



FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Our next **General Meeting** is **Wednesday, February 14th** at **Taco El Norte, 401 N Riverside Drive, Gurnee, IL**. The meeting room opens at 6:00pm if you would like to dine prior to the meeting. Sign-in & Social Time @ 7:00. Meeting will begin promptly at 7:30pm.

Our Guest Speaker for February will be Bristol Vet who will be talking about a first aid kit for your horse trailer. Some of us only trail ride and some camp. What do we need to carry with us to make sure we are prepared for an injury or illness when we are camping or trail riding.

Deadline for dues is Wednesday, February 14th.

Annual membership dues are \$70. Checks should be made payable to LCMP. 2018 Membership applications can be printed from our website and will also be available at the meeting. You can mail your check to Ghislaine DeKoning.

We will continue to pass around signup sheets for various activities. We will continue to solicit members to volunteer until we have all spots filled. The Horse Show on June 2nd is a big event and we need all hands on-deck! We are always short for cleanup. If you cannot volunteer during the day we welcome help at the end of the day. Last year members and non-members that had been working the show all day were there until after dark cleaning the grounds. Let's all give the gift of time to this huge fundraiser!

Trail Rides – Chair, Vickie Wancho

Parades – Chair, Sandy Monk

Horse Show – Chairs, Ghislaine DeKoning/Sue Behringer

Christmas Party – Chair, Betsy Faitz

Letter From The President:

Our first month of 2018 was exciting! We had a great turnout at our January kick-off meeting (aside from some scheduling issues) and had some new folks sign up for membership. Please welcome our new members!

I am hoping to chair a trail clinic for Posse members on Sunday, April 8th. This clinic would be held at Hawkspur Farm in Pleasant Prairie, given by Patty Banwart. We would have lunch at noon with the clinic running from 1:00 – 3:30. There will be a limited number of riders and there will be a fee that will be determined later. Let me know if you would be interested in participating in this fun event.

The calendar is filling up with Posse activities so watch your newsletters for these dates. I would like to thank all the members that have offered to chair a committee or activity. We are still searching for someone to help chair several key events. If you have some spare time and would like to become more involved with your club, please contact me or a Board member. I can't stress enough how important member involvement is for sustainability for this club.

We need parade riders and volunteers!!! My focus this month will be on promoting participation in our parade unit. We also need a driving pony or ATV to pull the little red Posse wagon that follows the horses. Contact Sandy Monk to inquire how you can help.



Look What We've Been Up To!

Our January speaker was Craig Weigand owner of Twisted Fork Saddle Shop in Eagle, Wi. Craig talked about saddle cleaning methods, products and general care. He told us how to cleaning your saddle was also a great way to look for wear and showed how to look for loose parts that could affect your horses comfort. Thank you Craig!

Keeping my theme to increase membership this year the Posse hosted an information table at the Kenosha County 4H Tack Sale. Many Posse members were present in their Posse wear to promote our club to potential new members. We had a computer slide show, posters, membership applications, the January newsletter and brand new LCMP business cards that we handed out to our visitors. We also made a few connections that I am excited to share with you at the February business meeting.



2018 Officers and Board of Directors

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Ghislaine DeKoning – Treasurer

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Ana Orsini
Debi Neuman (Member at Large)

Posse 60th Anniversary Buckles and Key Chains

We will continue selling 60th anniversary buckles and key chains in 2018. See Kim Moon or Debi Neuman if you are interested in one of these beautiful commemorative pieces.

Posse Cookbook

In honor of our 60th Anniversary, Debi Neuman is still collecting recipes from Posse Members to create a Posse Cookbook. She is particularly looking for recipes brought to rides and other Posse functions and celebrations, although any of your favorite recipes will be welcome! Email your favorite Posse recipe to Debi @ debra.neuman@gmail.com

Posse Wear

You can shop for your official Posse wear on line. The link for Besco can be found on our website is www.lcmp.info and you can find a link here to make your purchases!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 14th – General Posse Meeting @ Tacos El Norte at 7:30pm
Wednesday, February 21st – Board Meeting @Thirsty Horse at 7pm

Read your monthly newsletter for a listing of new events and dates!