

OPRC PIEDMONT NEWSLETTER  
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Dear Members,

The last newsletter of 2009 and a short one at that.

What a wonderful Christmas party at the Emig's last Saturday night!! She truly outdid herself and the house looked lovely. In my rush to give out ribbons and not take too much time running my mouth, I did the unforgivable!! I forgot to publicly thank Jenny and Henry for hosting the party and ALL of you for the horse treats, wonderful bag, book, and brush. Of course Susan Carter's card was perfect. Mia culpa, mia culpa!! The food was terrific, the presents wonderful and the company more than marvelous. It was also nice to meet prospective members, Bob, Jackie, and Marianne. For those who couldn't come (and I know it's a very busy time of the year), try to put it on your calendar for next year, it's really fun.

The next item of business is the Musical Quadrille. As you know, we had to cancel the performance when all that snow was flying. No one should be driving a trailer with a horse in that kind of weather; ask Miranda! The marvelous musical will be performed on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at Sue Knox's barn. It won't be longer than 40 minutes and we will have goodies afterwards so try to come. Life should've calmed down a bit by then.

One matter that your Board discussed at our last meeting was the following: Piedmont OPRC will not be able to take any advertising apart from things directly pertaining to and for our immediate members. See below what Kay wrote and will probably send out anyway. I thought I'd just include it here. This is official and will go in our bylaws.

Just a friendly reminder from your P.R. person: OPRC is not allowed to support county or individual causes per the national charter. If you wish to publicize an issue, raise funds, etc there are other ways to accomplish this (check the web to find an organization that addresses your concerns) but OPRC is not conducive as an outlet for these kinds of causes / issues.

Our OPRC chapter cannot publish or send on by email any advertising from anyone other than our members/instructors. We will gladly send on requests for rescue horses or clinics that pertain to our chapter's interests. Individual members are more than welcome to send pertinent email requests for donations and the like on their own to all our members. A membership list is sent in the first quarter of every year to all our members. Piedmont has a

classified page and requests for items for sale should be directed to Donna Parkman at [donna@sporthillusa.com](mailto:donna@sporthillusa.com). Items for sale should be equine relevant.

Thanks for being understanding and wanting to help our animal friends!

I hope you will take note and understand that it's not legal for us to do certain advertising (as a 501 (C)(7) and, frankly, it's a lot of work to pass on all those things or get Donna to put them on the site.

The next important thing is the AGM that is now set for Sunday, Jan 10 at 12:30. The Board will serve lunch and the meeting will begin at 1:30 more or less. We should be done by 3:00. If you have friends interested in joining our group, please bring them along. As you know, this is the only business meeting of the year. It is the time for your voices to be heard so try to come or let your Board know of any concerns you would like addressed. Next year's schedule will be loosely done and the Rally plans will be discussed.

All in all, it's been a good year; we've learned and made some good friends. We hope, always, to continue in this vein.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ALL TWO AND FOUR FOOTED FRIENDS**