

Nov.-Dec. 2016 NEWSLETTER



SUBMITTED BY SEC. ALYSON SCHIRALDI

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM THE G&M RIDING CLUB



WE HOPE YOU JOIN US FOR THE *2017 Awards Banquet* ON *January 21*

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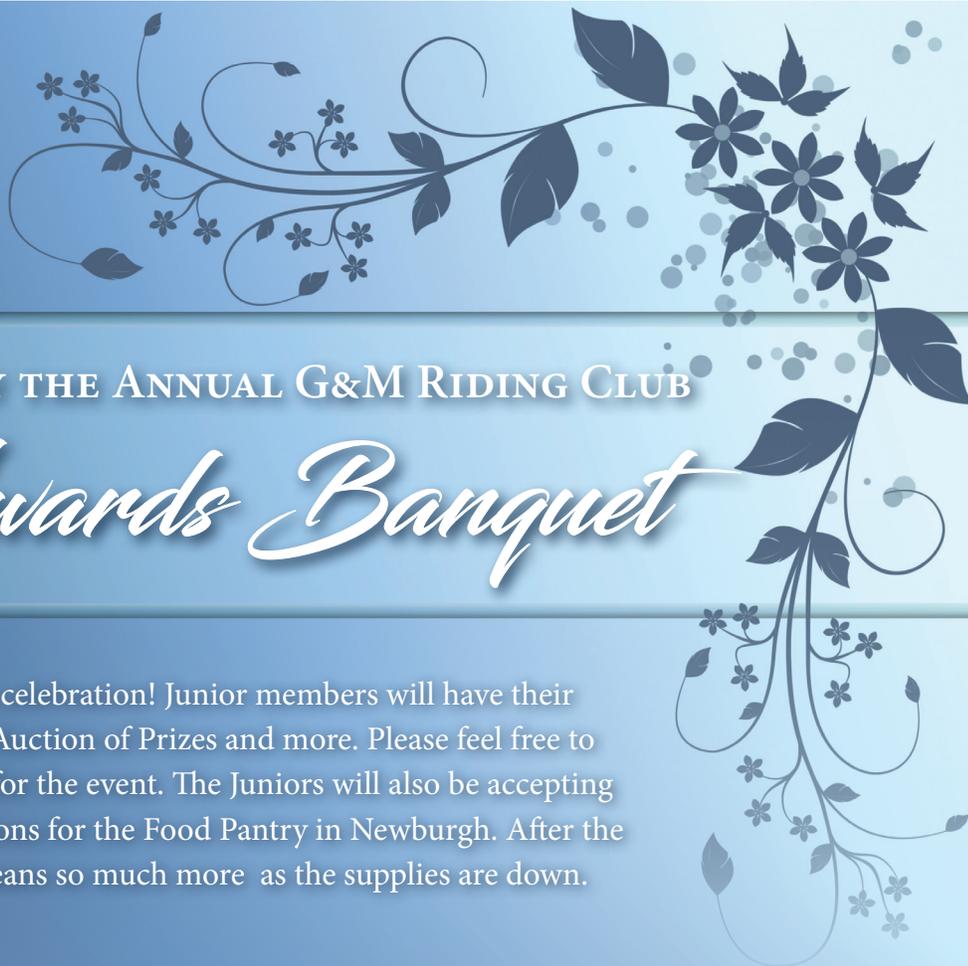
## G&M MEETING BRIEFS

**OPEN MEETING OCTOBER 10TH:** The October Open Meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> at the Town of Wallkill Community Center in Middletown, NY at 7:37pm. Motions were made starting the meeting to accept the previous meetings minutes along with a report of the Juniors and Club Financials. There was not much to report in the way of correspondence as the survey results have slowed down and Debb Corr had not heard back from the accountant. Those in attendance were then presented with a brief report by Andrea and Jae on both of the October Horse Show and Gymkhana, which went well. Andrea also let everyone know she will be working out the points soon and let those members participating in the points reward system how many they have to exchanged for prizes. Also discussed for the Event Committee was the dates for next year which would tentatively be: June 11th, July 23rd and Sept. 17th for the Horse Shows, and July 9th, Aug. 13th and Oct. 1st for the Gymkhanas. Conversation then turned to the Endowment committee, and that those wishing to participate would need to have their stuff submitted by the end of the month. Following that the Nomination Committee presented the positions that were up this year, they were: Dave Samuels for Vice President, Alyson Schiraldi for Secretary, and Dariann Zelinski, Debbie Schiraldi and Rachel Clarino for Board Members. There were no new nominations off the floor. The Banquet was also briefly touch on as the date is fast approaching (p. 3). There was no old business following the committee reports, so new business was presented. This included discussion on creating a membership committee to review the criteria, someone to take over tracking the sponsorships, new ideas for events/classes at upcoming events and the issue of bad communications about the club that would be handled. Discussion went well on the topics discussed with a lot of new good ideas thrown around and the meeting ended just before 9pm.

**OPEN MEETING NOVEMBER 14TH:** Another Open Meeting was held on November 14<sup>th</sup> at the same time and place. As usual motions were made to accept the previous meetings minutes along with a report of the Juniors Financials. Full Club Financials were not available, but Andrea presented a general idea of the clubs numbers in the Treasurers absence. There was no correspondence so the group jumped right into committee reports. The Event committee reported that our dates have been confirmed with the park and will be sent to Cornell Cooperative Extension for their calendar. The Endowment committee shared that they have 2 possibly 3 participants. For Nominations, there were no further nominations for the positions (listed above), so one motion was made by Trish Hetman to cast one vote for all positions. The motion was seconded by Debbie Schiraldi with all in favor and the motion passed. The revisions to the Bylaws were also presented for voting as they have been posted along with the newsletter for the past few months. A motion was made to accept the revisions by David Samuels, seconded by Sharon O'Dowd, and the motion passed. The last committee discussed was the Banquet which will be at Mountainville Manor (p. 3). Andrea will graciously do our centrepieces again and Alyson will create program. As a side note, don't forget to bring an item for the food pantry or the Chinese auction table for the Juniors. Items discussed for new and old business were a scoreboard for the Gymkhanas, Junior Donations, and possibly doing a joint event with Orange County Horse Council for horse safety/knowledge. The idea was greatly received and would be discussed at a later date. The meeting wrapped up at 8:55pm.

This year the G&M Juniors donated \$150 to St. Judes & to 4-H for their holiday fundraiser to bring toys for shelter children in the Middletown area. Good Job Juniors, we are proud of you.





PLEASE COME & ENJOY THE ANNUAL G&M RIDING CLUB

# 2017 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 21, 2017

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**

*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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 3

# NOV.-DEC. JUNIOR'S REPORT

*Submitted by Jr. President Mya Hebbard*

*It's banquet time!*



Hello Juniors, It's time to get together and celebrate and reflect on the many accomplishments, as well as the highs and lows of showing horses at our annual banquet. Here are just a few things to remember, the juniors will be collecting donations of canned, or boxed non-perishable food to bring to the local food pantry. Every member who brings five donated items will receive five FREE TICKETS for the auction/tricky tray. Some of my favorite donated auction items from last year were a "movie night" basket, a "chocolate" basket, there were books and grooming supplies for horses...and Oh my goodness...the list goes on and on.

For our new members, it works like this. G&M members are asked to donate a basket or items for our auction tables. The club asks that every member please bring an item for the auction. Each item is displayed for everyone to see. A cup is placed in front of the item. The juniors walk around and sell tickets. These tickets can be placed in the cup that corresponds to the item you wish to win. At the end of the night, we draw a number out of the cup, and the winner gets to take the item home. It's that simple, last year we had so nearly 50 items it was awesome. Thanks to the many people who brought donations. I can't wait to see what will be on the table this year. The banquet is always so much fun and the food is fantastic. Please don't hesitate to come, there are so many beautiful awards and prizes given out, it is always an evening to remember.

As I stated in one of my previous newsletters, this is one of Jae Samuels last events as junior leader. As a member of G&M Riding club since the age of eight, I have known of Jae's kindness and consideration for others throughout the years. She will surely be missed. We wish her all the best of health and happiness. So long Jae, thank you for all you have done for the club and its members. From all of us juniors members.....

*Happy Trails to you, until we meet again!*



# 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



Please take our 2016 Online Survey at:  
[surveymonkey.com/r/W9Q9NX6](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W9Q9NX6)

In an effort to improve our club we have created a feedback survey online. Please take a few moments to fill out the survey linked below to help us better our community and club. Your honest feedback is greatly appreciated.

It's never too early to renew or submit your ad for the 2017 Directory Book. Letters will be sent out soon, but you can contact Sec. Alyson Schiraldi for any questions or to submit your ad digitally.

## 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.



**2017 G&M DATES**

<i>Horse Shows</i>	<i>Gymkhana</i>
JUNE 11 <sup>TH</sup>	JULY 9 <sup>TH</sup>
JULY 23 <sup>RD</sup>	AUGUST 13 <sup>TH</sup>
SEPTEMBER 17 <sup>TH</sup>	OCTOBER 1 <sup>ST</sup>