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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
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Auxiliary Preparing for the 12th Annual Ride of Splendor

For many, the start of September signifies the end of Summer and the beginning of Fall. For the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Auxiliary, September means Auxilians are busy preparing for the Ride of Splendor. This year, the 12th Annual Ride of Splendor will be held on Sunday, September 18th.

“The Ride of Splendor is one of the signature events on our calendar and we look forward to the event every year”, stated Jean Jones, President of the CPDMH Auxiliary. “Even though we start organizing the Ride during the summer months, the committee becomes more focussed on planning the activities for the event at the end of the Labour Day weekend.”



Flora Neave, Jean Jones and Rhonda Pinon with a cheque representing the proceeds of the 2010 Ride of Splendor.

The Ride of Splendor is a planned motorcycle tour throughout the Ottawa Valley. Participants have the option of choosing to travel routes that vary from 100 to 300 kilometres in length as well as the choice of paying a flat registration fee or collecting pledges to enter the event. As with past events, the Ride of Splendor will feature door prizes, awards for highest funds collected, a dice roll and a silent auction. To accommodate the growth in the number of participants, the year the registration and lunch has been moved to the Carleton Place Arena.

For 10 years, the event was organized by Auxilians, John and Flora Neave. Sadly, Mr. Neave passed away last November. However, Mrs. Neave was certain her husband would want to see the event continue.

“The Ride of Splendor was near and dear to John’s heart and I know he would want it to continue even though he could no longer be a part of the event,” stated Mrs. Neave. “Unfortunately we were unable to participate in the event last year, but I am pleased to be involved with the event again and I’m looking forward to reconnecting with some of the people who have been involved with the Ride of Splendor since its beginning.”

“This will be the first year that we will have hosted the Ride of Splendor without any input from John and we know that his presence will be missed,” continued Mrs. Jones.

Since its inception, the Ride of Splendor has raised over \$92,000 for new equipment and building improvements for CPDMH.

“I am so pleased to be involved with the Ride of Splendor and I know that this year will be significant for everyone involved because John is no longer with us,” Stated Rhonda Pinon, Co-Chair of the 2011 Ride of Splendor. “However, we plan to put on an event that would make John proud and I hope we are able to reach an overall total of \$100,000 raised. If we reach our target, then I know we will have honoured John’s wishes and the 12th Annual Ride of Splendor will be an overwhelming success.”

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