

A Message From the Incoming President of Rose Bowl Riders – Ingrid McConnell

I am honored to serve as RBR's president in this coming year. Since our new governing board took office only last month, we welcomed four new horses into the "Historic Barn", chipping away at our frustratingly long waiting list. Our clubhouse exterior has been transformed with a new paint job, door and baby plants. This past weekend we hosted a clinic with a five-time Olympic show jumper, followed by a festive member holiday party in our clubhouse.

Last year, the RBR Board approved the Club's first-ever [strategic plan](#), which charts a roadmap for our organization for the next 5 years. This plan was developed by a committee representing a cross-section of our membership and included extensive input from new and long-time members, as well as representatives from the City of Pasadena, which owns the exquisite parkland in which we operate.

Our club's newly stated mission is *to connect people to horses and nature through responsible horsemanship, sustainable horsekeeping, education and public outreach*. The strategic plan identified four major goals toward this end, including 1) Build an outstanding organization, 2) Transform the facility, 3) Serve our membership with diverse programs, and 4) Serve our community through outreach. These four pillars, like legs of a table, will guide our decision making in the next five years. (Organization/Facility/Programs/Outreach).

While this year marks the 70th anniversary of Rose Bowl Riders, our situation remains in flux as we await the opportunity to negotiate with the City for a long-term lease. I am optimistic that our strategic plan aligns our Club goals with the long-term goals of the City for the Hahamongna Watershed Park, and if we remember our role as stewards of the land and our mission of connecting people to horses, we will prevail as the best choice to operate Pasadena's only community equestrian facility.

Finally, volunteering is the cornerstone of our organization. Our daily arena maintenance and most repairs, improvements and upkeep are done by volunteers. This is what keeps RBR the most affordable equestrian operation in greater Los Angeles and perhaps even more important, gives us the rewarding, old-fashioned community building ethos that is increasingly absent in our hyper-technological urban world.

I hope you'll take a moment to print and read the [strategic plan](#) and summary of [results](#) from our comprehensive member survey -- perhaps while traveling for the holidays or in the relaxing days before New Year's Day. Your board will be working hard this year to implement the plan, including more operational delegation to committees and task forces to keep the board strategically focused. We hope you'll consider meaningfully participating on a committee or in other ways at RBR.

Have a wonderful, blessed, horsey Holiday!
Ingrid

2016 Officer & Director Election Results for Rose Bowl Riders and RBR Charitable Organization

RBR Board of Directors

President	Ingrid McConnell
First Vice President	Sue Lafferty
Second Vice President	Anna Armstrong
Treasurer	Bonnie Hedrick
Recording Secretary	Shannon Griffin
Corresponding Secretary	Kristyn Gonnerman
Stable Manager	Ariel Wisch-Schute
Grounds Manager	Walt Myers
Arena Manager	John Hedrick
Events Manager	Nancy Rose
Director At Large	Katherine Ginzton

RBRCO Board of Directors

President	Bonnie Hedrick
Vice President	Karen Enzminger
Treasurer	Joan Probst
Secretary	Heidy Kelman
Director At Large	Gail Young

November Workday Accomplishments!

Over 60 people signed in at the workday on the 14th. Two big projects involved preparing the "Historic Barn" (former MACH1 stalls) for new residents, and updating the Clubhouse, including prep and painting the entire exterior and replacing the front door. Special thanks go to painters Christy Hobart, Thanh Hoang, Bonnie and John Hedrick, KT Ginzton, and Ariel Wisch-Schute. Thanks also go to Miles Kelman for his work on the roof of the Historic Barn, which Grounds Manager Walt says was a "nasty job". A big thank you to all RBR members who gave up part of a Saturday or donated funds for the work day!

County Supervisor Thanks RBR for a Successful Trail Dusters Ride.

LA County Supervisor Mike Antonovich sent an official letter to RBR expressing thanks for its participation in planning the Antonovich Trail Dusters trail ride October 18th. The letter also mentions RBR member Doug Lerner for his work as trail boss. About 115 riders took part in the ride, on the trails around La Canada Flintridge. According to its website, The Antonovich Trail Dusters Ride began in 1992 as a way to "promote heightened public awareness of the County's magnificent system of multi-use trails."

IEL Update from Carolyn Eberhard.

The second Interscholastic Equestrian League (IEL) horse show was held at the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center on December 6th. Seventeen Myrtle Hill Farm riders brought home 29 ribbons! Savannah Rogan and Caroline Chase were in the stirrups for their very first IEL show. Kathryn Lowe won a 2nd place ribbon in the Freshman flat class, and Carolyn Pasqualetto also won a 2nd place ribbon in Varsity jumpers. Maisie Shapiro won 4th in Junior Varsity jumpers. Nicole Hoang won 4th in her Dressage Test. Three Myrtle Hill Farm Varsity riders placed in the top 12 of the Medal Class; quite an accomplishment in such a competitive, experienced group of riders. The next IEL show will be January 17th at Hansen Dam.

RBR members in Historic Highland Park Christmas Parade.

Doug Lerner, Meredith McKenzie, Nancy Rose, and Mary Timmer (the group of 4 in the middle of this photo) and their partners Whiskey, Lobo, Sue and Scout participated in the 71st annual NELA Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce. The RBR folks rode with some friends from Arroyo Seco Stables. The parade route took Figueroa from Ave 60 to Sycamore Grove, so the horses negotiated busy city streets as well as the parade.

