



HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the Executive Director

As we wrap up another successful year, please accept my heartfelt thanks for all that you do to support Horses with Heart. There are so many facets of what it takes to keep HwH moving forward: from horse care to safety support to facility care to fundraising. Through teamwork, appreciation of our differences and

respecting the good each of us brings to the team, we make it all work. THANK YOU for sharing your talents, abilities and gifts! I'm excited to see what the future holds for HwH and I'm looking forward to sharing it all with you.

During the winter break, the office will be open from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Staff is already working on plans for our next riding season, and key committees are working on events for 2019. If you'd like to be part of the planning, please let me know and you'll be included in the next meeting. We will keep you informed as the plans come together.

Again, thank you for all your love, support, hard work and dedication. I'm wishing you all a very blessed Christmas and a safe, healthy and Happy New Year!

~~ Pam Berry

You have a date to be honored: Jan. 19

You're the guest of honor at the annual Volunteer & Donor Appreciation Potluck. Join us Saturday, Jan. 19, at 11:30 a.m. at the First Southern Baptist Church in Chino Valley (north of HwH on Hwy. 89; brick church on the left). The theme, "Stepping up to the Challenge," reflects looking ahead to the future at Horses with Heart.

This big event is your time to relax and share in awards presentations for the volunteers and donors who keep us going. Do you have a great photo from the ranch or an HwH event this year to share at the lunch? Send your noteworthy photos to Karen Richert: kricherthwh00@yahoo.com.

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Calendar of Events

- January 19** ~ Volunteer & Donor Appreciation Lunch/ Awards Potluck, 11:30 a.m., First Southern Baptist Church, 1524 N. Hwy. 89, Chino Valley.
- February 16** ~ 16th Annual Bowl-A-Thon. Watch for details, coming soon.
- February 23** ~ Returning Volunteer Orientation.
- March 2** ~ New Volunteer Orientation.
- March 9** ~ Special Olympic Team meeting and start of season.
- March 11 - April 19** ~ Therapeutic Riding Session 1.

Volunteer of the Month: CHERYL ROMANO

Reasons selected:

As a volunteer with the Special Olympic Equestrian Team over the last several years, Cheryl has helped several riders gain confidence and skill. Recruited in 2015 to also edit this newsletter, she used her marketing background to improve and update the publication – but didn't stop there. She has also strengthened the marketing team by enlisting community experts to help HwH reach a broader audience. What has she done for us lately? Spearheaded the content and design of a much-needed new HwH website, expected to roll out soon. ~ Jan Grise, HwH Programs Director



Q & A with our Volunteer of the Month:

Q: How long have you been with HwH?

A: I'm in my eighth year.

Q: Why do you volunteer at HwH?

A: Being outdoors with sweet horses and good people feels good, but giving back feels even better.

Q: What is your favorite memory or moment at HwH?

A: Watching riders grow – literally and figuratively – as they push beyond their barriers.

Q: If you could share one thing with new volunteers,
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what would that be?

A: Whether you're in the arena or the office, mucking a stall or staffing a booth, you can do something that matters. And you're appreciated more than you know.

Shop from the heart at Amazon now

During the holidays and any days, every purchase you make at smile.Amazon.com can help HwH. Visit <https://smile.amazon.com>; there, you can designate Horses with Heart as your charity to receive a percentage of all your spending. It doesn't cost you a penny but could add up to merry benefits for HwH.

Snug in their restful winter homes

Taking their well-deserved winter break, the HwH herd is enjoying the hospitality of these generous caretakers:

Kris Dockum & Bonnie Moreau – Jazz
Kathleen Klein – Mickey
Bonnie Moreau – Remedy
Ethel Peterson – Rennie



Trudy Chapman-Radley – Rocky
Mary Smith – Rosie
Sherry Hoover – Sunshine
Ashley Hamilton – Bubbles
Denise Widtfeldt – Frankie
Dwayne Toombs – Indie

Susanne Stock & Gloria Reid – Zee
Charles Driver & Helen Collins – Jewel
Lisa Lucidi – Sam
Trudy Chapman-Radley – Scarlett

Tax-free IRA rollover can help HwH

Did you know you can use an IRA distribution to help Horses with Heart – and pay no tax on it? If you're age 70 ½ or older, here's how it works (be sure to consult your financial adviser):

You can donate up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA without being taxed on the distribution (withdrawal), and satisfy your required minimum distribution at the same time.

To get this benefit, your IRA rollover must go directly to Horses with Heart and not to you personally. Be sure your adviser, and your IRA administrator, understand your charitable intent.

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Teaching the teachers: April clinics

Interested in developing or sharpening your skills coaching riders with disabilities? Check out these two spring programs:

CHA IRD Skills Workshop: Saturday, April 27, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sanctioned by the Certified Horsemanship Association/Instructor of Riders with Disabilities. Designed for Instructors and Instructors-to-be.

CHA IRD Certification Clinic: Sunday, April 28 - Saturday May 4.

Already teaching riders with disabilities and want to be a Certified Instructor? Already Certified and want to increase your knowledge and skills? This is your clinic. Registration well in advance strongly suggested.

For more details on either program, contact Jan Grise: ridingdir@hwonline.org.

Timeless fun at first Seniors Only Show

Despite a chilling wind, riders, volunteers and friends from our community joined together Nov. 11 in a day of honoring our Veterans and competing with gusto.

From showmanship to equitation to fun and games, it



was a great day – especially for High Point Winner Darbi Hand and Reserve High Point Winner (and HwH Instructor) Sherry Hoover.

*"Seniors rule, baby!" neighed Jake (in his mind) to HwH Volunteer Debbie Marcus.
Photo by Karen Richert*

A big THANK YOU to our judge, Kim McElroy, announcer Jan Grise, ring stewards Cindy Roche and Trudy Chapman-Radley, and the HwH Special Olympic Team and their families, who ran the concession stand and helped throughout the day. Veterans and seniors, we salute you!