

OCT./NOV. 2017 NEWSLETTER



SUBMITTED BY SEC. ALYSON SCHIRALDI

*Happy Fall Y'all*



## G&M MEETING BRIEFS

**OPEN MEETING OCTOBER 9:** An Open Meeting was held on October 9<sup>th</sup> outside the Town of Wallkill Community Center in Middletown, NY starting at 7:30pm. Minutes from the previous meeting were presented and approved followed by a report of the current Club and Juniors financials. Correspondence was received from GoDaddy, informing us that the domain on our website would be expiring soon. When discussed in new business, it was decided that we would only renew the domain for one year pending activity of the Club. Discussion then switched to Committee reports. The Event Committee reported that while the October events were alright, this has been the worse event year as of late. We have had a lack of participation, but perhaps looking into new incentives, changing membership criteria or definitely making some changes next year would need to be sorted out. Most importantly in this circle of discussion was the topic of recruiting a Horse Show Chair and Gymkhana Chair. Criteria was emailed, but would be later revised to separate the positions with better descriptions. The Nominations Committee also presented their list of nominations which would be voted on for the November meeting (*Officers nominated in are on page 4*). Next conversations switched to Unfinished and New Business. Topics included the Juniors trip to Medieval Times, picking dates and looking for vendors for next year, and starting the preparations for the Annual Banquet. Also finalized was the donation to Texas Horses. After talking about what was taken in for the October events, it was decided G&M would donate \$2000. Thank you to all the members who helped make this possible. The meeting rounded out at 8:32pm.

**OPEN MEETING NOVEMBER 13:** Another Open Meeting was held November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Town of Wallkill Community Center in Middletown, NY starting at 7:38pm. As usual, previous meeting minutes, Club and Juniors financials were presented and approved by those present. There was no correspondence for this meeting. Conversation then rolled into plans for the Annual Banquet and then to the Nominating Committee. The slate of nominations were presented with the adjustment of Debbie Corr for Treasurer in leu of Rachel Clarino who needed to step down from running. A motion was made to cast one vote, all voted in favor. So the 2018 Nominated slate was established (*on page 4*). Gears then switched back to the topic of the two event chairs and plans for next year. Again, revised descriptions were available for the positions and some tweaks would need to be made. It was decided we would need to fill the Show Chair and Gymkhana chair by December 31st. It was also discussed to coordinate dates with the other Gymkhana series as to increase participation and spread the active riders to all series. Next we also need to prepare a meeting area for next year as the Town Supervisor has changed. Finally a committee was established to go over the membership criteria for next year. They will present their ideas to the club for review. The meeting adjourned at exactly 9:00pm.

PLEASE COME & ENJOY THE ANNUAL G&M RIDING CLUB

# 2018 Awards Banquet

An evening of recognition & celebration! Junior members will have their Annual 50/50 Raffle, Chinese Auction of Prizes and more. Please feel free to make a donation of a new item for the event. The Juniors will also be accepting non-perishable & canned donations for the Food Pantry in Newburgh. After the holidays your contribution means so much more as the supplies are down.

## Saturday, January 20, 2018

AT THE **MOUNTAINVILLE MANOR**

199 TAYLOR ROAD \* MOUNTAINVILLE, NY 10953 ~ 845-534-8400

**Cocktail Hour at 6:30 ~ Buffet Dinner at 7:30**

**COST \$45.00 PER PERSON**

*Children 3 years and under N/C ~ Children 4-7 years \$22.50*

*RSVP - Reservations can be made by January 12<sup>th</sup> to Debbie Schiraldi at 845-496-6754 or [debbieschiraldi@yahoo.com](mailto:debbieschiraldi@yahoo.com).  
When making reservations please indicate other parties with whom you wish to be seated with.*

*Please make checks payable to G&M Riding Club, and mail to the care of Debbie Schiraldi, P.O. Box 35, Campbell Hall, NY 10916*

*Please Detach & RSVP to the above with your total payment to G&M Riding Club.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of GUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# OCTOBER/NOVEMBER JUNIOR'S REPORT

*Submitted by Jr. President Mya Hebbard*

## Putting the year to and end...

Hello again juniors, what a fantastic year we had competing together. As I reflect on the past two years as president, I am reminded of all the good sportsmanship and team work I have seen from our juniors. There were so many highlights to the season as well as some moments we may want to forget, but really....we can learn from them. Through good times and not so good times, we all manage to come together and support one another. The juniors in the club have had healthy competitions for as long as I can remember. Some of my very best friends are in this club and I know I can count on them to challenge me in the arena, always putting their best foot forward. However, I know I can always count on them to show good sportsmanship. Us juniors win with integrity and loose with dignity; that is what makes this club so special and I am so honored to be part of such a positive environment.

Some of us went to Medieval Times on November 4th. We met at the castle in New Jersey and had a wonderful evening of good food, great entertainment and awesome camaraderie. Thank you G&M for a fantastic evening, we really appreciated your efforts to educate and entertain us juniors. We had a wonderful time.



## 2018 Nominated Officers

President - Jae Samuels  
Treasurer - Debbie Corr

Board Members:  
Andrea Crawford, Kerry Crawford, Judy Connolly  
Renee Turcott, Suzanne Bergstein

*\*This list only includes Officers Nominated for 2018. Other officer terms are still in effect.*

# OCTOBER EVENT REPORTS

*Submitted by Jae Samuels*

The last two events of G&M's 2017 year were dedicated to raising money for the many Houston horses affected by Hurricane Harvey. We managed to raise a decent amount for Texas Equine Veterinary Association, Thanks to all who came out to support this cause.

We held our last show of the year on Sept. 17th. Unfortunately the turnout was very light. We certainly missed Nickel-O. Thanks to Eden Clark who was on stand by for coming to help us out. Our members were there in force to help support this cause. The 50/50 raised \$105.00 and Joyce Stever was our winner she donated a portion of her winnings back. The paramedic Eric also donated a part of his payment. Our Juniors members donated what they get paid to set up the rings to help out.

The trail class and jumps were handled by a group that had everything put away in a record amount of time, thanks to everyone that pitched in: Rose Bundy, MJ Hebbard, Marty Hirsch, Red headed Richie, Kelli O'Brien (team coordinator), Sydney Waltenberg O'Brien, Amanda Diefenbach, Judy and Hope Connolly, and Cora Farley's mother who also worked on the gate. Deb Schiraldi was our announcer for the English classes and Judy Connolly announced in the Western ring. Thank you Hope for helping us out in the Western ring. Deb Corr again kept things going with her outstanding computer skills. We are also very grateful to Trish Hetman for making sure our competitors and their horses are safe while schooling.



The last Gymkhana was held on Oct. 1st, another beautiful day. We had a great turnout for the event, thanks everyone who came out to support our efforts to help the Houston horses.

Trish Hetman helped in the booth and Many thanks to Kelli O'Brien for surprising us and announcing, our paramedic again helped us out on the timer and keeping things going. Our ring crew consisted of Carolyn Laorno, Frank Clarino and David Samuels with Drew Smith leaving gate duties to help. A special thanks to Maise Angerson who sold 50/50 tickets. Dave Samuels won the \$64 and donated most back. Again Eric Shovette donated part of his paramedic payment and Drew Smith added to the amount. Kelli O'Brien's friend Ellen also stopped over to make a very nice donation.

One last thing, it's been a lot of years that I have been doing the G&M shows, and for the most part it has been a blast. I have gotten to know many wonderful people, I have had the fortunate opportunity to watch all my Juniors grow up and excel at their sport.

# COMMUNITY BOARD

If you would like to submit something for the next newsletter you can email [gandmridingclub@hotmail.com](mailto:gandmridingclub@hotmail.com) or contact Sec. Alyson Schiraldi



## HELPING THE HORSES OF HURRICANE HARVEY

G&M Riding Club would like to Thank those who came out to support our Charity Horse Show and Charity Gymkhana for Texas Horses. We are proud to announce, that with your help, we will donating

**\$2,000**

to the Texas Equine Veterinary Association to help the horses affected by this devastating hurricane.

Every little bit helps. If you're interested in learning more about TEVA or looking for another way to help. Please visit their website at: [texasequineva.com](http://texasequineva.com)

2017 G&M DATES

*Thank You for another successful event season!*



## 2017 Meeting Dates:

### OPEN Meetings:

February 13  
April 10  
June 12  
July 10-TBD  
September 11  
October 9  
November 13

### BOARD Meetings:

January 9  
March 13  
May 8  
August 14  
December 11-TBD

*All meetings are held at 7:30p.m.  
at the Town of Wallkill Community  
Center in Middletown.*