

UNIONS FOR KIDS

Motorcycle ride raises \$75,000 for Doernbecher Children's Hospital

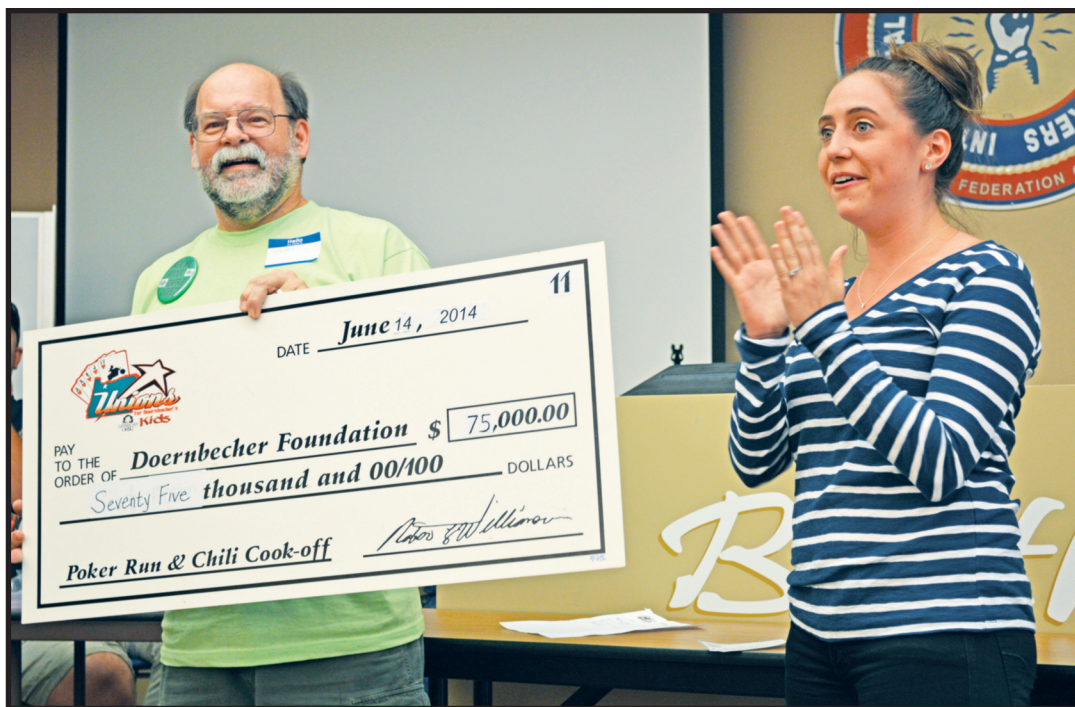
The 12th annual — and possibly the last — Unions for Kids motorcycle poker run donated a record \$75,000 to Doernbecher Children's Hospital. Unions for Kids (U4K) is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization with 100 percent of proceeds going to Doernbecher. Since its inception in 2003, the Poker Run has donated \$465,000 to help sick children.

A total of 279 riders took part in the challenging, twisting 75-mile ride June 14 that took them along portions of the old Columbia River Highway. The winner — with a high hand of Queens over Jacks — was Roger Misho. The low-hand of Ace, 3, 4, 5, 7 was held by Mark Neyman. The Chili Cook-off champion was Dan Newberry, representing Machinists Lodge 63. Winner of the gold coin raffle was Tom and Renelle Deering.

And Emory Schaffer, a member of IBEW Local 48, took home the grand prize of a new 2014 Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

The poker run, chili cook-off and raffle drawings are held at the IBEW Local 48 union hall in Northeast Portland. The largest cash contribution to the event was \$5,063 from Machinist Lodge 63. The largest corporate contribution came from Columbia Motorcycle Harley-Davidson with \$3,150.

Lee Duncan, a recently retired member of IBEW Local 48, is president and a co-founder of U4K. Duncan announced at this year's event that he and wife Kathy (also a Local 48 member) were stepping down. If a successor doesn't come forward soon, this may well be the last U4K poker run ever held.



TOP PHOTO: Sarah Harbaugh of the Doernbecher Foundation applauds as U4K committee member Rob Williamson presents her with a check for \$75,000. It is the largest donation in the 12-year history of the poker run. **PHOTO ABOVE:** Tim Carrier, a retired business rep for Painters District Council 5, directs motorcycle riders to the fourth checkpoint at Midnight Roundup Saloon & Eatery in Gresham. **PHOTO TOP LEFT:** U4K President Lee Duncan (left) confirms the winning ticket of Emory Schaeffer in the drawing for a new Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Schaeffer is a member of IBEW Local 48 and lives in Vancouver. **PHOTO MIDDLE LEFT:** Lee and Kathy Duncan share a laugh as the 12th annual Unions for Kids Motorcycle Poker Run and Chili Cook-off comes to a close. The Duncans have been instrumental in organizing the event since its inception in 2003. **PHOTO BELOW LEFT:** Brandi Lalande samples chili as her significant other, Scott Zadow, looks on. **PHOTO BELOW CENTER:** The U.S. Navy Color Guard presents the U.S. and Oregon flags prior to the singing of the National Anthem by Crystal Lariza. **PHOTO BELOW RIGHT:** Jenny Gray (left) assists riders Dan Poczynek and KC Coleman (beard) as they prepare to draw a playing card at the last checkpoint at the Wooden Chicken Pub in Northeast Portland. Gray, a member of Bakers Local 114, was assisted by her husband Anthony.

