

Dear **RHANW** Members and Friends,

Christmas is upon us, the year is almost over and as we reflect on the show season maybe our thoughts should not be on the monies paid out or the awards but on the tireless effort of our volunteers. I would like to thank our officers, board of directors, and committee members, particularly those who worked the shows - most of them two or three days in a row for the entire four shows. Thank you to: Norm and Jane Dennis, Mike and Gloria Henning, Joleen Smith, Tina Schumacher, Maria Imperia, Tish Lagerwey, Sarah Widdop, Debbie Mckinlay, Cathy Frank, Lola Sample, Trina Olson, Sara Leshar, Audrey Henning, Katrena Foltz, Joanne Pettit, Matt Livengood, Janice Dixon, Clay Johnson.

2010 was a very good year indeed. With \$7124.25 paid out in July, it was our largest July show ever! RHANW's four shows boasted a grand total of \$32,787.82 total money paid. Congratulations not only those who earned monies, show awards, and year-end awards but to all the participants and their horses. All of you together working hard, showing hard and having fun are what make RHANW the class club it is.

Our annual meeting was held November 13th. Here are the results from the election of officers: Vice President – Marv Lagerwey, Secretary – Audry Henning, Board Positions 3 and 4 – Debbie McKinlay and Terri Hunter. Additional vacated board positions appointed were Tish Lagerwey and Youth Director, Sara Leshar. Thank-you to all of the board. RHANW would also like to thank all of those who participated in the Survey. We gather valuable information from this survey, ranging from location to cost to classes. A summary of the survey, with items we will use in our planning and ideas we that we will strive to achieve during the show year, will be published after our January meeting.

RHANW is dependent on the contributions and support of our Show Sponsors. Please keep them in mind as you choose who to do business with and let them know that you appreciate their support.

Don't miss the awards banquet to be held on the evening of May 15th at our first show.

We are still short several committee members for the 2011 season. So if you are interested in volunteering, please come to the next meeting on January 15th, 10am at the Pettit Home. Also Katrina Foltz is retiring as the sponsorship chair person after the 2011 season. We would like to see someone join the RHANW Advertising Committee and work with Katrina through the 2011 season in preparation for the 2012 season.

And finally, about this time last year we lost a very dear friend, Dan Stark. RHANW members have been contributing to the RHSF Crises Fund (now renamed the Dale Wilkenson memorial crises fund) in memory of Dan Stark. I am proud to announce that with your contributions, a copper brick with Dan Starks name will be showcased at the NRHA offices. This was Dan's wish and the Stark family would like to thank you for making it happen.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Norm Poser

RHANW President