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Subject: next commish meeting

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

Please vote yes on Poker Run 2017

This event is one of the longest annual events raising money for charity. As well as in a slow month fills our guest houses, and other accommodations.

It is the BIG push financially in our bars and restaurants.

In general they all are responsible drivers and wonderful tippers!!!!

There are usually little arrest etc compared to many other times in Key West.
I am aware of some horrific incidents but they are not common.

I suggest if "flying colors" is a concern: Use those electronic signs that are often on our road ways that Flying colors are not allowed in Key West
Have one at the top of the keys and most certainly before crossing Cow Key Channel.
Request that all accommodations in Key west state this to their guest and all bars as well.
Tell Peterson this is a must in all his advertisement etc. Suggest he has a group that also monitors this during the event.

If having a local event coordinator, is not possible than tell Peterson he must provide. Simply put it will be smaller less vendors but hopefully as many bikers lining all our streets to raise money for the Poker Run and shop, eat drink in town locally.

Contact all former KW Ambassadors, ask them to volunteer!!!

A large % of Key West residents rely on this event. I know coming up it carries me for the money I do not make in months prior and until FF Parrot Heads Power Boats.
That sometimes is the planned income for many of us that carries us to pay our bills.

We have become a weekend event drove tourist town mostly. Do not take our events away. (Many of them pulling out on their own sadly because of the ridiculous room rates already)Yes we have also become a day tripper (cruise ship tour busses) .

Vote yes

Thank you
Barbara Ramey
resident since 1992
Bartender