

MESA Riders Arrive in St. Marys

by Kimberli Rompilla, District News Editor



The bike riders finally made it to St. Marys, and they all arrived with large smiles on their faces. The ride from Defiance to St. Marys was described as breathtaking and hot. With the sun beating down on them, they managed to get themselves to Van Wert, Delphos, then to St. Marys. The hospitality in Van Wert was on a beautiful farm, the stop in Delphos was hosted at Oscar Lake, with the last stop ending at Memorial

Park in St. Marys. The warm welcome reception by the St. Marys club was a nice ending to a long day's journey!

I asked a few of the riders what their favorite view or views were for the day, and a number of them commented on the ride along the Auglaize River. They mentioned a short break in Melrose for some goodies at the only gas station in the town, along with the layout of the roads between Defiance and St. Marys. Overall, they are very happy with the ride. They said they have met a lot of wonderful and delightful people in the past four days, and they are looking forward to the next three days of their trip. After a short tour of the Memorial Bridge and the local Canal Boat, the group is off to dinner at Legends, a local restaurant. Memorial Bridge and the Canal Boat are both St. Marys Rotary Projects that were joyfully shared with our guest Rotarians.

My curiosity got the best of me, so I asked the group how much they've made so far on their trip. Just in the past four days, the group has collected over ½ of their goal, which is \$50,000. How awesome is that? They still have three days to go, and they still have to turn in money they've raised on their own. They were beaming from ear to ear knowing they can reach their goal, if not surpass it.

Keep up the spirit District 6600! If you haven't made a donation for the Mesa Bike Tour, don't hesitate, make your donation today! We're all here to make a difference globally, and with your help, you can make that happen by supporting Mesa and their annual project.

Yours in Rotary,

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