



## APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER



### **Our next General Meeting is Wednesday, April 9, 2024**

**We will meet at Yorkhouse Tavern & Table in the Encore Room, 4555 W. York House Rd., Wadsworth, IL**

The restaurant will be open if you would like to dine prior to the meeting. Come early to eat in the restaurant before the meeting and play Bingo for free, starting at 6:30pm. Parking is on the east side of the building. If you would like to view the menu offerings, here is the website: [www.tavernandtable.net](http://www.tavernandtable.net)

Speaker topic will be CPR

A big **THANK YOU** to Fran Yanuzzi for a fantastic presentation on their trip to Africa.

### **APRIL FEATURED POSSE MEMBER GHISLAINE DEKONING**



Ghislaine recalls her first ride on horseback happening at the age of 6. She was at the family farm in France. Draft horses were used in the fields for farm work and at the end of the day they would go out to the fields to return the horses back to the stables. She recalls being thrown upon horse bareback and being led back to the stables via the town centre fountain which was a communal water trough for all the

farm animals. After the horses had their fill they return to the stalls and Ghislaine laughingly recalls having to duck so didn't hit her head on the top of the door.

Her family moved to the states and into their country home in Mettawa in 1968. Their family befriended neighbors the Juhrends (posse members) and got their first horse Martini from them. One horse and two girls they often rode the horse together (sister Marie France) with Ghislaine at the reigns as she was "the older sister". They would ride many of the then open properties in the area including then Daniel Wright Woods. She says "we were like wild Indians riding all over the area". The Juhrends spoke highly of the then "Lake County Sheriff's Posse" and convinced them to join. Ghislaine took English riding lessons from a trainer Don Peebles in Harms Woods at the age of 7.

Some of her early favorite Posse memories were the Play Nights at the Libertyville Saddle Shop. She recalls being out past midnight was standard as the Posse parents had as much fun as the kids did! Ghislaine recalls her very 1<sup>st</sup> ribbon, the water race and she took 4<sup>th</sup> place and she'll never forget it. A few more fond memories include a ride down by the Lake Shore in Chicago with the mounted police. After riding down by the lake and along the lake front paths a few hours they were returning to the trailers and suddenly her horse toss her off! Unrelenting she held on to the reigns until on broke and off "Pebbles" went straight to a mounted policeman. Ghislaine felt it was an act of self preservation. She surmises the event is Gordon Turnbills fault as he took her to the ride, similarly he took his daughter Susan the prior time and she was tossed off and acquired a broken arm. Nextly a few memories of fall rides: one memory where they used to prepare hundreds of steaks for riders she recalls the then president Carl Heinrich coercing Chef Karl (a popular restaurant in Libertyville) to come to the ride and cook the steaks and another fall ride there was an abundance of rain and the creeks were full. She recalls Marie France and Mary Jo Wignot riding their ponies thru water up to their saddles!!

Ghislaine has served the Posse abundantly! She recalls first being on the board, then chairing the Posse horse show after Laura Paukner resigned, and since partnering with many dedicated members to keep it running. She also serves on the North American Spotted Draft Horse Association as treasurer in addition to helping the "Border Run" association that formed to promote open horse shows in northern Illinois and southern Wi, notably they have 40 horse shows a year participating!! Ghislaine is currently our clubs treasurer and has done so off and on for many years!

Ghislaine met her husband Gerrit at the Juhrends place where he was training two mares to drive. I asked her if it was love at first site and she replied "it was something at first site!" With his European upbringing and love of horses (being a 9<sup>th</sup> generation horse and cattle dealer in Holland) they had a lot in common. She recalls one of their 1<sup>st</sup> dates he picked her up in horse and carriage and they went for a picnic in Wright Woods.

Ghislaine currently lives on a 10 acre property in a home built in 1909! She cares for sheep, goats, chickens, 3 donkeys and rabbits. Her two horses are Lady Hawk 26, and Tess 24, 50/50 Percheron Paints.

In closing she shared her most memorable Posse Person was Bob Park, "he helped me most with horse knowledge and in 4H" and then with a warm and kind smile says " I really don't know where I would be today if we hadn't joined the Posse... the Posse is my family."

*Submitted by Kimberley Moon*



## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR [MONTH]**

- 4/05 **Trail Ride** – Lakewood hosted by Lynn Goodell and Karen Sullivan. Meet at 9:30am, ride out at 10, lunch at noon. Chicken will be served. Bring a dish to share.
- 4/25 **Paint a Picture of Your Horse** \$45; 8 min/20 max. Contact Ghislaine deKoning with any questions (Not a Posse sponsored event)
- 4/27 **Trail Ride** – Raven’s Glen hosted by Vickie Wancho and Mindy Sivright. Meet at 9:30, ride out at 10, lunch at noon. Hamburgers will be served. Please bring a dish to pass.

## **TENTATIVE DATES FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Saturday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mother’s Day Trail ride – Chain O’ Lakes	Cindy Brademan
Saturday, Jun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parade – Libertyville	Betsy Faitz & Mindy Sivright
Wednesday, Jun 18 <sup>th</sup>	Trail Ride – Glacier, Mid June	Moon, Robertson, Rieter, Povich
Sunday, Jun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Orienteering (not a horse event)	Kim Moon
Friday, Jul 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parade – Antioch	Betsy Faitz & Mindy Sivright
Sunday, Jul 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parade – Mundelein	Betsy Faitz & Mindy Sivright
Sunday, Jul 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parade – Bristol	Betsy Faitz & Mindy Sivright
Saturday, Jul 19 <sup>th</sup>	LCMP Horse Show	Ghislaine deKoning
Sunday, Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trail Ride Place Holder	Jenis Ellingwood & Sheri Roberson
Saturday, Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	Associates Play Day	Lynn Goodell & Beth Santi
Saturday, Aug 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parade – Grayslake	Betsy Faitz & Mindy Sivright
Sunday, Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	Equine Orienteering - Brookdale	Kim Moon
Sunday, Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup>	AP Ranch Clinic	Sheri Roberson - <b>Do not contact AP Ranch</b>
Saturday, Sep 13 <sup>th</sup>	Trail Ride – Bong	The Yanuzzis
Saturday, Sep 27 <sup>th</sup>	Trail Ride Place Holder	TBD
Sunday, Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Ride – Old School Forest Preserve, use parking lots D & E	The Posse
Saturday, Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bonfire and Dutch Oven Cooking	TBD
Sunday, Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	Barrington Riding Center	Pam Ziedman
Saturday, Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>	Halloween Trail Ride – Chain O Lakes	Friels and Debi Neuman
Sunday, Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Trail Ride Place Holder	Vickie Wancho
Saturday, Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party	

## **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Net income is money taken in during 2025 versus items paid in 2025. Our balance total net worth is what we have in our checking account and our Certificate of Deposit (CD).

Income/Expenses for 20XX	\$
Membership Dues	4200.00
LCMP Merchandise	-
Horse Show Sponsors	550.00
Horse Show Expenses	(570.46)
Parades Income	-

Parade Expenses	(84.99)
Christmas Party	-
Misc Costs, Insurance, etc.	(248.09)
Trail Rides	-
Fall Ride	(80.00)
Bowling Party	(22.81)
<b>Net Income 2025</b>	<b>3743.65</b>

CD	5255.18
Checking Acct	9782.84
Balance Sheet	15,038.02

## **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 Mike Mahan or Debi Neuman if you are interested in helping out. The Board will help you all the way. Thank you so much!!

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairs</b>
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

## **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 or chiropractor that puts you back together after a fall :-), the store you buy your carrots at, the insurance dealer, or anyone that loves horses and wants to see these local horse shows continue.

**SEE ATTACHED SPONSORSHIP FORM**

## **OFFICERS FOR 2025**

Debi Neuman - President  
Mike Mahan – Vice President  
Beth Santi - Secretary  
Ghislaine deKoning - Treasurer

If you have any membership questions or concerns, please feel let us know – we'll help however we can.

## **WEBSITE and FB INFORMATION**

[www.lcmp.info](http://www.lcmp.info)

[friel.horses1996@gmail.com](mailto:friel.horses1996@gmail.com)

For our Facebook page and our website, please send to us pictures from your rides or other activities you have done this season. 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, to go out and ride the trails, 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 have the time to ride at another time. This is also a way to stay connected with our members and to not have to ride alone.

If you are interested in helping with the website, please contact Matt Friel for details.

## **WEBSITE PICTURES**

For new members and anyone who want to update their picture on the Posse website, please send your photo to Matt Friel at [webmaster@lcmp.info](mailto:webmaster@lcmp.info). Please send the picture as an attachment in your email.



## **POSSE WEAR & VEHICLE DECALS**

Link for Besco: <https://bescoawards.com/main.sc>

Link for The Lettering Machine for T-Shirts: <https://theletteringmachine.com/LCMP/shop/home>

## **ANIE'S 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”*