



MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER



[Our March Meeting is at Tacos El Norte](#)

General meeting Wednesday, March 11th at Tacos El Norte, 401 N Riverside Dr., Gurnee. The meeting room opens at 6:00 PM if you would like to dine before the meeting. Sign in and social at 7:00 with the meeting beginning promptly at 7:30 PM.

Letter from The President:

Spring is just around the corner. I can feel it!! Can't you? I know the animals can. The horses get frisky and full of themselves in the pastures. The horses begin to shed those thick coats of hair which we assume the daunting tasks of taking the shedding brushes to and working hard to clean off the effects of winter. We end up with more hair on us than on our horses. We begin to "Spring" clean.

I can taste and smell "Spring". All the wonderful "Spring" fruits and vegetables. Yes "Spring" will soon be in full swing. It will be time to turn in "Winter" and replace it with "Spring". "Spring" is the season of the year between "Winter" and "Summer". For us, north of the equator, it lasts from March to June. "Spring" is the season when the weather becomes warmer, the leaves and plants start to grow, become alive. Fresh buds bloom and animals awaken. The earth begins to emerge after a long winter's rest. "Spring" is the season of transformation and new beginnings all around us. "Spring" is the promise that everything can begin again. "Spring" signals us to let go of the old and embrace the new. "Spring" is also the time of the year that we spring forward announcing Daylight Savings Time. This happens March 8. We gain an extra hour of daylight which means more fun to spend riding horses on the trails with our Lake County Mounted Posse friends.

Like spring soon will do, the Lake County Mounted Posse's 2020 calendar has "Bloomed" full of trail rides, events, clinics, speakers and parade appearances. Aside from the promise of a calendar packed full of fun, I had previously presented a few challenges to the membership. I am pleased to announce that the challenges have peaked interest and participation. One of my challenges this year was to concentrate on building membership and to attract young families. Mindy Sivright stepped forward and created an attention getting flyer that highlights some of the key things the Posse participates in. Along with the activity highlights, Mindy included some great photos all of this printed on neon colored paper. These flyers will be passed out at events, hung up at barns in the area as well as retail locations where potential members frequent. LCMP member Robin Walker also stepped forward and contacted me about putting together an outreach plan to support some of our 2020 goals for

the club. Robin attended the February board meeting where a discussion was had on a plan to increase, retain and involve more of the membership. Robin's background is in marketing and writing plans. Robin has written plans for banks, law firms, and organizations that involve people and services. The board is excited to have Robin's expertise in helping to build on what the very first members of the LCMP originally set out to do 60 plus years ago.

Speaking of the very first members or shall I say the club's "founding fathers", Kimberley Moon and Gordon Turnbull will be working on preserving and archiving the club's history. In addition, a permanent place to display the rich history of the LCMP's club beginnings, which was and still is a part of Lake County today, will be secured. With spring approaching, signaling us to let go of the old and embrace the new, we will instead, hold onto the old and meld it with the new, keeping the club's history alive for many future Lake County Mounted Posse generations to come.

I am excited that the LCMP club is off to a great start to the year.

Happy Spring!!!
Debi Neuman
2019-2020
LCMP President

****When you are on a great horse, you have the best seat you will ever have. *** Sir Winston Churchill*

Membership Reminders

Please get your membership forms and dues turned in! February General Meeting was the deadline to guarantee your name was printed in our Directory. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kelsey Mascorro or Ghislaine deKonig.

Print form from home option here > [Membership Form 2020](#)

Trail Ride News

Trail rides - We still need sponsors!!!

How to sponsor a trail ride you may ask? It's simple. Pick a place, a day, and time. Next, decide what food you may like to have! The trail ride is your decision. It could be a breakfast ride and only make breakfast, or coffee and donuts with lunch, or a Friday dessert ride we have those too, which is so fun after a long work week!! We try to make it as easy as possible, paper goods and drinks provided! If you need something, let us know, we probably have it so please just ask. We have lots of dates and plenty of places for suggestions. If you have a new place that's great, let's try it! We can have pizza, chicken, subs (or sandwiches), salads or cook hamburgers, hot dogs or brats. The budget for trail rides is 250.00, but if you have a special ride we can ask for approval. So let's have a great year trail riding!!!

You can find a Guideline on how to Host a Trail Ride Here > [Host A Trail Ride](#)

Parade Announcements

Lots of updates to talk about at the General Meeting! All dates have been posted on the Calendar located on our website. The Parade Committee has some great ideas in store.

Link the calendar here > [LCMP Calendar](#)

Horse Show Updates

NEED HORSE SHOW SPONSORS

July will be here faster than you think! The success of our show is based on the participants and volunteers but the biggest impact to the bottom line is the amount of sponsors we can get.

Let's have everyone commit to getting a sponsor or two for the show. Ask for support from your farrier, vet, farm store, feed store, equine dentist, trainer, the place that services your truck or tractor, the shavings vendor, the doctor of chiropractor that puts you back together after a fall :-) (in my case they could pay for the whole show LOL), the store you buy your carrots at, the insurance dealer, or anyone that loves horses and wants to see these local horse shows continue.

The first large dollar sponsors will be able to have their names on the show bill sponsoring the high points and the payback classes. There are a limited number of classes so get the \$\$ in early if they want that extra perk. Everyone that sponsors will be announced throughout the day, their names will be displayed on our sponsor boards for everyone to see, and we would love business cards or brochures to put out on the registration table.

If they would like to attend the show, they can even hand out some ribbons!

Sponsor sheets are available on our website > [Sponsor Form](#)

Thank you for your support!

*-The Horse Show Committee-
Ghislaine and Kelly*

Lake County Forest Preserve Update

At Feb. 3rd LCFP planning meeting:

Because of multiple car accidents, a new frontage road will be added onto Wadsworth Rd., adding turn lanes into the horse trailer parking lot at Sedge Meadow. Eventually, a bike path will be added to parallel that. I thanked the commissioners for all their work on the Lakewood Master Plan. Apparently, they were impressed that I took the time to thank them and asked me if I would be on a committee for when they eventually do the trails on the south side of Ivanhoe Rd. (Probably 5 or 6 years from now.). They were also impressed on how organized our horse group was. They also asked me to be on a committee on the north side of Ivanhoe, since I am a volunteer with the forest preserve children programs and they are adding a kids nature area. That way, I will be allowed in while Lakewood is closed for construction of the new trails and buildings on that side. I will be able to keep an eye on the new trails there.

Next planning meeting is Monday March 3rd at 1:00 at the headquarters on Winchester Rd. in Libertyville.

-Lynn Goodell-

Trail Clinic 2020

Trail Clinic at Hawkspur Farms in Pleasant Prairie, WI on Saturday April 25th. Clinic will be held from 10:00am - 3:00pm. Clinician will be Patty Banwart. We allow a maximum of 12 horses so reserve early. Stalls are provided at no additional charge. Cost for the clinic is \$20 and is non-refundable. Fee must be paid in advance to reserve your spot. Auditors are welcome to attend for no fee. Lunch will be served. A CURRENT NEGATIVE COGGINS IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE. Paperwork must be shown on the day of the clinic before horses are unloaded from trailers. Contact Kelly Dickson (847) 276-5280 to register.

The Posse has only one clinic scheduled for this year, but we would like to add more. Please come to the next meeting and express what clinics you would like us to present. We have had many types in the past and would repeat those if there was enough interest. (Horse Camping Basics, Horse First Aid, Trailering Your Horse.....Etc.)

However, what we really need is your input so that we offer what the membership wants presented.

See you at the meeting!!

-Bill & Kelly-

Historical Committee

*** Looking for volunteers to join the **History of the Lake County Mounted Posse** committee, “60” plus years of horsemanship. We are working on putting together a permanent exhibit of our history to be on display at a location within Lake County. We are doing this to preserve and share with Lake County, the rich history of our club. If interested, please reach out to Debi Neuman or Sue Behringer. ***



MARK YOUR CALENDAR - also available on our Website! > [LCMP Calendar](#)

- March 8: Bowling & Pizza Party at Antioch Lanes, Antioch IL - 1:00pm
 - \$10.00/person or \$20.00/family - includes lane & shoe rental. Posse will provide pizza and soda.
- March 11: General Meeting at Tacos El Norte, Gurnee IL - 7:30pm
 - Speaker Roberta Harms will have a presentation on the world of Endurance Riding. She will share her experiences and will be available to help those interested in participating in an event.
- March 25: Board Meeting at Thirsty Horse, Kenosha WI - 7:00pm
 - If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact Debi Neuman at debra.neuman@gmail.com

Posse Wear

The link for Besco can be found on our website! For convenience, we have added a direct link below.

[Besco Website Order Form](#)

Anies Jams and Jellies

Come early for the best selection of the best homemade jams and jellies! Also remember to bring back your clean empty jars so they can be refilled with deliciousness! Anni donates \$1.00 to the posse for each jar sold.

