

THE FRIENDLY HORSEMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

December 2016 Newsletter



Upcoming events

- December and January No Regular Meeting
- February 28 Regular Meeting Night 7:00 pm
- March 11 Winter Banquet
- March 28 Regular Meeting Night 7:00 pm
- April 22 Trail Class Play Day

Painting Party and Sub Sale

The painting party fundraiser and sub sale were very successful! 15 people attended the painting party which was held at Art and a Bottle in Lititz. The painting party brought in \$225 and the sub sale \$599.05. The picture above shows the Friendly Horseman's members who participated in the painting fundraiser.

SHOW DATES FOR 2017

- April 9 - Arabian Show
- May 6 - Fun Show
- May 7 - Dressage Show
- June 3 - Fun Show
- June 4 - Dressage Show
- July 8 - Fun Show
- August 5 - Fun Show
- August 27 - Arabian Show
- September 9 - Fun Show
- October 7 - Fun Show

Mark these dates on your calendars!!!

There will be more dates added to our show schedule, but these are the dates so far.

Winter Banquet

The winter banquet will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 5:30 pm. Each family should bring a hot and cold dish. Also, please bring an old photo of you and a horse in a bag with your name on it for a guessing game. RSVP to Joanne Stahl (733-4984) by February 28 which is a regular meeting night .

By-Law Revision

It was voted on and approved at the November meeting to revise Article 3 of the by-laws to read: *Regular meetings shall be held the last Tuesday of each month unless otherwise designated. There will be no meetings in December and January.* This revision adds a meeting in February so we have more time to prepare for the upcoming show season.

Dues Reminder



Dues are to be paid by December 31. If you haven't received a reminder, contact Kristy DeRemer.



2017 Officers

Elections were held at the November Meeting. The 2017 Friendly Horseman's Club Officers are as follows:

President – Jeanne Griswold
Vice President – Zona Weaber
Treasurer – Kristy DeRemer
Secretary – Jenette Buch
Board Member – Candy Burkholder

 **HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS** 
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



Obituary for Ernest Batdorf

Ernest H. "Ernie" Batdorf, 88, died Thursday, November 24, 2016 at his residence.

He was the husband of Elaine K. (Riehl) Batdorf, to whom he would have been married 31 years on December 20th.

Born in Bethel on January 26, 1928, he was the son of the late William and Ada (Brightbill) Batdorf.

Ernie served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was employed at North American Refractories, Newmanstown, for 38 years, retiring in 1989.

He was a founding member of the Circle T Trailriders, and a member of several local and statewide wagon train associations, Richland American Legion Post 880, the Neptune Fire Co., Richland, the Newmanstown Fire Co., and was an avid horseman.

In addition to his wife, Ernie is survived by a son, Kerry, husband of Barbara Batdorf, of Essex Junction, Vt.; a daughter, Patrice, wife of Drew Oberly, of Womelsdorf; a step son, Loren, husband of Jennifer Gerhart, of Richland; a step daughter, Lisa Field, of Fredericksburg; grandchildren, Scott and Ethan Batdorf, Teah McDonald; several great-grandchildren; several step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren; his beloved dog, Harry; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Bruce Batdorf, and several brothers and sisters.

A Celebration of Life will be held Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Grose Funeral Home, 358 W. Washington Ave., Myerstown, with a visitation beginning at 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Triangle Therapeutic Riding, 30 Martin Dr., Reinholds, PA 17569.

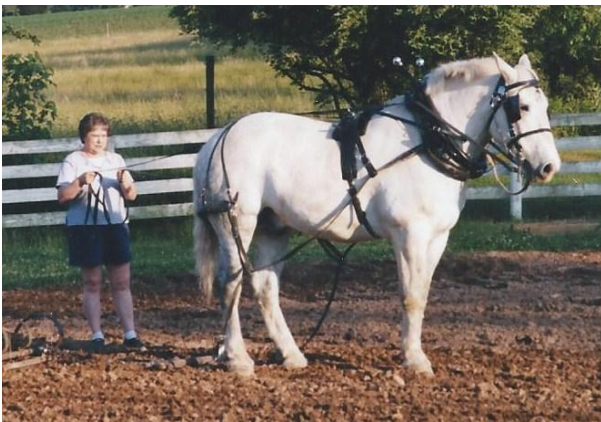
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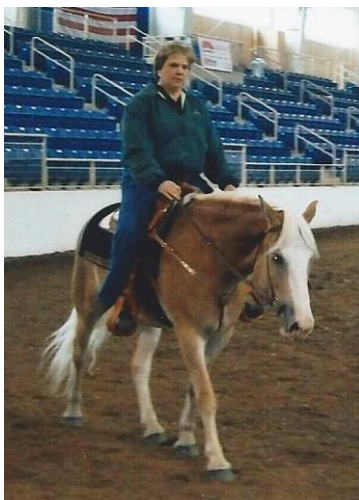
Joanne Stahl is a giving, kind-hearted person who enjoys helping others and loves to have fun. She has been a member of Friendly Horseman's club for about 25 or 30 years. She was born in Lancaster and says that she was born so fast that they didn't have time to give her a middle name. (She was a go-getter from the start!) Joanne has been married to her husband, Dale, for 45 years. They have a daughter and 2 active grandsons. Joanne has worked at Harding-Yost Insurance Associates for 43 years as an insurance agent and commercial account manager. She also handles claims. Joanne was once the American Business Woman of the Year and also Mrs. Fire Chief of the Year. She is very active in church functions and committees. Joanne used to have 5-6 horses, but is now down to one, a haflinger named Lynn's Lucky Charm.

Growing up Joanne's family was actively involved with horses and had a 24 acre horse farm. When she was a child, Joanne remembers playing cowboys and Indians on

her pony named Tony. Joanne started showing when she was 6 years old. She has always shown western, usually western pleasure, but she also did some racing. Joanne's father was into cattle cutting and reining, her brother enjoyed racing and reining, and her mother enjoyed riding in parades. Joanne remembers that she and her mother would ride their palomino horse and pony carrying flags as a "show opener" at the Quentin Riding Club.



Joanne's favorite horse was a young quarter horse that her parents gave her for Christmas one year. Their first show together was at one of John Glick's shows. There were 42 horses in the class, and even though they didn't place, Joanne was very pleased to make it to the final round. Another favorite horse was a gray Percheron named, Bud. Joanne taught him to ride, and Dale used him for driving. They would also use him to work in the garden. About 4 years ago, Joanne showed a haflinger at the Keystone International Show and placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Another pleasant memory is that for the past 8 years Joanne baked Christmas cookies for senior citizens in their area. She and Dale then delivered the cookies with their horse and carriage, even putting bells on the horse.



Joanne showed at Friendly Horseman's Club as a young girl. When she got older she showed in classes with Jim Lefevre and Ralph Wingenroth. Later Ralph convinced Joanne and Dale to join the club. Joanne is proud to be a member of the club. She enjoys helping at the shows, meeting new people, and just talking about horses. Joanne is also active in other horse associations and their committees. She strongly believes in helping and supporting the organizations that she is a part of. Joanne is a valuable and committed member of Friendly Horseman's Club and can often be found managing the racing gate of ring 2 during the fun shows.

