

January 1, 2012

New Year's Greetings to all of our Iowa GWTA members!! It hardly seems possible that a new year has started and so far the weather has been so good with little snow and ice—a very good thing as far as we are concerned. I am sure we will be getting our share in the next couple of months.

We are now your state directors and want to first of all thank Don & Kathy for the outstanding job they did for the past 3 years. We will be counting on them for advice when we need it.

We joined GWTA in 2002, becoming members of Chap L (Loess Hills Riders), have held the Chapter Director position and Road Captain position for that chapter and so have a “little” experience. We are looking forward to working with all of you in the state and hope that you will have suggestions and ideas for us as we follow this new experience. One of the new things we are going to try this year is a new ride for the state, “Riding Down the Bunny Trail, which will be held on April 21 in Walnut, IA. We will be having breakfast and dinner with games, auction & awards. It will be a day event, but there is a Super 8 & Bed & Breakfast in the town for those who would like to make it a weekend event. The flyer is being composed as I write this and will be out soon!

We will be having a state meeting before February Thaw in Des Moines at the Baymont Inn on February 18 in the breakfast room at 10AM. It will be a short meeting and the main thing we will be doing is choosing our “State Family of the Year”. So please be sure and have your Chapter Family of the Year come and bring a written biography for the judges to read. If you have any questions or suggestions for us at that time we'll be happy to listen and try to answer them.

Raffle tickets have been sent out to all of your chapter and I know Iowa can get the ball rolling with sales. We have not received any back yet and would like to be able to send SOLD ones to our Region Director ASAP. So please, please get those sold tickets sent back to us.

Updates will follow as we get them.

Darrell & Judy Peters
Iowa State Directors