

# THE FRIENDLY HORSEMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

March 2017 Newsletter



**Friendly Horseman's Club is gearing up for another great year! We have an exciting line up of shows and events! We need everyone's help to make this year successful!**

## Winter Banquet

The winter banquet will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 5:30pm. Each family should bring a hot and cold dish. Also, please bring an old photo of you and a horse. Put the photo in a bag with your name on it for a guessing game. There is still time to sign up! If you would still like to come to the banquet RSVP to Jenette Buch at phone /text 717-715-9258 or email: [jbuch@dejazzd.com](mailto:jbuch@dejazzd.com) by Thursday, March 9.

## Painting Party

The club is hosting a painting party at Animal Crackers in Ephrata on March 30 starting at 6:30pm. Participants will be painting a silhouette similar to what is seen in the picture at right. RSVP to Kristy DeRemer via phone/text 717-537-5499 or email: [khertzog12@verizon.net](mailto:khertzog12@verizon.net).



## Barn Dances

We have scheduled three barn dances this year! Gary Proctor from Centerville will be our caller. Gary will call dances in a similar style to last year's dances. The dances will be held at the pavillion from 6:30-8:30 on June 24, August 26, and September 30! We look forward to seeing everyone there!



**Board Members:** BrendaKing, Kristy DeRemer, Candy Burkholder, Donna Fisher, Jeanne Griswold

## Friendly Horseman's Club Events 2017

March 11 **Winter Banquet** 5:30pm

March 30 **Painting Party at Animal Crackers** 6:30pm

April ??? **Sub Sale**

April 9 **Tack and Tailgate Sale/Bake Sale** 9:00am

April 22 **Trail Class Fun Day** 9:00am

May 6 **Fun Show** (Ring1: 9:00am, Ring 2: 8:30am)

May 7 **Alice Hummel Memorial Dressage Show**

May 13 **Ranch Horse Show** 9:00am-5:00pm

June 3 **Fun Show** (Ring1: 9:00am, Ring 2: 8:30am)

June 4 **Alice Hummel Memorial Dressage Show**

June 24 **Barn Dance** 6:30-8:30pm

July 8 **Fun Show** (Ring1: 9:00am, Ring 2: 8:30am)

July 22 **Dressage Show**

August 5 **Fun Show** (Ring1: 9:00am, Ring 2: 8:30am)

August 19 **Dressage Show**

September 9 **Fun Show** (Ring1: 9:00am, Ring 2: 8:30am)

September 10 **Alice Hummel Memorial Dressage Show**

September 30 **Barn Dance** 6:30-8:30pm

October 7 **Fun Show** (Ring1: 9:00am, Ring 2: 8:30am)

October 14 **Dressage Show**

### Grounds Rented Events

April 9 **Arabian Association Open Show**

April 15 **Equine Discussion Group**

May 20 **Spinning Spurs 4-H Show**

June 8, 9, 10 **OLHC**

August 27 **Arabian Association Open Show**

September ??? **Spinning Spurs 4-H Show**

October 21 **Arabian Association Open Show**



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Donna Fisher has been a member of Friendly Horseman's Club for more than 40 years and was a fixture in the secretary stand for the fun shows for almost as many years. She hardly needs an introduction, but hopefully I can share some things about her that will help you to know her better. Donna was born in Lancaster. She is currently retired but previously worked at Greystone Manor Stables for 32 years, DM Stotzfus for 34 years, 222 Drive In, Brickerville Snackette, Agway, and more. Donna is an intelligent, versatile person who doesn't let much grass grow under her feet! Part of her job at Greystone Manor was to live in an apartment above the horses in the barn. Early in the morning Donna and her dog would get up to feed and take care of the horses and sheep. When she finished taking care of the animals, she would head off to her full-time job at DM Stotzfus where she worked in the accounting department. Also during her time at Greystone, Donna would give tours and field trips to students in the Garden Spot High School's ag program and a couple of times to students at F and M College. She would teach on health, safety, handling, parts of a horse, etc. She does not currently own a horse. She started riding

when she was eight years old on a horse owned by a friend from school. She started showing in western pleasure classes and gave western riding lessons. In later years she switched to dressage. Donna's last horse was a quarter horse named Sassy that was given to Donna when the horse was nine years old. Sassy was lots of fun to ride with very smooth gaits and a beautiful extended trot. Sassy lived to the ripe old age of 29. Donna thinks that mares were her favorite horses to own, because "a good mare will always take care of you." Donna got involved with Friendly Horseman's Club through Jim LeFevre and Pip Ravegum. Donna worked with Pip at DM Stotzfus. Pip and Jim were good friends. When you talk to any of the members who were a part of the early years of the club, they talk with fondness and excitement about the hunter/jumper shows. Donna is no different. One memory that Donna shared was that they would hold a cross country class that started in the back ring at the club. Part of the course required that horse and rider pairs would jump out of the ring, ride a course around the grounds, and then jump back into the ring. Another tidbit that you might not know about Donna is that she gave riding lessons to Melissa Mathison Ford. Donna was introduced to Melissa through an acquaintance. Melissa was married to Harrison Ford at the time that they were in Lancaster filming the movie Witness. The Fords had a ranch in Wyoming at the base of the Grand Tetons, and Melissa loved to ride. Donna would take Melissa out for rides with Melissa riding Donna's horse, Spice. Because of this Donna also got to watch them filming a scene for the movie. Donna also got to meet another famous person, Red Skelton. Red Skelton was in New Holland to oversee the creation of a large kids coloring book about his clown character. Because Red's wife was an equestrian, it was a natural choice for them to tour Greystone Manor. Donna has a picture of her and Red standing beside his limousine. Donna has played a vital role in the continued success of Friendly Horseman's Club for many years, and even though her roles have changed in the club, we are grateful for her knowledge and wisdom that will help guide the club in its future endeavours!