

Greetings from the President:

Hope all members and families had well deserved Holidays.

I would like to thank the Ashcroft's for hosting our GLHA Christmas Party. Those of us in attendance exchanged some very nice gifts. Ample food was shared as well as great Haflinger tales from past show seasons.

Few important informational items and reminders: Our annual meeting will take place February 13, 2010 at the Alaedon Township Hall starting at 11:30 a.m. with a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to pass and table service. Coffee and punch will be provided.

Chairperson(s) will be there to answer questions in regards to the upcoming Show and Futurity. They will have form/show bills for your viewing. If you have questions they can be addressed at the meeting. Colleen Crawford & Phil Six will have show and futurity class lists with classes that are in need of a sponsor; feel free to sign up for as many as you want.

Do not forget annual membership dues need to be paid (\$25) to Teri Ashcroft before you can vote. You can get an application from the web site and mail, or pay before the meeting.

It was also brought to our attention that anyone bringing a golf cart or any other off the road vehicle to the show, will need to provide a certificate of insurance for that vehicle. GLHA does not have coverage under our policy for their use at the show. Questions about this can be addressed to our Agent Brent Leininger.

Last but not least important, we are still looking for a Stallion/Gelding to represent the Haflinger Breed at the Stallion Expo in March. Feel free to contact me if you have interest.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. SEE YOU AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.....

Fran Reygaert

Teri Ashcroft shared this:

Christmas Party 2009.

The GLHA party was held on December 6 at the Ashcroft home. As usual, there was no shortage of good food. Gerry Fellows brought delicious homemade chicken soup. Ted Corey prepared a beautiful tray of deli meats and cheese and provided fresh rolls to go with them. There were other great dishes as well as desserts so no one left hungry. The White Elephant gift exchange was fun with plenty of great gifts and trading going on. A couple of items had several people interested in them so were put up for auction. Bob Crawford acted as auctioneer and \$123 was raised for GLHA. Everyone had a great time.

Phyllis and Dave Brugger sent this in to share:

We must be crazy folks to like to get out in the cold for a parade! We were told about an all horse drawn parade in Hamilton, Indiana, which is, located about 6 miles South of Angola. We made a connection with the parade marshal and he was happy to have us and got a sponsor for us! The sponsorship was \$150.00 for a three-mile

parade on November 28th. There were about 30 hitches in the parade and their aim is for 35. All of the wagons were beautifully decorated and lighted. Hamilton is a small town and you wonder where they got all the folks to sponsor so many hitches! Many homes were already decorated outside for the holiday event. Our sponsor's rode in our buggy along with their six month old Bernice Mountain dog, so Sherry and Ancel got to watch the parade! We all had a great time and then donated the money to the club for the show.

Two weeks later Dave still wasn't froze up so we loaded the horses and went to Blissfield, Michigan. We didn't decide to do that parade until we heard the last minute forecast! When we arrived the parade marshal said, "Good to see you here, our other folks cancelled and we had nobody to haul Santa"! That just made our day however we felt a bit of embarrassment when we went in the trailer and noticed we forgot the brushes, combs and black hoof! We went over to meet Santa and to our surprise Mrs. Claus was there too! With both of them on board we don't think anyone noticed what we had forgot. Santa and Mrs. Claus had donated their time, and we as well and proved to be one of the best gifts of the season.

One more from Phyllis and Dave!

Your show committee has been at work for months to get the show on the road for you! We hope you have already set the dates Wednesday August 25 and Thursday August 26 on your 2010 calendar. Online details of the class lists, entries and info are up and ready on our web site. We do have some available sponsorship if you would like to help out so please feel free to call one of us on the committee, email or catch us at the annual meeting February 13. We are expecting a great show this year along with plenty of fun and of course food! A cookout is in the air, fun auction, lots of camping. If you would like to help in some way we're sure we can find something you like to do, just let us know!

Matt & Tina Ladd, Colleen Crawford, Phyllis Brugger, Lisa Laroe, Fred Ashcroft

Member News:

Tom Watson passed away Sunday, January 10, 2010 from a heart attack. He and his wife, Linda have been members of GLHA for several years. They have operated a Pretty Pony Pastures Therapeutic Riding Facility for several years, using many Haflingers in their program. Memorial suggestions were the Detroit Zoological Society or any therapeutic riding program.

Also, please keep Carmen Wiggins in your thoughts as she is dealing with some health problems at this time.

Now a note from your Editor:

I just want to share a personal note from our Christmas. Our daughter Amanda is 100% horse crazy. One of the 4 items she shared with Santa that she really wanted him to bring her was a purple manure fork! You should have seen the look on poor Santa's face when she asked for that. He honestly couldn't believe it. He even did the quick double look at Mom to see if that was "ok" and I quickly shook my head Yes! Santa came thru and on Christmas morning a brand new shiny purple manure fork was waiting for her with a big red bow leaned up against the tree! She had one huge smile on her face when she saw that. She's a true helper when it's chore time. Definitely was not your usually 6yr. old request.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Membership renewals are due now! Please remember you must be paid before you can vote at the meeting. Renewal forms are attached.

We have a number of elected positions needing to be filled. Following are those running for the Board.

ROBERT SELF: I am a registered Architect and I have been involved with horses my entire life. We owned registered Morgans for 35 years and we have owned registered Haflingers for the past 6 years. We currently have 5 mares that we ride and drive on a nice collection of vehicles. I have been on a number of Board of Directors over my career. I would be willing to serve this organization. I would like to see our organization be more active in having day or weekend outings to trail ride, driving etc. If you have any questions that you would like me to address, please call me at 616-676-1588.

KIM SCHUT

MARK KUKAL

BRENT LEININGER

I presently live in Waldron Mi with my wife Holly and our three daughters, Katherine, Stephanie and Mackenzie. At present we own 9 Haflingers who spend their days out on pasture eating hay or grass and have been getting quite fat. I have been around Haflinger horses my entire lifetime and have helped out in GLHA functions as long as I can remember. I know our organization has been through difficult times recently with changes in our activities for fundraising and promotion of the Haflinger but I look forward to and believe a brighter day is ahead for GLHA. I hope that my business experience and relationships will help me if elected to the GLHA board as we work to promote the Haflinger. The last three years we haven't been as active in the Haflinger promotion and showing but are looking forward to getting back to this in the near future.

Running for President:

FRAN REYGAERT

Background: Retired after 35 years of teaching.

- : Have raised and had horses since I was 16 years old.
- : Member of the Armada Fair Board for 28 year and Treasurer for past 4.
- : Have run the Horse Department at the Fair for 28 year, 9 shows for 6 day run.
- : Have participated in the GLHA Shows and Futurity.
- : Have raised and bred Haflinger horses for awhile.
- : I feel that I can be of benefit to the future of the GLHA

Thanks for your support
Fran Reygaert

Running for Vice President:

PHIL SIX

If you are interested in being an elected official you can still run...just let Dave Brugger, pjbbof@sandcreektelco.com or 517-436-3019, know and then email or snail mail me your profile and I will make sure everyone has a copy of that at the meeting to read ahead of the vote.

Lisa LaRoe 8010 Gregory Road, Dexter, MI 48130 (laroe35@gmail.com)

Feb. 13, 2010 is our Annual Member Meeting. It's at the Alaiedon Twp Hall near Mason Michigan. Directions are enclosed. It starts at 11:30am sharp with a potluck lunch that always has lots of yummy food and for all to share and enjoy.

March 12-14, 2010 is the Stallion Expo at MSU. We do have a booth and stall this year but we are still in need of either a gelding or stallion Haflinger to represent us there. Please contact your President Fran Reygaert if you would be willing to help us out with a Haflinger.

August 25-26, 2010 is our **Open Haflinger Show and Futurity !** Show information is available on our website plus we will have the show forms already printed for you to take at the annual membership meeting in February.

I hope everyone reading this had a wonderful holiday and hope that the winter isn't being too harsh on your or your haffies this year!

Also...if anyone knows of some folks that breed Welsh Corgis I would appreciate their contact info. We plan on looking for a puppy within the next 6-12 months. We welcome any recommendations on where to find one that could become our next pet addition.

Stay warm and safe everyone and hope to see you in February at our annual meeting!

Lisa LaRoe