

Shake Rattle & Roll for Parkinson's AZ Rider



The Second Annual Shake, Rattle & Roll for Parkinson's Ride took place on November 7, 2015. Registration was held at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson, 922 S. Country Club Drive, in Mesa. This event benefits Banner Neuro Wellness. It is a state-of-the-art program complementary to current medical treatments and therapies for individuals and families who are affected by Parkinson's disease and other neurological conditions. [from www.bannerhealth.com]

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About 250 riders participated. Sign-in included breakfast, plus a 'meet & greet' opportunity with popular baseball celebrity Luis "Gonzo" Gonzales; formerly of the AZ Diamondbacks.

The self-paced poker ride included stops at Loco Patron in Ahwatukee, Norton's Country Corner in Queen Creek, and TC's Pub & Grub in Queen Creek.

Last stop was a family-friendly gathering at Jolie's Place in Chandler; which included lunch. Amy

noted in regard to the raffle drawings that, "Debbie and her team put together beautiful baskets!" Beside the riders there were about 20 volunteers from the Banner Neuro Wellness center in Gilbert and their families.

Amy shared, "The Shake, Rattle and Roll Ride is spearheaded by an AMAZING lady named Debbie Smith. Debbie is a sweet, soft spoken, very classy southern lady who in recent years was diagnosed with Parkinson's. Although Debbie is still young, quite young to be fighting Parkinson's, she has made it her mission to raise as much awareness and as much funds as she can to help those also fighting. Her team raised over \$30,000 from this ride." Outstanding!

Thanks go out to "... Mr. Luis Gonzales for coming out to Desert Wind H-D and autographing baseballs and posing for pictures. His family has also been affected by Parkinson's and we truly appreciate his helping this event! We would also like to thank our Presenting Sponsors Desert Wind Harley-Davidson, Resnick & Louis Attorneys at Law, and Steptoe & Johnson LLP." Amy continued, "Parkinson's is something we are going to have to really deal with as our baby boomers age, and as a society we need to bring awareness to this cause."

Last year's event was a great time and this year is expected to be even better! Your opportunity to get in on the fun is coming up fast. Mark your calendars for Saturday November 5th for the 3rd annual Shake, Rattle & Roll for Parkinson's Ride. It will be once again start at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson; which is also the final stop. There's a BIG PARTY planned with lots going on; including music by Skarlett Fever, games, a poker walk, & more. \$25/single rider & \$45/couple includes breakfast, lunch, & a gift bag. You can pre-register at www.twogalsevents.com OR at the October 15 Party on the Patio at Desert Wind H-D.

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