
Renegade Pigs help one of their own

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SAUK VILLAGE | Although members of the Chicago Blues Brothers Chapter of the Renegade Pigs Police and Fire Motorcycle Club might look intimidating, don't be deceived.

The motorcycles of the bikers with hearts of gold lined the parking lot of the Chicago Heights Moose Lodge, at 2911 E. Sauk Trail Road in Sauk Village, as the group had its annual pig roast benefit Saturday evening.

"We're all policemen, firemen," said club President Paul Griffin, a New Lenox police officer. "We all ride American-made motorcycles, and our main purpose is to raise money for fallen officers, fallen firefighters. We raise money for their families if they've been hurt in the line of duty or even off duty." Proceeds from this year's event went to Arlington Heights Police Officer Tim Sheehan.

"A drunk crossed the center line and hit his squad car," Griffin said. "He was severely injured and a lot of the money that we're raising today is going to help him redo his house to make it handicap accessible."

For a \$10 admission, members and supporters enjoyed all they could drink and eat, including the three pigs that were roasted.

Three musical acts were scheduled to perform, including a blues band and an AC/DC tribute band. A tattoo artist was on hand, with a portion of the proceeds to go to the Pigs.

Ten dollar tickets were sold for a 2006 Harley Davidson Fat Boy that was raffled off.

While members of the local club are from Illinois and Indiana, members from other branches came from as far away as Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Colleen Sheridan came from Tinley Park with her husband and three children.

"They do a lot of good for a lot of families," Sheridan said. "My husband is an officer. He's out there every day, and I know that these guys would help me if I was ever in a bind and needed it. They really come together like family and help one another."

Jeff Miller is in his 10th year as a Hammond police officer.

He helped serve pig to the hungry crowd.

"It's just a good way for all police officers that like riding motorcycles and like helping other people to get together and do it," Miller said.