



ALL RIDERS UP

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Winter 2008 News Letter

Old man winter is knocking on the door and the horses are filling in their winter coats, yet All Riders Up is experiencing an inner feeling of warmth. As we get ready to close our first fiscal year of operation, our hearts have been warmed and we have reason to be particularly thankful. We want to extend a most sincere thank you to so many of you who have given us a helping hand and a word of advice as we approached the starting gate with more than a little apprehension.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have helped us get to the point of being ready now to open our doors and recruit volunteers and students:

- ✚ **Sallie and Saunders Dixon and Carole Laulis at Thorncroft** inspired and encouraged me in my dream of becoming and instructor, enjoying a canter again and opening my own program.
- ✚ **Sue and Rich Adams from ARCH**, helped us learn more of the administrative details and achieve our connections with NARHA.
- ✚ **K.C.Henry, Teresa Morris, their workshop ‘From Dreams to Reality’ at Fieldstone Farms, Ross Braun NARHA RegionII**, and the staff at **NARHA headquarters** have been readily available for direction and education.
- ✚ **Laura Solomon Esq. and Beth Dougherty Esq.** have taken our hand as we learned the legal ins and outs of becoming a non-profit corporation. They have also been instrumental in helping us become a Fund within the **Delaware County Community Foundation** which has agreed to act as our sponsor so we may receive donations while our 501c3 status is pending (and our supporters can receive a tax deduction for their generosity).
- ✚ **Leonard Santivasi CPA DCCF Treasurer** for his efforts to include our program within the goals of the **United Way of Southeast PA**.
- ✚ **Donna Reeves and Michael Wanner at DNB First Bank** for helping us put our financial feet on the ground and for giving us the opportunity to meet and address the members of the **Concordville /Chadds Ford Rotary Club**. As a result that club has expressed an interest in helping in our mission.
- ✚ **Hannah Taylor of Rella Designs** for her graphics, logo design, and printing assistance.
- ✚ **Tom Richards, Webhandprint**, designed our website and put us on the internet.
- ✚ **Karen Sobel, PHT of RedLynn Horse Training** who put years of training into our wonderful horses and then exquisitely captured their kind nature and beauty in her photographic works.

We also want to thank **Our volunteers and barn staff** whose efforts mean so very much, who have given of themselves tirelessly to keep our barn and arena clean and our horses happy and healthy, and who need to be told in no uncertain terms that **WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT OUT YOU** and cannot thank you enough!

May we also thank: **Hon. Kathrynann Durham, Toni Rothman, Marieke Tuthill and Rebecca Farrell**, for agreeing to serve as Board Members in this difficult start up period.

Finally, we want to put down on paper our inability to express how much we appreciate the endless efforts of our daughter **Rebecca Farrell**. She has been willing to wear any hat required, at any time of day or night and call upon her years of managerial experience to help us hold to the ideals we have set for ourselves and our program. Parents sometimes wonder if their children will adopt the ethics, morality, drive, and tolerance of others which we try to pass on to our offspring; Rebecca has exceeded our hopes in these and many other ways. We thank you very, very much for giving of yourself even to the point of “taking the heat” for us when required.

Nothing can warm your heart more than to see a person of any age or special need connect with a horse from the ground or from it’s back and realize that you have played some part in making those smiles possible. (We believe that the horse is smiling too.) Permit us to continue to extend an invitation for all to: **“Take the Reins”**, join our team, thereby warm your inner being, and go into the holiday season and new year knowing you have made a difference in our troubled world.