## John Hein



## My Story:

- Hometown: Appleton, WIUW Platteville EE & MSPM
- Married to Amy 34 years
- 1 Child Alex
- Works at Jacobs Engineering

## JDRF Connections:

Supporting the Child (Noah) of my Best Friend, now JDRF is part of our culture

JDRF Rides: 9 Rides Total - Including La Crosse, Death Valley, and Sonoma.

JDRF Coach: 2022 will be my 1st year as a Coach! I'm so excited to get back to in-person rides again! Always be aware of where the Orange Helmet is!

Ride to Cure Journey: As a long time Walk Supporter (we started the very successful Mother's Day Plant Sale at KC in 1998) The staff had approached me to be a part of the Ride Program. I did a wonderful job of putting that off – until 2010 when Dana presented me with a Team Ride Jersey (Securing my Soul). Due to international travel, my entrance to the Ride Program was delayed until 2016 – and the "Windy Year" in Death Valley. The Ride Team took me in and I've never looked back. In 2018 I became a ride Champion and this year I was invited to become a coach. Our Coaches in Wisconsin are the best in the Nation – so I hope I can live up to that high standard of support for our team! I've lost track of the dollars raised (it's not enough) and miles ridden (just 1 more hill!) but this team in unforgettable!

**Favorite Ride**: Every ride weekend is special and unique. The ride that stands out for me was Sonoma (The last time we were "Together"). What makes it so special were the comments we received out on the road from other chapters. The fact that other chapters were recognizing how well we rode as a team spoke volumes to me about who we are as Team Wisconsin.

My Ride 2022 initial thoughts and goals: My initial thought for this year is to return to a "We Roll Together" mind set. New Team Wisco Kit, more chances to grow as a team and to be in person for Ride Weekends again. My goal is to become a better rider, support our team as a rider and a coach.....oh and finally knock that Death Valley Chip off my shoulder!! See you out there!

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