

Spirit Connection

Final Edition 2009

Recognition Lunch: Big Success!

Thanks to the food catered by Great Lakes Pie Company, the artistic location, and the reunion of team mates, the October 8 lunch was a *hit*.

Rob Vallentine, representing Dow Chemical Public Affairs, summarized the fundraising total of both the Walk and Bike teams at \$117,609. Rob noted how Dow is pleased to support such grassroots efforts that have such a big impact.



Rob Vallentine

Other big numbers:

- **\$97,192 = Bike team total** (including \$15,000 from the R.M.Gerstacker grant and \$1950 balance of team sponsorships and rider jersey contributions)
- **\$20, 417 = Walk team total**
- Walk Team had 70 walkers and the Bike Team had 135 riders

Ed Rightor and Helen Myers recognized leading team fundraisers, team sponsors, and the hard work of the Steering Team.

Mauricio Guerra from Dow's IT Department and a Walk team member, discussed how generous the people in the US are in providing support for causes like MS.

Tammy Willis, MS Society, thanked everyone for their significant contribution during these difficult economic times which is making an especially large impact this year.

BIG THANKS!

We'd like to THANK EVERYONE who rode, walked, volunteered, and sponsored for the MS campaign this

year. Your support of the Society's research and services is making a big difference for those with MS.

Oh, just one more number: **\$1.1 Million** is the total raised since the bike team started in 1998.



Ed Rightor, 2009 team leader of the Dow/TC MS Bike Team, shows off the 2009 jersey. Ed has led the team 8 out of the last 11 years!



In appreciation of his help with volunteers, Doug Todd received a chair backpack which will be useful to rest after chasing kids!



Front: Jen Heronema, Mauricio Guerra, Helen Myers
Back: Gina Pederson, Andrea Jarvis



Top Bike Fundraisers

Kudos and many, many thanks to these folks whose extra fundraising effort will greatly aid those with MS.

Some had their best fundraising year ever!

+ \$3000

Ed Rightor	Tom Parker
Dominic Zoeller	Jim Gall
Michael Sebaly	

\$2000-\$3000

Marcy Carlson Kirksey

\$1000-\$1999

Timothy Hueston	Al Huntley
Karen Hueston	Rick Warner
Michael Stachnik	Kevin Bouck
Maxine Russell	Thomas Wigand
Michelle Seeburger	Jim Mitrano

Top First Year Bike Fundraisers

Michael Harte	Ed Noack
Lindsay Newton	MichelleNoack



2009 Top Fund Raisers: (l to r) Marcy Carlson-Kirksey, Maxine Russell, Ed Rightor, Tom Parker, Jim Mitrano, Rick Warner, Kevin Bouck

Thanks to the Steering Team:

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| • Dave Burke | • Jay Romick |
| • Tom Canale | • Jarrett Russell |
| • Dave Hawn | • Ed Rightor |
| • Gary Hayes | • Joe Smith |
| • Dean Marino | • Marie Thurlow |
| • Sandy Marino | • Doug Todd |

A special thanks to Doug Todd for leading volunteers in the June and July rides and for being the June Ride team captain.

Also, thanks to Dean and Sandy for being the webmasters.



Jerseys

We have a few remaining jerseys. If you would like to shop early for the holidays and give a cool jersey to a friend, relative, sponsor, etc. let Ed know.

They're a great deal at \$20.



Special thanks to Tom Canale and his design class for our cool jersey design this year. Jordanne Fallon was the winner and designer of this year's jersey and Tom presented her with a free jersey.

Sponsors

Our team sponsors have played a crucial role in providing support to build the team, pay for jerseys, and provide the other team benefits.

Please take advantage of any opportunities you may have to thank these sponsors.

When you have a choice, choose to make your purchases for goods and services from our sponsors. It will help our cause next year when we ask for sponsorship renewals.

- Accenture
- AEGIS Environments
- Barnes Chase & Davis
- Bicycle Headquarters
- Body Mechanics
- Canale Studio
- Dow Automotive
- Dow Chemical
- Dow Employees Credit Union
- Great Lakes Ice Cream
- Tri-City Cyclists
- R.M. Gerstacker Foundation

Improving Next Year's Ride: The Survey

Do you have some ideas for making the team better next year? Do you wish something were changed?

Add your comments to the survey, or, better yet, send Ed a note that you'd be willing to help on the Steering Team 2010!

Tri-City Cyclists
Bay City, Saginaw, & Midland, Michigan

Fall Banquet: November 7

www.tricitycyclists.com

Mark Your Calendar! 2010 Ride Dates

- ✓ West Michigan June 12-13th
- ✓ Mid-Michigan July 17-18th
- ✓ Fall Breakaway September 11th