

BAKAS PARENT MEETING
DECEMBER 3rd 2008

The meeting started at 6:35 p.m. on the 3rd at Sweet Tomatoes. In attendance were Linda Blum, Beth Harre-Orr, Sandra and Josh VanDijk, Jack Harris, Manny Alilea, Maggie Dorsett, Christa Zentmeyer, Jessica Smith, Joe and Mandy Judice, Amy and Alberto Chirinos, Christina Freeman, Carol Baker, and Kim and Michael Hajaistron.

Kim passed around last month's minutes and Sandra went over the Treasurer's report. We had an increase of \$1,200, but there will be disbursements for the Holiday Party coming up.

Sat. Dec. 13th is the date for the Holiday Party. It will run from 5 to 9 p.m., and everyone is requested to bring 2 covered dishes and an item to auction. Everyone should have received an invitation and will get a reminder from the phone committee. Please RSVP because Santa will have gifts for all the kids and Brooker Creek Elem. Multi-cultural club will be providing big stockings full of gifts for our riders, so a head count is needed.

For food and entertainment, Linda and Carol will buy the hamburgers and hot dogs to be cooked by the Roving Rangers. Roberto will donate the chicken. Amy will donate a tree. Santa will come with Little John and Mandy was volunteered to be his helper. We will have some cloggers, hay ride, art and crafts (pine cone decorating, coloring, foam snowman making, and thank you cards for Brooker Creek), photos with the horses with a Christmas card background, and maybe a chorus.

What you can do to help is come early and set up at 3. We also need holiday table clothes. If you could drop off your auction items early, that would be great. Sandra might need some help running the auction and selling 50/50 raffle tickets. Also, be generous with your check book since the money goes to a great cause!!

A thank you plaque will be ordered for the Diva Angles and Brooker Creek Elementary. Linda is checking out prices.

Jan. 16th and 17th is the date for the Challenged Show at Austin Farms near Ocala in Weirsdale. Friday night will be the BBQ dinner and carriage museum tour, with competition starting Sat. morning after the rider breakfast. Lunch is also free for the riders that day. The Parent Group pays for the barn fee, entry fee, and dinners. There will be an extra practice session for the riders along with a pizza parent meeting the week before. Sign up at the barn and get hotel information for Friday night.

Area Special Olympics will be held **April 3rd and 4th** at Bakas. We will hopefully have free tickets to the American Invitational horse jumping competition at Raymond James Stadium for Sat. the 4th. More details and sign up to follow.

Also sign up for free medical exams at the barn on **Jan. 10th**. This is a wonderful service done by doctors and medical students from USF.

The neighborhood of Highland Park will not be having a holiday party this year, but will make a donation. They might be interested in doing something in the spring.

The website is being updated and when the webmaster comes into town, Suzanne Sylvestre will bring him out to the barn to meet everyone and observe a class.

The next meeting will be **Wed., Jan. 7th** at Sweet Tomatoes. Eat at 6, meeting at 6:30. Start the New Year off with a commitment to participate.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20.
Minutes taken by Kim Hajaistron

Dates to remember:

Holiday Party Sat., Dec. 13th
Parent Meeting Wed., Jan. 7th
Free Medicals Sat. Jan. 10th
Challenged Show Jan. 16th and 17th
Parent Meeting Wed., Feb. 4th
Area Special Olympics April 3rd and 4th

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