

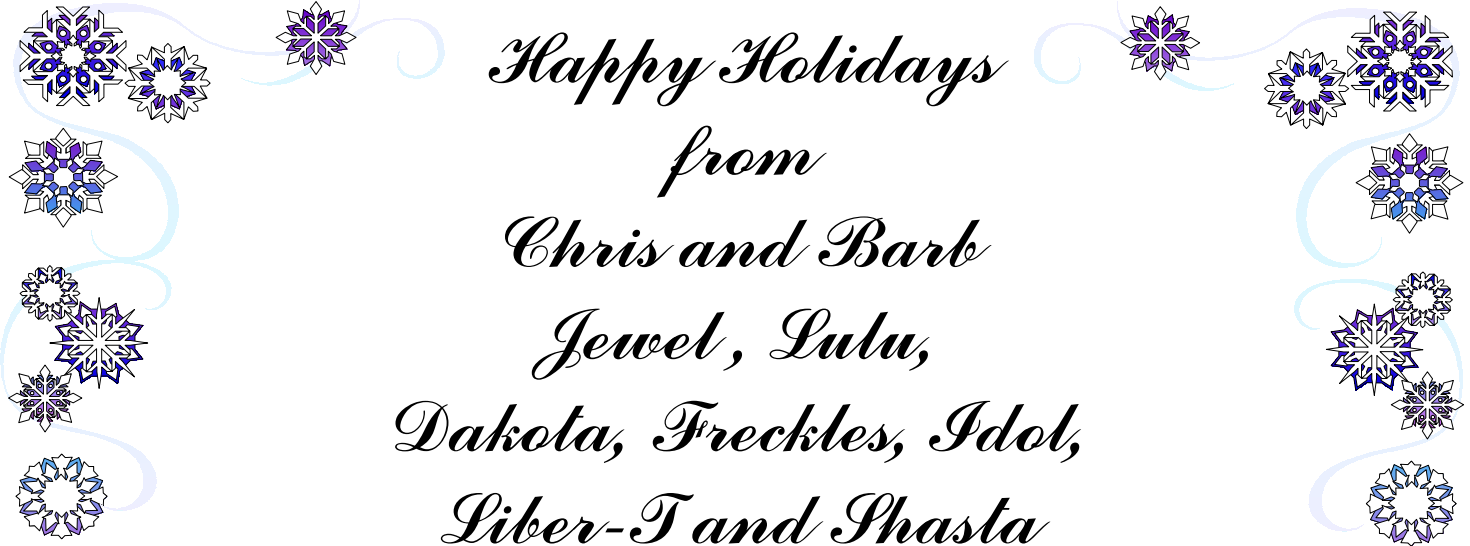


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December 2011



Happy Holidays
from
Chris and Barb
Jewel, Lulu,
Dakota, Freckles, Idol,
Liber-T and Phasta

Session 3 Classes will begin the week of January 8th

Thank You for Your Support

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Entertainment-Books, W&N Pouliot, R & B Ranch,
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Family, United Way, Watkins Family*

Evlyn Prucha Memorial

Chris' mother, who many of you have met, lost her lung cancer struggle on October 29, 2011 at 82 years young. This great lady supported our program since the beginning. Donations are being accepted for a scholarship in her name.

**Check your Seizure Knowledge
and Learn a few things**

www.getseizuresmart.org

Tax Deductions and Donations -

This year, consider making your year-end charitable donation to Stable Influence. Your gift directly helps people in **Our Community** who are in need of support.

Gift Ideas - Jam Gift Boxes - \$7 per 8 oz jar, Village Inn Pie Certificates for \$11 - Entertainment Books (until 12-13) for \$30. Call Chris at 623-465-0637 to purchase Jams, Pie Certificates or E-Books.

Volunteers - Your mileage can give you a cents-per-mile deduction. Check with your tax preparer for the exact amount you can deduct.

Remember - pick up an Albertsons Card - your purchases help our riders. Shopping on line? iGive.com e-Mall ships your packages for you, perhaps gives you a discount AND will send a donation to Stable Influence. Just search the iGive.com e-Mall and rack up donations for Stable Influence.

A Surprise Delivery

by Chloe Hammernik

It was approaching Christmas and classes were coming to an end for the holidays, so, Chris and Craig decided they were going to take a trip with the horses - - all the way up to the North Pole! So, they got an extra big trailer and loaded in all the horses. First was Zoom ZOOM, then Liber-T. Next came Diamond, then Downy. After them came Dakota, Freckles and Idol. Last but not least, little, old Shasta.

They drove and they drove for 10 days and 10 nights and arrived at Santa's Workshop on Christmas Eve night, right as the reindeer were supposed to leave. But something was wrong! It was stormy outside and all the reindeer were sick! Dasher had the measles, Dancer had the mumps; Prancer had the Flu, Vixen was blue; Comet broke his leg; Cupid bumped his head; Donner had a fever, and Blitzen was acting like a beaver. But worst of all, Rudolf's nose wouldn't glow!

Santa came out and when he saw all the horses, he begged Chris and Craig to let him use the horses to save Christmas. Of course, they said, "Yes". They took the horses out of the trailer and lined them up for Santa to see.

As he looked the horses over he said, "Downy and

Diamond will go in the back, they are strong. Zoom ZOOM and Liber-T will go in front of them, they will keep the pace. Next will be Dakota and Freckles, they are fast. Then will be Idol, she has spirit. And in the very front will be Shasta. She's just small enough to attach a red bulb on her nose to light the way."

With a whistle, Santa called his elves to rub magic flying dust on the horses so they could fly like the reindeer. A mighty laugh and Santa shouted, "On Downy, On Diamond, On Zoom ZOOM, On Liber-T, On Dakota, On Freckles, On Idol, On Shasta." Off they flew into the stormy night to save Christmas.

They delivered presents to Veronica, and Jordan, little Nicole, Gina, Jasmine, Michelle, Sidney, Chelbe, Georgie, Ian, Natalie, Mark, Cory, Matthew, Big Jess, Anna, Phillip, Katelyn, Brittany and all the other good little boys and girls in the entire world.

AND - - - listen close - - - you can still hear the jingle bells from Santa's sleigh flying over rooftops.

Merry Christmas to All - -

and to All a Good Night

EVERYONE CAN HELP STABLE INFLUENCE

NEED GROCERIES ???

Shopping On Line Helps Everyone

More and more people are taking advantage of this time-saving way to shop. If you do - and the convenience is well worth it - check out on-line malls iGive.com and see if your store is in their mall. Over 1000 stores participate. iGive.com even has a "shopping window" you can download to automatically see if your on-line store is in their mall. Just browsing can give Stable Influence donations. Total to date is \$326 - let's get this number up by shopping through iGive.com.

iGive.com - SICP Member ID 236967& Cause ID 17372

Stores such as J.C. Penney, PetsMart, Old Navy, Barnes and Noble, CD Now, Toys R Us, Amazon.com - even Expedia.com are in the mall now.

Arizona Federal Credit Union Community Partners - continues to support SICP by providing \$50 each year for members who volunteer 25 hours of time to SICP. We received \$4,650 since 1998.

United Way Campaign is again winding up. We are an official Designated Giving Program. Simply designate Stable Influence as your choice for donations on your sign-up form and United Way sends us almost all of your donation - \$9,760 since August 1998. Tell a Friend.

Albertson's Community Partners Program - continues to donate every quarter, but the numbers are going down. We need more shoppers, so spread the word and use our SICP Albertson's card everytime you shop. \$7,501 since August 1998. Shop either in person or on-line. Albertson's gives us up to 3% of your purchase. Show your **SICP ID Card** to your clerk each time you shop. **AND this works all over the country and in ACME, Jewel-Osco, Savon, Supersaver Foods, Shaws and of course Albertsons stores.** Send cards to your family and friends out of town and they can help us whenever they shop. Ask Chris or Barb for cards.

APS, Discovery Card, SafeLite Auto Glass, Boeing and ??? companies will provide grants to organizations their employees support. But you have to ask. In the past, APS sent us \$250 from a grant Marty Sonnenburg submitted. Motorola sent us \$150 to honor Kelly Daugherty for her hours of volunteer service.

Check with your company to see if they have or **would** set up similar programs to support our riders.

The Funding Factory - Lauren continues to collect ink cartridges and cell phones. She sends them to The Funding Factory who gives non-profits money. Using the **www.fundingfactory.com** website you can recycle yourself - Sign in is "**Stablein**", Password is "**horses**" our ID #**128071**. They supply shipping tags and promotion material. OR bring your old ink cartridges and cell phones to class and Lauren will take care of it for us.

ALL RIDERS AND VOLUNTEERS - WE NEED YOUR HELP

Some of you riders were waiting for cooler weather - it's here. Come on back. Help us keep our volunteers busy. We need more riders and are asking everyone to help us find them. Share your Equine Assisted Activities experiences and riding opportunities with your friends, therapists, doctors and help us fill the extra rider spaces in all our locations, especially in Gilbert. I don't know how many times I've talked to folks who said "I've been looking for a program like this for years." Help them find us by sharing.

There are people out there we can help, they just don't know how to find us. Spread the word.

Kids Cooking Dakota's Date Rolls

2 C Chopped Dates
1 Stick Butter

2 Eggs
1/2 C Sugar

6 to 8 C Rice Krispies (add very last)

Melt butter. Add dates. Cook slow. Add eggs, sugar, rice krispies. Mix well. Form into rolls. Wrap and chill in wax paper. When cool, roll in powdered sugar. Cut into slices and enjoy

STATE OF THE STABLE

Thanksgiving snuck up on us and it's Christmas time. Every year seems the calendar flashes by faster and faster. I wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season and a happy 2012.

Our fourteenth ride year has begun. Catching up with everyone after summer is always very fun. Classes began in September with less riders than were riding in May. I believe the economy is really hitting everyone very hard. We had only 19 riders start this year - to compare with 27 riders for 2010. Economic stresses and decreases in governmental aid are continuing to challenge our riders' ability to participate. Nationally, it is said that donations have actually gone up a bit, but requests for help are going up even faster. I hate to keep beating the drum - it's part of my job however - but we ask everyone to help locate sources of donations. Many small donations add up and will make a really big difference. This is very important if we are to continue to offer our classes. I don't want to raise rates to our riders, but will need to if donations do not make up the differences.

Our mission is to provide excellence in therapeutic riding and to keep the cost for that service at a reasonable rate. To meet that mission, our big challenge this year, over all, is to increase our rider roster and to increase our donation base, both of which have been falling the past years due to the increases we have all seen in cost of living expenses. I know of at least 15 riders we have lost just due to their rising expenses. So I'm pushing to get this accomplished.

This year has been particularly challenging for me personally. In September I needed emergency surgery to remove my gall bladder. Six weeks later in October, my lovely mother, Evlyn Prucha, lost her battle with lung cancer. I've been a bit distracted to say the least. A Scholarship in her name has been started thanks to her cousin Wayne Pouliot.

Officers - Our stable group (pun intended) of officers, Chris, Craig and Bob keep everything running smoothly.

Staff - Chris and Barb continue teaching. Barb does Thursday horse care/training and volunteer lessons in Gilbert. Currently, there are not enough riders to open Thursday classes. Chris does Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays in Gilbert, Cave Creek and Peoria respectively. Chris has Saturdays available to work horses and for volunteer lessons.

Fundraisers: We have 5 fundraisers going this fall - all are still in process, so join in if you can. The first - The Entertainment Book is organized by Lisa Parmenter and her mother Linda Grabau - word is more books have been sold to date this year than last. Thank you Parmenter Family. The second is Jamming for Charity by Kathy Labbe - she puts together great Christmas gift boxes (and you choose what flavors of jam you want). They sell for \$7 each 8 ounce jar with 4 making up a gift box. What a yummy gift to receive. Of course, if you just want Kathy's great jam or salsa, that too can be arranged. The third is - Village Inn Restaurant's Sweet Returns Pie Sales. Pie certificates can be purchased for \$11.00. Pie certificates are great gifts for neighbors, teachers, therapists and to just have around. Think of someone who would love a Village Inn Pie and pick up some coupons as gifts. The certificates do not have an expiration date and they work at any Village Inn or Baker's Square in the country. The fourth and fifth are thanks to Lauren - she's collecting all old cell phones and used ink or toner cartridges. Funding Factory- will give us a donation for turning them in. Wow, money for garbage - what a deal !!! AND Spare Change Jars. Just drop off that heavy spare change in one of our jars and we'll put it to good use. Everyone helps our fundraisers be successful. Thank you.

Do you have a great idea for a fundraisers? Let's get it going. Your support is needed and always welcome !!!

Donations - Thank you for your continued support - the Watkins family continues to support Freckles. Thank you to the Bell Family, Labbe Family, Parmenter Family and Towne Family for their fund raising efforts and donations.

Horse Show - The horse show this year will be our Fourteenth show on March 24 or 31. A new show committee chair is needed - HELP HELP - Lauren has done a wonderful job the past 3 years, but is very busy with student teaching and school responsibilities. The sub-committees are out there and waiting to get going but we need a

guiding hand. We showed at WestWorld last year and that is again available. Got to check with Chris Collman who donated the arena fees on the date to coordinate with his show. We are looking for donated items for the rider goodie bags and Silent Auction. Thanks again to Kathy Labbe and Rhonda Montalvo. Please talk to Chris or Barb to help.

Program - We kept fees for our 2011-2012 Ride Year at \$360 for a 6-week session, but with the decrease in our rider roster and increase in costs for insurance and horse care, that may need to go up in 2012. The discounted fees paid by our riders does not cover our costs - fundraising is paramount to make up the difference. We still offer discounts for payment in advance. Our classes at R & B Ranch, MaryAnn's Stable and Gehre Ranch are going well. The new arena at MaryAnn's Stable in Peoria (actually Glendale) is wonderful and we are receiving much support from MaryAnn's boarders. We have space for more riders. Thank you Brent and Nancy, Sue and MaryAnn for your support. Our program depends on the wonderful sites and support you give us. More volunteers in Cave Creek would be greatly appreciated - we are a bit short at times.

"FAN" us on Facebook and keep up on all the news. I'm trying to add items frequently. Join the fun and add your story for everyone to enjoy. Ask your friends to join in and let's get the conversation and donations going.

Horses - In Gilbert - Jewel and Lulu are doing very well and have really gotten into their jobs. Freckles, Idol and Liber-T are working in Cave Creek, Peoria and New River. Dakota is getting back into the swing after having foot problems this past summer and should be back soon. Shasta has retired after 25 years of working with our riders. She is doing well, but at almost 32, she has lost some teeth and because of that, some weight. A special diet is helping her put weight on; she may make surprise appearances here and there as rider needs require. Horse upkeep costs have increased a lot due to a 40% increase in hay costs this past summer. We are currently caring for 2 horses in Gilbert and 5 in New River.



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Donor Search

Every year we need to add to our Donor list and YOU have been chosen. More than ever we ask Everyone to **Find us ONE** - Many companies and people out there are looking to make a true difference in the lives of another. Sharing a story about Stable Influence and asking helps find those people and companies. Rider fees do not cover the cost of keeping our horses fed, insurance paid and lights on. Donations fill that gap. To keep our doors open, 40% or more of the cost of the program must be raised by fundraising and donations. We keep our costs down by not owning property and having such wonderful volunteers to help. Donations go directly to helping our riders.

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE

Sweet Return Village Inn Pie Certificates - \$11 --- **Jam Gift Boxes** - \$7 per 8-ounce Jar
Entertainment Book - \$30 (until December 13)

Join in and purchase great gifts for family, friends, teachers, and just for fun. Donation for Jam Gift Boxes, Entertainment Books and Pie Certificates are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. E-mail Chris at www.stableinfl@aol.com or call 623-465-0637 to place your orders. For Jamming for Charity orders, you can contact Kathy Labbe directly by e-mail at kmlabbe@cox.net or call her - 602-614-7735.

Mark Your Calendar - 2011-2012

December 25	Session 2 Break - Merry Christmas - No Class until week of January 8
January	Horse Show and Event Committee Meetings to be determined - Chairs NEEDED
January 8	Session 3 Classes Begin
February 29	Session 4 Classes Begin - no break due to horse show in March
February-March	Fourteenth Annual Horse Show - Sponsorships and Assistance Requested
March 24 or 31	Fourteenth Annual Horse Show
April 1	Session 4 break
April 8	Session 5 Classes Begin - 8-Week Session
May 27-June 2	Memorial Day Break
June 3	Session 6 Classes Begin - 8 Week Summer Session

YES, I WANT TO HELP STABLE INFLUENCE

ALL OF YOU play a major role in the continued success of SICP through your tax deductible contribution. **THANK YOU** - your support makes a **CRITICAL DIFFERENCE**. Helping in any way guarantees our riders will continue to benefit from the proven benefits of therapeutic riding and we will keep you informed about therapeutic riding events.

Sponsorship:

- _____ \$10 - Newsletter Sponsor
- _____ \$25-\$199 - Friend of Stable Influence
- _____ \$200 - \$499 - Supporter of Stable Influence
- _____ \$100 - Equipment Sponsor
- _____ \$_____ Other Donation
- _____ \$1,500 - Insurance Sponsor
- _____ \$_____ A monthly pledge contribution

Sponsorships for a Person with a Disability:

- _____ \$360 - Six Week Riding Session
- _____ \$2,730 - 42 Week Riding Session

Other:

- _____ \$250 - Adopt a Horse for a Month
- _____ \$3,000 - Adopt a Horse for a Year
- _____ \$25 - Horse Show Class Sponsor
- _____ \$50 - Horse Show Award Sponsor
- _____ \$100 - Horse Show Division Sponsor

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