

MINI BITS
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The Hearts & Hooves - Sacramento

“There is something about the outside of a horse
that is good for the inside of a man.”
Winston Churchill

The big event this month was Pow Wow Days in Orangevale. On Saturday morning, 20 May, we marched a mile down Greenback Lane with six horses decked out in their parade finery - fringe blankets and pom poms. In the afternoon, we set up the portable corral for petting at their local park and raised a little over \$300 in donations. It was a lot of fun, so join us for the Carmichael parade on the 4th of July.

The warm weather brought the need to clip the horse's long winter hair, so a big thank you to Ann Anderson, Arlene Poma, Patty Schubel and Darby Gangus for this extra help at the stable. Also, thanks to Robertson Electric and TLC Equestrian Center for loaning their shears.

We acquired a new stable sponsor - Paul Holtzen, owner of Wild West Feed in West Sacramento. He gave a month's supply of hay for the evening feeding and is considering the possibility of donating more hay in following months. Please mention Hearts & Hooves if you visit his store on West Capital & Harbor. In my checking around, they have the best prices on orchard hay and are one of the few places that still carry the small grit stall shavings. Elk Grove Milling, our long-time donator of the morning pellet feed also deserves your business.

We've also acquired two new corporate sponsors who will make monthly monetary donations and have designated a specific facility they want us to visit:

- Dottie Love & Bobbie Darzes, owners of First For Sale By Owner Magazine are sponsoring the UC Davis Pediatric Hospice
- Jean Thompson of Serious Sellers Realtors is sponsoring the Sacramento Children's Receiving Home

We are still seeking corporate sponsors for Avalon Hospice in Carmichael, ARC adult day center in Roseville, Landpark Academy for autistic children in South Sacramento and Williamson Elementary School for special needs children in Rancho Cordova.

The summer calendar has some changes, most notably that some of the schools are on vacation and won't be needing our monthly visits. This allows us to add other facilities that don't normally fit on the schedule or don't have a covered visit area for rain. We're getting more requests for weekend visits, so please let me know if you would consider Sunday afternoons for volunteering.

Sunday, 10 September 3-7 pm, is our second annual fund raiser held at the Sacramento Horsemen's Association clubhouse near Watt & Hwy 80. Music by The John Skinner Band, supper by Silver Sage Catering, line dance lessons by Wild Horses, all 10 minis for the kids, car show for the guys, raffle and auction for the gals, plus more in the works. Ask someone who attended last year...it's loads of family fun. We have tickets available for sale and I'm attaching a flyer with details. We're also looking for more committee helpers for this event.

Speaking of committees, Jeannie O'Brien has agreed to be the chairperson of the Mini-Fund-Raising Committee and says they will be organizing another "birthday bash" at a local restaurant in mid July....watch the calendar.

Lynn Lobner has agreed to lead their next mini fund raiser effort on 22 July. She'll need helpers to run the Kozy Kitchen snack bar at SHA. This is a chance for teens or non-horsehandlers to help, as the horses are not involved. If it's a moneymaker, we'll do it monthly.

Our local founder and CEO, Maureen Ferreria, will be starting to work fulltime the last week of June. I will be asking more of you to assume a small share of the work she has been doing on a daily basis. If there's something particular you're interested in doing, call me anytime.

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