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WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We promote motorcycle safety, training, & political awareness. We ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG. We fund our work through toy runs, poker runs, campouts, and other motorcycle activities. We are your neighbors & friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community. We serve and support our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.

OUR GOALS

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist.

To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms.

To motivate the bikers to write letters to their legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.

To furnish our members with a newsletter to keep all bikers informed.

It is imperative that drivers understand the proper and safest way to share the road with motorcycle riders. Recognizing the need, ABATE of Florida, Inc. created the "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program" to educate the public and help prevent fatalities and crashes and to help save lives. Also know as MSAP, it was developed and copyrighted by ABATE Of Florida, Inc.

Abate of Florida, Inc.'s commitment is strong and we continued to improve the program and expand our reach. With now more than 900,000 motorcyclists coming in and out of the State of Florida the need to reach more of the driving public is even greater.

Trained members of local ABATE chapters, from the Panhandle to the Keys present the MSAP program and provide valuable insight and information necessary to make the roads safer for everyone. We are continuing our efforts to develop more outlets. We are united in our efforts to teach everyone to "Watch for Motorcycles".

ABATE of Florida, Inc. and your local ABATE chapter offer the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program to any organization or school free of charge. For more information or to arrange for a presentation, please call the state office 386-943-9610 or your local Chapter, Estero River, President Larry Peterson 904-610-7070.

OUR PRESIDENT

From Your Estero River Chapter President, September 2022

Good Day All...

I would like to thank Debbie for having us at the Corkscrew Country Store and all our members for coming out and supporting our Chapter.

I would like to thank Clark Faris for putting together a ride for us after this month's Chapter meeting. It was a good ride to visit some of our newsletter advertisers.

Be sure to check our website/Facebook for current events and updates.

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Respectfully, Larry Peterson, President



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OUR VICE PRESIDENT

From Your Estero River Chapter Vice President, September 2022

Greetings All,

Things are going well with our Chapter. We're Winners! We all come together to bond as an organization that will defend our rights as Motorcyclists and teach the public about Motorcyclists and how to drive with us...Sharing the Roadways.

Our Chapter is a Winner because we support our lobbyist in the Capital and our President all the way from our Chapter level to the State level.

We are Winners because WE care!

We have agendas lining up for the remaining part of the year so let's show how it's done at our Estero River Chapter. We can and will make ourselves known!

Ride Hard, Ride Safe, and Ride Home.

Clark Faris
Vice President



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NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS LAST MONTH Welcome to Estero River

R-Robert Parker, Stella Rendziniak & Rick Zrelak Jr,

<u>DELINQUENT AUGUST MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew</u> Charles Sparks

EXPIRING SEPTERMBER MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew Linda Levesque & Maria Tunis

EXPIRING OCTOBER MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew Stefan Foster & John DaSilva

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Scott Bashant, Mike Bates, David Finnegan, Harold Hoffman, Herb Lent, Mark Levesque, Michael McDole, Carl Sharp, Ed Stojinski & Richard Webb

153 MEMBERS – Let's keep this growing

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If you want an anniversary pin or have lost any of your pins, please contact Debi, our Membership Lead.

Please contact me if there are any errors or omissions in this Report.

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Estero River Chapter

10 AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC., ESTERO RIVER CHAPTER CHAPTER MEETING

Date: 8/21/2022 Called to Order at 10:08 am at Corkscrew

Country Store

President: Larry Peterson

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. Thank you to the staff at Corkscrew. Thank you to everyone for coming out today. State Elections – State President Elect is William "Griz" Denver who ran against Doc and won the vote. Bill Bird won the majority vote for PR again. Lobbyist vote went to Doc again. We received a letter from state regarding moving money from the Chapter's bank account. There was confusion regarding verbiage so Larry will contact the state to clarify.

Vice-President: Clark Faris

Welcome everyone & thanks for coming out. He reminded everyone about the Poker Run today. Kickstands up at 12:00 pm from the Country Store. Stops are Country Store, Half Shell, Hurricane Tina's, Mullock Creek and finishing up at the Lehigh Acres Eagles at approximately 5:30 pm. Announces that Stingray would preside as Road Captain to ensure a safe ride.

Secretary: Rachel Abrom – Excused (Minutes taken by Kim Morgan)

Motion to accept August minutes as posted in newsletter. 1st Mark Levesque, 2nd Clark Faris, Motion Accepted

Treasurer: Mark Levesque—Excused

Motion to accept Report as given. 1st Kim Morgan, 2nd Clark Faris. Report available for review.

Sgt at Arms: Dave Rimes—Excused

Asst. Sgt at Arms: Stan Rendziniak

Nothing at this time.

Quartermaster: Dave Rimes—Excused

Nothing at this time.

Legislative: Open Legislative Report given by Larry Peterson) Clark will outline all Legislative matters under State Delegate since he attended the August State Meeting.

Continued...

PR Communications: Kim Morgan

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State Delegates: Debi Chesebro, Kim Morgan, Larry Peterson & Rick Zrelak

Clark Faris attended August 2022 State Meeting on Saturday, August 13, 2022.

Key Items discussed include:

- Elections: President Elect is David "Griz" Denver. PR remains Bill Bird and Doc will remain Lobbyist for the 2022-2023 State Board. All other Officers remain without opposition. Griz provided his contact info to the delegates. All info can be found on the State Website.
- Motion was made for the Lobbyist to provide a Monthly/ Bimonthly report regarding contacts, Bill propositions and Updates to be presented to the membership. Motion tabled for now since Doc was not in attendance due to being sick.
- Legislative Bills Discussed were the Safety Bill, Road Users Bill and the Profile Bill (Daytona Chapter can provide additional info regarding Profile Bill).
- 4/3/2023 will be the Ride To The Capital.
- ABATE of Florida is currently 5,658 members strong.
- Chapters requesting Safety Products need to make their request to the State Board.
- Members should disregard second notices from AIL (Abate Life Insurance Provider).
- Chapters who have donated \$50.00 to the State Quilt will have their Logos displayed on the quilt. Estero River has already sent that \$50.00 donation to the state to be included.
- Please visit our State website: https://abatefloridainc.com/,
 State Meeting Minutes Page for a complete and detailed account of the August 13th, 2022 ABATE of Florida State Meeting Minutes.

Safety: Victor Piorkowski—Excused

Advertising: Open

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Products: Dave Tenkate

We have shirts and products for sale. Please see the website.

Newsletter: Kim Morgan

Need all officer reports & submissions by the 24th of each month.

Membership: Debi Chesebro—Excused

Webmaster: Kim Morgan

112 Websites Hit this month, 225 Website Hits last month

Special Events: Open

Clark Faris and any other member that would like to help will be planning a ride to visit our sponsors following our monthly meeting August 21st. Route to be worked out. Leaving Corkscrew Country Store 11AM.

Sunshine: Open

Please let Larry know if any cards should be sent out.

Historian: Laurie Hanley—Excused

Old Business:

None at this time.

New Business:

None at this time.

Good of the Order:

Shane daughter – vice president of Southwest Chapter will be making quilts for local vets. Shane asked Estero River — Chapter if they would like to donate \$50 toward material _needed. Our name will be on one quilt. Kim Morgan motioned to make the donation; Clark Faris second the motion.

Next BOD Meeting: August 21, 2022 at 9:30 at Corkscrew Country Store

Next Chapter Meeting: August 21, 2022 at 10:00 at Corkscrew Country Store

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Kim Morgan, 2nd Rick Zrelak at 10:55 am.

ABATE STATE MEETING



Lake County Chapter

State Meeting – October 8, 2022 - Lake County FL

State Board Meeting starts noon --- Delegates Meeting at 2:00

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TALLAHASSEE — About six hours after he was suspended Thursday by Gov. Ron DeSantis, Andrew Warren insisted he was still Hillsborough County's top prosecutor — and that the governor was trying to "overthrow" democracy.

"I'm still doing this job as state attorney. I'm the twice duly elected state attorney of Hillsborough County. And the governor signing something with a pen or a crayon doesn't change that," Warren, a Democrat, said of DeSantis' order.

DeSantis announced Thursday morning that he was replacing Warren with Hillsborough County Judge Susan Lopez, But that didn't stop Warren from going ahead with an afternoon press conference to announce new developments in two grisly 1983 crimes — separate rape and murder cases, one that went unsolved and another that initially resulted in a wrongful conviction.

It wasn't Warren's work on those cases that drew the governor's ire. As DeSantis wages a scorched-earth campaign against all things he deems "woke," the governor targeted Warren over his professed refusal to enforce a new law preventing abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

"The conduct that he has done has fell below the standard that's required in the Florida Constitution. When you're saying you're not going to enforce certain laws you don't like, that's a neglect of duty," DeSantis said.

The Legislature passed the 15-week abortion law during this year's legislative session, and DeSantis signed it in April. Providers could face third-degree felony charges for breaking the law.

Warren recently signed a joint letter along with more than 90 other prosecutors from across the country promising to avoid prosecuting people for providing or seeking abortions. The letter

LEGISLATIVE REPORT- SEPTEMBER 2022 Continued

was published in June by the organization Fair and Just Prosecution, which bills itself as bringing together elected local prosecutors to promote "a justice system grounded in fairness, equity, compassion and fiscal responsibility."

During his Tampa appearance to announce Warren's suspension, the governor invited law-enforcement officials from the Tampa Bay area to pile on. Former Tampa Police Chief Brian Dugan, who retired last year, called Warren a "fraud" and criticized Warren for not prosecuting 67 Tampa protesters who were arrested during demonstrations after the death of George Floyd in 2020 in Minneapolis.

Warren also signed a separate letter last year "condemning the criminalization of transgender people and gender-affirming healthcare," which also was published by Fair and Just Prosecution.

"That's a debate that we're having mostly administratively and through medical licensing in Florida. But other states have enacted penalties on the people who would perform those, which are really disfiguring these young kids. And (Warren) said it doesn't matter what the Legislature does in the state of Florida, he's going to exercise a veto over that," DeSantis said Thursday.

DeSantis said he will pursue Warren's eventual removal from the 13th Judicial Circuit post, which would need approval from a Republican-controlled state Senate that has time and again delivered on DeSantis' requests.

Warren on Thursday said he has "a feeling" that DeSantis' order suspending him "is going to be just as unconstitutional" as the 15-week abortion law.

"The governor's trying to overthrow the results of a fair and free election. Two of them, actually. And people need to understand, this isn't the governor trying to suspend one elected official. This is the governor trying to overthrow democracy here in Hillsborough County," Warren said.

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CIRCLING BACK

Two years after justices thwarted his first attempt to place Renatha Francis on the Florida Supreme Court, DeSantis on Friday tapped the Palm Beach County circuit judge to serve on a high court dominated by conservative jurists.

Francis' initial appointment in 2020 was ultimately overturned because Francis hadn't reached a 10-year Bar membership requirement for justices.

Francis, who was among six finalists sent to DeSantis by the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission this summer, will replace outgoing Justice Alan Lawson, who will retire from the bench on Aug. 31.

DeSantis said Francis will join the Supreme Court in early September. He billed her as understanding what the "proper role of the judge is" under America's constitutional system. She will be the first Jamaican-American justice.

"And I also think being an immigrant, she probably has more appreciation for our constitutional system," the governor said, noting Francis attended law school after starting her own business. "I believe this appointment of Judge Francis is one that will really reinvigorate and fortify our judiciary in a very positive way but also send a great message that you can realize your dreams."

Francis, who called herself the "epitome of the American dream," echoed DeSantis' judicial philosophy during a Friday news conference.

"As a student of history, I was and I remain in awe of the United States Constitution," she said. "The Florida Supreme Court protects the people's liberty, and inherent in the way that we do that is by respecting and observing the limited role that judges play in our constitutional system of government."

LEGISLATIVE REPORT- SEPTEMBER 2022 Continued

With four of the seven-member court's justices appointed by DeSantis, the Republican governor will leave his Federalist Society imprint on the Supreme Court for decades to come.

OPIOID CZAR TAPPED

A first-of-its-kind role in Florida's state government will oversee a "massive" effort to address opioid addiction in counties that need it most.

Courtney Phillips, a psychologist who is director of behavioral health for the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, will serve in the newly created role of statewide director of opioid recovery.

Phillips will oversee a new program called the Coordinated Opioid Recovery, or CORE, Network, which was announced by state leaders Wednesday. The network is based on a pilot treatment program in Palm Beach County that state health officials touted as a success.

The program's rollout came after nearly 2,000 overdose deaths in Florida this year.

Public and private organizations will work together in treatment networks, officials said. The organizations will team up to provide emergency services, then patients will be stabilized at specialty hospitals and finally transferred to long-term care facilities.

The program will start in Brevard, Clay, Escambia, Gulf, Marion, Pasco and Volusia counties. A second phase will include Citrus, Duval, Flagler, Manatee and Pinellas counties.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Larry Peterson, President

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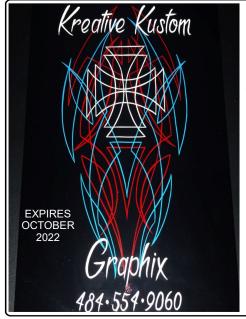
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28 Message From Our Pastor

Dear Fellow ABATE Members,

Motorcycle Pain?

How many of us have noticed... when we are riding our scoots and/or driving our cages, we either hear a buzz, see an annoying "blinking light," feel an unnatural vibration, or hear an unwelcome noise? We are being told that something is wrong. Depending on the signals we are getting, we are usually being guided and directed to the source of a problem which needs to be addressed.

Our minds and our bodies also have "blinking lights." They usually come in the form of pain.

God knows of our physical and emotional pain. Ecclesiastes 2:22-23:

"22 What do people really have after all their work and struggling in this

life? ²³ Throughout their life, they have pain, frustrations, and hard work. Even at night, a person's mind does not rest. This is also senseless." - ERV

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 says, "16 Therefore we do not become discouraged [spiritless, disappointed, or afraid]. Though our outer self is [progressively] wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day by day. 17 For our momentary, light distress [this passing trouble] is producing for us an eternal weight of glory [a fullness] beyond all measure [surpassing all comparisons, a transcendent splendor and an endless blessedness]! 18 So we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are unseen; for the things which are visible are temporal [just brief and fleeting], but the things which are invisible are everlasting and imperishable." – AMP

God gives us some answers to our pain. 2 Corinthians 1:8-10: "8 I think you ought to know, dear brothers, about the hard time we went through in Asia. We were really crushed and overwhelmed, and feared we would never live through it. 9 We felt we were doomed to die and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us, for he can even raise the dead. 10 And he did help us and saved us from a terrible death; yes, and we expect him to do it again and again." – TLB

Continued...

God can use pain to help us make corrections. "Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways." Proverbs 20:30 – GNT "And we know that God causes <u>all</u> things (the <u>good</u>, the <u>bad</u>, and the <u>ugly</u>) to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.." Romans 8:28 - NAS

The scriptures go on to tell us that what we have experienced and endured, can be used to help others (Galatians 6:2 and Corinthians 1:4-6).

Please don't waste your pain. Turn the pain and your life over to Him. Please pray, "Dear God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, my heavenly Father, the God of Jesus, I confess that I am a sinner and have been separated from You. I ask forgiveness of my sins. I repent and accept this gift of repentance and I wish to be free in You. I confess with my mouth that your son Jesus is my savior and died for me. I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. I receive Jesus into my heart and ask Him to become the center of my life. I ask for your peace from the pain in my mind and body, and peace with your Spirit, in the Name of Jesus. Amen."

If you prayed that prayer for the very first time and you have accepted Jesus into your heart, we would like to know and help you along your journey of faith.

"The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:
The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:
The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

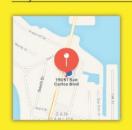
Numbers 6:24-26 – KGV

Blessings,

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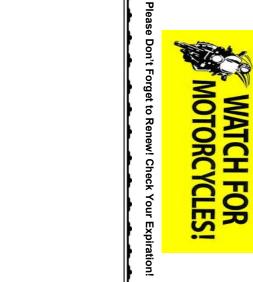
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