family news to Carlos Ortiz at cortiz@gpstc.state.ga.us.

Upcoming Chapter Events:

- Next Meeting: April 3rd
- Police Memorial Ride, April 26th.

Help Us Grow

Recruit A New Member!

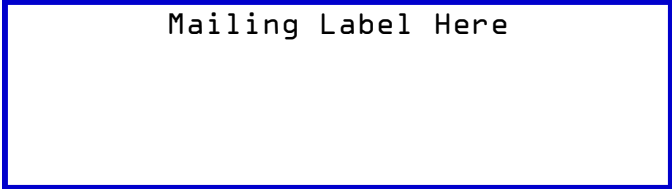


**Blue Knights Law
Enforcement Motorcycle Club**

Georgia Chapter XII

Our web-site is coming soon!!!

Ride with Pride



Presidents Corner: Hello GAXII. We had a great meeting this month. We are very close to getting the website up and running which will be of great benefit to the chapter. I need to get an update on the status of our motorcycle safety class and the progress of our chapter bylaws.

I want to emphasize the importance of riding safely. It is always better to be seen in the mirrors of drivers, especially big trucks. If you can't see them in your mirror, chances are they cannot see you. Ride Safe!

Melissa

Chapter Member in the Spotlight



Karen Gray. Began her law enforcement career in 1984 with the State of Georgia. In 1986 she joined the Macon Police Department. After the line of duty death of her late husband, Karen left police work and went to college full time and worked for Bibb County as a Community Service Coordinator for felony probationers. In 1993 she joined the staff of the Georgia Police Academy at the Georgia Public Safety Center. While at the Police Academy, Karen was instrumental

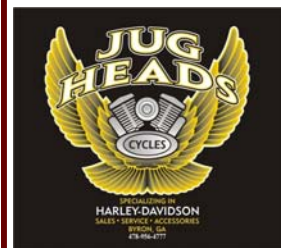
in developing the Basic School Resource Officer and Managed the Community Oriented Policing Training Program. She also founded the Georgia Association of School Resource Officers. A motor vehicle accident forced Karen into early retirement. When her health allows it, Karen volunteers as a mentor for youths in the Bibb County School System. She is married to Bob Gray and currently owns a 1987 HD Low Rider FXRS. She was elected as Vice President of GAXII this year.

Motorcycle Safety Tip—Share the Road

WATCH THE NO-ZONES. Never hang out in a truck's blind spot or "No-Zone." Trucks have large No-Zones on both sides, the front and behind the truck. Truck drivers cannot see you when you ride in these blind spots, which allows for a greater chance of a crash. The front blind spot is particularly dangerous if you need to stop quickly. Because of their lightweight and braking system, motorcycles can stop much faster than trucks. A truck may not be able to stop as quickly as you do, so you need to take special precautions to avoid crashes before they happen.

DRIVE TO SURVIVE. Motorcycles are the smallest vehicles on the road. Unfortunately they provide virtually no protection in a crash. Other drivers may not see you on your motorcycle, so you must be aware of everything on the road. Be extra cautious, paying attention to the signals and brake lights of other vehicles, especially trucks. However, you still need to be prepared in the event their signals or lights don't work. Ride with caution and drive defensively. Even though your motorcycle may be small, you must adhere to the laws of the road. Never ride in between lanes in traffic or share a lane with another vehicle. Don't instigate aggressive driving with other motorists; you will only increase your chance of a crash.

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