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# RRT NEWSLETTER

January 2017  
276th Edition



# Trail Talk

By Lisa Murphy  
RRT Vice President

## “Welcome to 2017”

...a new year full of riding adventures with your friends in RRT! At our December meeting, we voted and elected our new Executive Officers and honored our outgoing president. We presented Kimberlie Hall with an engraved gavel in thanks for her service to RRT in 2016. “Perseverance” was the apt inscription... “and boy, what Perseverance” she had throughout her year as President. Thank you to our new and continuing officers: Elana Riedel - President, Lisa Murphy - Vice President, Gene Stauffer - Treasurer, and Diane Pitzler - Secretary. And thank you to all members who volunteer their time in appointed positions and trail bosses. Let us know if you have any ideas and would like to help out!

We had a lovely and fun time at the RRT Christmas Party - What a potluck dinner we had, it was fabulous! Thanks to Janet for preparing the ham and turkey...it was so, so good! The gift exchange was very funny. Everyone had such a great time stealing gifts from people and trying to get what they wanted. A BIG THANK YOU to Janet and Dave Backer for opening your home to us!

Sad to say we had to cancel the New Years Day Chili Cook-Off Ride, due to the weather. We found out that Chino Hills Park was closed, so we decided to go to Hidden Valley. We waited till Friday to call the ride off... when we talked to Ranger Robert and he said, “it was just to dangerous and muddy to ride down in the park.” We didn’t want to take any chances on anyone or their horse getting hurt. Join us at the club meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> and we will all toast in the New Year together.



*Lisa and Jay just walked in with their gifts for the RRT Christmas Party.*

Early reservations are needed for the upcoming rides - they are close-by so you can choose to camp for the whole weekend or just join us for the day. Make your individual reservations and let us know you are coming. **Please RSVP to your Trail Boss.** In January - Sweetwater, February - Lake Perris, and March - Stagecoach.

I look forward to seeing you at the January 10th meeting. We’ll be discussing the revision of our Club By-Laws which will be posted in this newsletter. Also we’ll be choosing the destination of RRT’s “BIG” camping adventure. Will it be Danielson Ranch, Rancho Oso, Montana de Oro or ??? You decide...bring your ideas to the meeting. Take a look at the calendar, plan to join us on some of the trail rides and if you would like to volunteer to be a Trail Boss on a ride give Diane Thorpe a call.

Happy 2017 to you all and we’ll see you on the trails!  
*Take care, Lisa*



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# Calendar of Events



Jan. 10	RRT General Meeting <i>Board Meeting to follow</i>	JoJo's Pizza Kitchen
Jan. 21	Sweetwater - Saturday Ride Jan. 20-22 - Optional Campover	Janet Backer
Feb. 14	RRT General Meeting	JoJo's Pizza Kitchen
Feb. 18	Lake Perris - Saturday Ride OPEN RIDE Feb. 17-19 - Optional Campover	* TBN
March 14	RRT General Meeting	JoJo's Pizza Kitchen
March 18	Box Springs Park - Sat. Ride	Susan Stauffer
March 24-26	Stagecoach - Campover OPEN RIDE	Vicki Voss
April 1	Santa Rosa Plateau - Sat. Ride	Susan Stauffer
April 11	RRT General Meeting <i>Board Meeting to follow</i>	JoJo's Pizza Kitchen
April 15	Gavilan Hills - Saturday Ride	* TBN
May 9	RRT General Meeting	JoJo's Pizza Kitchen
May 13	Heaven Ranch - Saturday Ride May 12-14 - Optional Campover	Lisa Murphy
May 27	Wildwood - Saturday Ride OPEN RIDE	Susan Stauffer
June 13	RRT General Meeting	JoJo's Pizza Kitchen
June 17	In-N-Out Burger - Saturday Ride OPEN RIDE	Russell Grace
July 11	RRT General Meeting <i>Board Meeting to follow</i>	JoJo's Pizza Kitchen
July 16	Santa Margarita - Sunday Ride OPEN RIDE	* TBN
Aug. 8	RRT General Meeting	JoJo's Pizza Kitchen
Aug. 11-13	Heartbar - Campover	* TBN
Aug. 19	Imperial Beach - Saturday Ride Aug. 18-20 - Optional Campover	Elana Riedel
Sept. 12	RRT General Meeting	JoJo's Pizza Kitchen
Sept. 17	Bonelli / Walnut Creek - Sunday Ride	Helma Bernardini
Oct. 1	Prize Ride - OPEN RIDE	Vicki Voss
Oct. 10	RRT General Meeting <i>Board Meeting to follow</i>	JoJo's Pizza Kitchen
Oct. 20-22	Cuyamaca Campover Green Valley Horse Camp	Charlene Schramm
Nov. 14	RRT General Meeting	JoJo's Pizza Kitchen
Nov. 18	Hidden Valley - Saturday Ride	* TBN
Nov. 24	DAT - O'Neill Park - Friday Ride Nov. 24-26 - Optional Campover - only 5 sites	* TBN
Dec. 1-3 & Dec. 8-10	Jurupa Valley "Adopt-a-Family" Christmas Parade... A notice will be sent out with time and place.	Elana Riedel
Dec. 12	RRT General Meeting	JoJo's Pizza Kitchen
Dec. 16	Christmas Party & Potluck	Janet Backer

\*TBN - Trail Boss Needed - DAT (Day after Thanksgiving)

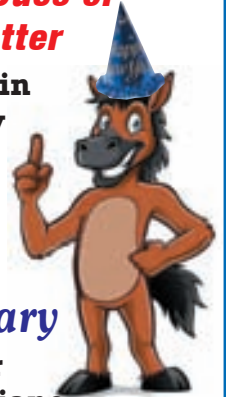
## New Members

Terri McCluskey  
Mykal Thuney

## Renewals due in January

**Don't forget to send in your Dues or  
this will be your Last Newsletter**

Alana Barnes	Ernie Holguin
Vicky Dieleman	Jim & Marty
Pat Gesler	Salzbrunn
Al & Denise	Linda Lowe
Hawkins	Judy Luce
Ronele Hicks	



## Renewals due in February

Doreen Biasi	Judy Harper
John & Evelyn	George & Diane
Campbell	Partsch
Nicole Dean	Gary Trout

*Riverside Recreational Trails continues to  
grow and we are happy to welcome you to RRT!*



## Trail Bosses Needed

**You have your chose...  
Pick a Ride on the  
Calendar you would  
like to Trail Boss...**

**And Call Diane Thorpe at 951.359.8333**

## Smile... It's your Birthday!

RRT'ers Wish January & February  
Member's a Very Happy Birthday!



Jim Bowie	Stacy Lenihan
Jeff Felcoski	Jackie Leopard
Richard Chanbas	Mya Magleby
Johnny Cook	Andria Olivas
Sue Decker	Daniel Olivas
Ernie Holguin	Jody Sidebotham
Kathleen Keller	Cindy White

**RRT Editor would like to have you on our  
Birthday list. Please send to RRT Editor at  
c-d.typeset@charter.net or call 951.359.8333**

# TAG YOUR IT!

*Diane Pitzler was tagged to do an article this month in the Newsletter... Thank You, Diane for sending in your article.*

## A little something about our new Secretary, Diane Pitzler

For 47 years I have been owned by horses — thank goodness! The sixties came and went and I was way too busy with work, school and my Appaloosa gelding (Earl) to spend any money or time on getting “high.”

Before Earl entered my life, I spent all available time volunteering at a riding stable in San Dimas run by Dolly and her husband. Dolly let me brush, clean, saddle, and lead rental strings... I was so happy to be around horses I never ever thought about asking for payment... of course. During this time I met a gray Arabian stallion that the ranch’s owner used to cover many of the rent mares, including a dun “Utah” horse who produced a gray filly named Phanula.

This filly was later purchased by Kate Barnes and Mary O’Rourke, of LaVerne. Kate and Mary owned a beautiful 17 hand stallion (7/8 TB and 1/8 Appy) who was born a great mover. This stallion was bred to several of their mares, including Phanula, who produced the filly, Spendrift.

Spendrift (meaning the frothy foam of ocean waves - which are the remains of mermaids after they pass) came to live with me in the early 1970s. She became a trusted Sierra horse, a combined driving competitor and the mother to my four foals — Free Style, Justin, L.A. Fair Child, and Bobby.


LA Fair Child (Ela) was bred once, producing my current 16-year-old gelding, Gray Stone. Free Style was bred once and produced a filly with “lots of chrome.” She was tall, beautiful and a smashingly great mover but at 4 months, shooters shot into my yard, hitting the filly at the mane line. She dropped, I turned to see where the shooting was coming from, saw the shooters with their dogs and called the sheriff. Forty-five minutes later, a deputy arrived, listened to my story and then said “well, if you were looking at the filly when she dropped and you didn’t see the shooters until you turned around, then you didn’t see them shoot her.” So, he wouldn’t even go talk to them. With that shot, my filly was fatally injured, and my line of horses from my teenage years was done. I was now left with two geldings.

These two geldings, Bobby and Gray Stone, are now my two riding horses. Bobby is 26 and Stoney is 16 and going strong. In the mean time, I’ve downsized and I am now readying four miniature horses to drive as another four-in-hand. Additionally, I have two wonderful retired horses... a TWH mare from Pat Knudsen who has packed and ridden



*Diane with Bobby on their Ranch in Phelan.*

all over the Western States and a Friesian gelding who once was part of our four-in-hand of horses. My husband, Wayne, recently adopted an Oak Creek Wild Morgan Horse that is currently in training with Larry Tarpley in Norco.

We own 18 acres in Phelan and hold trail trial clinics and shows. We currently have 26 permanent obstacles, a 40 X 80 metre driving dressage court, 13 visitor corrals and a round pen. My husband and I enjoy hosting clinics and shows as we think riders and their horses learn to communicate better when they work together on conquering challenging courses. 

### Whats coming up in the newsletters next month?



Lets see a Cowboy Recipe, Article, or a story that reflects a little bit about you and your horse with pictures in the Next Newsletter.

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### NEW Club T-Shirts

We have a New Teal Club T-Shirt with “**SAVE ALL OUR TRAILS**” on the front & logo on back.

I will have them at the meeting or call at 951.359.8333

Thanks, Diane Thorpe





**Santa & Mrs. Santa giving out toys.**

Elana - made the presence of RRT known to the City of Jurupa Valley. Jurupa Valley extended an invitation for RRT to participate in the Santa Express “parade to collect toys” sponsored by the City.

You might all think that this would litter the city streets with unwanted “treats” but our trusty and sturdy pooper scooper pickerupper Craig saw to it that not a horse present was left in the town. All while looking so cute on his red pooper scooper pickerupper scooter...Thanks for the support Craig.

Russell Grace and Amazing Grace added color and elegance. Katrina rode the steady and gorgeous Buttercup, and Joy brought the steadiest bay gelding I ever saw - to represent RRT. The horses were decorated with lights and the community



**Santa's Sleigh, Fire Trucks and the Locomotive along the Parade Route.**



Jurupa Valley Adopt a Family & Riverside Recreational Trails Christmas Parade 2016

*The Santa Express brings joy to Jurupa Valley neighborhoods each year*

**Dec. 2, 3, 4 & Dec. 9, 10, 11**

*Story Sent in by Kimberlie*



**Elana & Joy waiting in line to get started.**

LOVED it. I can't tell you how many times I heard and over heard compliments about how well behaved the horses were and well received they were by the community.

Elana and Kimberlie followed the parade the first day - like dignitaries in the drag vehicle. The second night Elana and Russell handled the job for the whole club and were once again greeted with excited community members.

**See Santa Express...Continued on page 5**



**Joy out in front with Katrina & Russell right behind and our trusted pooper scooper pickerupper, Craig in the rear!**

**Santa Express... Continued from page 4**

Hey - RRT let's keep these things well attended. These local communities that were once a great place for families with horses to grow up, are being run over by city folks that don't know the first thing about the joy our equestrians bring us and them unless we show them...Com'on don't miss the next opportunity to get involved in your communities horseback riding.

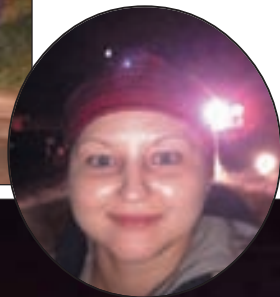
Jurupa Valley undertook a huge task by having these parades for two different weekends on the three nights each week end to support the community. A big shout out to



**Elana talking to the driver with Santa's Sleigh.**



**Kim walking along the parade route with Joy.**



**Russell and Katrina on the parade route.**

Jurupa Valley for all they accomplished and RRT was a big part of that.

*Have a Safe and Happy New Year, see ya'll on the trails!*



**Joy, Elana & Kim waiting to get started.**

**"SAVE ALL OUR TRAILS"**



**Kim with Russell & Amazing Grace.**



**John & Teri Vint with their camels, Pistol & Moses at the Christmas Nativity Show at New Beginnings Church in Norco.**

# MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

**If you are unable to attend a meeting, but would like to join RRT, please mail the following form.**

**FULL MEMBERSHIP**  
Full Voting Privileges

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**  
No Voting Privileges

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Riverside, CA 92513**

- Single Membership \$20.00
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- Single Membership \$15.00
- Family Membership \$20.00



Date \_\_\_\_\_ I'd like to receive my Newsletter by  E-Mail or  Snail Mail

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Adult Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## Riverside Recreational Trails General Meeting



# Our New Meeting Place

## JOJO'S PIZZA KITCHEN

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