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PRESIDENTS *Message*

Greetings to all members.

I would like to take this time to welcome all new oncoming state board members for 2025. Chris Pecchio has been elected as state president for 2025 and will be taking over to lead ABATE of NY into the new year. Congratulations Chris.

A list of all elected board officers is posted in this issue.

I would like to thank all of our past board members and adjunct staff for the service given to ABATE of NY. Your hard work has been appreciated.

While there is more work to be accomplished before years end, ABATE will continue to move forward. As always, thank you everyone for your patience.

Exciting news! Genesee Chapter is up and running again. Congratulations to all members of Genesee chapter for stepping up to make it happen! Welcome back!

As the holiday season is approaching, let us not forget to celebrate family, friends and give remembrance to those of us that cannot be with us.

May God bless you all. Have a safe and happy Holiday season, which ever one you or your family chooses to celebrate.

Audrey Rindfleisch-Hamilton
President ABATE of NY INC



*Happy
Holidays*

VP's *Message*



Hello to Everyone!

Things here at ABATE of New York are improving after the last year of struggles. The organization has endured and things are getting back to “normal”

The Board is complete, the by-law committee will reconvene and continue their work revising ABATE of New York's by-laws and other issues are being sorted out. A great big Thank You for your patience during this difficult time. If we all work together as a unit we will prosper and overcome anything that arises.

A Thank You to Miss Linda ODell-Gaylord for staying on with the newsletter, her help has been greatly appreciated, however this will be her last issue as she needs the time for other endeavors. We do have a potential replacement.

The Freedom Rally Committee is in need of members to help plan this years Rally and the yearly Seminar Plans are in the works. I believe if we set up, work together and everyone puts in a bit of effort, New York State ABATE can become a recognized force promoting motorcycle safety, safer roads and the ability to not be persecuted for who we are, Motorcyclist and bikers is a life style not a hobby.

In closing, it will be an honor to work with, argue with and accomplish the goals of ABATE of New York, we have been here 50 years, let's strive for another 50!

Thank you all,
Chris Pecchio
Vice President, ABATE of New York



REGION A

Report

This reporter apologizes for missing the last newsletter. Recovery has been slower than expected, though after having the gallbladder removed things are going faster in getting back to normal.

There are some things going on that I think everyone will like. First a little background. While watching the “Motorcycle Mahem Radio” show on Monday nights on YouTube, there was a woman who was on talking about her business venture with the crew. This woman is making funny motorcycle gr(Christmas/Valentine...) greeting cards . And seeing that I participate in the show with comments from time to time, we connected. This worked out for us in that she is willing to give all NY ABATE members a discount on your first order. If you go to www.FunnyBikerGreetings.com/discount/NYabate, you’ll receive a 10% discount on your first order. This is a small starter business and giving some support would be appreciated.

Now updates, this writer participated in the 40th MRF “Meeting of the Minds” in St. Louis, MO. It was eventful and informative to see what is occurring at the federal level with laws and bills that affect us in DC. If you can go, I highly recommend it. Next year it will be held in Shreveport LA. There were ABATE members from 42 states sharing info and notes. I have been distributing a flyer card I got there from “National Coalition of Informed Riders” to get people to taking the survey which will help us with the information gathered and given to the MRF lobbyist in DC to help support or defeat bills concerning us.

On the Chapter home front, I want to thank and welcome those that have taken the initiative to restart the Genesee Chapter which gives Region A 4 active chapters. There are new officers in both Buff-Erie and Orleans Chapters. John Watson at Buff-Erie and those folks have signed up a bunch of new members, great job. After some 10+ years Chuck Person has stepped aside as President of Orleans and the Vice President Don has now taken the helm to guide the chapter in the 2025 year. And not to forget Ontario they stay constant and hope to see some usual events this coming year. This entry is the sad part of my report or joyful to some, but around the 22nd of November after a battle with ALS and several strokes Deb O’Brien mother to USMC Kade O’Brien (Creto/Kade’s bill) has gone home and now rests in peace. Pease say a pray for Ed and the family in this time.

Lastly this is a call to ALL members who are reading this, your help is needed. In these past several years of deceit, chaos, division we have drifted apart, and we need now to rejoin and get back to a normal we had or close to it. A point that was identified during the meeting of the minds is that we are aging out and the younger riders aren’t getting engaged as in past. We know people that aren’t members and really don’t or aren’t informed enough on what our rights and responsibilities are being challenged by our political employees both at the state and federal level.

REGION A

Report

The sport bike community needs to get informed and involved with us as much as people say that this is the helmet people who ride Harley's. That may be true to a point, but as I tell people I'm not just a Harley rider. In my collection, yes collection, I own a 96 FLSTC Softail, 1967 Triumph Bonneville 650 Bobber built by yours truly, and a 82 GS1000G shaft drive. And after what I've gone through in the past year most would walk away, but I'm more into participating seeing that my grandson (12) is becoming a champion flat track racer and I want to see that him and the rest of the kids involved will continue to enjoy riding as much as I have in my 72 years, which

I've been involved in some way with motorcycles for 60 years now.

Everyone is always Oh let the other guy do it. Well, our backs are against the wall, and we need all. Here's one to think about, by 2035 50% of motorcycle sales must be EV bikes. Yes electric. Or your right to repair your own bike is being challenged especially in this state with the incompetent political employees we have in Albany.

To finish, Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy New Years

I'm heading south to get some ride time in seeing I missed it in 24.



OFFICE *news*

Hello fellow ABATE members,

I would like to thank everyone for your patience as I took over this position. I am confident I have it under control and organized somewhat. May be crazy at my house, but at least I know where I put everything. I know there are a few things I am still learning, but I will get there. I have a wonderful teacher, Chris Werder and her patience with me has been outstanding. Without her I'd still be staring at this laptop wondering where do I start? So, a huge round of applause and thanks to Chris.

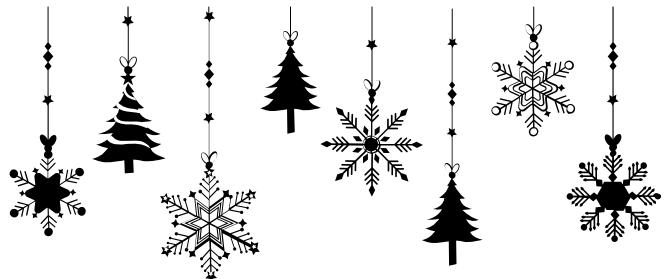
For those of you that do not know me. I have been a member of ABATE for 6 years. I joined ABATE when I was a member of Free Spirit MC out of Rensselaer County. The club closed and am back and currently the Secretary for Rensselaer County chapter. I do ride and appreciate all ABATE has accomplished to keep us safe and heard over the years.

Please keep in mind I do have a Monday- Friday full-time job. I try to sit down every other night to check emails, enter membership and return calls. I also delegate at least 4-5 hours on Saturday or Sunday to complete renewal packets and/or stuff envelopes with renewal letters. I do attend every State meeting, so you can always catch me there for any questions.

Regarding membership: If you have moved, changed your phone number or email within the past year, the office needs to know. I am getting returned mail and few responses on voicemails or emails left when I reach out for updated info. If I do not have your correct information, I cannot mail your renewal letters, cards or pin. As you should be aware, it was voted and approved that pins will now be received every 5 years. Any pins in between will be mailed until they are gone. If you wish to purchase lost pins, it is highly recommended to call the office to see if they are available. *Pins may only be purchased for your completed years as a paid member. If available, I will set aside for you and send once payment is received. Do NOT just send payment and expect as I have no way to refund.

Lastly, new trifolds will be out soon, possibly by the time you read this. Not only will the office address be updated but the credit card option will be removed as well as the office has no capability to process credit card transactions whatsoever. Once available, you can pick them up at each State/Board meeting or with your Region coordinator.

Stay safe out there,
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LEGISLATION

Report



By **Chris Genovese**, Legislative Coordinator

When it comes to writing letters to our legislators and other elected leaders, I think it's important that we make it as easy as possible for our members and supporters. In 2024, folks just don't sit down, pull out pen and paper, and write letters like they used to "back in the day." So I suggest having a bunch of pre-drafted letters printed up on ABATE of NY letterhead, and bringing them to your chapter's events and meetings or other locations where motorcycle riders will see and be invited to sign them.

To do this, Legislative Coordinators or other chapter members should go to the ABATE of NY website (www.ABATENY.org), navigate to the "Legislation" page, read the instructions in the lower right corner, and download the updated ABATE position paper and template(s) for letters. Or, chapter officers are also welcome to email me at cgenovese@kantorgullolaw.com (at least) 2 weeks in advance of your event to request a letter for any of the bills found in our position paper. I'll get back to you with any questions I have, and then I'll send back some instructions with a pre-drafted letter that you'll just need to print out, bring to events, and have folks sign. Then, after you've collected a batch of them with signatures, you can send that on to the appropriate party with a cover letter that I can also provide upon request. The chapter should pay for the postage, if possible, and let me know how many letters were signed, collected, and sent.

As for the list of bills on our position paper, unfortunately none have seen any movement. However, after speaking to board and chapter members, as well as some sponsors of the bill, I did add the Grieving Families Act (A9232/S8485) to it, which aims to update our laws around wrongful deaths. Those current New York state laws that address the wrongful loss of family members are outdated and insufficient, because they were originally passed in 1847. If someone that you love is wrongfully killed here, the damages that can currently be recovered are strictly limited to the economic losses of a parent, child, or spouse. Loved ones cannot recover for grief or anguish, which is basically saying that the loss of love and emotional support for surviving families means nothing. Extended family members, such as siblings, grandparents, or other dependents who do not fit the description of "immediate family member," can also not recover damages for their loss.

The Grieving Families Act (GFA) is also one of those rare New York bills that passed with bipartisan support through both the Senate and Assembly, only to be vetoed by the Governor - TWICE! If passed into law, the GFA would place us among the 48 other states in the country that have already updated their laws in this way.

Of course, wrongful death is not something that's specific to motorcycle riders, but we face it far too often due to the negligence of other drivers. And with virtually unanimous support for the bill among those I spoke with, it became clear that passage of the GFA would be very important to the riding community and surviving families of those struck down due to the negligence of others. So very soon we'll be executing our first ever "Call to Action" email campaign as part of our partnership with ABATE of Long Island and the Policy Engage service from the MRF. Members will be asked to help us promote the Call to Action by sending the information to fellow members, riders, and supporters across the state. PLEASE NOTE - we will need to decide if we're going to continue to split the cost for the Policy Engage service by the end of the year when our current subscription expires.



Legislative Position 2024

A3932/S9494 – Provides for certain presumptions for reckless driving and the implementation of a reckless driving and vehicular violence awareness component of the pre-licensing course for a driver's license.

By introducing presumptions for reckless driving, this bill aims to hold accountable those who endanger others through their actions behind the wheel. Additionally, integrating a vehicular violence awareness component into the pre-licensing course underscores the importance of fostering a culture of responsibility and respect among drivers. ABATE of NY believes that such initiatives will not only enhance road safety but also contribute to a more informed and conscientious driving community. Through education and awareness, ABATE of NY seeks to reduce the incidence of reckless driving and vehicular violence, ultimately creating safer roads for all users in New York State.

A3932 referred to Transportation Committee on 1/3/24.

S9494 referred to Transportation Committee on 5/16/24.

A9187/S4704 – Requires the municipal police training council to ensure that issues related to motorcycle profiling are addressed in basic law enforcement training. This legislation represents a significant stride towards eliminating discriminatory practices against motorcyclists by ensuring law enforcement officers receive training to recognize and mitigating motorcycle rider profiling. By mandating training programs that educate officers about the unfair targeting and stereotyping of motorcyclists solely based on their choice of transportation, A9187/S4704 seeks to foster a more equitable and respectful interaction between law enforcement and the motorcycle community.

A9187 referred to Governmental Operations Committee on 2/12/24.

S4074 referred to Finance Committee on 1/3/24.

A9232/S8485 - Provides for the types of damages that may be awarded to the persons for whose benefit an action for wrongful death is brought.

The Grieving Families Act helps ensure justice for the families of those who are wrongfully killed by the acts of others, including riders killed by negligent drivers. This important legislation provides surviving families the ability to seek fair compensation for their pain and suffering, addressing the emotional and financial hardships that come with such a devastating loss. By expanding the definition of "family" to include not only traditional relatives but also those who have close, dependent relationships with the deceased, the Grieving Families Act recognizes the wide-ranging impact of such tragedies. This bill is crucial for holding negligent drivers accountable and providing much-needed support to those left behind.

A9232b passed Assembly, delivered to Senate on June 4, 2024.

S8485b passed Senate, returned to Assembly on June 5, 2024.



Legislative Position 2024 (cont)

A2690 – Prohibits children under the age of twelve (12) from riding on a motorcycle. ABATE of NY emphasizes the importance of parental discretion and individual freedom in deciding when a child is ready to ride on a motorcycle, taking into account factors such as maturity, experience, and training. Moreover, the organization argues that motorcycling, including off-road riding, can be a valuable family activity that fosters bonding and teaches important life skills, such as responsibility and rider safety. For many families, riding off-road motorcycles under parental guidance is seen as a crucial aspect of child development. Rather than imposing a blanket ban, ABATE of NY advocates for comprehensive education and training programs that empower parents to make informed decisions about their children's involvement in motorcycling, ensuring both safety and enjoyment for riders of all ages.

A2690 referred to Transportation Committee on 1/3/24.

A6075/S2773 – Prohibits the sale of ATVs and off-highway motorcycles in the city of New York; provides enforcement mechanisms and penalties. Such a blanket ban would unjustly restrict the rights of individuals to own and enjoy these recreational vehicles within city limits. While ABATE of NY acknowledges the need for responsible use and regulation of these vehicles to ensure public safety, it argues that a total ban is an overreaching measure that penalizes law-abiding enthusiasts. Rather than outright prohibition, ABATE of NY advocates for comprehensive education, training, and enforcement initiatives to promote safe and responsible ATV and off-highway motorcycle use.

A6075a amended and recommitted to Cities Committee on 4/2/24.

S2773 delivered to Assembly. Passed Senate on 3/26/24.

A1987/S1388 – Relates to motorcycle awareness on state highways by affixing signs stating “Watch for Motorcycles.”

By advocating for the installation of motorcycle awareness signs on state highways, ABATE aims to promote mutual respect and understanding between motorcyclists and other drivers. These signs serve as valuable reminders for motorists to remain vigilant and share the road responsibly, ultimately reducing the risk of collisions and injuries involving motorcycles.

A1987 referred to Transportation Committee on 1/3/24.

S1388 referred to Transportation Committee on 1/3/24.

A36/S3332 – Makes certain exceptions for violations pertaining to certain mufflers and exhaust systems.

This bill proposes essential exceptions for violations related to specific exhaust systems on motorcycles and other vehicles. By allowing for reasonable exceptions, A36/S3332 ensures that motorcyclists can enjoy the freedom to choose exhaust systems that meet both legal standards and their individual preferences without facing undue penalties.

A36 referred to Transportation Committee on 1/3/24.

S3332 referred to Transportation Committee on 1/3/24.



Legislative Position 2024 (cont)

A10090/S7603 – Authorizes and directs the commissioner of transportation to conduct a study of the feasibility of removing all existing 3 cable guide rails on New York roadways and replacing them with safer alternatives.

ABATE recognizes that these guide rails present a grave hazard to motorcyclists, as the cables can cause severe injuries. By advocating for the survey and potential removal of these hazardous guide rails, ABATE of NY aims to enhance the safety of New York's roads for motorcyclists and all other road users.

A10090 referred to Transportation Committee on 5/3/24.

S7603 referred to Transportation Committee on 1/3/24.



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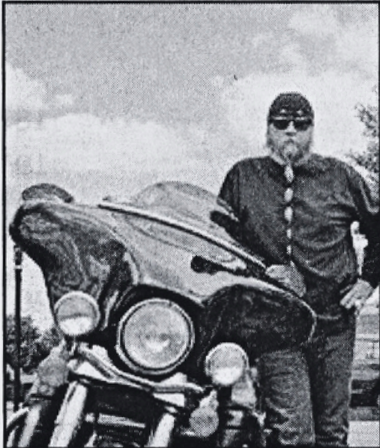
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Letter from the Editor

Just a quick note of gratitude for the help from all of you for the last few years that I have been the editor of "The Freedom Writer" It has been my pleasure to put out this publication and to help you be aware of happenings with the Board and the other chapters of ABATE of New York.

I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to have served.

This will be my last issue and I hope you all join me in welcoming whomever will be continuing the publication and offer him / her ideas and information of interest so she can do her position successfully. Thank you again for the opportunity to be a part of this.



50 YEARS of EXCELLENCE

On October 12th several Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Board Members and Board Assistants attended ABATE of WISCONSIN's 50th Anniversary celebration, including MRF Lobbyist, Rocky Fox, in from Washington D.C. to talk about the impact ABATE of Wisconsin had on federal politics over their five decades in existence. The event was held near the State Capitol and in attendance was one of the original Founders as well as a majority of the Presidents and Executive Directors from over the years. We had two other early State Motorcyclists Rights Organizations (SMROs), the MMA and the WBBA, in attendance as well. Former Wisconsin State Senator Dave Zien, who sponsored all of our biker friendly bills during his

19 years in the State Legislature was on hand to fire up the crowd. We were surprised at the awards and recognition dinner when former 14-year Wisconsin Governor, avid motorcycle rider, and a member of George W. Bush's cabinet, Tommy Thompson, popped in to share some great moments from our history. And it was a genuine highlight having six of the seven Heartland S.T.E.A.M. SMROs present to congratulate our 50th on the steps of the State Capitol.

I first joined ABATE of Wisconsin in 1985 at the urging of one of the founders, Tony "Pan" Sanfelippo, and finally became an Officer of the organization in 1997 at the request of then Executive Director and our MRF President and Chairman Emeritus, Buck Kittredge. So, as you see my life is deeply intertwined with ABATE of Wisconsin and it was a proud day for me and so many of us.

While there have been many monumental events in SMRO history, ABATE of Wisconsin having 50,000 bikers ride to our State Capitol to protest the helmet law and then proceeding to overturn not one, but two, Governor's vetoes to modify our helmet law to be one of choice has to be on the Mt. Rushmore of bikers rights. We are unaware of any other state doing that. As we heard at MRF's recent Meeting of the Minds where we recognized 40 years, and where we have been in attendance at the other few SMROs that hit 50 years this year, a common theme is that none of those early leaders expected we'd last this long, thank goodness we did or motorcycling and our lifestyle would be in significantly worse condition than it is today.

What a great day to be part of with so many MRF members, ABATE of Wisconsin giants, and hundreds of good friends. That said I think the most special part of the day was recreating a small part of the ride into the Capitol and hearing from passionate bikers on the Capitol steps. While we didn't have 50,000 bikers there, we had enough for it to feel like the old days and it was tremendous to see so many of the early motorcycle clubs in attendance that were such an important part of the early motorcyclists rights movement in the beginning.

It also served as a reminder of what it took to get where we are, what it takes today to maintain our freedoms, and I believe the event drove a passion for many in attendance to dig in and keep it going for another 50 years.

Kirk "Hardtail" Willard
Chairman of the Board



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MRO News



Road To Zero Grants

The Road to Zero Coalition recently announced it will accept grant applications for its traffic safety program. The deadline to apply is January 17th, 2025. The funds, totaling \$750,000, are geared toward finding solutions to lower the number of deaths on our nation's roadways. While the Road to Zero Coalition and the National Safety Council run the grant program, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) provides the money. That means these are federal dollars offered through the grant program.

Non-profit organizations may apply for the funds, which will be dispersed over one year, beginning in Spring 2025. To aid in understanding the program and the grant process, the Road to Zero Coalition has two scheduled webinars on December 3rd and 6th. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) strongly encourages every state motorcyclist rights organization (SMRO) to learn more about this program.

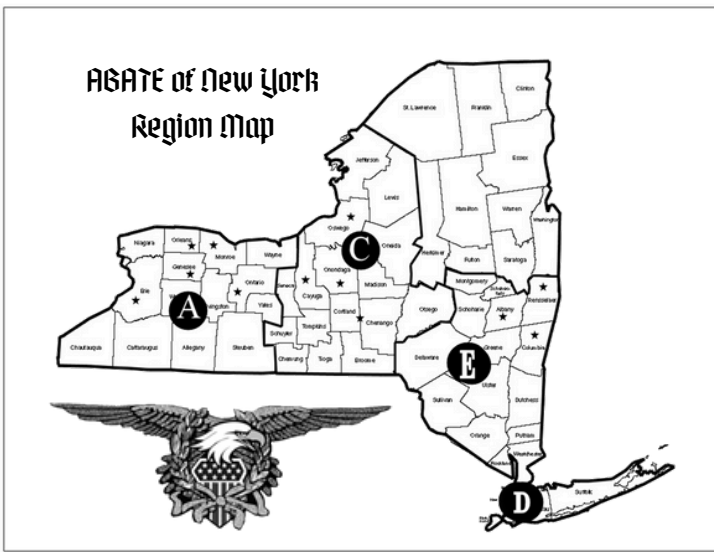
MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard put it bluntly, "Every SMRO should apply for these funds. Let's make NHTSA and their partners prove they care about motorcyclist safety by putting their money where their mouth is." He added, "These are taxpayer dollars. Perhaps we, as taxpaying bikers, will finally get a share of the pie."

To learn more about the program and start the grant application click the Road to Zero button below



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Pickerington, Ohio – The AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame inducted its 2024 Class recently, honoring five new members during the 2024 AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame Class of 2024 includes Mike Lafferty, Debbie Matthews, Mat Mladin, Rob Rasor and Kevin Windham, all of whom received their Hall of Fame rings and ceremonious gold jackets during the ceremony.

Established actor, director and motorcycle enthusiast Perry King and Laurette Nicoll – motocross rider, sidecar aficionado and sideline reporter – led this year’s ceremonies as emcees, taking the audience through the lives and accomplishments of the Hall of Fame inductees.

The AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame also honored and recognized the memories of the Hall of Famers who passed away during the last year: T.C. Christenson, Ed Youngblood, Sammy Tanner, Tom Heiniger, Larry Huffman and Ed Lojak. Supporters and partners for the 2024 AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony included Yamaha, Suzuki and Powersports World TV.

Also – After another wildly successful event in 2024, the American Motorcyclist Association has announced that 2025 AMA Vintage Motorcycles Days will run July 25-27, 2025, at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio. AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days is a rider’s paradise, with near-endless racing in various disciplines – including trials, motocross, hare scrambles, road racing and pitbike racing – North America’s largest motorcycle swap meet, numerous recreational riding activities, and much more!

The three-day event raises funds for the American Motorcycle Heritage Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that helps fund the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame mission to promote and preserve the history of motorcycling in America.

To get a taste of the moto fun at AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days, check out the official 2024 VMD video at youtu.be/ZFWhq5QDkpQ.

Tickets to 2025 AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days will be available soon and AMA Members will be able to purchase at a discount. To join the AMA and take full advantage of the discount, among other benefits, visit AmericanMotorcyclist.com/members-community/members/join-the-ama/ or call (800) 262-5646.



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5 Boroughs Chapter

2nd Thursday 8pm
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Albany Chapter

3rd Tuesday 7pm
Gateway Diner
899 Central Avenue
Albany, 12206

Buffalo / Erie Chapter

Matthew Glab Post 1477
1965 Abbott Road
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Cayuga Chapter

2nd Tuesday 7pm
Auburn VFW Post 1975
44 Genesee Street
Auburn, NY 13021

Columbia Chapter

1st Thursday 7pm
Whitestone Cafe
Route 66
Ghent, NY 12075

Ontario Chapter

1st Sunday 10am
On the Rocks
3853 Rt. 5&20
Canandaigua, NY

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2nd Sunday 12pm
VFW Post 1483
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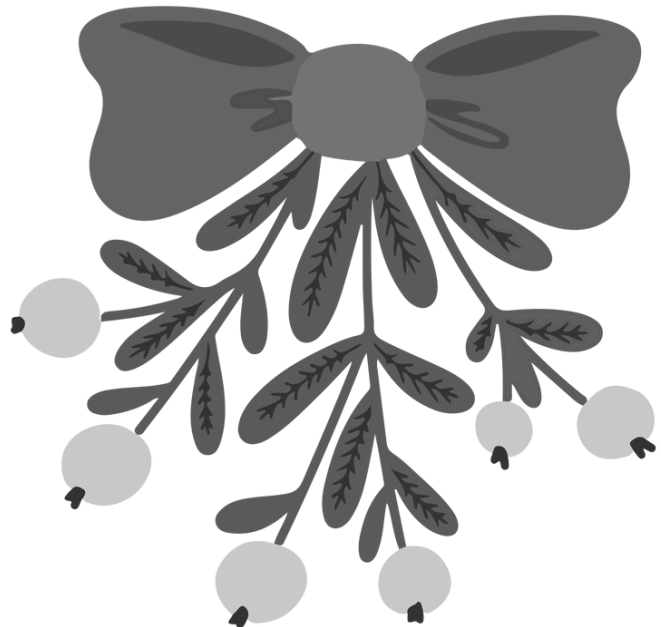
1st Sunday 10am
Mimi's Drive-In
201 N 2nd St
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Rensselaer Chapter

2nd Saturday 4pm
Manor House / Paddock
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2nd Thursday
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