

## December 2022 Newsletter



# Grays Harbor Chapter Of ABATE



### Turkey Giveaway

After organizing most of the families who received turkeys from us our poor Edie had to miss all the exciting part. Edie had just had eye surgery and wasn't quite up to it. Thank you Edie for ordering the meals and telling us where to go!

It took Moose to keep us from getting lost though, and I'm sure glad it was not left to me, the famously and permanently lost. We met a lot of very nice families with kids and were even able to give a meal box to a family who had just moved to Hoquiam from Alaska! We were so happy to be able to give them a welcome here in the lower 48.







We ended the turkey giveaway at Kelly and Stephanie's and had a little visit. It was good to see them, and Tasha has so much spirit! Her picture is probably in the dictionary under "has grit".

We took notes of what children there were in the household, and what they liked to do. This allowed us to make this year's toy run so much more personal when we were able to drop off donated toys to the children of those families. Katie was very busy - and successful - finding donations again this year. Donated toys were organized into bags according to what the kid's interests were, but there were so many bags! I'm so grateful Sharon brought her big truck and made the rounds both for turkey meals and toys. Thank you all, Edie, Katie, and Sharon. Don't know what we'd do without you.



Here are our new neighbors from Alaska and their very cute puppies.

The weather was great for the turkey run, but by the time the toy run came around it had turned nasty, and colds and flus had struck down many of our bunch. Edie, Katie, Sharon, and I were the last ones standing by the end of our meeting, and took care of the toy distribution. I'm sorry so many had to miss it. I had a great time despite the rain, but we were not that

enthusiastic about taking pictures in the rain.

**Proposal #2023-02, State Sponsored Membership Program**

Our state ABATE leadership sent us the above proposal to put to a vote in our December meeting. It proposes that each chapter and both the eastside and westside ambassadors have 10 state-sponsored free memberships to give out to new members. They can not be used for renewing members. The proposal was unanimously approved by our chapter in this month's meeting. All chapter coordinators will present the voting results at the next BOD.

We still have a few free memberships to use for this year. If you know anyone who has an interest in motorcycles and might like to join us, please let us know.

**This year is almost over!**

It's amazing how fast it went. Summer came and went with some BBQs at the park. My favorite holiday, Halloween is over, turkeys and toys have been given away. Now we are facing Christmas. After working 27 years at the Post Office that happens not to be my favorite holiday at all. Give me the green makeup and a Bah Humbug. But I also feel I have a lot to be grateful for. ABATE allowed me to make friends I would never have met if I hadn't joined. That is reason enough to celebrate! Merry Christmas to all, and a Happy New Year. I'll be glad to see you again in 2023. Thank you all for your company,  
Ulrike

**Merry Christmas to all!**