



# CIRT NEWS

Spring 2011

Central Illinois Riding Therapy  
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### Take Note:

- **Rider Packets**  
Watch for your yours in the mail.
- **Volunteer training**  
Begins February 28th  
Training schedule on pg 3  
RSVP to CIRT 699-3710
- **CIRT Horse Show**  
May 14, 2011  
Sponsor a Show Class  
Form on page 5
- **Save the date!**  
"Polo on the Green"  
August 20, 2011



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The Christmas Party was well attended despite the snow and ice. And Santa arrived much to everyone's delight!

A special Thank You to the Ladies of the East Peoria Home Extension for helping Santa fill his bag with oranges and candy canes for the CIRT students and their families.



Volunteers are the *heart* of our program



## Long Time Volunteers Retire

CIRT recognizes two long serving, faithful volunteers, Fannie McCoy and Rosemarie Dentino. They were greatly missed last season after many years of faithful service.

Fannie McCoy began as a volunteer in 1983, even before CIRT had a permanent home in the Fondulac Park District. Fannie was always willing to do whatever needed to be done, being so dependable for 27 years. She will be missed by all she worked with—students, instructors, volunteers and horses.

Rosemarie began with CIRT in 1996, eager to learn about horses and helping with students. She was always

willing to help whenever she could and often substituted as a volunteer as her busy schedule allowed. She was a hard worker, usually a horse leader. She was very patient and willing to stay longer when needed.

Both Fannie and Rosemarie enjoyed volunteering, as both were involved with helping others in many ways. In addition to helping with classes, they helped at horse shows and fundraising events. Their patience with students and horses are sincerely missed.

A BIG *THANK YOU* to both!

*This year's fair is moving to the Peoria Civic Center Exhibit Hall*

## 6th Annual Special Needs Fair

For the past 5 years the Dunlap and Central IL Special Education Parent Group has sponsored a *Special Needs Information Fair*. This fair brings in organizations and vendors that provide services to those with special needs giving parents and caregivers access to lots of information all in one place.

The fair has grown each year and last year over 80 organizations participated.

This year the fair is on March 15th from 5-8 p.m. Due to growth the fair is moving to the Peoria Civic Center Exhibit Hall. It will be held in conjunction with the March Madness Access Experience family night.

Organizations will be set up throughout the event allowing families to easily access information and talk with representatives. CIRT will be among the many organizations at the event.

***Parking and entry to the fair are free.***

## CIRT is 2010 YCHS Beneficiary



What a great way to wrap up the 2010 show Season! We were honored by the Youth Charity Horse Show Committee as the 2010 Beneficiary and

received a check for \$5,500!

We are very grateful to the Show Committee, all the volunteers who lent a helping hand and to all the supporters of the Youth Charity Horse Show.



## IT'S TIME FOR VOLUNTEER TRAINING!

**Call NOW to reserve your spot in Class!**  
(You only have to pick one class per week)

**(309) 699-3710**

### **Return Volunteer Training Classes**

February 28 and March 1, 2 & 3  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 6:00—8:00 PM  
Wednesday 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

### **New Volunteer Training Classes**

March 7, 8, 9 & 10  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 6:00—8:00 PM  
Wednesday 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

### **Horse Handler Training Classes**

(Must have taken either Return or New Volunteer Training Class)  
March 14, 15, 16, & 17  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 6:00—8:00 PM  
Wednesday 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

### **Advanced Horse Handler Training Classes**

*Sign up at Horse Handler Training*  
(Must have taken Volunteer Training and Horse Handler Training)  
March 21, 22, 23, & 24  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 6:00—8:00 PM  
Wednesday 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

***Classes begin March 28th!!!***



**Central Illinois Riding Therapy  
23rd ANNUAL BENEFIT HORSE SHOW**

\*\*\*\*\*RAWLINGS INDOOR ARENA OFF RT. 122 DELAVAN, IL\*\*\*\*\*

**May 14, 2011**

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 PER CLASS

JUDGE:

RAIN OR SHINE

OFFICE FEE: \$2.00 HORSE-RIDER COMBINATION

**SHOW STARTS AT 9:00 AM**

**HIGH POINT AWARD - \$1 PER HORSE-RIDER COMBINATION**

- 1 CIRT Class
- 2 CIRT Class
- 3 Open English Halter (Thoroughbred, Arabian, Saddlebred, Morgan, etc.)
- 4 Color Breed Halter (Palomino, Paint, Appaloosa, etc.)
- 5 Open Western Halter (Stock Type)
- 6 Open Pony Halter
- 7 Showmanship-handler 12 and under
- 8 Showmanship-handler 13 to 18
- 9 Showmanship-handler 19 and older
- 10 Stick Horse-rider 6 and under
- 11 Lead Line-rider 6 and under (optional tack)  
**Lunch (Afternoon classes will start at noon or 30 minutes from when morning classes end)**
- 12 CIRT Class
- 13 CIRT Class
- 14 Trail Class
- 15 Open Saddle Seat Pleasure (rider any age)
- 16 Horsemanship-Rider 12 and under (Optional Tack)
- 17 Horsemanship- Rider 13 to 18 (Optional Tack)
- 18 Horsemanship- Rider 19 and older (Optional Tack)
- 19 Huntseat English Pleasure-rider 12 and under
- 20 Huntseat English Pleasure-rider 13-18
- 21 Huntseat English Pleasure-rider 19 and older
- 22 Horse/Pony Walk Trot-rider 12 and under - Optional Tack (\*can NOT ride in canter classes)
- 23 Horse/Pony Walk Trot-rider 13 and over - Optional Tack (\*can NOT ride in canter classes)
- 24 Open Walk Trot - Exhibitor any age - Optional Tack
- 25 Trot Barrels-rider any age (\*can NOT ride in Open Barrels)
- 26 Open Barrels-rider any age (\*can NOT ride in Trot Barrels)
- 27 Open Color Breed Western Pleasure (Palomino, Paint, Appaloosa, etc.)
- 28 Pony Pleasure-Optional Tack
- 29 Western Pleasure-rider 12 and under
- 30 Western Pleasure-rider 13-18
- 31 Western Pleasure-rider 19 and older
- 32 Open Society Breed Western Pleasure (Arabian, Morgan, Saddlebred, etc.)
- 33 Pairs Class (two entry fees, Optional Tack)
- 34 Open Surprise Class



HIGH POINT AWARDS- 12 & under, 13-18, and 19 & older

STALLS AVAILABLE

BE A CLASS TROPHY SPONSOR - \$25

PONIES UNDER 56 INCHES

ALL DOGS ARE TO BE LEASHED

SHOW SPONSOR - \$10

Questions Please Call CIRT 309.699.3710, Judy Kruse 309.472.9580 or Jenna Walker 309.253.8826

Do you know someone that is an enthusiastic supporter of CIRT? Is there a loved one that you would like to remember?

Consider sponsoring a class in CIRT's Horse Show. Such a gift is a tribute to the important part that person has played in life.

On Show Day Sponsorship will be announced at the beginning of each class. It will also be printed in our next newsletter.

Class Sponsorship is \$25. The classes are listed on the show bill on the opposite page. Please use the Sponsorship Form below.

*Thank you for your support*



CENTRAL ILLINOIS RIDING THERAPY

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ CIRT Horse Show Class Sponsorship \$25    Circle One:    In Honor Of    In Memory Of

Message: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**I AM ENCLOSING A CHECK FOR**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO:**  
Central IL Riding Therapy  
305 Neumann Dr  
East Peoria, IL 61611



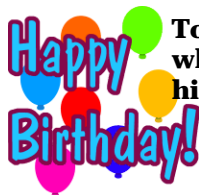
## THANKS A BUNCH ...FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS TO CIRT



*CIRT's doors are open because of the many generous individuals, organizations, corporations, bequests, and gifts in kind. We thank you and look forward to our partnership in the future.*

### **Thank you for your donations**

Daniel Altorfer  
 Mary Anglin  
 Melvin & Lynda Baum  
 John & Helen Braun  
 Sandy, Ray, & Craig Brooks  
 John & Karin Bumgarner  
 William & Mary Chapman  
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 Nancy & Michael Schultz  
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**To Max McCammon  
 who recently celebrated  
 his 90th birthday!**

Michael & Denise Stauffer  
 Christy Stauthammer & Family  
 Danny Taghan & Family  
 Theis Family  
 Walter Unsicker  
 Rick & Myra Walker  
 Laura Walters & Family  
 William Wilson  
 Jane Taylor

Fondulac Park District  
 Otto Baum Foundation  
 Pekin Community High School  
 Tazewell County PDD Board

***In Honor of Max McCammon's  
 90th Birthday***  
 Christine Venzon



*Thank you to Dawn Alwan  
 for donating hay to our program.*

It takes a special horse to become part of the CIRT family of horses. Jus A Broker is that special horse.

Justin, as we know him, came to us last fall from Donald and Janice Richardson of Catlin, Illinois. He is a great horse and is right at home in our program. Thank you for thinking of CIRT.

Our condolences to the Richardson Family. Janice passed away not long after donating Justin.



**Save the date!  
 August 20, 2011  
 Polo on the Green  
 Weaver Farms  
 Peoria, IL**

### **For the many items .....**

Cookies & Snacks  
 Mickey Welch & the ladies of the  
 East Peoria Home Extension  
 East Peoria Historical Society  
 Saddle & Stirrup Leathers  
 Bill & Terry Joerger  
 Bag of Alfalfa Pellets  
 Nancy Moore  
 Apples & Carrots  
 Olivia Stalter & Anita Schertz  
 Hay  
 Dawn Alwan  
 Horse Items  
 Kristy Wolfe  
 Cat Food  
 Gary & Sharon Hatmaker  
 Judy Patterson  
 Saddle & equipment  
 Fred & Diane Peterson  
 Carrots, cookies, & candy canes  
 Judy Patterson  
 Napkins, plates, paper towels,  
 carrots, & bucket  
 Ballard Family

### **Trophies**

Frank Hoeg  
 Stacy Young  
 Traci Sullivan  
 Joe Kanive  
 Laveda Geltz  
 Steve & Elim Belser  
 Ginger & Mike Jacocks



*Thank you to all who  
 brought cookies,  
 brownies, & snacks to  
 CIRT throughout the  
 winter!*



## Joint Effort .....



January brought an enormous task to the CIRT barn. Bagged sawdust was purchased and delivered to be used in the stall bedding.

Thank you to the following for their help in this undertaking:



- Ron Kruse for the use of his trailer
- Bob and Todd Anderson for delivering
- Marty Rollins for loaning his tractor for unloading
- Star Chapter 482 Motorcycle Group for their donation towards the cost



### 2011 Board of Directors

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Amy Koch  
Kris McCormick  
Michael Sanders  
RaDonna Sanders

### CIRT Staff

Judy Kruse,  
Executive Director  
  
Jenna Walker,  
Program Coordinator  
  
Emma Tanner,  
Equine Coordinator  
  
Kathy Griffin,  
Volunteer Coordinator

### CIRT Instructors

Lynda Gustafson  
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Tammy Moore  
Jenna Walker  
Margina Ditch, Intern  
Tekla Sperry, Intern  
Emma Tanner, Intern



# WISH LIST



To all who brought items from Santa's Wish List to the Christmas Party.... Thank You! All gifts were greatly appreciated!

These items will stay on our Wish List as they are always needed for the office, kitchen & waiting area. When one of them is donated it is one less expense for CIRT which leaves more money for the program!

- White or colored copy paper
- Postage Stamps
- Printer Inkjet Cartridges HP 28/57, HP 27/56, Canon 50 and Canon 51
- Oust Air Sanitizer

We are also seeking committee members to assist in the following areas:

- Marketing and Publicity
- Fundraising
- Website Development
- Board Members
- Building & Grounds

Anyone with a few hours to share can find that giving a little can make a huge difference!

Call our office for more info  
(309) 699-3710

- Paper Towels
- Paper Plates
- Napkins
- Clorox Wipes
- Windex
- Bleach
- Liquid Laundry Soap
- Vinegar
- Swifter Refills
- Electrolux Vacuum Bags Style C

### For the Horses:

- A bale of Hay (\$4)
- A tube of dewormer for 1 horse (\$10)
- A bag of grain (\$11)
- Farrier fee for 1 horse (\$35)
- Spring Shots for 1 horse (\$100)
- Sawdust for stalls for 1 week (\$100)
- Dental for 1 horse (\$100)
- Oats for the year (\$400)

We are looking for a

### Printer/Scanner

Please call the office if you have one you would be willing to donate





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 PEORIA, IL 61601  
 Permit No. 793

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

**OFFICE HOURS**  
 Monday-Thursday 9-5  
 Friday 9-3  
 Open year round!

**2011 UPCOMING EVENTS**

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 Return Volunteer Training

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 Horse Handler Training

March 21, 22, 23, 24  
 Advanced Horse Handler Training

March 28 thru April 28  
 1st Riding Session

Saturday, May 14th  
 CIRT Horse Show

**ATTENTION!!!**

WANT YOUR NEWSLETTER IN COLOR?  
 NEED CIRT NEWS QUICK?  
 CHECK THE WEBSITE.  
[HTTP://WWW.CIRT.INFO](http://www.cirt.info)

IF YOU HAVE MAIL DELIVERED AT A POST OFFICE BOX,  
 HAVE MOVED, RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE NEWSLET-  
 TER, OR WOULD LIKE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE  
 MAILING LIST, PLEASE LET THE CIRT OFFICE KNOW SO  
 WE CAN MAKE THE CHANGES.