

Horse Tales

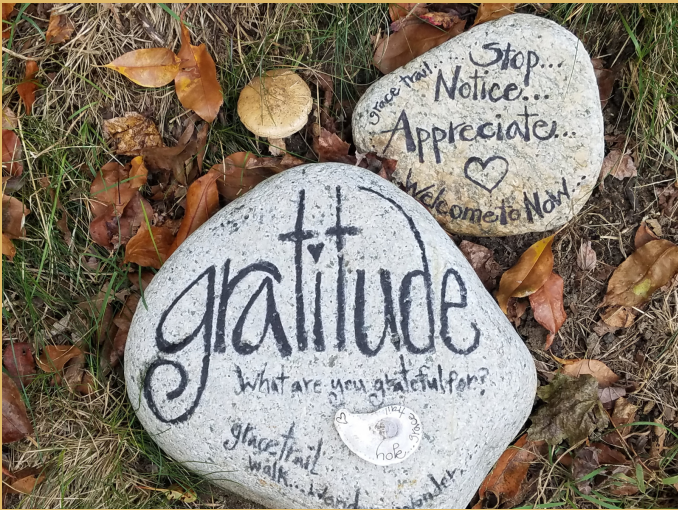
REINS IN MOTION * LIVERMORE, CA



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HAVE YOU NOTICED?

New name plates were provided by our featured volunteers **Sam and Diane** (not from Cheers Bar) for every horse. With the recent painting of the barn, Diane realized that some horses did not have nameplates for their stall, so these talented gals added woodworking to their repertoire to provide every horse a new nameplate with carrot or grape adornment. It is dedicated volunteers such as these that help make RIM one big supportive family for people and horses alike.



WORDS FROM MISS KATY

Reins in Motion has always felt like a big family or a herd, if you don't mind me saying so. Never has that been more evident than this past year as we have all had to adjust to a strange situation of being apart yet remaining connected at the heart. I cannot say it often enough how grateful I am for the community support, volunteers, and loyal clients and families who either stepped up or donated when times were the toughest. The kindness and compassion have humbled me as we struggled to stay open to those who need us most. We have all learned lessons of resilience and patience this past year, yet I can't wait to be able to say "welcome back to your herd" in person to each of you.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Tina Melissare has taken the reins on the volunteer coordinator position with infrastructure for the volunteers through the volunteer portal which is a "one stop shop" to allow for scheduling and communication including a volunteer contact list for proactively seeking substitutes as required. She has developed an organized level training system for volunteers to begin with solid basics and seek higher level training as desired. She has updated the website with the frequently asked questions such that new volunteers know how to get started.

RIM would like to welcome the new volunteers to the family: **Kelly G., Frances S., Eva K., Kendal N., Mary Ann S., Sofia M., and Amanda D.** Thank you for giving of your time and talent to make a difference with our riders.



With Great Thanks

2020 has shown us all about resilience and gratitude. We have received PPP loans to keep us going despite not being able to hold our annual fundraiser. 2021 is already looking brighter as we work to fill our funding gaps. We have had setbacks and are building back with the help of so many whom we would like to thank for their generosity:

The Taylor Family Foundation – donated \$5,000 despite not being able to hold camps this past year, they wanted to make sure that our horses were supported so that the riders would be able to enjoy them at the next available camp.

Amazon (located right here in Livermore) – while they were unable to volunteer with us, Amazon donated \$5,000 in lieu of volunteering yet we look forward to a day when they can come out to the barn to visit.

Big Bay Ray – selected Reins in Motion to be their annual partner which resulted in a donation of \$1,500 from the sale of the many tote bags and other items made from recycled grain/animal feed bags. www.bigbayray.com/shop.

Girl Scout Troop 30893 (led by **Kelsey Olson**) – decided to donate their cookie proceeds to sponsor the horses this year to give back to the community. The girls and their families will be coming out to meet the horses and learn about horsemanship soon.

SmartPak – with a motto of Healthy Horses, Happy Riders donated fly sheets worth \$300 as an unexpected donation. Fly Sheets are put on the horses backs to protect against pesky pests and provide UV protection without overheating the horse.



What Can You Do To Help?

Donate what you can – The website is open for safe and secure donations to supplement what we are doing to fill the funding gaps. Any amount is appreciated and will be used to keep the program strong.

Amazon Smile Campaign - When you choose Reins in Motion as your charity of choice through Amazon Smile, a portion of your purchase will go to the program. It all adds up and it is like found money in the pocket of your Wranglers. smile.amazon.com

Corporate Matching Funds or \$ for Volunteer Hours – Some companies will match charitable giving or volunteer hours as dictated by its HR Department. A short form may be required to alert them as to what you are donating in terms of dollars or hours. Please contact your HR Department to determine if your company participates in either program.



Livermore Valley Wine Auction: RIM is a beneficiary this year on **September 25th** from 2-5 PM at **Wente** on Arroyo. It will be an outdoor event with delicious picnic baskets and wine as well as fun auction items or adventures on which to bid. More details as the time grows near.

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SAM AND DIANE

MOONIE

Sam started out in 2018 fulfilling a community service project through Freshman in Transition (FIT) chosen for her love of horses. FIT only requires two hours of service with the hope that exposure to volunteerism will inspire students to realize the lifelong benefits of giving back within the community. Sam is the embodiment of that ideal as she started in 2018 and has been going strong 3 days a week ever since whether helping with horses or in lessons with riders. She had to push herself initially to meet new people yet the welcome she received helped her to feel as if she had found a second home at the barn. Sam regularly wears her Reins in Motion t-shirt, so she gets asked about RIM frequently. She says that she really wishes that others “could feel the love and connection that I do when working with these special horses and special people”.

Before she could drive, Sam’s mom **Diane** provided the ride and soon volunteering was a family affair. Diane says that she enjoyed the camaraderie and connections of caring people who are now friends. She still helps on Tuesdays with whatever is needed from prepping horses to cleaning up the barn to helping with lessons.

Moonie is the mature gal in the stables as she is coming up on her 26th birthday on May 15th so you may want to wish her a happy birthday. She remains our most loyal and mellow of all the horses. She has been a part of the Reins family for the past ten years. We fostered her first and then she was so much a part of the RIM family that we had to purchase her to keep her with us. She is one of those wonderful horses who is such a sweetheart that she could be mistaken for a large dog who will follow our Reins team-members with or without a lead.



COMING SOON AS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers may be able to participate in extra special events such as “Spa Day” for the horses or a “Tack Competition”. If you would like to help plan either of these events, feel free to contact Tina through the volunteer portal.

IN THE NEWS

RIM has recently been featured in The Independent, on KKIQ, and on Love Livermore (Bucket List). The word is getting out about the good things happening with Reins in Motion. You can check them out on the website.

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