



LOUISVILLE BICYCLE CLUB

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My friends, as I write these words our club is once again closed due to the covid-19 pandemic. 2020 has been a year filled with things we would like to forget but dare not. The pandemic has taught us all how vulnerable we can be. The painful events that have torn our beloved city apart. And an election year unlike most in my memory where divisions were, and still are, so sharp. I have often said that if only we could all take a nice long bike ride together we would see each other differently and come away more unified. Alas, even that has been difficult to do this year.

And yet we carry on. I am heartened to know that many of you are once again riding in small groups of close friends. Continuing with the business of keeping our bodies and souls intact.

In this season of Thanksgiving I am hopeful we will find a way to defeat our demons. That we will be able to defeat our current medical crisis. That we can look deeper into our brothers and sisters eyes and see a hopeful seed planted for the future even as we agonize with the past as well as the present. That we can once again come together as Americans. A people that have always moved forward in the toughest of times. All of us different but still Americans. I'm so very thankful of our differences. This is what has always made us better. We all bring something valuable to the table. Let's feast on it!

And look forward to the time when we call go out for a nice long bike ride.

TOGETHER

Jeff



Falls City Community BikeWorks



As you are aware Covid-19 cancelled most of our events this year including what was to be our signature event. The Derby City Fondo. One of the goals for the event this year was to be able to donate a portion of the proceeds to a local bicycling based nonprofit. We had designated Falls City Community Bikeworks as the recipient for this donation based on their excellent reputation within the cycling community connecting those in need with a reliable bike for transportation.

FCCB also provides an affordable space along with the tools and expertise to help make your own repairs or just to learn about your bicycle. Check them out at www.fccbikeworks.org.

Your executive committee felt that even though the pandemic interrupted our program this year, need goes on. So happily we were able to arrange a visit with FCCB founder John Krueger and present a check that will help them continue their mission. While there we got a tour of the facility and were able to meet some of the staff.

This is a great nonprofit and we're really happy to be able to help them support this year. Thanks to so many of you that opted to make your Derby City Fondo event fee a donation to our club and helped to make this happen.

Good things happen when we all work together.

Presenting the check to Nathan Green, Shop Coordinator for FCCB. LBC Executive Committee members Jeff White (President), Diane Bellafronto (Treasurer), and Dave Wittry (VP Education)



Announcements

New Rider Clinic

Covid 19 took a toll on the New Rider Clinic this year. We started out with five sessions scheduled. But with the restrictions placed on group size, we ended up with only three and those were limited in attendance. In addition, mask and distancing requirements affected attendance to the classes we were able to hold. Of the twenty people who did attend, fourteen completed the course.



You may have already seen some of our students on rides. Clint Phillips just rode a century, Scott Thompson and Weihow Zhou rode to Polly's Freeze with us, Richard Preble has joined us on Larry and Margaret's Sunday morning ride, and Holly Koster and Lisa Marsh have also attended club rides.

I am looking forward to a less complicated, safer and more productive year next year.



Louisville's bike share program
is up and running!
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