



HORSE SENSE

December, 2008

Happy Holidays

from

Chris and Barb

Bria, Rio,

Brighty, Calico, Idol, Hershey,

Marmalade, Sierra and Phasta

Session 3 Classes will begin the week of January 4th

Thank You for Your Support

Calendar Designer

Albertsons Shoppers, Barbara Bell, Boeing ECF, Dawne Britney, Kristy Casper, Maggie Donovan, Terry Galen, Nancy and Brent Gehre, Holly Gilbey, Grabau Ice Cream Social, Sally Fosnight, Don and Edna Franklin, Patricia Harrington, William and Mary Harrington Fund, Alice LeZalla Memorial, Labbe Family, O'Neil Printing, R & B Ranch, Zeke Robinson, Sweet Returns Village Inn Pie Buyers, Towne Family, United Way, Watkins Family, Weissman Family Foundation

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President - Chris Hudson
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Tax Deductions and Donations -

Gift Ideas - 2009 Stable Influence Calendars for \$15 donation or Sweet Return Village Inn Pie Certificates for \$11 Donation - Call Chris at 623-465-0637 to purchase either Calendar or pie Certificates.

Volunteers - tally up your mileage coming and going - take a cents-per-mile deduction. Check with your tax preparer for the exact amount you can deduct.

Remember -sign up at Bashas or Albertsons where your purchases will help our riders. Shopping on line at iGive.com or ShopforCharityDay.com and they will ship your packages for you, perhaps give you a discount AND will give a donation to Stable Influence.

As you consider year-end charitable donations, please consider Stable Influence. Your gift helps people in **Our Community** who are in need of support.

EVERYONE CAN HELP STABLE INFLUENCE

Do You - - - Shop On Line ???

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 or ShopForCharityDay.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.

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

ShopForCharityDay.com - Log on and choose Stable Influence Charity Programs

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 \$3,800 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 - \$7,328 since August 1998. Tell a Friend.

Amenda Insurance Associates

If you are looking for insurance of any kind - call Robert Butler, a long time volunteer and supporter and see how he can help. Amenda Insurance Associates will donate a percentage of the premiums to Stable Influence.

480-284-6400

The Funding Factory

The Funding Factory recycles ink cartridges and cell phones and gives non-profits the money. Lauren has offered to administer this program. 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.

ATTENTION ALL RIDERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Help us increase our service in all locations by telling your friends of the successes you have seen and experienced. Help bring more riders in to ride and volunteers to help.

NEED GROCERIES ???

Albertson's and Bashas' both have programs to help charity organizations. Bashas' requires participants to renew their commitment to participate by giving their clerk our ID numbers each year. Now is the time.

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. \$6,825 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.

Bashas' Thanks a Million program donates 1% of your purchase and runs from September 1 to April 30. Our **Bashas number is 28962.**

APS, Motorola, 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 like to set up similar programs to support our riders.

--- cut and take when you shop ---

COMMUNITY PARTNERS NUMBERS

Renew now at your favorite store

ALBERTSON'S - Ask us for a Shopper's Card

BASHAS' 28962

REMEMBER -
IF YOU SHOP ON LINE
and NO MATTER WHAT STORE

Please . . . SHOP THROUGH
iGive.com or ShopforCharityDay.com

The stores in these malls give Stable Influence a
portion of what you buy.

Color and Number Puzzle

Find the words for colors and numbers in the puzzle. Draw circles around the words. The words can go across or up and down.

T	A	R	G	Z
F	O	U	R	T
B	L	U	E	H
R	E	D	E	R
O	I	O	N	E
N	I	N	E	E
T	E	N	O	B

Donor Search

Everyone can **Find us ONE** - There are companies and people out there who are looking to make a difference in the lives of another. Share a story about Stable Influence Charity Programs and find someone or some company who wants to help to keep our riders riding. 40% of the cost of the program must be raised by fundraisers and donations from the community. We keep our costs down by not owning property. Donations go directly to helping our riders.

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

STATE OF THE STABLE

Wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season and happy 2009.

Our Eleventh Ride Year began this August. September classes began with 30 riders and everyone was glad to get back in the saddle. Economic stresses have caused our rider numbers to decrease.

Officers - No changes here, Chris, Craig and Bob continue to keep everything running smoothly. I am glad to say thank you for your prayers - Bob is fast recovering from major health challenges this year but is "back in the saddle" and getting stronger every day.

Staff - Chris continues as head instructor. Barb is teaching Thursdays in Gilbert.

Fundraisers: We had 4 fundraisers this fall. The first - Grabau Ice Cream Social gave us \$1473. The second was "collect your Loose Change". Lauren organized it and so far we have counted \$195 with more yet to count. The third and fourth are still going- Village Inn Restaurant's Sweet Returns Pie Sales. We have certificates for pies for sale at \$11.00. Everyone who buys a certificate gets to claim the entire \$11.00 as a donation - SICIP pays for each certificate and we keep the difference. Pie sales are a bit slow - only 81 so far and we were at 200 last year. So get call for your certificate and enjoy a delicious Village Inn pie. Certificates do not have an expiration date and work at any Village Inn or Baker's Square in the country. Promotion will continue until mid-December. The fourth is again thanks to Lauren - we're collecting all old cell phones and used ink or toner cartridges. Funding Factory- will give us a donation for turning them in. Hey money for garbage - what a deal !!!

AND - - thanks to O'Neil Printing and the Ferrari-Gehre Family we have a 2009 Stable Influence Calendar for sale. The calendar showcases our wonderful horses and is for sale for \$15 - plus mailing if necessary. Thank you to everyone who has helped our fundraisers be successful.

Anyone can. Have an idea for a fund raiser to help our riders continue to ride? Let's get it going. WE NEED YOUR IDEAS AND SUPPORT !!!

Donations - Thank you for your continued support - the Watkins family for supporting Calico and Patricia Harrington for supporting Brighty and Karolyna. Alice LeZalla Memorial donated \$1575, Dawne Britney. \$4,000 donation was received from the Weissman Family Foundation and \$5,000 was received from the William and Mary Harrington Fund. Thank you ALL who are listed in our Donations Section - we truly appreciate your generous gifts.

Horse Show - The horse show this year will be our Eleventh show. Lauren and Kelly want to be our Show Committee Chairs - Thank You. The sub-committees are in coming together - want to help? March 28 has been set, but the location needs to be confirmed (Kristy's Corral again? ?- we hope) or another location if anyone knows of one. People have already donated items for the rider goodie bags. Another silent auction ??? Please talk to Chris or Barb if you are interested in helping out.

Program - Costs for our 2008-2009 Ride Year increased to \$330 for a 6-week session. Discounts are provided for most by paying in advance. Our classes at R & B Ranch, Kristy's Corral, and Gehre Ranch are going well, although more riders in Gilbert will be welcomed. Thank you Brent and Nancy, Sue and Mike, and Kristy Bob and Sherry for your support. We could not have the program we have without the wonderful sites you give us. AND continuing prayers for Mike at R & B Ranch who is recovering from cancer treatment. Keep on beating it.

Horses - In Gilbert - Rio and Bria are doing well. Brighty, Calico, Idol, Marmalade, Shasta, and Sierra are working in Cave Creek, Peoria and New River as needed. We just played with a new horse, Hershey a Rocky Mountain Horse owned by Lori Ortega in Peoria. He's going to do just fine and worked with 3 riders his first time out. Lulu,

is still hanging out at TamDen Acres in Peoria with Tamara Beebe. Both Jewel and Karolina are at Bob Stapleton's doing work on the trail with Bob, Sally and Dawne. Calico's arthritic knee is beginning to give her trouble and she may be looking at retirement in the not so distance future.

Horse upkeep costs increased dramatically with the hike in fuel costs when hay was being grown and harvested which forced us to increase our rider fees this year. We are currently caring for 1 horse in Gilbert and 5 in New River.

Chris

Kids Cooking

Idol's Nutty Baked Apples

4 medium apples
1/2 cup chopped walnuts or almonds

1/4 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 tablespoon butter

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a baking sheet with oil. Combine the nuts, sugar, vanilla and butter. Set aside.

Cut the apples in half longwise. Scoop out the seeds and core. Cut a small section from the round part so the apple part does not roll. Put the nut mixture in the apple centers. Put the apples on the baking sheet.

Bake until the apples are soft and golden, 35-45 minutes

Makes 8 servings

The Animals' Musical

by Patricia Harrington

The horses in the program had a week off before the next session of Stable Influence started. Calico, Shasta and Brighty found sunny spots in the corral and took naps.

Idol and Zoom tapped their hooves and chased each other around in circles.

"Enough!" Liber-T grumbled. She called to Marmalade. "What can we do to keep these young ones busy?"

Marmalade declared the animals could put on a musical.

"What's that?" asked Zoom.

"You each do an act for the rest of us," Liber-T said.

"Like what?" asked Zoom.

"Anything you want to do," Liber-T sighed with relief. "Now go practice."

For three days, the horses put their heads together and did fancy steps in the corners.

On the fourth day, Liber-T called them all together. "I'll be the announcer. Let's go on with the show! Who wants to be first?"

"Me, me, me!" said Zoom.

"Okay, what will you do?" asked Calico.

"I have a poem to say." And he did.

"Now I lay me down to sleep.
When Santa comes, I won't peek.
If I keep quiet without talking,
In the morning
I'll see what he put in my stocking."

The horses laughed and stamped their feet in place of clapping.

"Very good," said Liber-T. "And now we have the three paints, Calico, Sierra and Brighty doing. . . 'The Texas two-step,'" said Calico.

And the three spotted horses sashayed back and forth with some nice crossover footwork that made the other horses stamp their hooves.

Then Marmalade stepped up. "My assistant Shasta and I will do a magic trick."

Shasta pushed her black grain tub into the middle of the corral. "One, two, three. . . Shazam!" said Marmalade and tapped the tub three times with her hoof. Out jumped a bunny rabbit and the horses cheered.

The horses formed a circle and sang all together to end the show.

**"We wish you a merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!"**

Mark Your Calendar - 2008-2009

December 20	Session 2 Break - Merry Christmas - No Class until week of January 4
January	Horse Show and Event Committee Meetings to be determined - Chairs NEEDED
January 4	Session 3 Classes Begin
February 14	Session 4 Classes Begin - no break due to horse show in March
February-March	Eleventh Annual Horse Show - Sponsorships and Assistance Requested
March 28	Eleventh Annual Horse Show
March 29	Session 4 break
April 6	Session 5 Classes Begin
May 24-30	Memorial Day Break
June 1	Session 6 Classes Begin - 8 Week Summer Session

2009 Stable Influence Calendars - \$15
Sweet Return Village Inn Pie Certificates - \$11

Join in and purchase great gifts for family, friends, teachers, and just for fun. Donation for Calendars 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 order.

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
- \$50 - ??? Horse Trailer Sponsor

Sponsorships for a Person with a Disability:

- \$330 - Six Week Riding Session
- \$2,310 - 42 Week Riding Session

Other:

- \$200 - Adopt a Horse for a Month
- \$2,400 - Adopt a Horse for a Year
- \$25 - Horse Show Class Sponsor
- \$75 - Horse Show Division Sponsor

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