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**Lions and Tigers
and Bears,
oh my!**

A fun night at the Lowry Park zoo

JANUARY 27, 2018

**FMHA Banquet and
Annual Meeting**

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Once received, your name will be listed on the website as a current member.

FMHA ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET- JAN 27

Everyone is welcome! No matter your breed of horse, your discipline or your membership affiliation, come one and come all to enjoy a great time with horse lovers at Tampa's beautiful Lowry Park Zoo!

The fun begins at 5:30 pm in Reilly's Reserve, the beautiful safari themed banquet room at the Zoo. If you would like a backstage tour of the Zoo, please come earlier and you'll be able to purchase a ticket at the front gate for \$30/person for our banquet attendees.

space is limited

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2018

This year, we've added some great new experiences at our banquet. The RIDE A CHAMPION Auction will offer rides or drives of many of our FMHA champions up for bid. Any breed is welcome to donate a ride or drive at their location, please send a photo and/or video link to Becca Watters - gwatterl@tampabay.rr.com and we will post it on the FMHA website and on our Facebook page before the banquet, so you can make your plans to win the bid on your favorite champion! Our wonderful menu will include appetizers and cocktails, "Ciao Italiano" buffet featuring fettuccini alfredo, chicken parmesan and lasagna, peppered New York Strip Loin and desserts!

We'll be entertained by the amazing acoustic guitarist Shaun Hopper, who's critically acclaimed music sells out venues around the country, and he's been recognized as an award-winning jewel in Tampa Bay's crown of talent. For a sampling of his sounds, visit his website.

Back by popular demand will be our SILENT AUCTION! If you have an item or gift certificate you would like to donate, please send an email and photo if available to Tami Johnson, so we can promote your donation.

Best of all, our complete Lowry Park Zoo experience will include personal visits by some of the Zoo's beautiful animals, giving us the opportunity to meet them up close and personal. Tag your selfies with #fmhaZOO and let's see your mug shots!

Agenda

5:30 pm – Cocktails & Appetizers

6:00-6:30 pm – FMHA Business Meeting

6:30-7:45 pm – Dinner

7:45-8:45 pm – High Point Awards

8:45 pm – Silent Auction closes and Live Ride & Drive Auction begins!

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Following is the proposed slate of Officers and Board members for election at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

*Note that nominations can be made from floor as well.

Officers:

President	Tom Johnson
VP	Kris Cole
Secretary	Felicia Schlemmer
Treasurer	Allison Lockhart

Board of Directors (at-large) 2 year term:

Rick Davis
Margaret Karrh
Sally Lyle
Diane Tanguay
Deb Ferrell

The term for the following current Board members will expire at the end of 2018 -Alicia Davis, Janice Scotto, Valerie Seimer, Glenn Winograd. As outgoing President, Tami Johnson will also be a Board member for a 2 year term

WANT A RIDE TO THE MEETING?

If you are driving down from North Central Florida or Georgia, we may be able to charter a private bus that will leave from Ocala at 3:30 and return after the event. If you're interested in participating, please contact Glenn Winograd.

RECENT USEF FEE CHANGES

Starting next year, the US Equestrian Membership fee will increase from \$55 to \$80. Separately, the Drugs & Medications fee per horse, per show will increase to \$15. Sadly, this increase is necessary to fund the battle against cheating on the field of play and to defend the findings of the Hearing Committee in the courtroom. Another member change starting next year is that we will be moving to an anniversary membership model. This means that no matter when someone joins, they will enjoy a full 12-month membership.

To help our horses suffering the effects of Cushing's Disease, our Equine Drugs & Medications Department at the request of the Board, is analyzing the ability to permit the controlled use of pergolide mesylate during competition.

NATIONAL DAY OF THE MORGAN

Four Florida Morgan farms joined in with more than 100 Morgan barns across the country to give visitors will get an up close and personal introduction to the best breed on earth! The event took place on October 28

The participating FMHA farms were:

Bobbin Hollow Farm, Reddick, FL Cheri Barber Stable Reddick, FL, West Coast Morgans, Odessa, FL Whispering Oaks Equestrian Center, Tampa, FL

WEST COAST MORGANS



CHERI BARBER STABLES



Day of the Morgan 2017 at West Coast Morgans

Anne Winograd

West Coast Morgans was one of many farms around the country that opened the doors to the community to celebrate the first annual Day of the Morgan!

The day at West Coast Morgans started at noon and ran several creative demonstrations, pony rides (on Morgan horses, of course), vendors, and a community hayride as well as super raffles that included horse camp and lessons, as well as a 50/50 raffle.

Rachael Winograd rode her new World Champion western horse, Graycliffe Rimfire, and Diane Tanguay rode the lovely young western mare Miss Millenium, owned by the day's photographer Allyson Hughes.

Glenn Winograd rode his fancy english pleasure gelding, JDS Gamepiece, to a cheering crowd!

Talented Trainer Valarie Siemer put the carriage skills to the test on a difficult cones course, driving the handsome palomino Mischief Squared, owned by the Winograd family. The crowd was mesmerized when he flew around the carriage field with his flowing mane and tail, as he maneuvered through the cones like lightning!

In between the demonstrations, the WCM teaching staff gave pony rides to the many happy kids that attended the event. We also had amazing lunch provided by Jimmy's Sliders food truck. Good food always makes the day better!

Lularoe and Farm Credit set up tents to sell cool clothes, and amazing mortgage lending services. Farm Credit made WCM and many other equine-based businesses possible, so we were glad to have them.

Valarie topped off the afternoon with western trail with WC Western Pleasure Be My Hunk o' Spunk, who finished his demonstration with members of the Siemer family and WCM staff who joined Val and Spunk in the ring for a line dance! Spunk and the people all danced to the music and the crowd loved the talented group and cheered!

Overall, it was a fantastic afternoon that we all enjoyed sharing with friends and new people from our community. The Morgan horse brings people together, and this was another example of how much joy these excellent horses bring to us all!

MORE PHOTOS FROM DAY OF THE MORGAN

BOBBIN HOLLOW EQUESTRIAN



WEST COAST MORGANS



CHERI BARBER STABLES



UPCOMING HORSES HOWS

Mark your calendar for JUBILEE OF BREEDS

horseshow – February -11, 2018 at Canterbury Showplace, Newberry Fl. Jubilee is a great place for exhibitors to practice for the upcoming UPHA shows in March while earning points for Louisville qualifying and an opportunity to qualify your Morgan for Oklahoma. It is a high point show for FMHA, Saddle Horse Report, and the Academy end of year awards. Judge for the main ring and academy is Colby Holowacz. Tami Johnson will be at all sessions to capture the winning victory passes.

This year we have added a dressage division for classical, western, and carriage dressage driving which will be judged by Heather Stalker. Several requested classes have been added including an expanded academy division and you can buy a class if a class you want is not on the schedule.

The prize list will not be mailed but is available on line at www.canterburyshowplace.com, www.fmha.net, and Facebook – FMHA and Canterbury. For more information contact Ellen Ettinger at Canterbury 352-472- 6758 or Alicia Davis 352-472-6727 or aliciaraindropfarm@gmail.com

Citrus Cup is coming soon April 4-7,2018! Be sure to make your reservations at the Best Western Gateway Grand ask for the FMHA /Citrus Cup rate- \$99 a night. Remember you help the club by staying at the host hotel. The prize list WILL NOT BE MAILED but will be available on Facebook and the FMHA web site no later than February 1st. It is also included in the UPHA combined prize list book. Our judge this year is Faye Lowery for main ring and Brian McMahon for the dressage division. Event Mix will be the official photographer and will be able to provide video service. Information to reserve your video will be available in the prize list – you may want to do this early as they will have a limited number of video cameras. See you in April!

- Alicia Davis

CONGRATULATIONS TO FMHA MEMBERS

Who brought home championship titles from Oklahoma:

- GN Gelding In-Hand Amateur Finals - Cimi's Avant Garde GCH, Casey Stein
- WC Western Pleasure - SpiceOLife Rightful Heir Donald & Mary Lynn Geisler
- WC and GN Saddle Seat Classic Equitation 13 & Under - Don't Blink CH, Rachael Winograd




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RCV THERE'S NO QUESTION 2007 Morgan Gelding, green broke to ride, pretty and just a winter away from competing. Buy him and leave him with us, or take him home to finish your way!

RCV HIGH CALIBER 2012 Morgan Gelding, green broke to drive, this very elegant son of WC SYP High Definition GCH is coming along and could be a competitive English Pleasure or Park horse. Very reasonably priced as a prospect!

RCV STOLEN MOMENTS 2008 Morgan Mare, a half sister to the well known sire Minion Millennium, this beautiful mare is sweet, kind and safe enough for even walk-trot. A super choice to pursue hunter pleasure, western or dressage!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Feb 3-5, 2018 Jubilee of Breeds Newberry Fl

April 4-7, 2018 Citrus Cup Regional, Newberry FL