



Welcome to the January 2010 issue of the [Horsefeathers Therapeutic Riding Center, NFP](#) newsletter! Our hope is to pass on vital information about our program and have a little fun. We promise to put the important stuff at the top and end with some fun.

Speaking of fun, finally a real barn dance! If you missed it, we missed you! Never fear, we had so much fun, well, we have started planning more parties right away. Most, will be for all, free of charge and just for the total fun of it. Some, will be fundraisers, cause we are a 501 (c) 3 charity and cause the horses do actually need more to eat than carrots, apples, horse cookies and peppermints. Fundraisers will be clearly marked.

We would like to share our mutual journey, so drop us an e-mail if you have [something to share](#).

### Important dates to remember...

- First Bank of Highland Park Art Exhibit, January 2010
- One Dime at a Time at Whole Foods Market Deerfield, January, 2010 thru March, 2010
- Boy Scout Crew & Troop 333, 1st and 3rd Sundays, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
- Horse Show Schedule:
  - Friday, March 26th, 2010
  - Friday, May 28th, 2010
  - Friday, June 11th, 2010
  - Friday, July 9th, 2010
- CEL (Center for Enriched Living), Fridays, April 9th, 2010 thru May 21st, 2010, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- Spring Fundraiser, April 17th, 2010
- Special Olympics, September 11th - September 12th, 2010



If you would like to more information about any of these events, drop us an e-mail to [info@horsefeatherscenter.org](mailto:info@horsefeatherscenter.org) or call us at 847-234-2411.

### That sharing feeling...

We are are a 501 (c) 3 charity. If you would like to make a donation, send a check to

[Horsefeathers Therapeutic Riding Center, NFP](#)

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### Boy Scout Crew & Troop 333

In 2009, Horsefeathers formed Boy Scout Troop 333. Boy Scout Crew 333 is a registered Search and Rescue unit and has been serving in the Lake Forest community since 2001. Horsefeathers is proud to sponsor both. Meetings are held on the first and third Sundays of each month from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

Scouting enables boys from 11 to 17 years of age to work towards the highest rank, the Eagle Scout Award. Many fine men went to college due to a scholarships available to Eagle Scouts. For more information, see Nick Coyne.

### First Bank of Highland Park Exhibition

Take a moment to stop by [First Bank of Highland Park](#) to view the exhibit displaying photos and personal comments from our riders, as well as information on our program on their Ruth Fell Wander Community Art Wall throughout the month of January.

First Bank of Highland Park is located at 1835 First Street in Highland Park, IL. Please stop by during banking hours Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

### One Dime at a Time Whole Foods Market Deerfield

Horsefeathers will be a recipient of [Whole Foods Market](#) in Deerfield's One Dime at a Time program. They offer all customers 10 cents for every bag they reuse. You can choose do donate your bag refund to Horsefeathers from January 2010 thru March

2010.

A BIG THANKS!!! to Whole Foods, Deerfield for donating the beverages for our Barn Dance!!!

## Join our newsletter

Typing e-mails does not seem to be our strongest asset. If you did not receive this e-mail directly, please pardon the omission as it was definitely not on purpose. The rumours that Calvin ate them are just not true. To join click [here](#).

And installment 3 of our inside look at our horses (and ponies)...

## As the Barn Turns... a continuing equine serial by Lynda Vital & friends

Well, Santa did come that night, and next morning the horses found all kinds of nice treats in their stalls - apples, carrots, and peppermints.

"Wow!" said Calvin. "We must have been really good horses last year for Santa to have been so good to us!"

"Now that the holidays are over, I wonder what excitement we'll have next," said Ice. Ice was a fun-loving boy, always looking for adventure.

"I think the humans were up to something last week," piped in Big Red.

"There was all kinds of noise out in the arena. It sounded like they were tearing the place apart."

Tigger, the barn cat, swaggered by at this time, and decided he'd clue the horses in on the latest news. As he spent a lot of time in the office letting the humans cuddle him, he always knew what was going on. He told them about the big construction project the humans had carried out, but more interesting was the fact that they were planning a big holiday party. There was to be a DJ playing music for dancing.

"Oh, boy, there will be dancing!" exclaimed Tia. "I haven't been to a dance in years!" Scatman was happy about that as well, as he was known to have been done a pretty fine jitterbug in his day!

"You know that whenever humans get together for a party, there's bound to be great treats around as well," said Poco.

Even Elsie seemed pleased about the possibility of a social occasion. It wasn't quite as exciting as winning a horse race, but at least she would give her legs a good work-out.

The more they talked about the upcoming party, the more excited the horses became. The only one that did not seem too interested about the whole thing was Red Rover.

"Say, Red Rover, you look kind of worried. Don't you want to go to the party?" asked Tia.

"Well, I'd like to go, but I'm still too busy trying to figure out why I have these fur knickers on. I never did find out why Kristi did not shave my legs to match the rest of my body. I think people at the dance might think I look kind of funny," he answered.

"Oh, silly boy," laughed Tia. "She must have known there was going to be a party, and she left your legs furry so you'd be the coolest-looking horse there! What other reason would there be! All the girls will want to dance with you!"

Little Red Rover was extremely pleased with this idea, and his little horsey-smile got bigger and bigger just thinking of how popular he would be at the dance.

Tigger listened to the horses as they made their plans for the party and he chuckled to himself.

"Silly horses," he thought. "Don't they know that parties are for humans - not horses!" He decided he'd keep this information to himself and let them go on believing that they'd be welcome to join the fun.

Well, the night of the party came, and all the humans were bustling around with the party preparations. They were so busy, they didn't even notice as the horses also got themselves ready for the party. They helped each other put on their party hats and their dancing horseshoes. When they heard the music start playing, they all formed a Conga Line and danced their way out of their stalls, down the aisle, and into the arena!



Tigger looked on from his perch high up on the bleachers. He didn't know who was weirder, humans or horses.

STAY TUNED for the next installment to find out.....

Did the horses get to stay at the party?

Who won the dance contest?

How many girls did Red Rover get to dance with?

As always, thanks so much for your support!

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