



Welcome to the February 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.

We are a 501 (c) 3 charity, which means that 50% of our operating budget must come from donations. With that in mind we are holding a [raffle](#) for a 50 inch LCD television. We would greatly appreciate your support and encouragement in our fundraising endeavor. With any luck we will raise enough money for this to be our only major fundraiser of the year. Please see our website for more information.

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

Important dates to remember...

- 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
- Raffle Drawing, April 17th, 2010
- [Horse Show](#) Schedule:
 - Friday, March 26th, 2010
 - Friday, May 28th, 2010
 - Friday, June 11th, 2010
 - Friday, July 9th, 2010
- [Special Olympics](#), September 11th - September 12th, 2010



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

- CEL (Center for Enriched Living)
 - Fridays, April 9th, 2010 thru May 21st, 2010, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. We expect 6-10 riders, so we will need 15-20 volunteers)
 - Sundays, April 11th, 2010 thru May 16th, 2010 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm. We expect 15 riders, so we will need 15-20 volunteers)
- Summer Camps, sponsored by other organizations, weekday mornings and afternoons
 - CEL Adventure Camp (10 riders) Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm from June 15th, 2010 to July 29th, 2010.
 - YMCA Camp (10 riders) Thursdays, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm from June 17th, 2010 to August 12th, 2010.
 - Keshet Camp (15 riders) Tuesdays, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm from June 22nd, 2010 to August 3rd, 2010.
 - Keshet (25 riders)
 - Friday, July 16th, 2010, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
 - Wednesday, August 11th, 2020, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

That sharing feeling...

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

[Horsefeathers Therapeutic Riding Center, NFP](#)
1181 Riverwoods Rd
Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

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 scholarships available to Eagle Scouts. For more information, see Nick Coyne.

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 to 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 rumors that Calvin ate them are just not true. To join click [here](#).

And now installment 4 of our inside look at our horses (and ponies)...

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

Last news of the barn was the big party. Sure enough, everyone at the party spread out and made plenty of room for the horses to join in with the fun. Tia and Scatman won first prize in the dance contest for their outstanding version of the "Charleston," and there was just no sense at all in trying to keep track of all the girls that were lined up to dance with Red Rover.

"Tia was right!" he exclaimed. "These furry knickers DID make me the coolest guy at the party!"

The next day at turn-out, the horses all talked about the fun they had had the night before. As much as they loved dancing and socializing with the humans, they all agreed that the very best part of the night was the treats. Besides the treats at the party itself, people also dropped treats in the buckets in their stalls.

"I got lots of peppermints," said Big Red.

"I got some molasses cookies," added Scatman.

"What about those strange treats that were shaped funny and were very sweet and melted in your mouth?" asked Poco. "I had never had one of those before. Some were white and some were brown. I'd sure like to have those again!"

Being the one of the oldest horses in the group, Elsie knew well what they were.

"Those are called sugar-cubes, and they were the favorite treat of all horses back when I was a little filly. You hardly see them anymore," she said.

"Well, why on earth not?" complained Calvin. "For they surely were the most delicious things that I have ever tasted!"

"The scientists found out that too much sugar wasn't healthy for the humans, so they invented products like "Sweet 'n Lo" to take its place", answered Scatman.

Rover thought that was the silliest thing he had ever heard of.

"Well, we're very healthy, so I don't see why we can't have some sugar-cubes. I bet we could ask Kristi to get us some", he said.

"But how do we ask her?" said Big Red. "We don't speak human."

They all stood there and thought and thought. They thought of how good those sugar-cubes were and wondered how they could get their request across to Kristi. Suddenly, Ice (known to probably be the smartest horse in the group) started walking over to one of the alphabet cards hanging in the arena. He started pulling very gently at the card; he knew he was not really supposed to do that, but he was on a mission. He knew that those letters meant something and he knew he needed to start with the letter "S." He started walking around with it.

The other horses did not understand right away, but Tia, who was also quite smart, trotted over to the letter "U" and pulled it off. Scatman caught on next, and found the letter "G". Elsie did the same with "A" and Big Red grabbed "R."

As Calvin, Poco & Red Rover were the youngest, they did not know how to spell yet, so Ice told them to get "C", "B", & "E".

Tigger, high up on his perch in the bleachers, could not figure out what they were up to at all. He did know that they would

probably be in big trouble, and he looked forward to seeing the look on Kristi's face when she saw them with all those letters in their mouths. Just then, he chuckled with glee, because Nick and Kristi had just walked into the office. "This is going to be great!" he thought.

"Hey, look at those naughty horses! They've pulled half the letters down!" shouted Kristi. "They're in for it!"

"Wait a minute," said Nick. "They look like they're trying to tell us something. They've formed some kind of picket line, they have!"

They spelled out the letters -
S - U - G - A - R - C - B - E .

Just then, Tia trotted over with her letter "U" and stood between Calvin & Poco.

"Oh, SUGAR CUBE!" said Kristi. "Someone brought real old-fashioned sugar-cubes to the party. The horses loved them. It looks like they're asking for more!"

Well, Nick and Kristi just had to laugh at how the horses had figured out a very creative way to beg for treats. They promised them that they would do their best to find more sugar-cubes. For now, they happened to have a bag of them left over from the party, and they gave each horse a few. The energy boost from the sugar plus the joy of knowing that their mission had been accomplished made the horses



all start running around in circles, kicking up their heels, and whinnying happily.

Stay tuned for the next installment, where you will find out.....did the horses get more sugar-cubes, and if so, did they get too lazy and have to go back to apples & carrots?Also, if anyone out there happens to find some real old-fashioned sugar-cubes, the herd would be delighted to see them find their way to Horsefeathers. As well as carrots & apples.

As always, thanks so much for your support!

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