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The main purpose of the ABATE organization is to work toward continued freedom of the road by insuring that motorcyclist's point of view is presented to our legislators and to promote motorcycle safety, rider education and public awareness. We are trying to alleviate the very real possibility of "Big Brother Government". We encourage all our members to be informed registered voters. We write letters to our elected officials and stay aware of what is going on with motorcycle legislation, and other transportation issues. We welcome interested parties to any of our activities or to join our organization.

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President's Message

Hello everyone,

December is now upon us. November was a busy month as well. We had many events this month, including our annual St Mary's Food and Toy Run, which we raised over \$12,500 in food, toys and monetary donations. We also held our Veterans Appreciation Dinner and Fund Distribution at our monthly meeting Hosted by the Elks lodge 2138. We were able to raise and donate



\$110,000 dollars this year to local Veterans here on Long Island, see articles and pictures in this newsletter. After the Veterans distribution we had our membership meeting and reopened nominations and held our elections. I am happy to announce that the current Board has been re-elected for next year and I am looking forward to serving this great organization again next year.

We attended many events and toy drives where we set up booths to promote awareness and safety and support the community. This is such a great time of the year with so many organizations and people doing great things for the people in the community. Long Island ABATE will be having our annual Christmas/ Holiday party on December 13th at Frogzz Bar and Grill in Yaphank. There will be live Music, Food, and Raffles. There is no charge for current members and \$10.00 for nonmembers, also a Cash bar is available. The following day, Saturday the 14th is wreath Placement at all the National Cemeteries and volunteers are needed. Please check on our Facebook page, our website as well as on the cemetery's websites in your area. Immediately following the wreath placement Long Island ABATE will be involved in a Toy Drive around the lake to benefit the children of Sachem schools, see flyer on the next page.

We continue to do Motorcycle Awareness presentations during Drivers Education Classes at High schools and various locations in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. If you or anyone you know would like to see us in your school please reach out, we would love to have the Opportunity to reach out to more young drivers and better prepare them for the road.

We are currently looking to expand our presenters' group as well, to help cover more schools this year. If you are interested in making a Difference in someone's life, please reach out to me or any Board member. We would love to have you on the team. As always Long Island ABATE is looking for input and participation from members to better the organization as well as volunteers to help us maintain and grow the organization, while protecting the rights of motorcyclists and trying to keep us safe. If you would like to get more involved or have ideas, please reach out to me or any Board Member. We would love to have you and or your input. Thank You for your continued support.

Together we can make a Difference

Ride safe and Be Well

Chris Beckhans President of Long Island ABATE <u>chrisliabate@gmail.com</u> / (516) 381-1531

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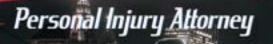
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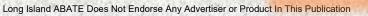
















Honoring Veterans with Heartfelt Appreciation

On this World Kindness Day, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the incredible generosity and support shown by the members of LI Abate for Long Island's veterans. Your unwavering dedication has made a profound impact, as evidenced by your efforts in raising and distributing **\$110,000** this year to various veterans' organizations, including Honor Flight LI, local VFWs and Legions, LIHOG, Patriot Guard Riders, the VA, Paws of War, and

the Support Committee for Calverton National Cemetery ... just to name a few of the many!

Since the inception of the grant program, LI Abate has raised an astonishing **\$1.3 million+** for veterans across Long Island. This collective effort embodies the spirit of community, with love and pride resonating in every room they fill. Thank you to the officers of LI Abate, the grant committee, and all the dedicated members of the organization who tirelessly fund-raise every year. Just last night alone, an additional **\$6,000** was raised as a testament to the relentless commitment to serving those who served us.

A special thank you to the Elks Club for providing delicious food for this year's event, and most importantly, to the **veterans** themselves thank you for your courage, sacrifices, and service to our country. Your contributions are deeply appreciated, and today and every day we celebrate you.

The generosity of LI Abate truly demonstrates that kindness is not just a day's sentiment—it is a way of life. Thank you ALL for making a difference.

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Hi everyone, all I can say is wow we're just about at the end of 2024 already! Where did this year go? Well I can tell you some of the events that Long Island ABATE attended for the months of October and November.

On Saturday October 19th we were invited back to Kulture Fest 2024 at 5-25 46th Ave. in Long Island City. It's really a great day out where vendors and custom bike builders come out and show some of their very special bike builds. It's a great day of custom bikes, food, bands, and an art gallery inside the building. Look very much forward to going again next year. Then on Sunday October 20th we were set up at the Islip street fair. That was a very busy day had a lot of people come up ask us about what Long Island ABATE is all about. A lot of literature given out along with street signs. On Saturday October 26th we attended the New York City Fire Riders Toys for Tots at Miller's ale House in Levittown. Then on Saturday November 2nd we attended the Tier Rats Toys for Tots run that started out at TGI Fridays in Westbury and ended at TGI Fridays in Farmingville.

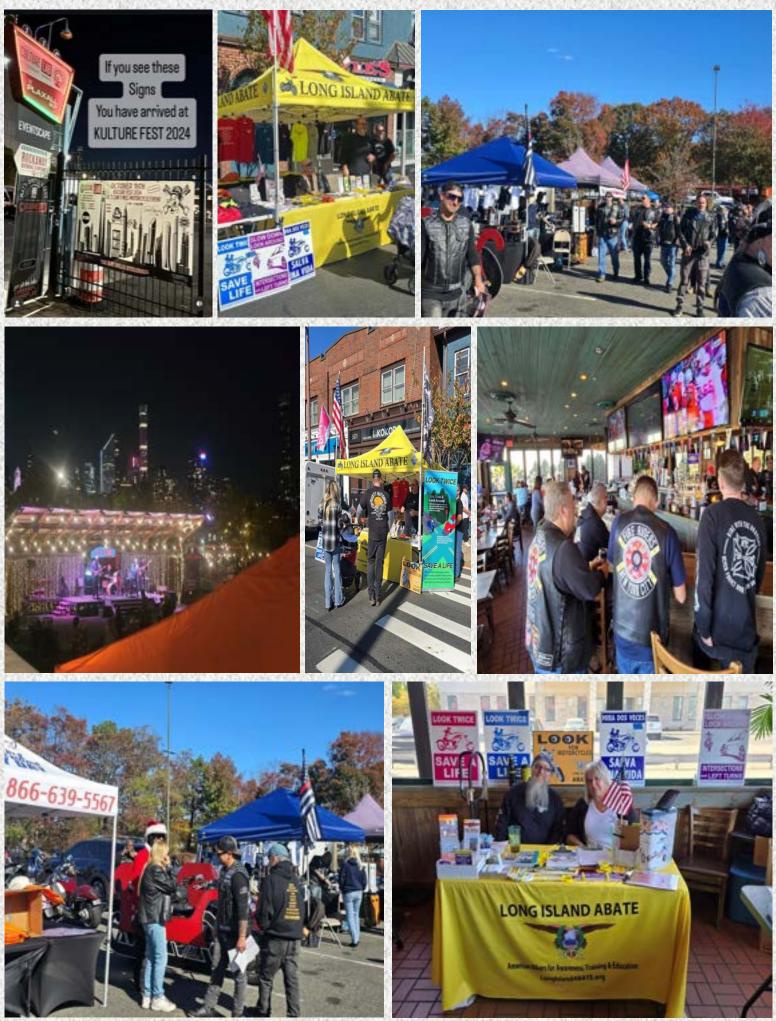
On November 3rd Sunday was Long Island ABATE's 34th annual St Mary's Food and Toy Run. This year was a bit chilly but the sun was out all day long. Everyone gathered at the Elks Lodge in Riverhead there was over 200 bikes that came out to support our run this year! It was so great to see everyone! Sign up was at 9:00 a.m. and by 11:30 a.m. it was kickstands up and away we went to St Mary's Church in Hampton bays. All the motorcycles riders and the abatemobile were welcomed with open arms with the kids standing out front with signs stating welcome bikers! And waving hands! That is always such an amazing run we look forward to every year. With the support of everyone who came out and did the run that day Long Island ABATE raised over \$12,000 in food, toys, and money donations! That type of donations you know you will be making a lot of families less fortunate have a very very Merry Christmas! Thank you to everyone who came and showed support.

On Friday November 8th myself and other members of Long Island ABATE were Upstate New York at Blackthorne Resort in East Durham for a fundraiser for Craig Sutherland aka (Hammer) and his wife Charity. They are a couple who come from Canada. Hammer and his wife would come to Blackthorn every year for their rally thunder in the valley. He was very well known for the burnouts he would do with his motorcycle until the tire would blow out. Hammer and Charity are very dear and cherished friends to many many people! They were at Blackthorn this past September 10th enjoying the event and out riding with a few of their friends. When they were involved in a very bad motorcycle crash in Cairo New York on route 23. They were hit by a car that did not stop at a stop sign. They both sustained very serious injuries, both lost their leg at the scene of the crash. After a very hard battle Craig (Hammer) Sutherland passed away as a result of the injuries sustained from the crash. His wife Charity will have a very very long road to recovery. All our thoughts and prayers are with her, their family and friends.

I hope everyone enjoys the pictures that are posted to go with each one of these events. I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I'm going to end this article by saying please be as safe as you can out there on the roads and just because someone makes eye contact with you doesn't mean they see you!

Article by ...Josephine... 2nd VP Long Island ABATE





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How to Host a Hearing-Loss-Friendly Holiday Dinner

You've finished the menu and guest list, but have you figured out how you can help loved ones with hearing loss have a fun and festive time?

Bringing comfort and joy to those guests is easier than you think. Follow these tips for a happy holiday that's also hearing-loss-friendly.

Make it a Multi-Room Event

By spreading out the get-together, you can create different noise zones. For example, designate a space for football fans to cheer on their team together or consider creating a playroom area for the kids to congregate. For guests with hearing loss, make sure quieter spaces are available for talking one-on-one and catching up in small groups.

Create a Seating Chart

Seat loved ones wearing hearing devices as far away from the kitchen as possible, where loud bangs and clangs can occur during meal prep and serving. Their location should also let them see everyone's faces to help with reading lips and following conversations. If your table is rectangular, place your hearing-impaired guest at the end of the table. Dining at a round table? Every seat is a good one for people with hearing loss.

Design the Perfect Dining Experience

Minimal background noise, clear sightlines, and ample lighting are key ingredients for designing an optimal dining experience for guests with hearing loss. (Of course, good food and good company also rank high on the list!) It's important for your guests to be able to hear and see more in order to follow and fully participate in family conversations. You'll want to lower the music volume, turn off the TV, and remove any visible obstructions from the table like tall centerpieces or candles, before mealtime. And always turn on extra lights to make the season bright, as dim lighting makes it hard for your guests to use lipreading techniques to help fill in what they didn't hear.

Pay Extra Attention

Hosting can be time-consuming, but try to keep tabs on your guests with hearing loss. Take a moment to chat with them or encourage other family members to do so, preferably in a quiet place. Make sure you are speaking to them face-to-face, and not with your head or back turned away. Don't expect them to hear you from another room or while you are walking away.

Consider a Heartfelt Gift

If you have a loved one who is struggling with untreated hearing loss, consider offering them the gift of hearing this holiday season. Reach out to family members who might be interested in contributing what they can to a group gift. For those who already wear hearing aids, an accessory like a table/group mic that works to bring the conversational partners' voice(s) directly to their hearing aids would make an excellent and thoughtful gift. This would make it easier to hear individual or group conversations clearly, even in background noise. Giving the gift of hearing can be so rewarding not only to the recipient, but to those that made it happen!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

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We just went through a historic and critically vital election in this country. Some are happy with the results, some aren't. It's ok to agree to disagree with each other. We are Americans. Going further...we are

bikers. We always get up afterwards when we can. I make this promise...if you want, or need, to feel hope because you cannot find it, contact me and I will help you find hope. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you know what that hope is. But if you need a reminder, contact me. If you're not a believer or follower of Jesus Christ, you may want to become one to know true hope. But even if you don't want to right now because you're not ready (whatever that means to you), I'm still here to talk to. I love you all. I pray that you all know that.

May the coming new year give you hope, not that a man will make things better, but that God as appointed that man to guide us to a better life, here and abroad.

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MERCHAIT SPOTLIGHT

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