



## MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

Our next **General Meeting** is **Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** 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.

The LCMP Directory will be sent to print soon so we can distribute them at the March meeting. Dues must be paid for your contact information to be included in the directory. If you haven't paid, please call Ghislaine DeKoning immediately.

The Guest Speaker for the March meeting will be the Newport Fire Dept. They will discuss what to do in the event of a barn fire. If your barn, the barn where you board our horse(s) or a neighbor's barn catches fire it is difficult to organize in a time of chaos. Know how to react and how to be safe.

\*\*\*WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ANNUAL HORSE SHOW\*\*\* We still do not have enough volunteers for the Posse Annual horse show on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Spring Grove Horse Fair Park. A friendly reminder this is an "all-hands-on-deck" event. We will continue to ask all members to volunteer until we have all spots filled.

**PARADE UPDATE:** We have a pony to pull our Posse cart in parades!!! It is very exciting to add this piece of Posse history to our parade unit. We will need transportation for the cart and pony. Contact Sandy Monk, Parade Chair, if you are available to provide transport to any of the scheduled parades. The response for participation in the parade unit has been very good. Sandy will be trying to organize a parade clinic which is important to new riders in the parade unit. The date for the clinic is tentatively scheduled for Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>. Location TBD.

**TRAIL CLINIC:** We have had a lot of interest in the LCMP Member Trail Clinic at Hawkspur Farm on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Each session will have 12 riders. We currently have 12 riders signed up and 7 riders as a "maybe". We will hold 2 sessions if we can have an additional 8 riders sign up. Lunch will be provided. Cost for the clinics will be \$20 per rider and is non-refundable (but can be transferred). We are asking for fees to be paid by the March meeting or mail your LCMP check to Kelly Dickson to if you are interested in attending.

Friendly reminder as we get closer to an active season: Guest fees have been increased to \$10 per guest (or \$20 per family) for all Posse events. If you have a guest that loves to participate in our events encourage them to join.

### Letter from The President

I was excited to see so many members at our February meeting and more guests who are interested in becoming members. We are making progress making the Posse sustainable by promoting new membership. We now have business cards! The cards will be available for members to share riders interested in learning more about the LCMP. The cards include our website and Facebook sites and will be available at the March meeting.

We will continue to market our club for new membership. We have an information table at the Accredo Farm at Sunflower tack sale on April 7<sup>th</sup>. We still need members to talk to visitors about Posse events. Come share your enthusiasm about being a Posse member!

We are providing a 2018 calendar of events when we publish the monthly newsletter. The calendar includes non-Posse events and will be updated every month. Posse events are highlighted and in bold font. If you know of an event our members would be interested in attending let one of your officers or board member know so we can add it! I am looking forward to a busy year of trail rides and other events with friends in the Posse. Come join us!



## **Look What We've Been Up To!**

Our February speaker was Dr. Nelson from Bristol Veterinary. Dr. Nelson spoke about what items you should carry in your truck or trailer for injuries and sickness while on the trails. There was a lot of discussion regarding Banamine vs Bute. Thank you Dr. Nelson!



### **Posse 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Buckles and Key Chains**

We will continue selling 60<sup>th</sup> 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.lcmp.info) and you can find a link here to make your purchases!



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – General Posse Meeting @ Tacos El Norte at 7:30pm

Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – Board Meeting @Thirsty Horse at 7pm

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

#### **2018 Officers and Board of Directors**

##### Officers

Kelly Dickson – President  
Mindy Sivright – Vice President  
Sue Zumalt – Secretary  
Ghislaine DeKoning – Treasurer

##### Board of Directors

Mike Mahan  
Vickie Wancho  
Debbie Gracey  
Brittany Houghtaling  
Ana Orsini  
Debi Neuman (Member at Large)