



Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd.

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Quarterly Newsletter

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20th Anniversary Poker Ride In memory of Andee DeMoss Rogers

Technically, I suppose, the very successful GERL fundraiser event held at Dawson Forest on March 5th. was the Twentieth Annual GERL Poker Ride, but during the planning, it officially became “The Andee Ride” to all of us who knew and loved Andee DeMoss Rogers.

She passed away on February 7, 2015 while preparing to enjoy trail riding on a beautiful early spring day with dear friends. Her passing was exactly as she would have planned it. Her loss is heavily

felt, not only by her family, friends, and GERL, but by a large part of the horse community in Georgia.

From the very beginning, Mr. Ray Ziebell let it be known that he wanted to take on the planning and execution of Andee’s Ride. He joined all at GERL in strongly wanting it to be a fitting tribute to our friend. As will sometimes happen, Ray’s best laid plans were foiled TWICE by the weather. The original date for the ride was cancelled at the last minute due to wide-

spread, heavy snow in Dawson County. The Dawson Forest trails suffered muddy conditions and multiple downed trees. The “rain check” date also had to be cancelled, of all things, due to RAIN! It would seem that the third time is, indeed, the charm.



Ray wisely engaged the help of Amy Cox who is well known as an energetic “giterdone” kind of gal. Together they began setting goals for the event which included a menu which would exceed the traditionally out-

standing lunch at the GERL Poker Ride.

Ray spent three days making a HUGE pot of chili which was absolutely yummy. Amy baked 120 potatoes, had every kind of topping imaginable for both the potatoes and the chili, presented a huge selection of fresh salad fixin’s, and baked three beautiful, delicious, and all different sheet cakes. Goal number one was definitely accomplished!

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ADULTS: \$15.00

CHILDREN: \$8.00

(12 AND UNDER)

FIRST PLACE \$2000.00

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Puttin' On The Feed Bag Recipes

Mexican Pizza



Directions

Preheat the oven to 350°. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment, Silpat, or foil and spray with non-stick cooking spray.

In a large skillet, cook beef, onion and garlic over medium-high heat until beef is browned and onion is tender. Drain grease. Stir in chili powder, cumin, salt, pepper, and cayenne.

Place two tortillas side by side on baking sheet, and cover with a layer of refried beans. Scatter half of the seasoned ground beef over each tortilla, and then cover with a second tortilla. Bake 10 minutes.

Remove the baking sheet from the oven. Spread salsa on top of each top tortilla stack. Top with cheeses, tomatoes, green onions, and jalapenos.

Return the pizzas to the oven, and bake for 5 to 10 more minutes, until the cheese is melted.

Remove from the oven, and let cool slightly before slicing each one into 4 pieces.

- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 1/1 cup diced onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- dash cayenne powder
- 1 (16 ounce) can refried beans
- 4 (10 inch) flour tortillas
- 1/2 cup salsa
- 2 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 8 grape tomatoes, diced
- 1/4 cup finely chopped jalapeno peppers
- 1/4 cup sour cream (optional)

2016 GERL Calendar of Events - *Mark Your Calendars!*

April 9th / 10th

8th Bulldog Classic Horse Show

|April 23th

GERL Spring Trail Ride
Mingo Trails, Toombsboro, GA

May 7th

Gene Ensminger Memorial Ride
Round Oak, GA

July 17th

GERL Polo Match
Chukkar Farm, Milton, GA

September 24th

GERL Rescue Challenge
UGA Livestock Arena, Athens, GA

November 12th

GERL Stallion to Gelding Castration Day
Various clinics all over Georgia

December 10th

GERL Christmas Party
Bethlehem, GA

Mark your calendars so that you don't miss any of these wonderful events that will benefit GERL. It's a guaranteed great time, a benefit for a wonderful cause and a way to see old friends and meet new friends!

Visit our website to download flyers and directions to some of these events.

LET ME SAY THIS ... ABOUT THAT

By Patty Livingston, President



Recently, I received a phone call from a young girl who was part of a group of others located in Georgia who were trying to raise money to buy three donkeys that were located in a “kill pen” in Texas. She said that they had raised enough money to buy two of them, but didn’t have enough to purchase the third. She pleaded for anything that GERL might be able to give to help them buy the donkey.

After a long pause, I asked her “What about all of the others?” “You will save 3, but there will be 3 more to take their place very quickly”. The numbers will never stop because we have too many equine in our country and the market is saturated to the point that equine values are at an all-time low. It broke my heart to say “No” to her. I then explained that GERL is approaching the problem in a different, more methodical way through our “Get Well” plan. I have written and spoken about the plan many times so I won’t go into the details here but if you are interested in more information, go to www.gerltd.org. A link in the top left hand corner of the home page will take you to the “Get Well Plan”.

After briefly outlining the plan, I told her about an article that I read in the Minnesota Hooved Animal Rescue Foundation (MHARF) newsletter which was entitled “Addressing the Core Issues Behind the Number of Unwanted Horses in the U.S.” The article stated, and I quote “The main thing equine advocates need to do is to address the issue of equine overpopulation in this country.” It was that article that inspired my thinking about the core problem which then led to my earnestly seeking a sensible solution. My thoughts led directly to the “GERL Get Well Plan”. The plan amounts to much more than just a band aid on a hemorrhage. My plan is not an overnight fix. It will take time but GERL “gets it”. We are making progress

through our two Castration Programs as well as our intense efforts to persuade those who would breed a horse to carefully consider the future of the resulting foal. How will it receive the training needed to insure usefulness and desirability?

It is indeed, extremely sad to realize that buying a horse out of a kill pen to save that one particular horse, sustains the market and leads to continued irresponsible breeding. Of course, there have been incidences of outstanding horses which were saved from “kill pen” situations but they are comparatively few. Most end up with people who can not afford, or are not willing to provide proper care. The horse is right back where it started, if not worse.

And let me say this, about that....GERL often receives calls from people who have “rescued” a horse and who are now asking GERL to rescue THEM by taking the horse! Ummmmm. No. That’s not how it should work, even though that is how it does sometimes work. We try very hard not to “enable” these “rescuers”. We are not enablers. We expect that people who rescue a horse should do so based on THEIR ability to care for it unless they have a pre-arranged agreement for someone to help them. Rescuing a horse is not a decision made on impulse.

I do have empathy for people who live in states which border Canada and Mexico where there are still “kill pens”. I suppose that equine advocates in those parts of the country deal with even more plentiful and stressful situations than those we typically deal with here in Georgia.

The sad thing that the horses in kill pens have in common is that they are “unwanted” by their owners and are disposed of like they were trash. This is unacceptable. GERL realizes that the problem must be addressed from the ground up and we are starting by encouraging horse owners to castrate their stallions and resist breeding their mares if they have no plan for the foal. Un-fortunately, GERL is one of the few equine rescues in the entire country, which offers a castration program to the public. And, honestly, until we start seeing more such programs offered, we are going to have to live with the plight of the unwanted horse in many back yards.



Happy Trails

by CeCe Calli

What a wonderful start to 2016, our GERL foster horses have had.....

“Johnny Reb” one of the great horses participating in our 2016 GERL Rescue Challenge, has found his forever home with Steve and Teena Newman. Kylie Small did such a great job with Johnny and will miss him dearly, but the Newman’s have a guest room ready for Kylie when she comes for a visit.

“China Doll”, a 2015 Rescue Challenge alum, has also found a perfect place to hang her halter! She is now the best thing in Anna Grace's life. Anna Grace has chosen a new show name for China. She will be called “My GERL”. How cool is that?!

Peaches, the winner of the 2016 GERL Rescue Challenge has also found a perfect partner in young Nathan. This is truly a win/win for both Peaches and Nathan. Elaina Schmersey, Peach’s over the top, great trainer who brought this, once skinny little mare to center stage, is very happy with the connection Nathan and Peaches have made.

“Holly”, a bay mare from the 2015 GERL Rescue Challenge, will be a barn mate of Peaches. Holly was given such a great foundation by her trainer Lee Ann

Gilson that Grace, Nathan's mom, thought that she would fit right into their program.

Additionally, Buster also found a new partner in Nancy Faulconer. I had asked Nancy to foster him and let me know what she thought of him. What she thought was that she had to have him! He is now known as Bodacious and is living up to his name.

I am also happy to give a great report on foster gelding, Justice. After suffering a serious impaction colic and having to be rushed to Auburn University Vet School for treatment, Justice is now with Nancy and Jordan Falconer where he can recuperate and perhaps even receive some training.

GERL posted a plea on Facebook for funds to pay for the treatment Justice received at Auburn. The response was very heartwarming. Amazing how working together can make most anything happen!

A very special thanks must go to Patty Livingston who dropped whatever she was doing to hook up her trailer and transport Justice for emergency treatment. She returned to Auburn a week later to transport him to his new foster home.

Update on GERL’s Kroger Plus Community Rewards Program and Amazon Smiles

DID YOU REMEMBER TO RE-ENROLL GERL AS YOUR CHOSEN CHARITY IN THE KROGER PLUS PROGRAM?

For the first quarter of 2016 The Georgia Equine Rescue League has received \$104.34 from the Kroger Plus Program. That is compared to \$144.86 in 2015. As you can see, there is a bit of a downward trend. Many people may not be aware that you must re-enroll in your chosen charity each year. Your selection ended at the end of September and you must select your charity again. Please go to <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com> to enroll or re-enroll GERL as your chosen charity. If you have not chosen GERL as your charity in the past, please consider supporting GERL through this program. The Kroger Community Rewards Program is an easy way for you to support GERL. All you have to do is go to <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com> and link your Kroger Plus card to Georgia Equine Rescue League. This does not affect the shopping rewards that you receive through the program.

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING GERL THROUGH THE AMAZON SMILES PROGRAM.

For the first quarter of 2016, we received \$ 111.44 from this program. This is double what we received at this time last year, so it looks like more and more of you are supporting GERL through this program. We thank you so much for your support. If you shop on Amazon through their Amazon Smiles program, 0.5% of your purchase is donated to GERL. In order to support GERL through the Amazon Smiles program, all you have to do is go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-2080606> and choose Georgia Equine Rescue League as your charity. You also have to begin shopping via that link in order for your purchases to be credited toward GERL. What a great way to support a great cause without spending any of your own money.

You can find links to both of these programs on the GERL website at <http://www.gerlltd.org>. Our thanks go out to all of you who have chosen to support GERL through these programs.

GERL Annual Meeting

By Patty Livingston

A relatively small crowd of folks showed up for the Georgia Equine Rescue League's Annual Meeting held at the Lion's Club in Winder, on Saturday, Jan., 16th. Thankfully, Bob Long had gotten there early to open up the building and turn on the heat before everybody started arriving. He does this task for us every year and we really appreciate him when we walk into a nice warm room. Sue Wrensen and LaVon Kern also got there early to set up the flea market, annual horse blanket sale as well as the silent auction. These are things that help GERL pick up some extra money and the effort is always appreciated.

Everybody brought a covered dish and we enjoyed the best food in Georgia! Our guest speaker was Dr. Rebecca Gimenez, CEO of TLAER (Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue). She gave a very interesting speech/training session on barn fires and barn safety. Rebecca is a very entertaining speaker and really knows her stuff. She provided the crowd with a lot of great suggestions for safeguarding barns from fire. Special emphasis was placed on discouraging hay storage in the same building where horses are housed and insuring safe electrical wiring. She also strongly recommends discontinuing the use of cheap box fans in barns. These have been the cause of many barn fires.

We also had another guest speaker who spoke to the group about rain-rot and how best to treat it. Kathy Anderson, owner of Equine Safety Zone, LLC., provided information about a product called "Resolve" used to treat rain rot and other skin disorders. Kathy graciously shared samples of her product for GERL's foster homes.

The winner of the Marty Paulk GERL Cheerleader Award was Linda Kundell! Congratulations to Linda on winning this prestigious award and thank you for your tremendous support for GERL.

Of course, the usual business and reports of 2015's successes were given.

Now on to 2016!



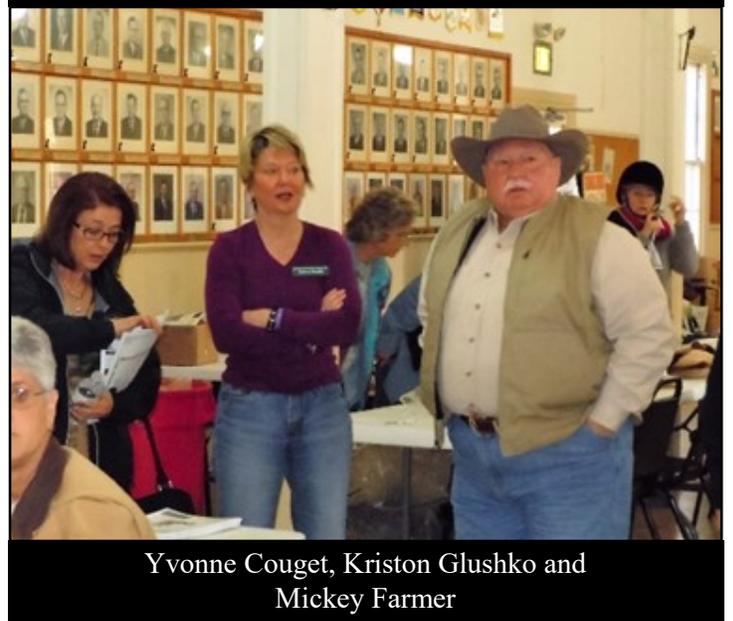
Everybody enjoying lunch



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Our guest speaker, Rebecca Gimenez, President and CEO of TLAER.



Yvonne Couget, Kriston Glushko and Mickey Farmer

20th Anniversary Poker Ride

In memory of Andee DeMoss Rogers

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Because the weather was perfect for horseback riding and outdoor activities on the eventual day of “The Andee Ride”, the Andee DeMoss Rogers Memorial GERL Poker Ride was well attended and ended up being a very suitable tribute to our Andee. Many of the attendees had known Andee for a long time and her name was mentioned multiple times during the day. It was sad to note that her, always smiling, face was missing from those leaving camp to travel the red trail



Poker Ride participants riding out

which traditionally begins the day’s activities. As I looked around at everyone enjoying their horses, each other, and the numerous events of the day, I hoped that they realized how much impact Andee had made on equine welfare in our state. Suffice it to say that her contribution was significant and deeply appreciated. I thought that GERL President, Patty Livingston did a great job of conveying that information in her short vocal tribute to Andee during the presentation of awards near the end of the day.

Early on, Ray Ziebell expressed his desire for the Andee Ride to stand apart from the nineteen previous GERL Poker Rides and it certainly did just that. He purchased a beautiful, handmade, wooden saddle rack to be awarded in a fund raiser raffle. It was eventually won by Art Schwab who was, as anyone would be, thrilled.

Then Ray introduced everyone to “horse apple bingo” which turned out to be quite a bit of fun. Two horses were corralled in a pen marked off with chalk, into multiple squares. Chances were purchased from a numbered grid for \$5 each (or five chances for \$20) and whichever square in which the first horse “pooped”, the

person who bought that square, would win \$100. As it turned out, it took FOREVER for either horse “to get the urge”. In the end, it was Dorothy Thomas who won the money and, what do you think? She donated the \$100 prize back to GERL!

There was also a 50/50 raffle which paid sixty something dollars and the winner gave half of that money back to GERL! Congratulations to Lisa Sylvia who was the lucky winner of the Poker Hand.



Ivy – too much cuteness!



A special banner for Andee Rogers greeted participants.

Amy Cox had arranged for a local group of musicians and singers to join together and provide entertainment and background music during much of the day’s fun activities. They were not a regular, organized band but they were all acquainted with each other and did a great job as they came together for this fun event sponsoring the work of GERL and in honor of a great lady.

Huge thanks to those who worked so hard to organize this event and prepare for its great success. Special thanks to the volunteers who showed up to help, many of which were “first timers” who worked very hard, never wanting or expecting to be singled out for recognition. That is how it is with this organization. We just want to help horses!



Art Schwab was winner of the saddle rack

20th Anniversary Poker Ride

In memory of Andee DeMoss Rogers



Participants threw darts for their last card



Lisa Sylvia had the best hand and was the winner!



Registration was a busy place!



We had a live band!



Ray Ziebell, Event Co-Chair of Poker Ride



We had some awesome volunteers!

GERL ADOPTABLES

For adoption fees and additional information, please contact CeCe Calli, Adoption Coordinator. (706) 376-2410 / adopt@gerlltd.org



Bailey is a 15 hh 3-4 year old Bay Grade Filly. She spent her first year in a halter tied to a rope and the next couple of years with just the rope tied around her neck. Bailey is learning how to be a horse. She stands like a lady for her grooming and baths allow her hooves to be picked and brushed, she even likes to be fly sprayed. Bailey is learning how to lead in hand. She loves peppermints and carrots. This girl is going to be stunning and most likely top out at 15.2 hh or better. If you are looking for a young fresh horse with no bad habits this is your girl.



Ethyl is a 3 year old beautiful little Pinto mare. Ethyl was trained by Joyce Lewis and came in 2nd in the Rescue Challenge event. She has been exposed to de-spooking, trailering and eventing during her 120 days in training. She requires an experienced and patient partner. Her ground work is great.



Bella is a 15ish year old 15hh Sorrel Grade mare. Bella came to GERL from Gwinnett County Animal Control with a body score of one and a real bad case of rain rot. Bella's is a tragic story of people trying to help horses but then they get in way over their heads. Bella is a sweet and gentle mare to be around. We have not tried to saddle her. She has an old injury to her ribs that the vet says is not a problem and is well healed, She also has a lesion on her eye that also dose not bother her or require any medication. Bella would make a wonderful pasture pal as she is a middle of the pack kind of girl.



Lucy is a 10-year-old Grade sorrel mare. She still needs to gain some weight. Her riding status has not been evaluated at this time. More updates to come!



Cooper & Ransom. These beauties are looking for a forever partner. They are both in the very early 20's and very healthy! Ransom has been a great trail horse but we have not tested him out. Copper is a sweet boy who again we haven't had a leg over. They would be wonderful pasture pals. Cooper on the right and Ransom on the left! And no they don't have to be adopted as a team.



Dudley is a 14+hh Palomino 7ish year old soon to be gelding. Dudley was found just wandering the streets of Fulton County. He's a bit shy but he is realizing all people don't hurt you. Dudley will be gelded as soon as his body weight allows. This is one beautiful boy. As soon as his weight is right we will see what his manners are under saddle.



Justice is a 2-3-year-old Grade bay gelding. He is a sweet boy and his skills are still being evaluated.



Please visit our website for the most up to date list of adoptable horses. www.gerlltd.org

Education Plans in 2016

by Sue Vetsch, GERL Education Coordinator

On May 18, 2016, we will once again be hosting a Multi County Training for Police and Animal Control officers. We were thrilled to be offered the Cobb County Public Safety and Animal Control buildings in which to present this training. After a visit to see the facility, I was extremely impressed. If you live in Cobb County, you really should go over and check it out. The children of Cobb get to go through the buildings two times while in the elementary program. Cobb also has its own barn built for any large farm animals they may take in. Detective Stephen Hammond is rolling out the red carpet for GERL and helping us with this meeting. I will be looking for volunteers to help us with the food on that day. Not only do we offer 6 POST credit hours to the officers who attend the meeting, but we provide breakfast and lunch. We may have the largest group we have ever hosted at one of these trainings, so I am going to need lots of help on the food end. The trade off is that you get to listen to the training our officers receive. Anyone interested in helping equine, as all the members of GERL are, would enjoy learning from this training. If you would like to help, please email me at suevetch@gmail.com. Please mention that you would like to help with the May 18th. MCM.

Also, I will be looking for donations of used halters and lead ropes. We try to send a halter and lead rope home with many of the officers attending. During the horse handling part of the training they learn how to properly approach, halter, and lead a horse. Many of them have never even been close to a horse!

On December 1, 2016, we will be hosting our second such training in Macon. We are trying to get as many officers from South Georgia as possible to attend this meeting. Since our presenters donate their time and travel to do the program for us, we cannot ask them to drive further south than Macon. We have a great building to use there as well. We are blessed that Happy Wyatt with "Georgia Grown", rolls the red carpet out for us as well. So, if you are close to that area and want to volunteer to help with the food in December, we welcome your help.

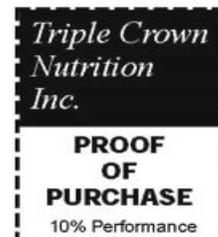
I am truly looking forward to 2016 and what we can do with this great program. I hope that if you have never volunteered to help in any of the things GERL does that you will choose to reach out and help at one of these great teaching events. I am only a phone call away if you have questions or you may send me an email and I will get right back to you. Hope to see you in May or December. You will learn so much from it.

Update on GERL Southern States Proof of Purchase (POP) Program

Every quarter, there is an area of the newsletter that tells you that we participate in the Southern States Proof of Purchase Program. I thought that you might like to know the financial results for 2015. Because you took the time to mail in your POP's, GERL received \$1,030 in 2015. That can buy a lot of feed and hay for lots of horses. My sincere thanks to those of you who took the time to put those POP's in the mail.

For those of you who are not aware of this program, it is very easy to participate. Simply save the POP's from your Southern States feed bags and mail them to Ginny Scarritt, 4835 Kendall Court, Atlanta, GA 30342. Ginny will collect them and send them to Southern States.

My thanks to Ginny for handling this for GERL. Many years ago, she approached the GERL leadership team and suggested that we get involved with this program and volunteered to coordinate it. As a result, GERL has received \$9,355 since 2009!



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The Story of Justice

By Patty Livingston

Recently, we agreed to take in four horses from the Georgia Department of Agriculture Equine program. These four horses had all been in the State's Equine Program for a long period of time, had been offered for sale in at least one of their auctions, but did not sell. Since the "GERL Get Well Plan" specifically points out the fact that the GDA program is designed to be a "revolving door", these horses needed to move on. We were promoting them on the GERL Facebook page and had found homes for a couple of them, already. One of them was Justice and he was scheduled to go to his new home on a foster basis at the end of the week.

However, prior to moving day, Justice started showing signs of colic. A vet was called and among other things, he was tubed



with mineral oil to help break up the impaction. The next day we received an emergency call from Jessie at the Mansfield barn saying he was still impacted and needed to be hospitalized. Of course GERL gave the

authorization for the necessary funds to be spent to save Justice and Jessie transported him to Countryside Animal Hospital in Jersey, since the UGA Vet School was closed due to quarantine. We immediately reached out via Facebook to see if any of our supporters would like to donate to his cause, and from there we were reporting his daily progress to our followers.

Justice was immediately hooked up to IVs and was made comfortable for the remainder of the day and night. We were hoping to see some improvement with the impaction by the end of the next day, but it was still hard and very large. When the vet finally started to see signs that the mineral oil was passing through his intestine, they decided that Justice could go home. It was a Sunday and Jessie was on vacation for the next 3 days, so she asked if I would go to Countryside and pick him up and take him back to the Mansfield barn where his stall would be waiting.

I drove to Countryside to pick him up around 11:00 a.m. and the vet reiterated that he needed to be watched closely because he still had the impaction, but with time she felt it would start to break up. She ordered a wet mash meal for him. I loaded him on my trailer and headed for the Impound which was about 30 minutes away. I wasn't feeling good about taking him to Mansfield and leaving him with an impaction because I knew that after the volunteers were finished feeding that evening, there would be nobody around. When I arrived, I discussed the situation with Nancy Bogardts, one of the very experienced volunteers. She also didn't feel good about Justice being left in a stall by himself. Between the two of us, we decided that Justice needed to go back home with me so that he could be watched. I got back in my truck and drove to Bethlehem.

When I arrived home, I unloaded Justice and he immediately dropped his head and started grazing in the nice green grass in

my yard. I took this as a positive sign. I let my Mini, Garth Brooks, out of his pasture to join Justice in the yard. They seemed to remember each other from the Impound and enjoyed running up and down my driveway together. I was very pleased to see Justice feeling so perky. Unfortunately, it was not to last long. Three hours later, Justice started laying down and rolling. His head went down and I could see that he didn't feel good.



Justice with Garth Brooks

I immediately called my vet and described the situation. Since she was the vet who had originally treated him when he started to colic, she was somewhat familiar. She suggested that I give him a shot of Banamine and transport him to Auburn University Vet school for treatment, otherwise, she didn't think his chances of getting better were good. By this time, it was 3:00 on Sunday afternoon (Valentine's Day). I looked up the number for Auburn Vet Large Animal Teaching Hospital and immediately gave them a call. They suggested that I transport him to their facility right away. It looked like Justice was going to be my Valentine this year!

The Banamine had started to kick in and Justice seemed comfortable. I printed out directions to their facility, loaded Justice and was headed to Alabama within an hour. They had me call when I was 30 minutes away from their facility so that they would have everybody waiting for him. They were very organized and before long, Justice had a whole team of students and doctors gathered around him, assessing his situation. Dr. Munsterman, the doctor in charge, came to the waiting room to talk to me about his prognosis.



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They told me that it was a very large and very hard impaction, but they were going to hook him up to IVs and hope that the fluids would start to break it up. She told me that it would take several days and they would call me daily with an update on his condition. Their biggest worry was the chance of rupture, especially since he was into his 5th day with the impaction. I said a little prayer for Justice before jumping in the truck and heading back to Bethlehem.

The next morning, I received a call from Auburn University Vet School with an update. Justice had made it through the night, was resting comfortably, but hadn't pooped. Day 2, their call reflected they are seeing some improvement. He had passed a small pile. He remained stable and comfortable, however, there was still a possibility of rupture, so he was not out of the woods yet. Justice's fans continued to pray for his total recovery. Day 3 Update on Justice: He continued to improve; we posted updates on our Facebook page documenting his daily progress, so I guess it is expected that Justice would have his own fan club. He had



One of the Auburn Vet students walking Justice

some folks who stopped in (with our permission) to visit him. He had also become a favorite with all of the vet students who were involved in his care. They hand walked him a few times a day and soon he started to whinny to the other horses who were out in their paddocks.

On day four, I received news that the impaction was breaking up and they are pleased with his progress. He still had a long way to go before it is completely gone, but things were moving in the right direction for his recovery. .

Six days after his arrival, the doctor called to give a good (and happy) update on Justice. Things were going well and they were going to start increasing his food intake. They would monitor him as it moved through to ensure that he is well enough to leave. The ETA for him to go home was Monday. They put him on an oral tablet that helps the large intestine move. He would need to be on that for the next 3 months.

Day 8 of Justice's stay at Auburn was a Monday and it was a yucky, rainy day. But, it was the day that Justice was coming home. I hooked up the night before and got everything ready so that I could leave early. I had a long trek. After driving to Alabama to pick him up, I was transporting him to his new foster home in Eatonton. When I arrived at Auburn Vet Hospital it was raining so hard that I just sat out in my truck, waiting for it to



Justice getting ready to load up for the trip to his new temporary home.

slack off. When the rain finally slowed a little, I made a run for it. I got him checked out and went back outside to wait on them to bring him out. The rain had stopped and the attending vet and one of the vet students came walking out to the trailer with Justice. He hesitated a little getting on the trailer, but as soon as the student stepped up into the back of the trailer, he followed her right on. It was obvious that he had developed a fondness for her.

I jumped in the truck and headed down the road to Eatonton where I would be leaving him with his new foster parents, who were very anxious to get him home.

We estimated Justice's expenses would be \$4,000 to \$4,500, assuming the impaction passed on its own. To date, our very generous supporters have donated around \$4,200. We were able to raise enough donations to cover his treatment.

Thanks to all of the super doctors and vet students at Auburn University who pulled Justice through this issue with an impaction. It was quite a journey for our little horse, but he is now happily enjoying life and excellent care at his new foster home. A very special and heartfelt thanks o everybody who sent in donations for Justice's hospital stay and for your prayers. Horse people are the BEST!



Justice looking great upon his return from Auburn

Special Thanks to Leisa and David McCannon

By Patty Livingston

I wanted to recognize a couple who have been handling all of our leftover flea market sale items for the past few years. They are David and Leisa McCannon, who have been part of the GERL family dating back years. They both work at the Pony Express Auction, which meets every other Saturday night. Conveniently, the Pony Express is located down the road from the Mansfield impound.



Every time there is a GDA horse sale, GERL sets up a T-shirt booth and a flea market. It is a great way to make some extra money. Of course, there are always left-over items. We let them accumulate before David and Leisa drive over to the impound and pick up the stuff and take it to the Pony Express auction where we'll end up receiving \$200 - \$500 from the sale. This has worked out to be a great situation for GERL and we are very thankful that we have people like David and Leisa out there, behind the scenes, doing a great service for us. Thank you, David and Leisa McCannon!

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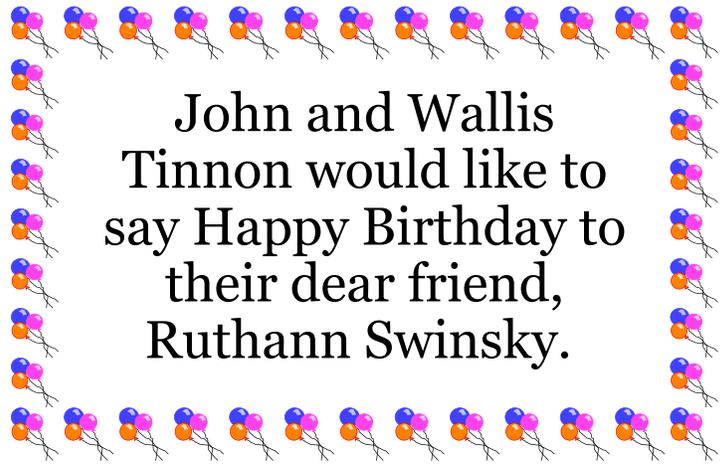
I am the Merchandise Lady – A Poem

by Linda Kundell

Here comes the trailer.

Here comes the trailer.

We have green shirts, red shirts, purple and blue. Everything is new, new, new. We have hats in pink, orange and gray. I'll sell them to you, I may, I may. Sweat shirts in your size and mine, I think they cost more than a dime. Coffee mugs with information. Let's spread GERL across the nation. Rescue Challenge shirts in mustard and yellow; They'll look good on a fellow. Vanity tags for the front of your car, Or put them on your truck or trailer. Pass the word, even to a sailor. Tank tops are gray, navy and pink; For Sale, for sale shouts the sign. I am a fan of Shel Silverstein. I try to make a poem I really try, that's what I mean. I guess that I'll just go home!



John and Wallis
Tinnon would like to
say Happy Birthday to
their dear friend,
Ruthann Swinsky.



Big Thanks to the **Gwinnett County 4-H Horse Club** for their Christmas present to GERL. It was a box full of "always needed" paste wormers and a salt brick.

We're updating our Website!

By Patty Livingston

If you are a member of GERL you know that we produce a 32 page quarterly newsletter that reflects all of the news and events that have occurred during that quarter. It is always full and we seldom have the need for "filler" articles. I wish I could say the same about our website. With the exception of the home page, our website is pretty stale. We do a lot of good things for horses in Georgia, but a stranger wouldn't necessarily know that.

Now, the reason it is stale is my fault. This is a task for which I am responsible. All of the pictures and stories are on my hard drive, but the problem is having the time. I have learned to pick my battles with regard to what gets done. We are all volunteers and you can't do everything. Keeping a website updated requires a good bit of time and attention, however, I know that it is crucial to our growth.

The GERL Board has decided to spend time in a face-to-face two day "retreat" that is scheduled for mid-April. Everybody will come to Bethlehem. We plan to do a mock-up of our website during our weekend together and then provide that information to our webmaster, Steve DeMoss. In the meantime, a couple of new pages have been added so you may want to go take a peek when you have a few minutes. The link is www.gerlltd.org. The new pages are The Marty Paulk Cheerleader Award Winners and Law Enforcement Training Meetings. Check it out! And, stay tuned for more horse updates to come!

A Note from the Secretary's Desk

by Anne Ensminger



For twenty years, GERL has depended upon membership dues, donations and the hard work of many volunteers who make our fund raising events successful. Of course, those are still three of the main methods upon which we rely for

income but in recent times we are very grateful to have received several philanthropic grants in addition to one family foundation grant which we have regularly received for many years.

Grants often require an application process but some just arrive in the mail, a completely delightful surprise! Why has it taken twenty years for us to realize that there are individuals and organizations who appreciate what GERL is doing for horses in Georgia and are willing to help? Actually, this matter has been in discussion for years. We simply had no idea how to approach the process. GERL now has an official "grant writer" and she is doing a great job of seeking out available funds and applying for them. We are not always chosen to receive the applied for grants, but we are constantly seeking and working to deserve them.

You will note that I have not named our grant writer, any of the grant donors, nor any of the volunteers who regularly or occasionally give of their time and "sweat equity". I could fill up this newsletter with names of those who deserve to be mentioned but I have learned over time that most who give, do not want or expect to be singled out. Actually, it is also my great fear that I might overlook a deserving donor or volunteer and that makes me hesitant to publicly name any of them.

Without mentioning names, I would like to let our readers know about some pretty remarkable ways that our members find to help our organization. Many folks work full time and want time with their families on the weekends; thus they are not able to attend our events or regularly volunteer. I lieu of helping in those

ways, they donate an amount of money every month! These donations range from small to quite large. Most arrange for the donations to be automatically sent to GERL from their bank accounts so the checks arrive "like clockwork". As Secretary, it is my pleasure to write notes of thanks to these donors. I much too often get behind with that. The checks just keep on coming.

Additionally, there are those who name GERL as the beneficiary of their charitable giving program at work. These funds are often matched by their employers. These donations, collectively, add up to a tidy sum over the year.

There is a couple in Social Circle that donates very generously each quarter and two ladies (one lives in Mableton, GA and the other in Oxford, GA) who do the same, and have for years!

The Christmas season brings donations from clubs and groups of horse lovers who donate to GERL in lieu of exchanging gifts among their members. In the case of the oldest saddle club in Georgia, they work hard all year to raise funds and then they give the money to deserving horse related organizations at the end of the year. GERL has been on their list of recipients for a very long time. We are truly grateful.

How can I chat about the many ways that GERL receives help without mentioning our foster caregivers? When asked, they willingly, and sight unseen, take on the care of a horse that has been brought into the GERL program due to starvation, abandonment, or many other types of mistreatment which can be suffered by horses. These caregivers, not only feed these animals but sometimes must administer daily treatments to wounds or for lameness issues. These good people never know how long the horse might be in their care. They seldom ask.

So you see, GERL and the work that we do has evolved and endured for two decades, thus far. It is with assurance we believe, that because of the combined efforts of those who recognize and embrace our mission and are willing to contribute in many ways, there is little doubt that the organization will continue to grow and prosper.

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WHEN

April 23-24, 2016

WHERE

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- Horse games at 2 PM
- Pot Luck, Auction, Music - Sat. night at 6 PM
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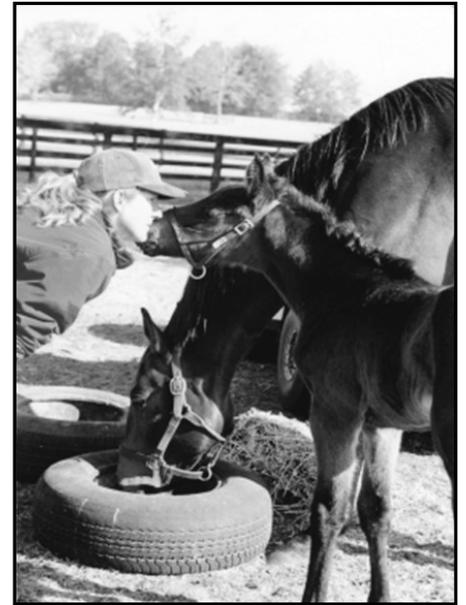
Spotlight on Area Coordinator Cece Calli

I am the Area Coordinator in the Hart, Elbert and Franklin County area.

I live in Hart County Georgia, by way of California and Florida. I have raised, raced, and bred Thoroughbreds in addition to owning and running a lay-up facility in the San Francisco Bay area. Since I "retired" from the Thoroughbred business, I find myself wanting to give back to the animals that have given me so much pleasure. Through extensive research, I discovered this wonderful organization, "Georgia Equine Rescue League". The work that they do and the horses that they have brought back from the brink of destruction is very impressive. Reading the duties of an A/C looked a bit daunting to me, but once you break it all down, its really just what we would do ourselves if we had a group behind us. We are here to help the horses, but also we are here to help the owners through education. I'm all about understanding. I have learned so much through the years and still learn something new every day.

So please take the time to really read through our web site. I'm sure you will be impressed. And if I can help you in any way, just shoot me an e-mail or give me a call. (contact info. is in this newsletter). I would love to answer your questions and if I can't, then we will just have to figure it out together.

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SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR JUNI FISHER CONCERT SPONSORS

A special thanks to Bent Tree Saddle Club, Cherokee County Saddle Club and the Chattahoochee Trail Horse Association (CTHA) who all donated \$250 each to GERL as sponsors of the Juni Fisher Concert event. And, a BIG THANKS to Rich Vigue of JRV Realty of North Georgia who orchestrated the event and provided some funding, as well. Thank, Y'all!



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The 2015 Marty Paulk Cheerleader Award Winner

By Patty Livingston

Each year, members of the GERL Board of Directors discuss potential candidates for GERL's most prestigious volunteer award...the Marty Paulk Cheerleader Award. We try to choose the person who has demonstrated the actions and passion that go back to the person that this award memorializes and that is Marty Paulk, herself! Anybody who knew Marty, back in the day, knows the word "passion" is the perfect descriptor. It was obvious that she thought about GERL A LOT! She was at every GERL event that I can remember from back then, and someone I would also describe as "tireless". When Marty left this world she left a big hole, and that includes GERL.

There are others who we meet along the horse path who also stand out. When they support an organization, it becomes more than paying your dues and attending some events. They are in 150% and raise their hand often to pick up a horse and deliver it across Georgia to its new home, work booths and anything else that is needed.

The Board agreed that one such person who absolutely stood out as one of the most loyal volunteers, one who most mirrors Marty Paulk, is Linda Kundell. Many of us know Linda from working trails with CTHA or through

the Kel-Mac Saddle Club. She is still active with both. Linda, a lifetime member, joined GERL in 2010 and immediately volunteered to be an Area Coordinator for not only her county, but for 4 other counties, as well as agreeing to be a foster home. She is in charge of our hotline phone volunteer roster which includes the tracking of volunteer attendance at all GERL events. Oh, did I mention that she is also our Merchandise Coordinator? She orders all GERL merchandise and maintains the GERL cargo trailer and seeing that it is present at our events. Linda wears many hats, which now includes being a member of the GERL Board of Directors.



Please join me in congratulating Linda and thanking her for the many hours of time and the labor that she provides to GERL! Without folks like Linda, we could not do what we are doing for Georgia's horses!

GERL Volunteer of the Quarter

By Patty Livingston

There's no doubt in anyone's mind who should be the GERL Volunteer of the Quarter, but in this case, I must say VOLUNTEERS of the quarter! That's because there are TWO people who orchestrated and worked so hard to make our annual poker ride, now known as the Andee Rogers Memorial Ride, a great success. Ray Ziebell and Amy Cox stand out equally in everyone's mind when we think about who is worthy of the title.



The "Andee Ride" featured some new things to make it fun; like throwing darts at a board filled with playing cards. Whichever card your dart hit, became a card in your poker hand. Then there was "Road Apple Bingo" which involved placing a couple of horses in a small corral containing a chalk numbered grid on the ground. Chances were sold for \$5 each on which square would catch the first "horse apple". It took those horses a LONG time to produce results! With a \$100 prize at stake, the "results" were anxiously anticipated. In addition to the FUN part of the day, Ray and Amy served a delicious chili, salad, and loaded baked potato lunch. Amy arranged for a local country band to play for us. To top it all off, there was a lovely banner with a picture of Andee placed at the event entrance. Ray and Pierette put pots of beautiful flowers all round the banner. Andee would have loved that! No doubt, it was the most profitable and fun poker ride ever hosted by GERL over the past 20 years. Our thanks to Ray Ziebell and Amy Cox for their creativity and willingness to take on such an event for GERL!



LET'S TALK ABOUT THE MONEY

We raised \$28,765 at FUNDRAISERS.

We received \$9,290 in MEMBERSHIPS.

We received \$28,293 in DONATIONS.

We received \$884 for MERCHANDISE.

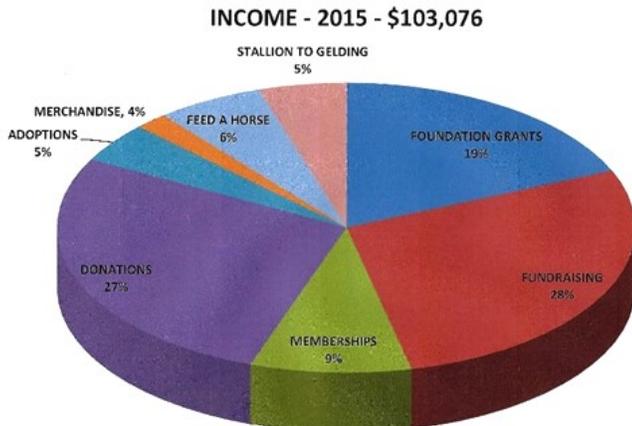
We received 19,118 in FOUNDATION/ GRANTS.

We received \$6,200 for Feed-A-Horse Program.

We received \$5,102 for Stallion to Gelding program.

We received \$4,600 in Adoption fees.

TOTAL INCOME FOR 2013 WAS \$103,076



LET'S TALK ABOUT THE MONEY

We provided the GDA with \$33,316 in goods & services.

Mansfield and Decatur Impounds - \$28,051

Lee Arrendale Prison Impound - \$3,933

Pulaski Prison Impound - \$1,328

We spent approximately \$792 to assist individuals with lost jobs and health issues to feed and vet their horses.

We spent \$1,230 to assist Georgia Animal Control agencies with the care of impounded horses.

We spent \$4,926 on CASTRATIONS.

We spent \$19,885 on GERL FOSTER CARE.

We spent \$8,217 on FUNDRAISING EVENTS.

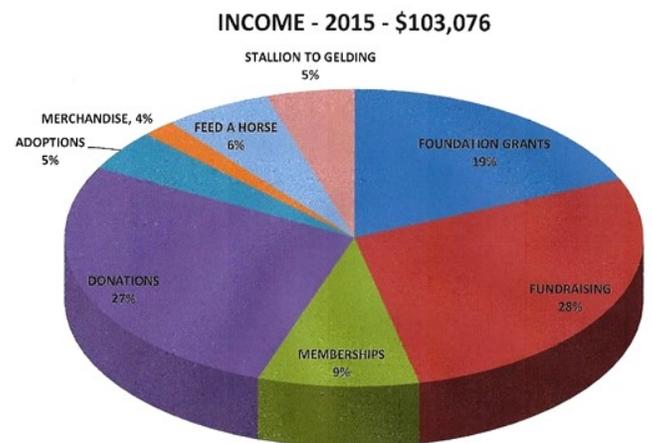
We spent \$302 on MULTI-COUNTY MEETINGS.

We spent \$340 on MERCHANDISE.

We spent \$9,201 on the GERL NEWSLETTERS.

We spent \$5,921 on OPERATIONS (insurance, postage etc.).

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR 2013 WERE \$82,105.



GDA SUCCESS STORY

ELVIS UPDATE

You all may remember, Poor Lil Baby Elvis. Pictures below of Elvis, while still in recovery with his friends.



Well, let me just say, There is no more “Poor Lil Baby Elvis”! He now weighs close to 400Lbs! He has grown, he is now 12 hands. (Typo from earlier story of Elvis, he was 11 hands upon arrival) He has begun to be naughty to his beloved human & equine friends. Therefore, it was time for Elvis to become a Gelding!

Elvis, went through the on-farm surgery perfectly! He came out of general anesthesia quietly and waited until he was ready to stand, then walk. He did great. He was back to his old fun loving self the following day.



Elvis will be offered for Sale to a loving & forever new home at our upcoming GDA Impound Equine Auction on April 16th, 2016, at the Mansfield Impound Facility. Please come for a visit! Elvis would love to meet ya! Special thanks to the Stallion to Gelding program offered by Georgia Equine Rescue League, Thank you so much!

Juni Fisher Concert Benefits GERL

By Patty Livingston

Sunday afternoon approximately 100 people gathered at the Bowen Center for the Arts in Dawsonville, Georgia to hear singer, songwriter, entertainer and horsewoman, Juni Fisher. It was a fundraiser created by Rich Vigue and Jo West, who contacted me back in December about their idea. Imagine my surprise when they told me that they wanted it to benefit the Georgia Equine Rescue League!

A winter storm going through Atlanta threatened to provide ice and snow for all of the northern roads in the area, which required us to make a quick decision to switch the concert to a Sunday afternoon instead of Saturday evening, as originally planned. Despite the last minute switch, all of the seats were filled.

I had arrived a few hours early to set up the small silent auction of 10 items that I had gathered, with the help of Rich. Of course, Rich and his wife, and Jo West all arrived early to set up the food and drinks, hang banners and anything else that needed attention. Juni Fisher had also arrived early to get setup and it was neat to get to talk to her on a personal level about our horse problems and thank her for making Dawsonville one of her many stops to perform for GERL's benefit.

A special thanks to Bent Tree Saddle Club, Cherokee County Saddle Club and the Chattahoochee Trail Horse Association (CTHA) who all donated \$250 each to GERL as sponsors of the event. This was all orchestrated by Rich and Jo.

Juni's performance was not only a concert, but she is a standup comedian, as well! The concert was a BIG success and everybody really enjoyed Juni Fisher up close and personal.

At the end of the day, thanks to Rich, Jo and Juni, we raised a little over \$3,000 on this fund-raising event! Wow! That will help feed a lot of horses!



Juni Fisher is an entertainer!



The crowd waiting for the concert to start.



Rich Vigue introducing Juni Fisher



Amy Cox and Jo West selling Juni Fisher CDs.

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Our deepest sympathy is with Stacey McCoy for the loss of her beautiful buckskin stallion, Winston. All who know Stacey are aware of what a wonderful horse trainer she is. Her training talent was quite evident to everyone who ever had the pleasure of seeing her and Winston work together

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For those of you who like to know where GERL spends your donated dollars, below is an update since our last quarterly newsletter:

- ◆ GERL spent \$ 4,122 for feed for horses at the Mansfield and Arrendale facilities
- ◆ GERL spent \$2,122 for vet care for horses at the Mansfield and Arrendale facilities.
- ◆ GERL spent \$3,298 on our foster horses.

In this newsletter, is the story about Justice. Justice was originally impounded and rehabilitated by the GDA. Just as GERL was lining up a foster home for him, he suffered a medical emergency. His expenses were \$4,268. We had 37 people donate toward his medical bills and we received a total of \$4,700 for Justice. Justice is now in a wonderful foster home and we will continue to provide for him until we are able to find him the perfect forever home.

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- ◆ Billy (William) Brandon by Dianne Harper
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- ◆ Billy (William) Brandon by Bobby and Jane Buckler
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- ◆ Melissa, Ginny Scarritt's beloved horse, by Elizabeth Hayes
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