



NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



Our next General Meeting is Wednesday, November 12, 2025

We will meet at Tacos El Norte, 401 N Riverside Dr, Gurnee, Illinois
The meeting room opens at 6:00pm if you would like to dine prior to the meeting.
Meeting will begin promptly at 7:00pm.

Speaker will be **Sophie from Stable Smiles**



HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025



See Attached Flyer for Cost, Time and Location



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November

- 11/02 **Trail Ride** –The Riding Club of Barrington Hills, 361 Bateman Rd., Barrington Hills, IL. Arrive by 11:30, lunch at noon. Ride after lunch will be 2 hours long. Return for dessert. Lunch will be ham and turkey sandwiches, and fruit/veggie tray. Please bring a dish to share. Host is Pam Ziedman
- 11/09 **Trail Ride** – Lakewood. Arrive by 9:30, ride out at 10. Lunch is fried chicken and all the sides. Bring a dish to share. Host is Mindy Sivright and the board.
- 11/12 **General Meeting - Tacos El Norte**, 401 N Riverside Dr, Gurnee, Illinois Meeting will start promptly at 7:00 but come early and eat dinner. Room opens at 6:00
- 11/19 **Board Meeting** – 7:00 pm Thirsty Horse. If you would like to attend a Board Meeting, please contact Debi Neuman and she will add you to the agenda. Be sure to let her know what you would like to discuss with the board

December

12/06 **Holiday Party** at Parkside in Ingleside

12/17 **Board Meeting** – 7:00 pm Thirsty Horse. If you would like to attend a Board Meeting, please contact Debi Neuman and she will add you to the agenda. Be sure to let her know what you would like to discuss with the board

OFFICERS FOR 2026

President: Sheri Roberson
Vice President: Kelly Dickson
Secretary: Beth Santi
Treasurer: Ghislaine deKoning

FEATURED POSSE MEMBER DIANE ROBERTSON

Diane recalls loving horses from the “beginning of time” and always dreamed one day she could ride a horse in a parade. Growing up in the city of Waukegan she recalls being very fortunate as a child to have an uncle, aunt, and 8 cousins up north near Cable, Wi. They had livery stable on 400 acres. Horses!! Her family would visit once or twice a year and her uncle would Pony her for trail rides beginning around the age of 4. She especially remembers riding along the cliffs and the railroad tracks looking so small down below. She also remembers a friend who had cousins in Wadsworth that had a horse named “Trixie.” “We used to ride double, bareback around their farm.” “Then, in summer school, for \$2.00 a bus would pick us kids up and take us to a riding stable in Beach Park. We got to go on trail rides, and you know we had our favorite horses of course, and we didn’t just walk either.” I asked how she learned to ride and she said “by riding, I never had any lessons back then.”

When Diane reach age 19 she bought her 1st horse, a QH mare, “about \$350 back then.” “She was crazy; she would rear and dump me all the time.” Tired of these antics Diane bought a different QH Gelding, a tall Bay. She was boarding then at a stable in Lake Villa and recalls riding around what is now the Grandwood subdivision. There were a few more QH’s that didn’t work out and at age 22 life moved on, and horses moved to the back burner when Diane married and had kids.

At age 49, and with her mom’s passing her finances allowed just enough for her to get back in the saddle and she purchased a Tennessee Walker in hopes of smoother rides for her “getting older back.” She had a few more horses one that bucked and dumped her, another Tennessee Walker he was too strong and frequently had the upper hand, one she broke her arm on, and at last after those (7 in all) she found her “Heart Horse” named “General.” General is a Missouri Fox Trotter. He was 9 years old then and is 26 now. “He is very sweet and takes very good care of me.” Diane shared that in 2016 she was diagnosed with MS after experiencing numbness and tingling to her hands and feet. Her neurologist advised her then (and now) to “keep riding.” He said, “the movement of the horse assimilates walking, will maintain your balance, strength, and your emotional health.” “Just arriving at the barn, I



can feel an immediate release of stressors.”Diane shared. “My horse is my motivation to keep moving, along with my “horse friends.” This writer can attest that IF you want to know the riding forecast Diane will nail down the exact timing for a weather perfect ride. The extremes of heat and humidity exacerbate Diane’s MS, and no one wants to ride in the rain.

One day trail riding at Sterling Diane ran into another woman riding another Fox Trotter. This was Mary Dessimoz who belonged to the Posse. Sharing the happenings of the Posse on trail rides she eventually sponsored Diane to join. When asked what her favorite Posse experiences were, you might imagine it was riding in parades! “I rode 4 parades a year for 4 years, 16 in total, and my least favorite parade was Bristol when the balloon vendor came too close to General and my most favorite one was the 1st time I rode without anyone having to lead me and my horse!”

“The Posse has fostered some very good friendships along the way with fellow horse loving people. My horse now has “kissing spine” which limits the terrain I take him on, but I’m hoping General and I continue to take good care of each other for as long as we can!”

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Fall Ride at Old School





Horse Show at Spring Grove Horse Park





Halloween Ride at Chain O Lakes









WEBSITE and FB INFORMATION

www.lcmp.info

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For our Facebook page and our website, please send to us pictures from your rides or other activities you have done this season. We want all members and potential members to see what we are up to and that the club is still riding and active. If you are planning, spur of the moment, to go out and ride the trails, send us a message and we will post it on Facebook. The board voted that it doesn't have to be an LCMP sponsored event to post this on our Facebook page. Some members may not be able to join a club ride but may have the time to ride at another time. This is also a way to stay connected with our members and to not have to ride alone.

If you are interested in helping with the website, please contact Matt Friel for details.

WEBSITE PICTURES

For new members and anyone who want to update their picture on the Posse website, please send your photo to Matt Friel at webmaster@lcmp.info. Please send the picture as an attachment in your email.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & TEAMS

The membership cannot thrive without the help from our members on various committee jobs. This year, we would like to put together teams to assist with each Committee Chair. **We need volunteers** - please contact Jennifer Friel or Debi Neuman if you are interested in helping out. The Board will help you all the way. Thank you so much!!

Committee	Chairs
Associate Liaison/Resources	Lynn Goodell & Beth Santi
Communications/Website	Jennifer & Matt Friel
Fall Ride	Ghislaine deKoning & Jennifer Friel
Holiday Party	Betsy Faitz & Debi Neuman
Horse Show	Ghislaine deKoning / Kelly Dickson
Legislative Committee	Lynn Goodell
Non-Riding Events	The Board
Parades	Betsy Faitz & Mindy Sivright
Play Days	The Board
Possee Apparel	Betsy Faitz & Matt Friel
Trail Rides	Kim Moon & Debi Neuman

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If you have any membership questions or concerns, please feel let us know – we'll help however we can.



POSSE WEAR

Link for Besco: <https://bescoawards.com/main.sc>

Link for The Lettering Machine for T-Shirts: <https://theletteringmachine.com/LCMP/shop/home>

ANIE'S JAMS AND JELLIES

Message from Anie Weiler:

"If anyone needs some jam, they can contact Ghislaine deKoning. The jam(s) will be outside on her table with a separate jar for payment. If they live near me, they could come to my house and in the back, I will have their order on the table. See you soon, Anie Weiler"