



NEWSLETTER
FLORIDA FOXTROTTER ASSOCIATION
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“HOT TO TROT”



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT
DECEMBER 2021 - JANUARY 2022

Hello Every One –

As we celebrate the holiday season of 2021 this December, we once again go back to Charles Dicken’s writings. The Christmas Carol calls us all as did Scrooge to re-examine our lives. As we continue to live with Covid19 and its variants, we find that what we value most is not material things but our family, friends, and experiences we share. To this end, our FFTA is more than just a “horse affiliation,” it is a family of sorts who love our horses and the friends we have. Fortunately toward the end of 2021 our FFTA was able to come together once again --first with our visit to the World Equestrian Center and then the Holiday Party at Black Horse Ranch. If it were not for Mother Nature intervening, we would have had our Fall Festival in early November. What a nice time. Old friends and new friends. Over 25 folks were able to enjoy the Christmas event!

As I write this message, Covid19 Omicron variant seems to be spreading with lightning speed throughout our country (and the whole world). Again, we have to be vigilant with our activities to keep us all safe. Thank goodness we have our horses! They keep us outdoors, busy, and offer a safe way to enjoy life. With a 2022 FFTA BOD in place, we will continue to plan activities with safety in mind. Plans are to have a Spring Fling (aka Fall Festival) in early March and the Gathering sometime in late April. Our hopes are to have some local activities in various areas of Florida –such as a day ride and picnic so that FFTA members can gather without having to travel long distances. Ideas are always welcome.

We have a slight shift in our FFTA BOD for 2022. Jan McDougald and Nancy Chretien are rotating off the BOD. We absolutely will miss their being on the BOD but understand that family responsibilities are paramount. The 2022 Officers: President – Kathie Woodward, Vice President – Debbie Hagenbuch-Reese, Treasurer – Pip Randall, Secretary – Jim Woodward (yes, he agreed once again to get back in the FFTA saddle). The 2022 Board Representatives: Teresa Mikelson, Dana Proeger, and Marty Ratliff. Once again, I thank each and everyone of you for keeping FFTA in our lives –with smiles, hard work, and dedication. Please let us know if you have ideas for activities. Please send in your 2022 membership dues!

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December Birthdays

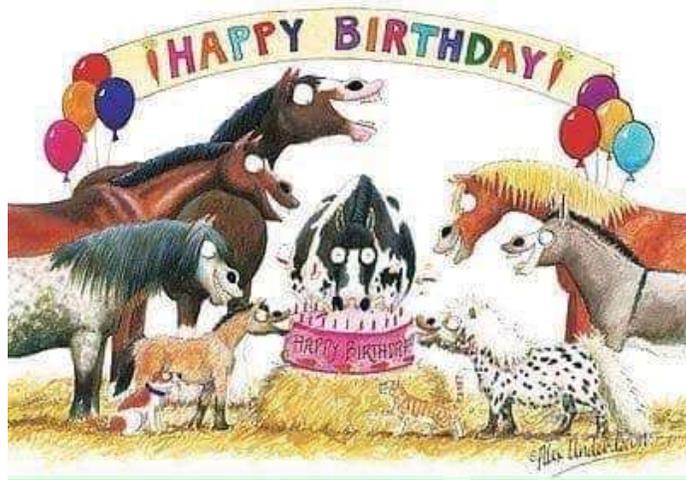
Sheila Gaynor 12/2
Norma Hensick 12/11
Jim Woodward 12/13
Kathy Darling-Knotts 12/19
Glenn North 12/20
Norman McKillop 12/21

Sue Owen 12/22
Terry Zack 12/25
Jan McDougald 12/28
Judy Mruz 12/28
Judy Spillman 12/29

January Birthdays

Mark Fowler 1/2
Chaeley Ratliff 1/4
Nancy Chretien 1/19

Jim Knotts 1/20
Jim Devine 1/25



Notes from the Outgoing-Secretary

Jan McDougald

I want to thank each of you for letting me serve in the secretary position the last two years and also being very kind while I adapted. Our very capable Jim Woodward is our club's new secretary and I know he's looking forward to serving the Florida Fox Trotter Association members in promoting this wonderful breed of horse. I wishing you all a better 2022. Sincerely, Jan McDougald



Christmas Event-2021

Nancy and her crew put on a fantastic Christmas Event!!! We had a great trail ride from Black Horse Resort Ranch into the Ocala National Forest Saturday morning. I believe there were 23 riders that decided to divide into a slow and fast group. That worked out well and everyone enjoyed the ride and especially visiting with new and old friends. Christmas crafts were made after the ride along with a silent auction. Afterward were Christmas games and a wonderful dinner. Nancy's games had everyone going every which way with a lot of laughter. Additionally, the club's long time member, Ann Hays, was given a great send off to Colorado where she will make her new home close to her family that lives there. Thank you Nancy for making a fun weekend for all.





Calendar of Events for 2022

March 2022 (TBD) - “Spring Fling” This originally was the “Fall Festival - 2021” which was cancelled due to stormy weather. It will be hosted by Kathy Woodward and Debbie Hagenbuch-Reese

April 2022 (TBD) – “The Gathering” exact date to be announced .