

JohnnyRide 2015

September 19 was one of the most gorgeous days in memory for JohnnyRide 2015 – sunny, cool, not much wind. Ideal conditions for our 12th bike ride to raise money for scholarships. Even though a series of missteps (“goofs”) by the powers-that-be caused Ellen Olson and Michelle Miller to ride an extra three miles or so, every one of the fourteen riders finished the ride, which was officially 25 miles. JohnnyRide was a little longer this year because of a new starting point, the Baldwin Township town hall.

About forty people enjoyed the lunch and raffle activities there, including several new faces. Unfortunately, several familiar faces could not join us. Fortunately, it is often happy occasions that conflict with JohnnyRide – a family wedding, an anniversary, a fun school activity. As JohnnyRide is intended to be a happy occasion also, such conflicts are good trade-offs. And there’s always next year!

As usual, the lunch was flavorful and generous, a combination of provided and “brings” – ham, hot dogs, baked beans, salads, Johnnycake, and lots of cookies, cakes, and sweet things for dessert. For certain, there was no reason for anyone to leave the JohnnyRide lunch feeling hungry.

Equally generous were all the raffle prizes donated this year – fourteen in all, including a handmade picnic quilt, several themed gift baskets, and yet another commemorative Green Bay Packers football.

Because of the loyal support of so many friends and relatives, and an anonymous donation of \$1,500, this year’s JohnnyRide raised more than \$5,000. That was enough to fund next year’s scholarships and add some dollars to the investment account. Bit by bit we’re inching closer to that goal of having \$50,000 in the investment account, an amount that will enable us to provide scholarships long after some of us are no longer riding.