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From the President

Dear Pony Folks!

Well, we did it again, had a successful Ride Day, our 45th in fact. Can you believe, we've been at this for 45 years??? Talk about a Great organization! What other volunteer organization can make the claims that we can??? To have dedicated, hard working volunteers doing everything they can for 45 years to raise funds for Iowans with disabilities, funds totaling over 9 million dollars!!!! Yep, that's right, Carole informed me that we went over the 9 million dollar mark, as of today she has let me know our current total is \$170,761 & growing. Please keep in mind that our annual total has not really gone down, especially considering this total is for only 3 quarters and not a full 4 quarter year, since this fiscal year will end May 31st instead of as in the past ending August 31st. So, can we make it 10 million by our 50th year, well YES we can, I have no doubt that we will all pull together to do so!

What a great time at the Victory Dance, Lake Robbins seems to be working out as a great venue for us. We can gather before the dance for a meal, dance & cut loose, celebrate our year together, then eat breakfast & for many just go out to the campers for the night, where else could we do all this and not have to leave the premises. After having Sweet Water, then Clutterbilly for so many years, the Beau Nystrom Band had some big shoes to fill, but I fill them, they did. I believe our entertainment committee did an excellent job in finding them and getting them to play for our dance at no charge. I also want to commend Lane & Monte for working with them in advance so that they were able to play our Pony Express songs that are so dear to all of us.

My sincere thanks to everyone for making the year 2012 a memorable year for the Pony Express Riders of Iowa. There would be no organization without all of you & the hard work that you do, so as my term as President ends in May, and Steve Bomer takes the reins as your next President, please continue doing what we do best, working together for one common cause! It has been a great honor to serve another term as President of the Pony Express Riders of Iowa.

Don't forget the Annual May Meeting, on Sunday, May 6th, the general membership is not only welcome, but encouraged to attend. Look forward to seeing many of you then.
Somewhere down the trail.....

Bob

May 6th, 2012
1:00 Camp Sunnyside, Hubbard Lodge

All members encouraged to Attend, participate in discussions & to vote in the Election of Officers.

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ANNUAL MEETING— May 6th
Board Meeting 9:00 AM in the Conference Room at Camp

ANNUAL MEETING, all members/volunteers welcome! 1:00 Main Lodge at Camp
(those members wishing to vote in the election of officers, must be current paid members)

NE—No Vacancies NW– Donnie Essick Jr. Second term expires
Inez De Moss (SE) & Heidi Kriener (NE) first terms expire

2nd Board Meeting, with new Board Members following the Annual Meeting, in the Conference Room

Earlier publication said these meetings were to be held at Hubbard Lodge, so please note the change of locations: Board meetings in Conference Room & Annual meeting in the Main Lodge. Thanks,

Important Reminder

Remember that because our Fiscal year is now ending May 31st & not August 31st, there are a couple of things very important to remember, first of all, any money needing to be counted in this year’s total needs to be in our state bank account before May 31st, and second, Carole needs a copy of **EVERY** savings or checking account for the ending of May for the accountant. So, as you get those statements, please see that she gets a copy for our 990 report. This is mandatory for us to comply with Federal Tax Regulations.

Camp on Ride Day

Due to some issues concerning the use of Easter Seals barn, lots & pasture a few years ago, the Pony Express Board of Directors discussed the concern at length, and being unable to come up with a solution fair to everyone and to insure the safety of Camp Horses, the Board ruled that no one would be allowed the use of Camp facilities to board horses overnight on Ride Weekend, except for the horses used for dignitaries if deemed necessary.

Well, this year on Ride Day either someone chose to ignore the Board ruling or weren’t properly informed, because they put 3 horses in 2 stalls inside the barn, chained & padlocked the stall doors. This particular year, this became a big issue because with prior committee & Board approval, I had given permission to the Sunderman’s to use the barn for their team, when they agreed at the last minute to bring the draft horses to pull the only wheel chair accessible wagon in the parade from John Deere.

Feeling the need to talk with the owners of the horses left in the barn, I padlocked the barn door, left a note informing them they needed to call my cell for barn entrance. On Sunday morning discovered they had broken into the barn, taken the horses without making that call. In fact, they not only broke into the barn, they didn’t even have the decency to clean the stalls or barn area.

I’m sure that some of you know who’s horses these were, and knowing that they may or may not be paid members who will receive the Currier, I ask that you let them know that this was totally disrespectful of Easter Seals property, and the Pony Express Board of Director’s ruling, and absolutely unacceptable behavior. It’s almost beyond my belief that the hard working, dedicated & loyal Pony Express volunteers that I know & respect, would or could do something of this nature!

Carole Bailey, Pony Express State Coordinator

Great Way to Keep Updated about Easter Seals & Camp Sunnyside

Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside at last count had over 700 Fans on their Facebook page, I’d like to encourage all of our Pony Express Members & Volunteers to “LIKE” them on their official page, the official page you should LIKE is Easter Seals Iowa & Camp Sunnyside.

You can also sign up to receive their newsletter once a month, by doing so on their home page or email your name, zip code & email address to: info@eastersealsia.org



Tama
Horse Show & Cowgirl Queen Contest 7/8/12
Double D Rodeo Arena, Toledo
Flyers available on the news page at www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org

Van Buren/Lee
Pony Express will be doing the Concessions at the Ranch Rodeos, held at River Valley Campground the 3rd weekend of the month, from April to Oct. To find out how you can help, please call Irena @ 641-660-3177

Tri County
Golf Outing Sept. 23rd 8 AM
Terrace Hill in Altoona, for info 515-202-0954
Pony Rides April 28 9 AM till ????
Earl May in Ankeny
Collection Point May 5th 9 AM till Noon
Polk City
Coupons for Buffalo Wild Wings May 16th

Fremont/Page
Poker Run Saturday, June 2 2 PM
Pierce Creek Recreation Area, 4 miles North of Shenandoah on HWY 59, 1 mile East on 150th St. Supper to follow ride, primitive camping available. For more info call Dan, 712-370-2382

Save the Date For the 3rd Annual PONY EXPRESS WEEKEND
June 8, 9, & 10th, 2012
At River Valley Campground, Farmington , IA.

Call Carolyn at 319-878-3888 to make your Camping reservations for a Great Weekend of Family Fun! Agenda can be found on our website: news page
www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org

Save the Date
For the Pony Express/DD Rodeo
August 3rd & 4th, 2012

Lucas
Horse Show & Cowgirl Queen Contest Sept. 9th
Flyer available on Pony Express web site news page

Marshall
Horse Show & Cowgirl Queen Contest May 28th
At Gilman Saddle Club Arena, indoor arena in case of rain/wet conditions. Flyer available on Pony Express web site news page

Marion/Jasper
Horse Show & Cowgirl Queen Contest June 24th
At the Jasper Co. Fairgrounds in Colfax , flyer is available on Pony Express web site news page
Equestrian Drill Team Competition July 29th
Marion County Fairgrounds, flyers available on the web site: www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org
Special Needs Cowgirl Queen & King Contest July 29th
At Marion County Fairgrounds in Knoxville, flyers available at www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org

Boone/Story
Iron Pony Observation Ride June 9th, for info call Jim @ 515-689-7674



Robi Whitfield, SW Regional VP is shown riding George from John Deere to Camp. Robi & husband Todd donated the 2006 AQHA bay gelding, *Shines Lil Amigo* aka “George” to the Pony Express Riders for the 2012 Horse Raffle. Thanks to the Whitfield family



Vince Lammers, past NW Regional VP is shown congratulating Doug Wirtz of West Bend, the lucky winner of the Polaris Ranger. Doug’s winning ticket was drawn from the barrel of over 23,000 tickets at the Pony Express Victory Dance at Lake Robbins.