

## Parkinson's Ride Draws More Than 200

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August 20, 21 and 22, they pedaled more than 9,600 km, a distance equal to travelling from Milford almost to Vancouver and back. Of those 1,800 plus km were covered by riders with Parkinson's.

The Fairgrounds in Milford served as ride central and the event was supported by organizational help from the South Marysburgh Recreational Committee.

For an event of this magnitude about 30 volunteers were needed to staff rest stations, provide support vehicles, set up and take down route signage and set up and clean up the fairgrounds.

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Mayor Steve Ferguson and South Marysburgh Councilor John Hirsch provided welcoming remarks to the participants as they started off on their morning rides. Many festooned with red t-shirts, they spread out around the County to visit such locations as Demorestville, The Outlet, Little Bluff Conservation Area, Black River, Waupoos, Bloomfield and Bongard Corners.

"It looks like we will get to \$150,000 in donations," reported Krista Simonett, who, along with her husband, Jim Redmond, is an organizer of Pedaling for Parkinson's in PEC. Jim has Parkinson's.

Donations are still being

accepted for a few weeks.

"Each \$50,000 dollars raised enables one 'pedaling research' grant. All of the money raised goes directly towards Parkinson's Disease research. This is the only event that Parkinson's Canada is involved with that dedicates 100% of the money raised towards research," Jim emphasized.

The event, which is entirely organized by volunteers, is the largest community-based fundraiser for Parkinson's Canada and it would not be possible without the support and help of the South Marysburgh Recreation Committee and local volunteers.

"We really want to thank our local volunteer who were crucial in helping to provide a safe and orga-

nized ride," Krista said, crediting Bruce Dowdell, Doug McGregor, Lynda McGregor, Sandi Beedham, Paul Beedham, Steve Empringham, Conrad Biernacki, Brian Musselwhite, Ben O'Brien, Kristi Ciardullo, Dave Henderson, Phil Hobbs, Erin O'Brien, Michael Pettit and Paul Vreugdenhil.

If you are interested in helping Pedalling for Parkinson's in South Marysburgh next year, go to [www.pedalingforparkinsons.ca](http://www.pedalingforparkinsons.ca) and choose Prince Edward



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