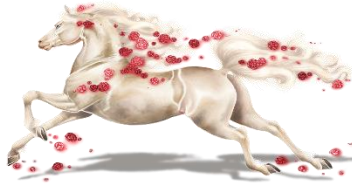




FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



Our next General Meeting is Wednesday, February 14th, 2024

We will meet at Tacos El Norte, 401 N Riverside Dr., Gurnee, Illinois
The meeting room opens at 6:00pm if you would like to dine prior to the meeting.
Meeting will begin promptly at 7:00pm

Our speaker will be Sheri Roberson on Magnawave Treatment



TRIVIA TIME

Trivia Rules are:

1. Upon receipt of newsletter trivia questions, TEXT (or leave message if unable to text) your answer and your last name (one vote per membership family) to Kim 224-538-0336. Deadline (ALL months) 2nd Wednesday high noon.
2. For all those with the correct answer(s), your last name will be entered in a drawing at the general meetings (or by the board meeting on summer months). IF there is a prize that cannot be mailed, and member is not present, we will text them that they won, and then it's up to them to arrange to pick up.

QUESTION FOR FEBRUARY: What town in Lake County, IL (hint: has a letter U in it's name) has a LCMP lead parade horse and rider featured within a mural for all to see? IF you name the town and your name is drawn you will win the Posse Trivia prize for February!! IF you have the correct answer and text ONE more correct observation about the mural, Kim will add a bonus!

It's okay and even encouraged to phone a Posse member who you think may know the answer.

As there is no general meeting in December, the winner will be selected at the board meeting. Yee ha!!
Good Luck

Answer for December: Debi Neuman. Winner was Lynn Goodell. She won sparkling grape juice and 2 magazines.



Please Renew Your Membership for 2024

Please get your membership forms and dues turned in!

The February General Meeting is the deadline to guarantee your name is printed in our Directory.

Send your Membership renewal and signed Waiver to:

Beth Santi
29103 112th Place
Trevor, WI 53179
Make checks to: LCMP



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2/14 **General Meeting** - Taco's El Norte in Gurnee. Meeting will start promptly at 7:00 but come early and eat dinner. Room opens at 6:00

2/18 - **Bowling Party** – Bowling at the Antioch Bowl; 750 W. RT. 173, Antioch IL
Sign in: 12:30PM
Bowling begins: 1:00PM
Cost: \$10 for members/\$20 for guests/\$10 for children under 10

Cost includes shoe rental and 2 games of bowling. Club covers Pizza and Soda.
Sign-up at the General Meeting Wednesday, February 14th. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to bowl, please notify Jennifer Friel to sign-up.

2/28 – **Board Meeting** – 7:00 pm Thirsty Horse. If you would like to attend a Board Meeting, please contact Debi Neuman and she will add you to the agenda. Be sure to let her know what you would like to discuss with the board

The start of the new Calendar will be posted on our Website in February.

Reminder: We will have a ride sign-up at the February general meeting. Come with ideas of dates and locations.

Treasurer's Report

Our net income (money taken in for 2023 versus expenses for 2023) is below. We spent \$497.64 more than we took in.

Income/Expenses for 2023	\$
Membership Dues	4485.00
LCMP Merchandise	232.00
Horse Show	2891.34
Parades	1550.64
Christmas Party Income	1385.00
Christmas Party Expenses	(5625.96)
Misc Costs, Insurance, etc.	(3346.78)
Trail Rides	(898.84)
Play Day	(523.67)
Clinic	(293.19)
Bowling Party	(206.75)
Fall Ride (with a \$300.00 donation)	(146.43)
Net Income	(497.64)

Our total assets are \$8806.46 as of the end of 2023. Our biggest fundraiser is the horse show. Please consider how you can participate.

We Need Horse Show Sponsors

Our Horse show 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 number 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.

Parades

The Posse's parade season is upon us. Several Villages and Townships have already contacted our club about participating in their celebrations. The club receives sizable donations for each parade which defrays the cost of insurance, food, and other items.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the next general meeting. We need riders with well behaved horses, ground crew members, help in getting our parade gear to each parade, and help with food set up/clean up.

Please sign up for one or all.

Committee Chairs & Teams

The membership cannot thrive without the help from our members on various committee jobs. This year, we would like to put together teams to assist with each Committee Chair. **We need volunteers** - please contact Jennifer Friel or Debi Neuman if you are interested in helping out. The Board will help you all the way. Thank you so much!!

Committee	Chairs
Associate Liaison/Resources	Lynn Goodell & Beth Santi
Communications/Website	Jennifer & Matt Friel
Fall Ride	Ghislaine deKoning & Jennifer Friel
Holiday Party	Betsy Faitz & Debi Neuman
Horse Show	Ghislaine deKoning / Kelly Dickson
Legislative Committee	Lynn Goodell
Non-Riding Events	The Board
Parades	Betsy Faitz & Mindy Sivright
Play Days	The Board
Possee Apparel	Betsy Faitz & Matt Friel
Trail Rides	Kim Moon & Debi Neuman

Tentative Dates for Activities

Date	Activity	Contact
April 14th	Raven Glen Trail Ride	Vickie Wancho
May 5th	Old School Trail Ride	Deb Gracey, Cathy Alleman
May 11th	Mother's Day Ride at Chain O Lakes	Cindy Brademan
June 2nd	Rush Creek Trail Ride	Joelle Myers, Jen Piecz
June 12th	Glacier Park Trail Ride	Kim M, Mary P, Donna R, Diane R
June 15th	Libertyville Parade	Betsy Faitz & Mindy Sivright
July 7 th	Mundelein Parade	Betsy Faitz & Mindy Sivright
August 3rd	Sedge Meadow Trail Ride	Sam Hybicki
August 11th	Sterling Lake Trail Ride	Kelly Dickson
October 6th	Fall Ride at Bong	

How to Host a Trail Ride

1. Decide Who will be Hosting the Event
2. Decide on Date you would like to Host
3. Decide on Location you would like to Host
4. Verify with Location that site is available, if there are any necessary permits, fees, trail passes needed.
5. Decide what you would like to have for food, i.e., breakfast, or coffee and donuts prior to ride, lunch after, a dinner ride, a dessert only ride, etc.
6. Guest fee will be \$10.00 depending on the event.
7. Suggested budget for trail ride is \$250.00.
8. Contact current Posse President who will direct you to contact Trail Ride Chair and request your date. You may be invited to a board meeting to present your idea, (most times this is not required unless is something out of the ordinary).

9. Once event and date is approved by board, send details of your event to Trail Ride Chair. Details will be published in the Posse Newsletter and on Website.
10. LCMP Provides:
 - a. all paper goods and condiments
 - b. coolers and beverages, have coffee servers
 - c. sign in sheets and release forms for guests
11. Save and submit receipts to treasurer within 30 days (preferably sooner) for reimbursement. IF you need financing prior to the event contact treasurer for arrangements.

Website and FB Information

www.lcmp.info

friel.horses1996@gmail.com

For our Facebook page and our website, please send to us pictures from your rides or other activities. We want all members and potential members to see what we are up to and that the club is still riding and active. If you are planning spur of the moment trail rides, send us a message and we will post it on Facebook. The board voted that it doesn't have to be a LCMP sponsored event to post this on our Facebook page. Some members may not be able to join a club ride but may be available at other times. This is also a way to stay connected with our members and to not have to ride alone.

Announcing Ready to Ride Lets Ride

Sheri Roberson has created a FB page called Ready to Ride Lets Ride to communicate **NON-POSSE** related trail rides. Check it out for information on upcoming rides and events.

Officers for 2024

Jennifer Friel - President
Debi Neuman – Vice President
Beth Santi - Secretary
Ghislaine deKoning - Treasurer

If you have any membership questions or concerns, please feel comfortable to contact any officer and we will help however we can.

Posse Wear

The link for Besco can be found at www.bescoawards.com
The website will be linked to our Web Page when the page is finished

Anies Jams and Jellies

Message from Anie Weiler:

"If anyone needs some jam, they can contact Ghislaine deKoning. The jam(s) will be outside on her table with a separate jar for payment. If they live near me, they could come to my house and in the back, I will have their order on the table. See you soon, Anie Weiler"

HB Laser Art

Bill and Heide Milke have all your signage needs, awards, stall plates and much more. Check out their web site at laserartusa.com