

## RAT CITY CHAPTER REPORT

### Irish Chicken Dinner – 2022

Most of you know the legacy that is “Chicken Friday Dinner” spearheaded by Irish McKinney. Our past Chapter Coordinator, Dave Boyle, set out to get something like that going again in 2022. He worked with Elmer’s to get a date to do something; not sure what... something small to start, and something by which to remember Irish and the legacy he created. Then Dave had to up and die on us back in July! Dave was just getting out of his “shell” really, and on the brink of doing big things for ABATE and the Rat City Chapter. We thought for a minute that we couldn’t handle doing the event this year, but we figured... heck, at least the chapter regulars and maybe a few others would just get together and raise a couple hundred bucks for the food bank... just get a couple buckets of chicken and share a meal with maybe a dozen folks.



We quickly made up a flyer... posted it on a bunch of Facebook groups, emailed maybe 100 people, and put it on our website [ratcityabate.com](http://ratcityabate.com) to let folks know. We called it “Irish Chicken Dinner” and this year it was to remember Dave Boyle also, who inspired us to bring back a Chicken Dinner event. Word got around! We had over 30 people show specifically for this (maybe a few more... I didn’t keep track). A few of us got together some items to donate and auction off. We had an online donation system put out by the food bank so you can make online donation directly to them (and get your tax donation receipt!). It’s still available! Keep making donations by going to [ratcityabate.com/meetings](http://ratcityabate.com/meetings) and click on the “DONATE HERE” button to be directed to the foodbank’s online donation system. You’ll see there that as of this writing, we made \$600 of our \$4,000 goal... but that’s just the few folks who went online to donate using plastic money. In person... we did a little better.

The final tally to date is... \$7,852.00 !!! Not bad for just about 30 people! Well, one particular donor accounts for about half of that total. She didn’t want to be named, but let me just say that you all should get on over to Burien and go to Elmer’s Bar & Grill

and spend a bunch of money and do it more often! It's a great neighborhood bar, they're always supportive of ABATE, and it's a great spot for Poker Runs.

We'll be doing the Chicken Dinner again, and next time we might even do some advance planning rather than pulling something together sort of quick and dirty. So for those of you who need some income tax deductions in 2023... keep the White Center Food Bank high on your list of worthy causes!

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