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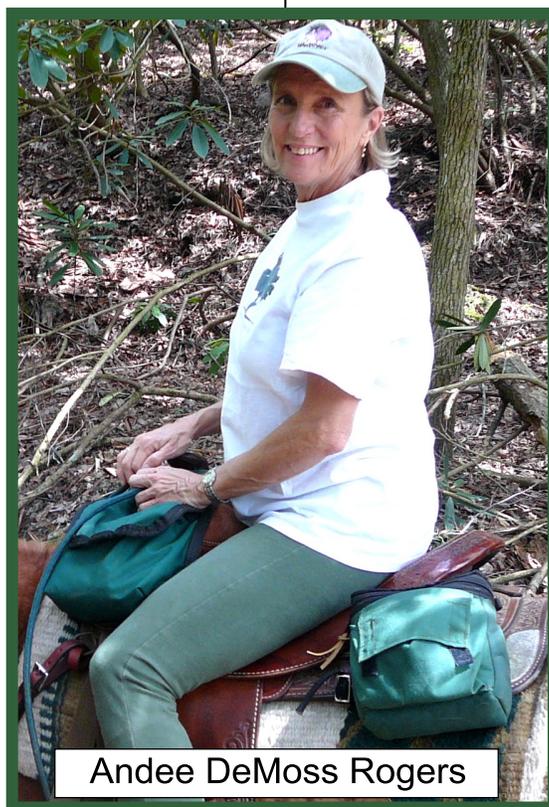
2017 Annual Memorial Poker Ride

By Anne Ensminger

With Ray Ziebell and Amy Cox in charge, the GERL Annual Poker Rides just get better and better. This, our twenty first, was once again to honor the memory of dear friend and one of GERL's founders, Andee DeMoss Rogers.

The first morning light of March 4th in Dawson Forest brought the promise of sunshine but the temperature was quite crisp. My thoughts were with those who were getting up early to travel to our event or those who had spent a very chilly night on site in their horse trailers. Our hopes were high for a good turn out as the weather man had promised a perfect day for riding. By 10 AM our hopes were realized as many riders were in the saddle and ready to tackle the red trail in anticipation of drawing the best poker hand and winning the \$100 prize. It was fun to watch energetic mounts as they pranced, held their tails high and snorted misty breaths into the cool air. Just as if on que, the sun began to warm our

shoulders and our many volunteers set about the task of preparing for the return of the riders in time for lunch.



Andee DeMoss Rogers

After about two hours, the first riders began returning to camp. There was excitement as they compared poker hands and some began to have the notion that they just might be the winner. The first sight of the spectacular lunch being laid out, also gave reason for excitement. There is nothing like a horseback ride on a cool morning to give rise to the appetite!

The lunch menu was basically made up of tasty Mexican food, buffet style, and LOTS of it! Amy Cox had planned, prepared, and begged enough food to satisfy over 100 people. Thinking that might not be enough, Amy's daughter, Ottum, had prepared a huge brisket which was delicious. All of that after having coffee and sinful pastries from Panera Bread that morning. If anyone left Dawson Forest hungry on March 4th., it was their own darn fault!

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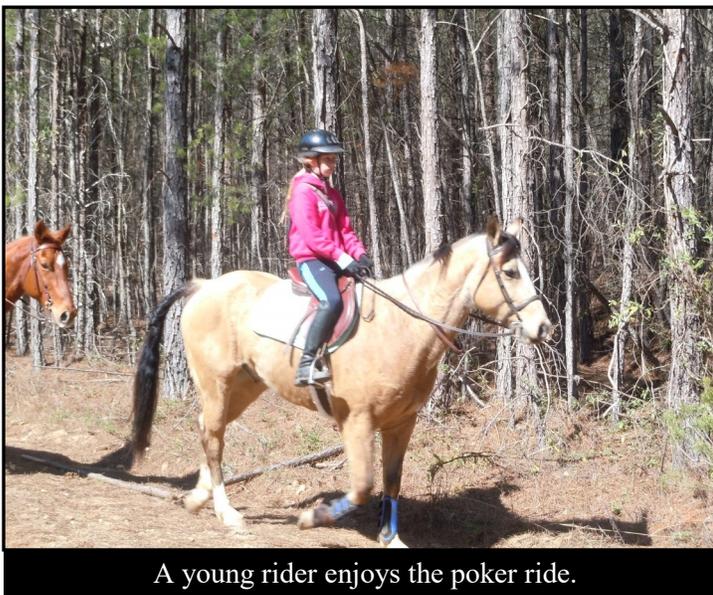
As many were still enjoying their food, Patty Livingston began making announcements and awarding a few door prizes. Then came the fun part as raffle and lottery tickets were drawn from a basket by two darling little girls.

Winners:

- ◆ Ladies Jacket donated by Amy Cox and won by Sandy Stevenson
- ◆ Wooden Porch Swing donated by Ray & Pierette Ziebell and won by Stan & Leslie Thomas
- ◆ Western Mirror donated by Amy Cox and won by Sue Wrensen
- ◆ 50/50 Raffle won by Wendy Grage who donated her part back to GERL
- ◆ The Poker Hand was won by Tamma Trump who donated the \$100 prize back to GERL
- ◆ First place winner in Road Apple Bingo was Joan Grant
- ◆ Second place winner in Road Apple Bingo was Sue Wrensen

Congratulations to our winners and many thanks to all who attended our Poker Ride, bought GERL merchandise, and participated in our games of chance.

A word about our wonderful volunteers. Thanks to Kim Trahan, there were many. I do believe we had as many volunteers as riders! They were a great help. It takes a lot of people to put on an event like this. I saw many regular faces among those who were setting up, selling tee shirts, serving food, selling tickets for raffles, and seeing to many details.



A young rider enjoys the poker ride.



Ivey Barcus and her new goat friend.

We had a group of or 7 students from Alcovy High School near Covington, who got up at 4 AM to make the drive to Dawson Forest to volunteer. They were assigned to the dart board where riders came after the ride to throw a dart to obtain the last card which would complete their poker hand. These kids also somehow became responsible for watching the most “non halter broke”, spoiled, spotted pony in America! I don’t believe anyone had more fun than those young people. That little pony pulled them all over the grounds and went pretty much wherever it wanted to go. By the time the kids found themselves behind the little rascal, it was too late. He was gone, kicking with every step as they could only hold on! I laughed until my tummy hurt. After that, we learned that most of the students had never even touched a horse, much less led or ridden one! A huge thank you to young GERL member, Margaret Petree for letting each of the students ride and have their picture taken on her very well-mannered horse, “Chance”.

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Old friends gather around the campfire on Saturday.

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AREA COORDINATORS NEEDED!

We Need You!! Please consider volunteering to be GERL's horse "go to person" in your area. The types of things that you would do would be performing a "drive-by" to check out a "skinny horse" report in your area. Or, perhaps someone in your area has adopted one of our horses, we would need someone to perform a farm visit for us. Please call Patty Livingston at the number above if you can spare a little of you time.





Puttin' On The Feed Bag Recipe

RITZ Mock Apple Pie

Ingredients

- ◆ 2 c. water
- ◆ 2/3 c. sugar
- ◆ 2 tsp. cream of tartar
- ◆ 35 RITZ Crackers
- ◆ 1 ready-to-use refrigerated pie crust
- ◆ 1 1/2 tbsp. lemon juice
- ◆ 2 tsp. cinnamon

Topping

- ◆ 1 c. crushed RITZ Crackers
- ◆ 2/3 c. brown sugar
- ◆ 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- ◆ 1/3 c. unsalted butter, melted



1. Heat oven to 400°F.
2. Make filling: Mix water, granulated sugar and cream of tartar in large saucepan. Bring to boil on medium-high heat. Add crackers; simmer on medium-low heat 5 min., stirring occasionally.
3. Line 9-inch pie plate with crust as directed on package; fill with cracker mixture. Sprinkle with lemon juice and cinnamon.
4. Make topping: Combine all topping ingredients.

Bake 10 minutes at 400, reduce to 350 and cover edges of pie crust with foil. Bake 18-20 more minutes, or until pie filling has set. It shouldn't jiggle a lot when moved. Add whip cream on top.

2017 GERL Calendar of Events - Mark Your Calendars!

April 29th

Help A Horse Day
Monroe, GA

May 6th

Gene Ensminger Memorial Ride
Round Oak, GA

June 4th

GERL Polo Match
Chukar Farm, Milton, GA

Sept 7th

Law Enforcement Training
Jesup, GA

Oct 21st

GERL Rescue Challenge
Athens, GA

Nov 11th

Stallion to Gelding Castration Day
Clinics all across Georgia

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 (www.gerlltd.org) to download flyers and directions to some of these events.

LET ME SAY THIS ... ABOUT THAT

By Patty Livingston, President



It's hard to believe that it is the middle of March, already, and we have our Annual Meeting and the Poker Ride behind us. Our Poker Ride was a huge success, by the way, and we were able to raise almost \$1,000 more than last year. We can thank the creativity of Ray Ziebell and Amy Cox, the two Leads who orchestrated the event, for that. Since then, the entire GERL Board and our Executive Leads have been attending conference calls to plan the upcoming Help a Horse Day on April 29th and the Gene

Ensminger Memorial Ride the following weekend. But, before those two events, we're hosting a law enforcement training meeting in Summerville (Chattooga County) on April 6th. We've already got 20 animal control and law enforcement officers signed up to attend and are expecting more. We're hosting a second law enforcement training meeting down in Jesup (Wayne County) on September 7th. That will be the first time that we'll have ever been down in that part of the State. I'm very encouraged with the little bit of growth that we have down in South Georgia as a result of a campaign that I've been pushing to find more Area Coordinators; especially, in areas where we have no representation. We were able to pick up 15 new Area Coordinators all across our State as a result of that campaign and I am very excited to work with some new and enthusiastic people out in the field. I have already hosted an AC training meeting and we have our quarterly AC meeting coming up at the end of March.

I have also been creating new documentation in the form of PowerPoint presentations and cover letters describing what GERL is and why Georgia is the leader with regard to fixing unwanted horse problems. The point of my letters and presentations are an attempt to get the larger, well-known animal welfare organizations to adopt and promote a nationwide "Equine Get Well"

Plan" that is more in line with a fix, rather than just promoting rescue, adoption and castration. The letters remained in my "Draft" folder, waiting for a few more tweaks, before sending.

One of my targets for the new documentation was the Unwanted Horse Coalition (UHC). If you don't know anything about them, they grew out of the Unwanted Horse Summit, which was organized by the American Association of Equine Practitioners and held in conjunction with the American Horse Council's annual meeting in Washington, D.C. in April 2005. The summit was held to bring key stakeholders together to start a dialogue on the plight of the unwanted horse in America. Its purpose was to develop consensus on the most effective way to work together to address the issue. In June 2006, the Unwanted Horse Coalition was folded into the American Horse Council and now operates under its auspices. GERL has a little history with the UHC because we secured their \$1,000 grant monies a few times in the past to support our annual castration day.

Prayers are answered and doors are opened every day. And, low and behold, last Friday I received an email from Jennifer Purcell, the Director of the Unwanted Horse Coalition, asking me for 15 minutes of my time to learn about our safety net programs. Imagine that! Wow! I hadn't even sent out my email yet! A few days later, I had a conference call with Jennifer and the 15 minutes easily turned into 45. I talked about our "Get Well Plan", of course, but I also talked about our Crisis Intervention Program and our Rescue Challenge event. She printed out the Get Well Plan from our website and said that she was going to show it to her committee members. She was very complimentary of GERL's accomplishments in helping with the problem of the unwanted horse. Jennifer will be gathering information from rescues across the country and reporting back to her committee sometime in June. I constantly have to remind myself "not to get my hopes up", but honestly, that just may be impossible for me. My hopes ARE up and let me say this about that...I will NOT give up, nor will I ever stop talking about and promoting this program and our Get Well Plan. So far, I haven't seen anything else out there that compares to what we have in Georgia to help with our unwanted horse problems.



Area Coordinator Spotlight

My name is Alice Farrar and I am the Area Coordinator for Baldwin, Bibb, Jones, Twiggs, and Wilkinson Counties

I grew up in the country (first person to get on the school bus in the morning and last person to get off in the afternoon) of Baldwin County, Milledgeville, GA. For several years, my father ran the country store and cotton gin that my grandfather built around 1905. I was so far out in the country that I really had no one around to play with, so my companions were all the 4-legged kind. I grew up loving animals. I didn't get a horse until I was 14, but I loved him dearly as an animal friend, and also loved riding. I am so thankful to my parents for seeing past their fear that I would get hurt, to satisfy my passion for horses.

After college at UGA, and marriage, I put horses on hold for a while to pursue a career and motherhood. My husband and I spent 35 years in the Macon and Atlanta areas where I worked in the occupational health and safety field. During my career, I enjoyed participating in and leading professional organizations in my field. When I was in my forties, my mother passed away, and I was struck with the realization that "life is short," and made time in my career to purchase a horse and board him near

where I worked. I eventually got into endurance riding, and purchased another horse. After 20 years of endurance riding, I have over 5,000 endurance competition miles on 4 different horses.



In 2003, as I was planning to retire, my husband and I moved "back home" to Baldwin and Jones Counties and built a home in Jones County. Now I can have my horses "with me." While boarding, I never realized how much I was missing, in not "seeing" the horses with their friends in the pasture every day. My husband and I enjoy sitting on our front porch late in the afternoon, and just watching the dynamics of our horses interacting in the pasture.

I joined GERL around 2004 or so, but until recently used my "volunteer hours" assisting with a local horse club. Now (2017) that the local horse club has dissolved, I am looking forward to participating more actively in the Georgia Equine Rescue League. I am currently an Area Coordinator for Baldwin, Bibb, Jones, Twiggs, and Wilkinson Counties, and also look forward to volunteering to help with GERL functions. If I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me at alice.farrar@gmail.com or 478-451-7999.

GERL Receives Vaccines from the AAEP

Every year the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) offers free equine vaccines to equine rescues all over the country through their Unwanted Horse Veterinary Relief Campaign. GERL has applied and received vaccines through this program several times in the past and they always go to the GDA Mansfield impound to be used on the horses there. This saves GERL a lot of money, and this year GERL will receive twenty doses of Prestige V, EquiNile and EquiRab. This year's vaccines have been provided by Merck Animal Health. The AAEP, located in Lexington, Kentucky, awards the vaccines to equine rescues every February. All rescue organizations are required to go through a licensed veterinarian to qualify.

The vaccines will be administered by Dr. Rhonda Veit of Big Springs Equine Medicine in Watkinsville, who helped GERL obtain the vaccines this year. The AAEP encourages all equine rescues to re-apply for this program by February 1, 2018.

Thanks so much to the AAEP, MERCK Animal Health and to Big Springs Equine Medicine!



2017 Poker Ride

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The children also enjoyed dancing to “oldies” tunes played by the Hwy. 53 Band. It’s great fun to watch children who always “dance like no one is watching”! The band was quite good and we greatly appreciated them donating their time and talents. I suppose more adults would have danced if not for one couple (wish I knew their names) who got out there and showed us all how it’s done. They were so good that not one other adult would even think of taking to the “floor” (cement). Wow! I could have watched that couple all day.

By the way, we did have a rider who got injured on the trail and had to go to the hospital. Best wishes to DJ Berry for a speedy recovery!

In the end, Poker Ride 2017 was a great success! The weather was perfect. Everyone was in great spirits and GERL made about \$4000 on the event. Thanks to all who attended and made it happen! Nuff said.



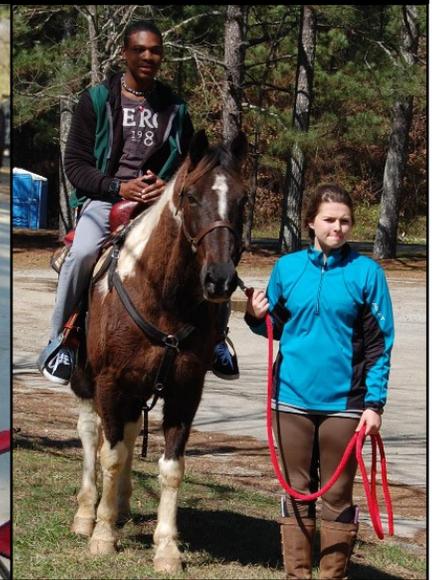
Volunteers from Alcovy High School came out.



The Highway 53 Band provided entertainment.



Sandy Stevenson



Margaret Petree



Josephina Coats with Garth Brooks.



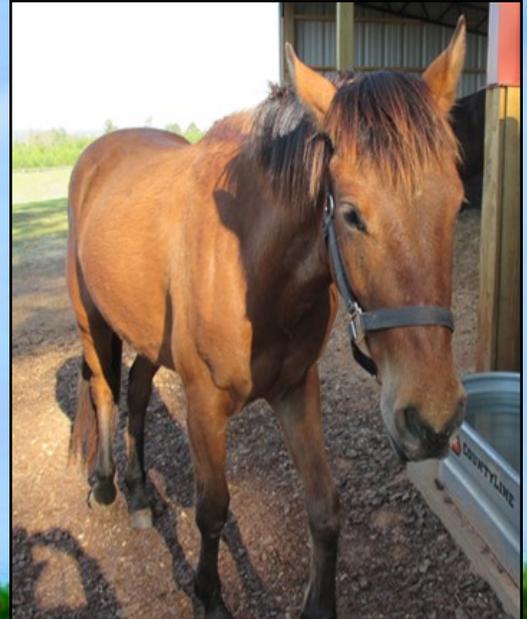
Everybody enjoyed the Tex Mex buffet.

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Bella is a lovely 15ish year old 15.3 hand sorrel mare. She has a long indentation on her left side but shows no signs that it bothers her. She is the low horse on the totem pole in our herd of six. Reserved and cautious, Bella has shown a great desire to be a good girl and a willingness to bond with her special person. She is currently being ridden by a 14 year old girl who is quiet and calm. Bella has responded beautifully to this type of rider. Because Bella can be nervous, especially when leaving her pasture mates, a confident, quiet rider would suit her best.



Justice is a 2-3-year-old Grade bay gelding. He is a sweet boy and his training level is still being evaluated. He has had a lot of work to develop his ground manners.



Blue is a 3 1/2 year-old QH gelding. He is broke to ride , He is 15.2 hh and weighs approx. 1200 lbs. Blue is the Omega in the herd. He was purchased at a GDA horse sale at the Mansfield impound back in 2014. He is a nice horse, but the owner's unexpected health issues forced her to give him up. As far as we know, Blue was last ridden in 2014. We have not had a chance to evaluate his saddle training. Call CeCe for details: 706-371-5804



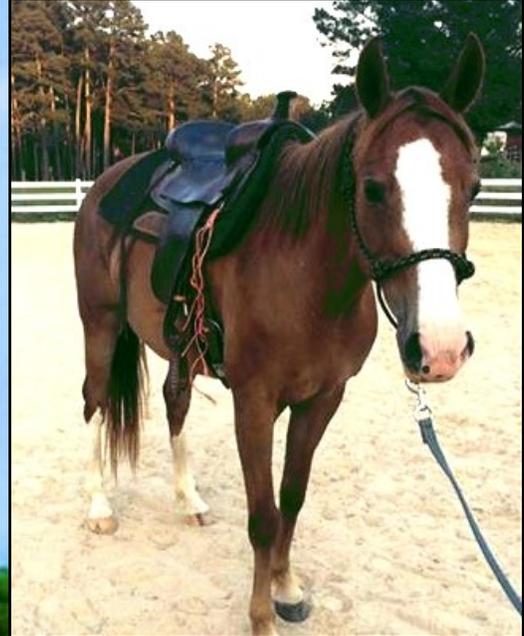
Orion is an 8 year old Grade Palomino Gelding. He would be best suited for very light riding or as a pasture pal. He is a real sweetheart to be around but can be bossy with other horses.

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Dice of Honey is a 15 year old Registered Paint/Buckskin mare. She has a bit of weight to gain and some rain rot to be taken care of but she is a sweet mare. Check back soon for an update on this girl.



Lucy is a 10 year old Grade Mare. She was trained for the 2016 GERL Rescue Challenge but due to an injury, she was withdrawn. Lucy is all healed up and will be tuned up under saddle for 30 days.



Gypsy Rose...Rosie is a sweet mare that loves attention. She is curious and friendly. She is missing her left eye but is unaffected by that minor handicap. Lucy possesses lovely ground manners and is quiet at the walk, trot, and canter. She would be an excellent mount for an older person who still enjoys riding.



Dudley is an 8-year-old palomino gelding who placed 2nd in the GERL Rescue Challenge. He is Mr. Personality and loves attention. He stands for farrier and ties with no problems. Under saddle he has a big trot and a nice canter when he is relaxed and focused. He also knows how to side pass, leg yield and turn on both the forehand and hind end currently.

GDA Horse Auction Hosted at Lee Arrendale Prison Equine Impound

By Patty Livingston

The Ga. Dept. of Ag held their first horse auction of the year at the Lee Arrendale State Prison impound in Alto, Ga. today. All but two horses went to new homes. GERL was there, in force. We had a great bunch of volunteers who came out and helped cook hotdogs and hamburgers, run the flea market and sell GERL merchandise. Thanks to all our volunteers, including Theresa Folea, Cindy Burtt, CJ Wren, Kim and Rod Trahan, Bub Trahan, Cindy Farris, Leslie Lambert, Jasmine and Katelyn Hewlett, CeCe Calli and Starr Archer. I also wanted to thank the auctioneer who filled in for Mickey Farmer, who recently had heart surgery and was still in the hospital. His name is Zack Hill and he did a fabulous job! There was an emotional moment when one of the inmates got teary-eyed over the sale of a mare that she learned to ride on. That found several of us wiping away a stray tear. The Lee Arrendale State Prison Fire Department was there with their fire engine, offering free blood pressure checks.

Please tell your friends about these auctions if you know that they are considering a new horse. They had some nice rideable horses over there and some very lucky people went home with some great bargains.



The LASP Fire Dept. offered free BP checks.



This inmate was teary-eyed after "her mare" was sold.



Captain Gallman's daughter carried the flag.



Group photo of our Volunteers



CJ Wren, Our Cook for the Day!

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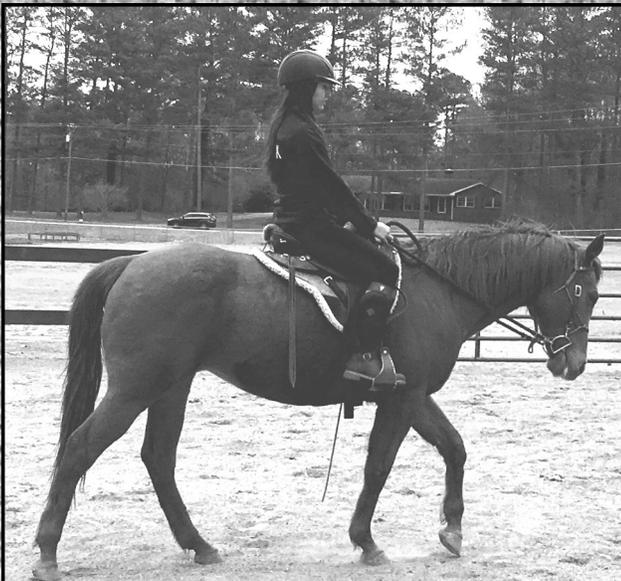
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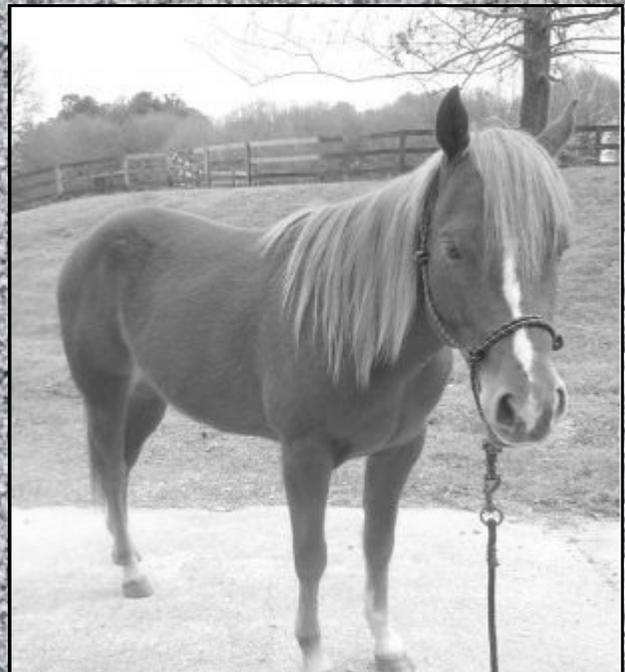
Chevy is a really nice, sweet gelding but would benefit greatly from more basic desensitization training to help him face his fear of blankets and sudden loud noises. He has had extensive round pen work. He possesses a lovely trot and canter. Chevy is truly full of promise.



Samson is a 15 year old Grade Gelding. Due to an old injury Samson will be adopted as a pasture pal only. His knee gives him a bit of trouble but treated with DMSO and a good rub he will be a fine addition to your pretty horse herd.



Copper Penny is the champion of the 2016 GERL Rescue Challenge. She's an 11 year old grade mare. Copper has a great brain and excels in Obstacle challenges. She has been to many Obstacle challenges. She side passes, backs, and moves well off your leg. She is very sweet and loves attention. Copper has been trained using natural horsemanship methods and does well with groundwork. Under saddle, Copper is solid at the walk and trot. She is still developing consistency at the canter. She continues to improve with the farrier and trailer loading. Copper would do best with an intermediate to advanced rider.



RANGER is a 3 ½ year old sorrel QH gelding. He is 13.1 hh and 835 lbs. He is a very social horse and loves to be around people. He is easy to catch, halter, picks his feet up easily and is not afraid of fly spray. He is very laid back. Ranger seems to be a very willing pupil and has been selected to be in the GERL Rescue Challenge competition that will provide him with 120 days of training. What a sweet boy!

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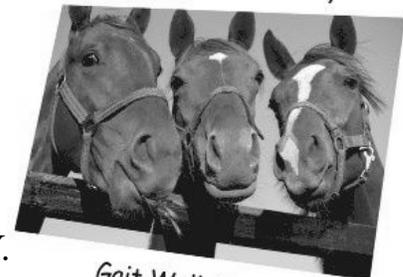


Our Area Coordinator Campaign was a HUGE success and we were recently able to add 14 new Area Coordinators across the State. There's still room if you want to join us! Contact Patty.

Thanks to all of our Area Coordinators!



GET WELL WISHES TO OUR FAVORITE AUCTIONEER, MICKEY FARMER, WHO RECENTLY HAD OPEN-HEART SURGERY.



We'd all like to say

Gait Well Soon

Join our Feed A Horse Program

Starved and neglected horses impounded by the Georgia Department of Agriculture need your help! Donations will be applied directly towards feed and hay for impounded horses. Currently, the cost for rehabilitating a horse is approximately \$150 per month, per horse.

Make your TAX DEDUCTIBLE donation through the Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd. "Feed a Horse" program. We need your help so that these horses can live.

Get involved! Ask your friends, family, co-workers and others to help raise money to feed the horses!



Itty Bitty Before



Itty Bitty After



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GERL Volunteer of the Quarter

By Anne Ensminger

Pierrette Ziebell has been “mentioned” many times in our newsletter as a regular and greatly appreciated volunteer for GERL events. This time, however, Pierrette is not only among the “mentioned” but deserves to be singled out.

The 2017 Annual GERL Poker Ride was organized by her husband, Ray, and friend, Amy Cox. It was a huge success. Pierrette was, as usual, right there working in the background to support them every step of the way. However, this time she went much farther. The three of them had discussed some problems with the check-in process at last year’s Poker Ride. They all agreed that it could run more smoothly.

Thus, Pierrette set out to put her organizational thinking and her computer skills to work. After much thought and many hours spent designing and revising, she came up with a most efficient plan for moving lots of people through a process which included dealing with sign in, liability release forms, checking Coggins results on every horse, explaining the poker ride process for newbies, obtaining poker hands, offering lottery, raffle, and 50/50

tickets, selling squares for the “road apple bingo” game, collecting Dawson Forest trail fees, and finally ending up at the cashier with a very organized check off card to pay for everything at once. It was GEN-IOUS!

Not stopping there, Pierrette designed a very cute and creative “map” of the entire event area so that set-up could be easily accomplished..... right down to the porta potty!

Pierrette, we thank you so much for your talent and the time you spent on this project. Even though every GERL event is different, your process will guide us in the future to ensure that check-in goes more efficiently than ever before for all of them.



2016 Marty Paulk Cheerleader Award Winner – CeCe Calli

By Patty Livingston

The GERL Board had absolutely no qualms about our selection for the Marty Paulk Cheerleader Award when it came time to choose candidates. As soon as CeCe was nominated, everybody readily agreed; and so, it was. Perhaps that is because CeCe is probably the best Foster and Adoption Coordinator that we’ve ever had and she does a jam-up job of handling matters concerning the GERL horses. She has been instrumental in the growing success of our Adoption program and continues to make GERL look good. CeCe takes a lot of time to match up each horse with the best foster home available and sometimes that takes creativity since her list of foster homes is not extensive.

CeCe and her husband, Lou, became GERL members in 2012. I distinctly remember meeting them for the first time at the GERL annual meeting at the Winder Lions Club. CeCe and Lou came early and jumped right in to help us get everything set up. When CeCe filled out her GERL membership application she checked all of the boxes: she volunteered to be an Area Coordinator, a foster home and an event volunteer! Holy Cow! Not many people do that!

Lou recently lost his battle with cancer and CeCe has shouldered all the responsibilities and tasks that goes with that, like the trooper that she is. All the while, keeping track of GERL’s foster horses. Over these years, CeCe has become more to us than our Foster and Adoption Coordinator. She is our sister, our friend and our partner. Marty Paulk would certainly approve of our choice for the 2016 award recipient. CeCe Calli IS the essence of what Marty was all about.



Sometimes the Fork in the Road has a Third Option

Bailey's Story

Many of you may remember Bailey, a young filly that was tied to various trees on a property near my home. My concern for the filly went on for two years! The day I got the call to pick her up, I was so happy. I called my friend, Ansley Burgess to bring her stock trailer and help transport the horse to my farm. When our best efforts to get the mare into the stock trailer, failed, we ended up walking her along the side of the highway for the two miles to my farm.

Over the next few months Bailey kept getting bigger and healthier. She was, considering all she had been through, a great little horse. It was pleasing to see how good she was with the vet, the farrier, and most anything I wanted to do with her. It was then that our world kind of went south. My husband, Lou, had been struggling with some health stuff and was now in a fight for his life. The horses, Bailey, Hank and Shamus, had to be put on the back burner when it came to extra time. As sick as Lou was, everyday he would let me know "it's 4:00 o'clock - time to see the princess". I would load Lou into the Gator and bring him up to Bailey's paddock, lead her out to him and the two of them would have some secret conversations, or if he was really feeling down, I would walk Bailey to the back porch so Lou could see his princess. Even though Bailey was to be one of the 2016 Rescue Challenge horses, Lou thought I would be the one to adopt her and I would have, because she was Lou's princess. Shoot, most everyone knew I was going to adopt Bailey.

Trainer pickup day for the Challenge horses came and went. Bailey, however, did not go. After 5 hours, we had to accept the fact that she was not getting into a horse trailer. Holy Cow! Really! So, I had to go to plan B. But, I didn't have a plan B. It seems Bailey had attachment issues that revolved around me. She was fine with people as long as I was not around, but once she saw me she would do whatever it took to get away from her handler and back to me. Ansley Burgess, Tamma Trump and Amy Scruggs all saw this first hand. This is not a good quality for a foster horse, or any horse, for that matter.

It was time for vaccinations and Coggins and I'm thinking why should I spend the money on a Coggins for Bailey when it was clear she was not going anywhere. Dr. Wanda Thompson and Lisa Wald of Royston Animal Hospital came out and I told them about the "this horse will never load into the trailer" saga. I asked if they had any ideas. They did! They gave me the name and number for a trainer they said could load anything, was a great trainer, and located not too far from my place. Dr. Wanda went on to explain that this trainer, even though he was a "cowboy", he had very soft hands and was known to be kind to the horses. Trust me, at this point if Jesse James had come through my place and wanted a fresh horse I would have handed him Bailey's lead rope. So, as I was sitting in the barn waiting for the rain to stop, I called the number, hoping no one would answer; but he did. I explained Bailey's story and he told me he would be at my place at 1:00.....THAT DAY, with his trailer. Yeah right. Well at 1:00 Tinker Moffitt walked into Bailey's life and changed it forever.

During their first meeting, Bailey, with ears pinned reached out to bite, and Tinker casually put his arm up slightly and Bailey wacked her head on his arm; Bailey's first lesson in respect. I told Tinker that Bailey would do much better if I left but he told me to stay. (Well, OK.) Then, they went to work in the paddock. Tinker had Bailey moving her feet left, right, left, right, through the trees and back around. All I know is that I was dizzy. But a shift was starting to show in Bailey. She was paying attention to Tinker and not looking to me. .

Then it was time to walk Bailey to the trailer which, because of the recent rains and mud, was parked on the road. I was a bit freaked as I tried to think of the name of the guy with the fire department who would come out and hose the blood Bailey was going to leave on the road. After a couple of minutes of showing Bailey the trailer, walking her around, showing her the trailer again, then a crack on the butt and Bailey was in the trailer! My head was spinning as it took only about 3 minutes. Then Bailey was taken out of the trailer, put back in the trailer out of the trailer again. Now Tinker sent her into the trailer. Bailey stepped in and stood at the end of the trailer like she had done this all her life. He took her out of the trailer once more and handed me the lead rope and told me to load her. I felt like I might throw up, but Bailey popped right in. Wow! Off she and Tinker went. Hmmm. I don't really know this guy or where Bailey is going. Great foster care person you are CeCe!

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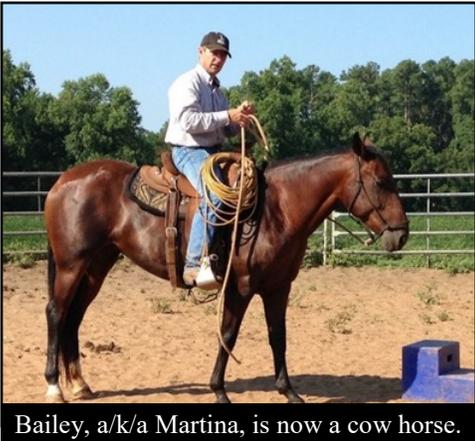
As the truck and trailer were going down the road, I just stood there staring and wondering what the heck I had just done..

Sometimes the Fork in the Road has a Third Option

Bailey's Story

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I don't think it was more than 3 days later that I called Tinker and asked if I could come by and see Bailey (very proud of myself waiting 3 whole days). I get to Tinkers farm and there he sits on Bailey. She is saddled up with a whole lot of ropes tied on the saddle and in a halter and a lead rope. Bailey looked interested, her ears were listening and connecting to her brain. I was a bit speechless, which is not an area where I often go. They really looked good. Dang! Ok, I'm impressed. Over the next couple months Bailey must have been a pretty good student. Tinker took her on a couple of trips and she did "really good".



Bailey, a/k/a Martina, is now a cow horse.

I got a phone call from Tinker in the middle of November asking if he could adopt Bailey. Huh? Bailey? Really, are you sure? The problem is that Tinker's farm, while only about 20 minutes from me, it's in Seneca, South Carolina. GERL has certain protocols in place and one is we don't adopt horses out of

the State of Georgia. However, for me it's all about the horse and the partnership. I know Tinker and Bailey had that. I also knew that Bailey would not be easy around other people and since she and Tinker had this team work thing going on, I was good with it. So was the GERL Board. Bailey is now known as Martina because Tinkers daughter really likes that name.



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Bailey and Tinker hit it off right away.

Tinker took Martina to do some branding at a place in South Georgia. He told me he must have roped 50 -75 cows off of her and she was awesome. So, Bailey is now Martina and Martina is now a cow horse. I'm happy she has found a place where she can work and be useful. In the end, Tinker was surely "Bailey's" hero. As for me she will always have a piece of my heart, but in the end, when it's meant to be, it just is. Thank you Tinker Moffitt for believing in this filly. Just to note, since "Bailey" I have sent both Hank and Shamus to Tinker for training and YES, they both will come back home.

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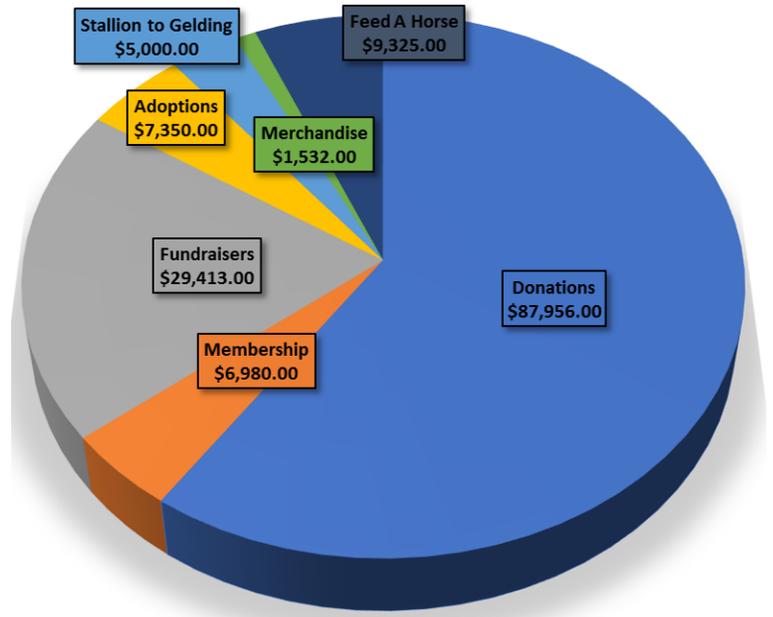
LET'S TALK ABOUT THE MONEY

INCOME

- ◆ We raised \$29,413 at FUNDRAISERS
- ◆ We received \$6,980 in MEMBERSHIPS.
- ◆ We received \$65,250 from FOUNDATIONS/TRUSTS.
- ◆ We received \$22,706 in OTHER DONATIONS.
- ◆ We received \$5,000 from a STALLION TO GELDING GRANT
- ◆ We received \$9,325 for our FEED-A-HORSE PROGRAM.
- ◆ We received \$7,350 in ADOPTION FEES.

TOTAL INCOME FOR 2016— \$142,967

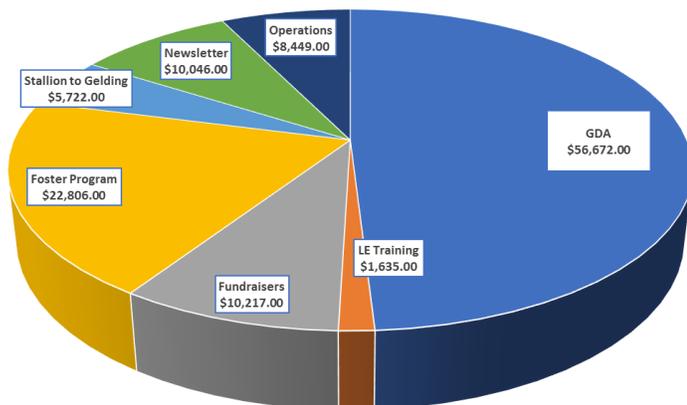
GERL Income 2016 - \$142,967



EXPENSES

- ◆ We spent \$56,672 on goods and services for the GDA HORSES;
- ◆ We spent \$10,217 on FUNDRAISERS.
- ◆ We spent \$22,806 on GERL FOSTER CARE.
- ◆ We spent \$10,046 on the GERL NEWSLETTER.
- ◆ We spent \$1,635 on LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING.
- ◆ We spent \$5,722 on our STALLION TO GELDING PROGRAM.
- ◆ We spent \$8,449 on OPERATIONS (Insurance, Postage, etc.).

GERL 2016 Expenses - \$116,111



TOTAL EXPENSES FOR 2016—\$116,111

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Remember that it takes energy to keep warm. Your horse typically will require more calories in the winter because of the increase in metabolism required to maintain his body temperature. On the flip side, if your horse is a little overweight, use the winter to help him/her shed some unneeded pounds.

Hoof care is very important in the winter. The hooves may be a lot wetter due to the environment. Therefore, thrush can be more prevalent. Clean and pick out the hooves daily. Watch for abscesses from bruising on the frozen ground.

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A Note from the Secretary's Desk

by Anne Ensminger



Where has the first quarter of 2017 gone? So many things are happening in the world of GERL, that the days seem to fly by. Events are being accomplished and others are being planned.

Even though I am a bit “backward” when it comes to social media, I have become much more accepting of it and am beginning to understand the value to GERL. I hope that many of you are keeping track of us on Facebook, our web page, Twitter, and now Instagram. I understand that Instagram is a great way to share photos and short videos as well as promote our organization and our mission. Unbeknownst to me, it seems that “young people” are now moving away from Facebook and toward Instagram as a way to communicate. Really?? Heaven knows, we need many more young folks to become involved, help us, and to eventually become responsible for the survival and growth of our organization. Thus, we happily embrace Instagram. We are grateful to Steve DeMoss and Nancy Bogarts for encouraging us to become acquainted with this new (to us), method of communication.

Former GERL President, Betty Evenson, husband Duane, and members of their extended family often attend and support our annual Poker Ride. This year, however, Betty just couldn't help herself when she saw a need that she could fill which would improve the “flow” of that event. Betty arose early, dressed in layers against the very cool morning, and set about greeting every horse trailer arriving to participate in Poker Ride 2017. She made certain that every horse entering the area was covered by a current Coggins and handed out the required liability release forms so that they could be filled out ahead of check-in. This was tremendously helpful and we greatly appreciated having Betty come out of “retirement” to help us in that way.

I would like to send a personal THANK YOU to

my dear friend, Dorothy Thomas, who has been right by my side for the past several years at Poker Ride Check-In. I would still be trying to tally my totals for Poker Ride 2010 if not for you, Dorothy!

Speaking of volunteers.....I would like for everyone to seek the details on GERL social media (there is that term again!), concerning a HUGE event which will take place on April 29th. at the Walton County Agricultural Center near Monroe, GA. This will be a true FAMILY event with many activities for children but also horse related opportunities for learning which will be of interest to all. “Help a Horse Day” is the result of a dream held by Donna Harrison who became aware of some pretty hefty grants being offered by the ASPCA to organizations such as ours. There were MANY requirements and to me, her dream seemed unattainable in the beginning. I must now swallow those thoughts and express only admiration for Donna and all that she has managed to accomplish toward making this event a reality. She will be the first to tell you that there have been many who have helped but it is she who is the motor driving this project. She is determined to obtain the top ASPCA grant on behalf of GERL. How can any of us fail to participate in, and support “Help a Horse Day” to show our appreciation for Donna's hard work? By the way, a large turnout is one of the ASPCA requirements to qualify for a grant so bring the whole family!

My personal get well wishes and prayers on behalf of our very long time, and much loved “Auctioneer Extraordinaire”, Micky Farmer.

As a final note, I would like to say that it has been my honor and joy to serve on the GERL Board of Directors and as Secretary under two Presidents, for 10 wonderful years. As my 75th. birthday approaches, I am stepping aside so that someone with new energy, enthusiasm, and ideas concerning the daily activities and future of GERL can take my place. Her name is Cynthia Anderson and I am thrilled to hand the reins to someone of her caliber who holds a love of horses equal to mine. I am, by no means, finished helping GERL in many ways so don't be saying good bye to me the next time we meet.

NOT The End

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Update on Upcoming Help A Horse Day

By Donna Harrison

So many of you are now aware of, and putting your shoulders to the wheel concerning GERL's upcoming #HelpAHorse Day event scheduled for April 29th. If you have been sleeping peacefully in the hayloft and have no clue, here's what's happening!

The Walton County Agriculture and Education Center, 1208 Criswell Road, Monroe, GA will serve as the venue for what we think to be Georgia's first #HelpAHorse Day. This is an unusual event insofar as it is not only a fundraiser for non-profit equine rescue and welfare organizations such as our own GERL; it also serves as a springboard from which those groups may apply for grant money. \$100,000.00 is up for grabs. First prize is awarded \$25,000.00; 2nd - 6th each get \$10,000.00 and 7th - 11th each take home \$5,000.00. This is the fifth annual ASPCA #HelpAHorse Day event and while each year more and more national organizations compete for funds to bolster their rescue efforts, we think our chances are pretty darned good! Our event will be judged through a 50 point rubric and these points are awarded according to 8 categories: number of attendees, photos (thank you, Patty, for volunteering here), a 350 word essay (appreciation to our talented writer, Anne Ensminger, for taking this on), media involvement, resource impact including recruitment of new volunteers, effort, alignment with ASPCA's mission and collaboration with other groups.

Preparations are underway to hold the Grand Event April 29 in Monroe preceded by a "teaser" happening at A.H. Stephens State Park, April 22. Mrs. Ann Harris, ACTHA Platinum award recipient, with her horse 'Marty' has graciously agreed to demonstrate trail and obstacle training during the Friends of A.H. Stephens Equestrian Poker Ride weekend. The ASPCA requires that any group desiring qualification for grant application to #HelpAHorse hold at last one event between April 21 and April 26. Since we were unable to procure a suitable venue for our event that week, Ann offered a pro bono appearance at the park as our ambassador and part of our #HelpAHorse day event! In short, she is the reason we can hold our main event and then apply for the grant. Anyone feeling appreciative? Ann's address is 1717 Ike Stone Rd., Monroe, GA 30656. Feel free to send her a note of thanks.

The grand event is coming together well. Admission is free and gates open at 9:00. Tickets for games and family-fun activities will be sold along with concessions. We hope to see Louis Wild, Equine Massage Therapist, Ed Dabney, internationally renowned clinician and trainer, Louise Dito-maso and 'China Doll' a GERL adoption success story, and music from the Cowboy Traveling Band as well as Mike Rogers' High Cotton Band. Our own Jacki Moore and her

sweet horse, Justin, have volunteered to present Basic Horse Care. (Jacki, does Justin know about this??) Mrs. Ann Harris will open the day by presenting our nation's colors as we stand for the National Anthem. Following, she will demonstrate her ACTHA Platinum award winning Trail Horse Challenge show. Thanks to Joan Grant who has donated A TOTAL TON of prizes for the games we have scheduled, including The Horse Swimming Pool, Pin the Tail on the Horse, Horseshoes, Tack or Treat, the Stick Horse Race and so much more. A big thank you to Annie Mitchell who has been instrumental in getting us radio spots with WKUN and WMOQ as well as TV time with Walton television. Cynthia Anderson and Patty Livingston, thanks for your work in gaining sponsors. We're recruiting sponsors, vendors and collecting donations for a silent auction, a special event tee-shirt sale, a cake walk and a raffle. All this takes teamwork, so please let me know if you can help with anything.

You will begin seeing flyers announcing #HelpAHorse day everywhere, as our Area Coordinators are busy putting these in businesses across the entire state.

The Farmers Market Bulletin has begun advertising for us in the Bulletin Calendar and I am hopeful the Walton Tribune will carry a story in addition to the advertisement they are placing through the paper's Community Bulletin.

Our sponsors have been generous and our vendors are the best. We are still hoping for more donors to jump on this bandwagon so we can take home the prize: help for horses in need. We need more concessions and more volunteers to help man games and manage the day. If you have any connections, please give a holler! WE CAN DO THIS HARD THING!

Horse Hugs,

Donna H.



The GERL Annual Meeting Marks Another Successful Year

By Patty Livingston

The Georgia Equine Rescue League (GERL), held their annual meeting at the Winder Lion's Club on January 21st. I had spent all day on Friday loading up the flea market stuff in the back of my horse trailer in preparation for the meeting. When I woke up early Saturday morning it was to the sound of thunder and a heavy downpour. I was very glad that I had loaded everything except the ham and broccoli salad the day before because I had serious reservations about how I was going to manage. Just as I was walking out the door to head to the Lions Club the phone rang and it was Ellen Wright, our guest speaker who was calling to say that she wasn't coming due to tornado warnings in the area. So, I just shifted gears and decided that we would make do just fine.

We started out by sharing a delicious potluck lunch, followed by a presentation from GERL's Grant Writer, Donna Harrison. Donna is pulling together a committee to compete in the 5th annual ASPCA Help A Horse Day, which will take place on April 29th at the Morgan County Ag Center in Monroe. Look for details in our latest newsletter, as well as our website. The coveted Marty Paulk GERL Cheerleader Award went home

with our very talented Foster and Adoption Coordinator, CeCe Calli. A BIG thanks to CeCe and the fabulous job she does keeping track of all GERL's horses.

GERL had a very successful year in 2016 and was able to spend over \$85,000 directly on helping horses in Georgia. We're looking forward to a success 2017! Come out and help this year!



China Doll and Anna Grace

By Patty Livingston

China first came into the GERL Foster Program in 2012 as an 8-year-old. She was 1 of 4 horses that GERL agreed to take as part of a large herd impoundment in South Georgia which included over 100 other horses. She was a body score of 2 and was diagnosed with acute muscle atrophy by the attending vet. In addition to that, someone had hacked off her tail so short she couldn't even swat flies. She was immediately placed in a rehab foster home where she was allowed to hang out and get healthy.

After she was returned to a normal body weight, her training level was assessed. The little mare seemed to have no "under saddle" history, which made her a perfect candidate for our first annual GERL Rescue Challenge competition in September of 2014. The Challenge, a brand new fundraising event created by GERL, would allow 9 untrained horses from our Foster Program or the State's Impound Barns, to receive 120 days of training by 1 of 9 trainers that would be competing for the \$2,000 first place prize money. This competition was created to not only provide 9 horses with a brighter future, but to also educate the public about the plight of the unwanted horse today.

China was trained by Danielle Perry and after the competition she went back home with Danielle until April 2015. At that time, she was moved to GERL Vice President Tamma Trump's farm in Acworth, where her training continued and where she competed in a small local show, ridden by a high school student who lived nearby. The little bay mare was adopted in January 2016 by Anna Grace's mom, Mary Ross, who had been looking for a nice horse for her daughter.

China, whose show name is My GERL, now competes in Show Hunter at the State level. She was shown in the Pre-Green Division all through the 2016 season and ended up being the year-end top winner over 40 horses competing in that division! This year she will be campaigned at the 2.3 to 2.6 level. In her first show this year, she was

named Champion in the 2.3 Show Hunter division in South Carolina.



China Doll was extremely thin and malnourished with a BS of a 2.

The soon to be 14-year old Anna Grace is a little pixie of a girl, very much dedicated to her sport and her love of horses. She can be found at the barn, riding horses, on any given day; rain or shine. Anna Grace reflects that level of commitment it takes to succeed. Recently, she was the recipient of the coveted Sportsmanship Award at the South Carolina show. Anna Grace and her trainer, Louise Ditomaso, of Loganville, are hoping that in 2018 China will make her debut in the Large Pony Division at the National level (A Circuit) and qualify to go to Pony Finals in Aug 2018!

This is the kind of story that warms hearts., especially, when you realize how differently this could have ended had it not been for the big hearts of so many people out there helping horses. As for China Doll, she found a place in the heart of a little girl named Anna Grace and her life was changed forever!



This is China Doll shortly after coming into the GERL foster program.

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China Doll and Anna Grace

By Patty Livingston

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China Doll, a/k/a My GERL, was the champion in the 2.3 show hunter division in South Carolina this year.



China was adopted by Anna Grace in 2016

R.I.P. Little Bit

By Nancy Bogardts

Little Bit, aka Michelob, passed away, recently. He had gotten down the night before and the Cherokee County Large Animal Rescue Team was called to help get him up. He was in a sling at the vet's, eating, drinking and pooping when he just passed away peacefully. Little Bit had some age on him. He had such a wonderful home at Joan Heiser's and she loved that big boy with all of her heart. I am so grateful that I got another chance to see him and love on him a few years ago. So... from the initial group of five Clydesdales who were impounded by the GDA several years ago, there is only one left. He is at Joan's as well.



Update on the Minis

By Cindy Burt

My family and I have been in the process of founding a nonprofit for equine therapy, and were inspired during our research learning about other organizations using mini horses as therapy animals that could visit hospitals, nursing homes and people in need who were homebound. I was checking out GERL's available horses for adoption and came across four adorable minis that seemed like a perfect fit.

I got in touch with Patty and learned that they had sweet personalities and my sister and I went to visit them. We fell in love instantly and went through the adoption process. The farm check went well and we got some good advice from Patty and Cece on the specific care of mini horses. GERL had already had them vet checked and provided farrier care. We were grateful to receive the happy, and in good health, little horses. They have fit in so well with our small herd and they love attention. We are working with them daily to get them ready to be certified therapy animals as a part of our program.

Shrek is the chestnut and the confident alpha, Pinky is the glamour girl and Mayson's mother, Mayson is the mischievous baby and is still learning manners but adores kids and has so much potential, and Putt likes to intimidate my German Shepherds and herd my donkey Jennies! We are so happy they are a part of our family and grateful to GERL for all the good work you do.



Shrek loves kids!



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Shrek and Putt



Shrek sporting a new hairdo.



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Upcoming Changes to the GERL Board of Directors

By Patty Livingston

It's been coming for a long time and we've all been sort of ignoring the message, but Miss Anne has recently given her resignation, effective June 1st, as Secretary of GERL. Best I can recollect, she has been doing the job for approximately 14 years now and I am putting aside my selfish desires to accept her resignation and wish the best for my friend. We recently split her job apart and Jacki Moore and Leslie Lambert now handle the renewals, which did help buy some time.

The GERL Board has unanimously agreed on Anne's replacement who will be Cynthia Anderson and she has graciously agreed to fill the position. Cynthia had recently come to me and let me that she would like to take on more responsibility. Since our event coordinator for the Gene Fest ride was going to be out of town this year, I offered that position to Cynthia, who jumped right in and is already planning that event. She is an Area Coordinator and has hosted a law enforcement training meeting in her area in the past. She has also volunteered at many other GERL events over the years she has been involved.



Cynthia Anderson

Please let Miss Anne know how much you appreciate her long-term sacrifices on behalf of GERL, as well as extend a warm welcome to Cynthia Anderson, our soon-to-be, new Secretary!

Miss Anne loves to fish and is geared up to the max to go out and do some fishing. So, come June 1st, you might just be able to find her in a boat on a lake somewhere!

WELCOME NEW GERL MEMBERS

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Debra Jones	GERL	Jesup
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Meg O'Bryan	GERL	Buford
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		Karen Stubbs
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GDA and Other Updates

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

- ✓ GERL paid \$8,141 for feed for the horses at the Mansfield, Arrendale and Pulaski facilities.
- ✓ GERL spent \$4,205 for vet care for horses at the Mansfield and Arrendale facilities.
- ✓ GERL purchased saddles and headstalls for the Arrendale training program. The cost was \$2,038.
- ✓ GERL bought 300 bales of hay for \$1,950 for the Pulaski facility.
- ✓ GERL provided 464 bales of hay to Mansfield at a cost of \$3,106. This hay is shared with the Arrendale facility as needed.
- ✓ GERL spent \$3,440 on our foster horses. This was for feed, hay, vet care and farrier care.

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- ◆ Monarch the horse and Terco the donkey by Debbie Powell

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