

Can one person make a difference?

You bet he can!

Allow me to introduce you to Ed Heath, I had the pleasure of meeting Ed for the first time at the N.H. Extravaganza 3 years ago. My first impression, great guy, loads of FUN and a real down to earth person.

My impressions were all correct; however I missed some very important attributes that Ed is fortunate enough to possess: The desire to assist his friends, the ability to help and the drive to see it all work.

Ed is a very valuable member of our G.W.R.R.A. family; he always recognizes other individual's qualities, offers praise to friends for what they do and gives of himself to benefit others.

Ed is the Chapter Director for N.H."G" as well as the Membership Enhancement Coordinator for the District of New Hampshire and has been working very hard following up on the Area Report List for the District to keep New Hampshire membership growing. In addition he supports the Chapter and Couple of The Year Programs and offers guidance to all 3 N.H. chapters.

Last year I spoke with Ed and he was very proud of Ernie and Donna Brown, two wonderful folks that he had selected and honored with the title: "Chapter Couple of The Year". I was fortunate enough to work with Ed on an article about Ernie and Donna for the Region newsletter, it was wonderful for me to get acquainted with them and I look forward to meeting them in person.

This year Ed has endorsed the 'Couple of The Year Program' throughout the N.H. District and he has made a difference, he proudly and with a BIG smile which he always wears is letting everyone know New Hampshire now has 100 % participation, 3 chapters with the distinction of having appointed "Chapter Couples". Chapter "A" proudly boasts Bruce and Linda Hartley, Chapter "E" has selected Karen and Ted Zitney and Chapter "G" shines with Donna and Ernie Brown. We would like to say "Thank You" to all of the Chapter Directors and "CONGRATULATIONS" to all the wonderful Chapter Couples. We hope to see all of you participating in the N.H. District selection process this year.

Selecting a Chapter Couple or getting involved in the Chapter of The Year Program is not something you do for "National" or "District", it is what you do for yourself, for your members, for your friends. These programs are the lifeline for the survival of chapters and the nucleus for having FUN for all members.

The Couples Program allows you an opportunity to recognize individuals that consistently go above and beyond for their fellow members, these are the people that are like "light fixtures" they are just guiding the way. Remember everyone works for a paycheck, in a volunteer organization that paycheck is simply a "Thank You" or recognition for all he or she does and how well they do it.

In addition the program is self serving, volunteers are energized by the simple words "Thank You" and when they get the recognition they more than deserve they graciously continue to serve and keep on serving.

Enthusiasm breeds energy, which raises excitement, that ends in positive results: nobody will ask to be selected as Chapter Couple, but when they see their friends enjoying the title and the recognition, they also will realize the honor and perhaps put in a little more effort so perhaps they will be selected as their next chapter couple.

So, to answer the question: Can one person make a difference? If his name is Ed Heath you bet he can! And so can YOU! The more involved YOU get, the more FUN YOU will enjoy.

Involving your chapter in these programs is simple: it takes little to no effort and creates goals for all your members to work to achieve. Working together as a TEAM provides the "stickiness" to chapter participants to "get "R" done. The end result is a Happy, Healthy FUN group of friends.

If you have any questions ask your chapter or district M.E.C. or feel free to contact us anytime, we would love to hear from you.

Thank You Ed, for all that you do and how well you do it!

Ride safe! Have FUN!

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