

Ride for Hope raises \$30,000 for ovarian cancer awareness

Submitted by Lisa Haring

The fourth annual Ride for Hope, a 501(c)3 motorcycle ride and celebration conceived and organized by JuliAnne Scully, owner/operator of JuliAnne's Salon & Spa in Schaumburg, raised \$30,000 this year for two local women and the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.

On Sunday, July 29, 270 bikers, including Scully and the City Limits H.O.G. Chapter of Palatine, escorted by Master Sergeant Gregory Minx and four Illinois State Police, eight Medinah Shriner's Motor Corps bikers, and the EMS Roaddocs of Illinois, rolled out of the Fox River Harley-Davidson dealership in St. Charles for the 60-mile scenic ride.

The ride, designed by Bob Morrison, an officer in the City Limits Chapter, took the bikers through back roads and small towns and ended at the historic grounds of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Schaumburg for an after-party.

Six hundred and fifty supporters of the Ovarian Cancer Awareness cause enjoyed live music by Mellancougar and a family-style picnic with food

donated by Head's Red BBQ, Sammy's Mexican Grill and Bar, Lou Malnati's Pizzeria, The Village Tavern & Grill, The Original Nana's Hot Dogs and Nothing Bundt Cakes.

Guests also participated in a wine pull; silent and live auctions; 100-box drawings; visited the Survivor Tent to sign a six-foot teal ribbon and pet the Comfort Dogs; visited sponsor tents; and shopped the Teal Marketplace for T-shirts, pins, jewelry, and more.

The past three years, all of the proceeds from the charity ride have been donated to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition to help raise awareness.

Scully is a 32-year stage-three ovarian cancer survivor.

"I founded Ride for Hope to spread awareness of the symptoms of ovarian cancer and to help improve the lives of women battling this silent disease. This year we decided to offer some financial assistance directly to women in my community," Scully said.

"We posted a nomination form on our website and selected two women nominated by their friends and family. Monies raised will

help offset the medical cost of treatment and recovery, and continue to support awareness through the workings of the NOCC."

According to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, there is no early detection test for ovarian cancer; consequently, most cases are diagnosed in their later stages. Ovarian cancer ranks fifth in cancer deaths among women, and only 15 percent of all cases diagnosed are stage 1 cases.

More than 20,000 women are newly diagnosed with ovarian cancer each year, and approximately 15,000 women die annually from the disease.

Additionally, one in 75 women are at risk for ovarian cancer and Illinois ranks No. 6 in the nation for the most ovarian cancer deaths.

"This was the most inspiring, emotional, and rewarding fundraising we have done to date. I am looking to growing our mission with new sponsors, donations, and volunteers for our fifth annual ride and after-party on Sunday, July 28, 2019, starting and ending at Drink in Schaumburg,"



COURTESY OF LISA HARING

Two hundred and seventy Ride for Hope bikers gather for a group photo July 29 at the Fox River Harley-Davidson dealership in St. Charles before the ride.

Scully said.

"September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. We will be accepting nominations for ovarian cancer patients who need some financial assistance beginning in September 2018," Scully continued. The

nomination form is at www.rideforhopeil.org.

To get involved with Ride for Hope, make a donation, or learn about the early warning signs of ovarian cancer, visit www.rideforhopeil.org.

Anyone is interested in

joining the "tealtribe" of volunteers and sponsors can contact JuliAnne Scully at ocrideforhope2015@gmail.com, or on Facebook at Ride for Hope-Schaumburg, where upcoming events, parties, and fundraisers are also listed.