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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello there RBR friends and members! We have missed seeing you at the barn.

These past few weeks have been truly unlike anything we've experienced before. For an organization that believes in the power of enriching our member's lives by connecting people with horses, we have all had to make drastic changes. All of your lives

have been upended and new challenges have arisen daily for each of you. Here at the Rose Bowl Riders we are working diligently to protect our beautiful equine population, as well as honor those members who board and lease horses on this wonderful property. We have also been on a new learning curve as city and state policies have moved us to comply with the mandates delivered each week. *Whew!!* This has been unprecedented and all of us volunteers have been doing our utmost to keep on top of the daily issues. I thank you for your patience. Most importantly, I cannot thank each of one you in our lesson program *ENOUGH* for honoring the CDC guidelines and staying home to keep each of us safe and healthy.

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As in any crisis, there are so many remarkable stories and joy-filled moments that are not to be missed. Did you know that our own Patty Sue just rescued a 10 year old Arabian bay gelding? His name is "Trusty", and she will be excited to introduce him to you, once we are set free! Even with the sadness of losing her beloved Skipper, she has opened her heart and welcomed this happy pony into her life. Congratulations, Patty!

While not an expectation, some of our members in the lesson program have stepped in to help financially with the room and board of our fine school horses. KT and Greg of Myrtle Hill Farm are working daily to care for and exercise their horse family. They are cleaning, grooming, raking, and giving the finest care to their horses and facilities. Who knew they would be experts at sanitizing tack, stalls, rails etc!! Vitalio and Osman have been faithfully feeding, cleaning, and making sure *all* the animals have everything they need. RBR is so grateful for their efforts and for the joy they bring to our organization. Nothing is ever too much trouble for these men. I know they are missing all our daily lessons and visits. The next time you see them, make sure to offer generous words of thanks.

Before COVID-19, the City of Pasadena provided us with two pallets of sandbags that were placed by Greg and Gari (he owns Keys and serves on the RBR board) to get ahead of the rains that wreaked havoc to our roads and our neighbor's property. They were stacked a few weeks ago, so we are ready for the rain. The City of Pasadena recently came to inspect our Clubhouse and to make sure the tack rooms were safe and sealed. Our little Clubhouse has certainly seen better days, but thankfully the City didn't red tag it! They actually are hoping to come in and fix the sagging beam and work with us to keep it structurally safe and sound. We are thankful for small mercies, but we don't want to host multiple activities until they have done their

good work. Originally, we were hoping this to be done by spring. Now we will need to wait. The restrooms and kitchen are working well. Ann Regan (owner of Jango) has made sure they are clean, sanitized and well stocked. Thanks Ann!

If you aren't yet following us on Instagram, you really must follow us @rosebowlriders. You can get a little "horse-fix" each morning. Ariel Wisch-Schute (owner of the lovely Bijou) posts beautiful and fun photos of our equine family, and occasional surrounding wildlife. Her posts will make you smile. I am often awestruck by the natural beauty we get to see when we ride at RBR. Ariel's photographs capture some of the incredible scenery at our barn.

I hope each one of you and your families are paying attention to new opportunities in this precarious season. My husband Steve and I have a daughter and soon to be son-in-law who are in the middle of becoming nurse practitioners in Seattle. We are now paying extra close attention to the many sacrifices and risks that our medical professionals take each day to serve the sick. Prior to this pandemic we almost entirely took them for granted. Today, they are the heroes of our society - people around the world are applauding them nightly! While in difficult times, we can be tempted to turn inward, hoard, and feel afraid, I am challenged and encouraged to find new ways to reach out, even if it is to buy my aging neighbor some milk or mail a card to a stressed-out friend. Some houses in my neighborhood are putting stuffed bears in their windows so as parents walk and bike with their younger children they can participate in a fun and distracting scavenger hunt. Sadly our "teddy bear" days are long gone from this house, but I found a lone, tattered bear and set it out in my front window. It times like these, it is the little gestures that can make a big difference..

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THANKS & KUDOS

- **Vitalio & Osman Gramajo** for ensuring all horses are safe and well cared for.
- **Shivani Joshi** for the January horse show, her notes on improving them in the future and for her work on the postponed dressage show.
- **Gari Merendino** for coordinating the sandbags stacked near the south driveway.
- **Isai Gonzalez** from the City of Pasadena for helping to lay sandbags.
- **Ingrid McConnell & Jeffrey Hernandez** from Pasadena for working on the lease
- **Ingrid McConnell** who continues to work 15 hours per week on city/site issues and Wild Apricot
- **Alice Rossiter** for taking care of new members.
- **Gari Merendino & Anna Armstrong** for trouble-shooting and planning.
- **Carrie Dilley** who ran the new member orientation for the first time.
- **Debby Dixler** for the great job on the newsletter!

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The RBR Board of Directors is daily monitoring the activities and the finances of our facility. I am not allowed to visit the RBR due to the strict mandates, but be assured, we call, email and meet via Facetime and Zoom to stay on top of daily needs and concerns.

We cannot wait to celebrate and be back together! KT and Greg are ready to resume the lesson program when we get the “all clear”. For now we remain sheltered in place. I know many of you are making sacrifices and are experiencing financial uncertainties. We, at the RBR know that this crisis has touched each and everyone of you.

Finally, may I impose on you for a moment? Some of you may know I am originally from Canada, and as such, take special interest in my British heritage. Today, Queen Elizabeth spoke these words to the world. Words which can inspire us all:

“We will succeed – and that success will belong to every one of us. We should take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return: we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again.”

It is with that sense of hopefulness, determination, and hope that I fondly greet you all. We will meet again!



Nancy Norris - RBR Board President





04/06/2020

A Message Regarding COVID-19 from the RBR Board of Directors:

The crisis continues to be serious, as the United States now has more Coronavirus cases than any other country. Please understand that we are following the CDC protocol and are doing everything we can to keep RBR operational for our trainers & boarders.

IF THE FOLLOWING POLICY IS NOT UPHELD BY EVERYONE, WE WILL NEED TO SHUT DOWN. PLEASE COME TAKE CARE OF YOUR HORSES, AND THEN LEAVE. PLEASE.

DO NOT SOCIALIZE. DO NOT SPEND EXTRA TIME HERE. NO LESSONS ARE BEING GIVEN AT THIS TIME.

The RBR Board will be upholding the following:

- Boarders and trainers are welcome at anytime.
- Lessees may continue to come on their scheduled days to ride their leased horses.
- Veterinarians & farriers are welcome as needed.
- Trainers, veterinarians, and farriers are asked to wash their hands between horses.
- MHF must organize times with lessees to exercise lesson horses, keeping numbers as low as possible.
- No one is permitted to have guests.
- Carry hand sanitizer with you at all times and use it after touching any communal surface (keypad, locks, sink, bathroom, brooms, rakes etc.).
- Limit touching horses. Only touch your own horse.
- Do not share your brushes or tack/supplies with others.
- Keep a distance from all others, at least 6'. Do not tie/cross-tie your horse next to another.
- One person at a time in small spaces such as the wash rack, tack and feed rooms. If you see that someone is already inside, please wait outside for your turn.
- Make a bleach solution (1/3 cup bleach per gallon of water) in a spray bottle to disinfect your belongings, stall lock and whatever else you come into contact with.
- If you are sick or have a weakened immune system, staying at home is your safest option. Contact another member or Vitalio to assist you with your horse's care.
- One person only in the restroom.
- Riders are not encouraged to ride side-by-side.

THERE IS NO TRAILERING YOUR HORSES IN. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THESE GUIDELINES SERIOUSLY FOR THE SAKE OF ALL MEMBERS.

STAY HOME & STAY SAFE!

A LOOK TO THE FUTURE: EVO DRESSAGE @ RBR

EVO Dressage is headed by Erika Volchik, who developed her love of horses as a child. She has a varied background in hunter/jumpers, eventing, Pony Club and trail riding. Originally from Canada, her love of dressage was sparked when she moved to southern California and began on a journey of learning to work with horses of all types, ages and ability.

After her initial apprenticeship with Susan Peacock, Erika went on to work for Erin Blazick, Jodie Cressman and Amanda Olson as well as working with her own clients of all ages and ability. She continues to educate herself by riding with the amazing Mette Rosencrantz and the master Conrad Shumacher.

Her philosophy remains horse first - keep the horse happy with their work and the rest will follow! Whether your goal is the show ring, developing a better level of communication between you and your horse, or just having fun, EVO Dressage is the place for you! Erika loves working with young horses and ponies and also those looking for a new career in dressage. She believes dressage is good for all horses, no matter what breed or age! Erika is based in Lakeview Terrace and is available to work with you and your horse at RBR.

Pricing: Private lesson at RBR 45 min \$65.00. Other lesson/horse training options are available - please inquire.

<https://www.rosebowlriders.org/erika>





Dear Skipper,

For 21 years you were my partner riding under the oak trees, crossing streams, and cantering in the forest under glorious sunlit blue skies. You taught me patience, courage, determination, and how to move away from pressure. We taught 100's of children to draw and pet you in Art of the Horse. We let many friends take their first trail ride on you. Skipper, your gifts to humans were many. I am so grateful that you trotted into my life. We battled your liver disease for many months and could not save you. I will always love you and cherish our journeys together.

Love, Patty

To Skipper's special friends- Samantha, Don, Katrina, Nadine, Ariel, Sheila, Clare, Pat, Nutkin and all the RBR human herd: Thank you for all your photos, flowers, messages, cards, and kind support and compassion.

ROSE BOWL RIDERS CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

Volunteer Spotlight - *Naoko Katayama*



Both RBR and RBRCO rely on the generosity of time and shared talents of our members as volunteers to maintain our valuable equestrian facility.

In the last issue of *RBR Roundup*,

Nancy Norris, Board President, encouraged us to connect with someone new this year! In support of this suggestion, RBRCO is spotlighting a program volunteer, to facilitate getting to know those who help in many ways yet, might not be often enough acknowledged for their tremendous contributions.

If you have attended an “Art of the Horse” program within the last few years, perhaps you have seen member Naoko Katayama, who volunteers consistently by assisting with coordination and implementation of the art project and chaperoning the barn tour. Or, you might have experienced hearing the word for horse, in Japanese –

“*uma*,” as Naoko teaches the attentive children visiting from Pasadena Unified School District. Her pronunciation is authentic, as she is native to Japan.

Naoko, along with her daughter Ayaka became members of Rose Bowl Riders about 2 ½ years ago, pursuing their passion and love for horses. Ayaka will soon be 14 years old and progresses in her equestrian talents, taking lessons with Myrtle Hill Farms.

The Katayama family resides in La Canada though Naoko grew up in Hokkaido, Japan, and also lived in Tokyo before coming to the United States. She has many family members in Japan and looks forward to a visit home every summer.

In addition to her time spent volunteering at Rose Bowl Riders, Naoko stays very busy as a homemaker. She is a fan of many forms of exercise and is especially fond of yoga.

“I love helping children and enjoy volunteering. Though, it is the other volunteers who are always so kind and thoughtful that make my time most enjoyable,” shares Naoko.

Every volunteer is treasured and adds value, and we would like to say, “thank you” to Naoko and all others who support RBRCO, in so many beautiful ways.

PPD POSSE @ RBR

A recent trail rider in the Arroyo is Christian Koziol riding Dazy (owned by Mia Hernandez) for the Pasadena Police Department Volunteer Mounted Unit. This Posse was formed in the 1990's to be the "eyes and ears" for the PPD, able to navigate terrain throughout the Arroyo from the Forest and Hahamongna Watershed Park, past the Rose Bowl, Archery Range and Casting Pond to San Pascual Stables. In uniform on Horse Patrol, Christian is in communication with the PPD by radio to relay information and assist in relevant matters. One important function is to remind owners to leash their dogs on these multi-purpose trails in this Pasadena park.

Christian spent 3 years on patrol riding out of San Pascual Stables and joined RBR when Mia relocated her Paint Horse Dazy to RBR's Historic Barn. Posse members must provide a horse, attend the Citizens Police Academy, Citizens Assisting Pasadena Police classes and ride in an annual Certification of Horse and Rider program.



Photo: Christian and Dazy on patrol at Johnson Field

Christian enjoys the diversity of trails in the upper Arroyo. In a routine patrol he gives out information and directions and with Dazy is "a mobile petting zoo." Dazy receives a lot of attention from park visitors. If other riders are interested in joining the Posse or have trail issues please contact Christian at christian@cksmk.net.

Welcome to RBR Christian and thank you for providing this important PPD community outreach program in Pasadena's Hahamongna Watershed Park.

For those interested in joining the Mounted Volunteers of the Pasadena Police Department (the "Posse"), here are the current requirements:

- Riding skills, which will be assessed in the yearly certification process.
- Access to a horse and tack (ownership not required). The horse is also subject to the certification process.
- Completion of the department's Citizen's Police Academy (CPA). The next class starts on February 27.
- Completion of the CAPP (Citizens Assisting Pasadena Police) class, which includes several ride-alongs with regular patrol officers (there are efforts to do away with this requirement because it mostly involves patrols in cars).
- A background check.
- 30 hours of ride-alongs with volunteers of the Mounted Unit.

After the certification the volunteer is required to complete 8 hours of service a month and participate in unit meetings and training.

The Community Police Academy would probably be also interesting for other people who do not necessarily want to join the volunteers. **[Click here for more information!](#)**

NAME THAT BABY!

Can you guess who these adorable youngsters are?

(Answers on next page)



**CAN'T WAIT TO
BE TOGETHER
AGAIN: BUT
FOR NOW STAY
HOME & SAFE**



Answers: 1. Gunner 2. Hank 3. Nutkin 4. Bijou 5. Zoe