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# Joanne Harlan

JOANN SPENDS COUNTLESS HOURS VOLUNTEERING HER TIME NOT ONLY TO THE ARABIAN HORSE COMMUNITY BUT ALSO PROMOTING LOCAL ALL-BREED “GRASS ROOTS” ORGANIZATIONS. SHE DEVOTES COUNTLESS HOURS PROMOTING THE ARABIAN HORSE AT THE LOCAL CLUB LEVEL THROUGH VOLUNTEERING AT THE HORSE SHOWS AND CLINICS. JOANN IS ON THE SHOW COMMITTEE FOR REGION I ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION AND VOLUNTEERS AT THE REGION I ARABIAN HORSE SHOW EVERY YEAR. – **KATHY CALLAHAN-SMITH, REGION 1 DIRECTOR**





# Joan Lawson

JOAN FIRST GOT INVOLVED WITH ARABIAN HORSES WHEN HER DAUGHTER STARTED TAKING LESSONS IN 1998, AND HAS BEEN AN ARABIAN OWNER AND ENTHUSIAST EVER SINCE. SHE LOVES THE ARABIAN BREED AND ENJOYS SERVING THE LOCAL ARABIAN COMMUNITY AS WELL AS INTRODUCING NEW PEOPLE TO THE HORSES THAT WE ALL LOVE – **KATHY CALLAHAN-SMITH, REGION 1 DIRECTOR**



# Marci Cunningham – Region 2

- **MARCI** HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE GOLDEN EMPIRE ARABIAN HORSE SOCIETY SINCE ITS INCEPTION AND IS A LIFE MEMBER OF AHA! MARCI STARTED THE REGION 2 ENDURANCE CHALLENGE WHICH HAS BROUGHT IN MANY NEW MEMBERS. THIS PROGRAM REQUIRES MEMBERSHIP IN A REGION 2 CLUB AND HAS SEVERAL LAYERS OF ACHIEVEMENT TO HER AWARD PROGRAM. SHE GETS THE AWARDS THAT ARE USEFUL TO THEIR DISCIPLINE, WORKS WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS, LINES UP VOLUNTEERS, ORGANIZES AND RUNS THE EVENT. ALL WITH A SMILE! HER DEDICATION TO THE BREED IS UNWAVERING. I CAN COUNT ON MARCI TO HANDLE IT ALL AND NEVER WORRY ABOUT IT! – **NANCY GOERTZEN, REGION 2 DIRECTOR**



# Meagan Shaffer – Region 2

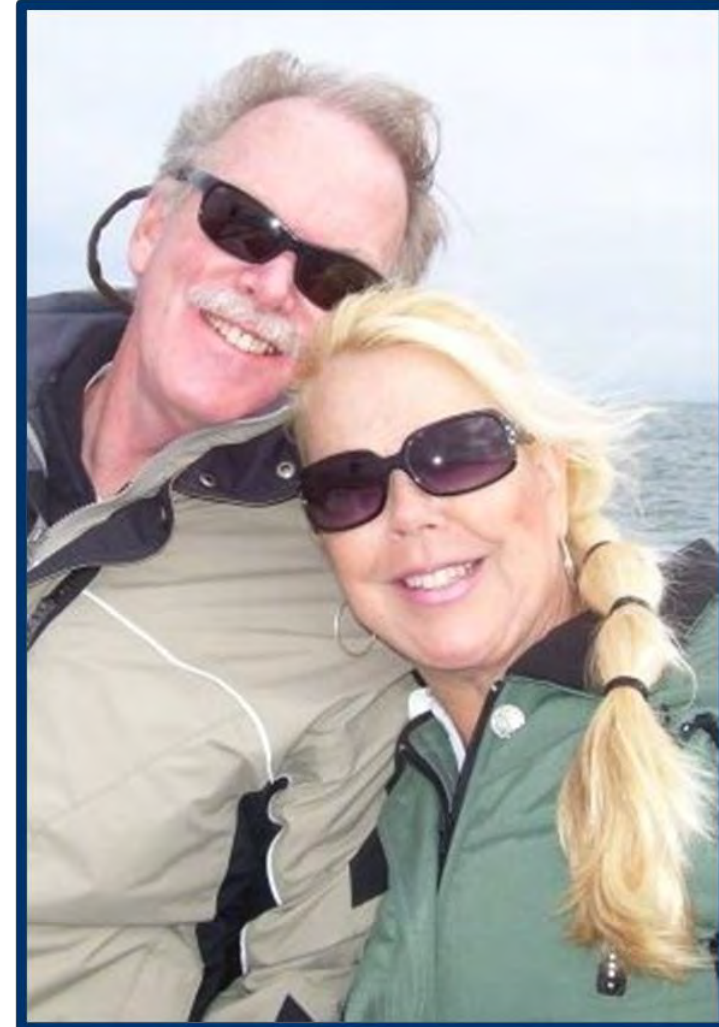
- **MEAGHAN** HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY FOR BOTH AHA SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND REGION 2. SHE HEADED UP THE YOUTH PROGRAM AND GOT LOTS OF KIDS INTERESTED IN ARABIANS. SHE WORKED WITH THEM ON YOUTH JUDGING AND HAS TAKEN SEVERAL TEAMS TO NATIONALS! WHEN HER CLUB WAS FALLING APART, SHE STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE AND RALLIED THE GROUP AND GOT THEM BACK ON TRACT. MEMBERSHIP INCREASED, WITH LOTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY. THESE INCLUDED TRAIL RIDES, GOING TO THE BEACH, ARCHERY ON HORSEBACK, PLAY DAYS, AND THE LIST GOES ON. MEAGHAN TOOK ON THE ROLE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN HER SPARE TIME. I KNOW IF I NEED ANYTHING, MEAGHAN WILL RALLY THE TROOPS AND GET PEOPLE MOTIVATED. I WISH I COULD CLONE HER! THANK YOU, MEAGHAN! – **NANCY GOERTZEN, REGION 2 DIRECTOR**





# Joan Banahan – Region 3

- **JOAN** WAS THE REGION3 SECRETARY FOR FOUR YEARS. DURING THIS TIME, SHE HAS ATTENDED ALL THE REGION 3 MEETINGS, HELPED THE DIRECTOR WITH SLIDE SHOWS AND WORKED AT MEETINGS SUCH AS ORGANIZING PAPERWORK, SETTING OUT INFORMATION AND FOOD. AT THE REGIONAL SHOW, SHE WORKED AS OUR HOSPITALITY PERSON PUTTING IN LONG HOURS. JOAN HAS BEEN THE SECRETARY FOR THE ANNUAL CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE AND HAS BEEN PROMPTED AND ACCURATE IN HER RECORDING. SHE ATTENDED ALL THE MEETINGS WHETHER THEY WERE VIA ZOOM OR IN PERSON. HER CHEERFUL COMPOSURE AND QUICK WIT HELPED MAKE MEETINGS ENJOYABLE. IN ADDITION, SHE VOLUNTEERS AT LOCAL SHOWS HELPING BOTH MOTHER LODE AND RED BLUFF. SHE IS A VERY SPECIAL PERSON DOING WHAT SHE CAN TO HELP AT THE LOCAL, REGIONAL AND CONVENTION LEVEL AND SHE DESERVES OUR RECOGNITION AND THANKS! – **GRETCHEN MCDANIEL, REGION 3 DIRECTOR**



# Terri Moody – Region 3

- **TERRI HAS BEEN OUR REGION 3 HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEER AND SHE HAS NAVIGATED THE DIFFICULTY OF COVID PROTOCOLS OUR THE PAST TWO YEARS. SHE IS SUCCESSFUL WITH HER DUTIES, SERVING MEALS AND SNACKS FOR LUNCH AND DINNER, AS NECESSARY. AFTER THE REGIONAL SHOW WHEN IT WAS TIME TO PACK UP AND LEAVE THE GROUNDS, TERRI WAS RIGHT THERE, LOADING BOXES INTO THE STORAGE TRUCK. TERRI ALSO FOUND THE TIME TO COMPETE THIS YEAR IN THE HUNTER DIVISION AND TOOK SEVERAL TOP FIVE AWARDS. SHE IS AN EXCELLENT COMPETITOR AND SUPPORTOR OF REGION 3 AND WE THANK HER FOR HER HOURS OF HARD WORK! – GRETCHEN MCDANIEL, REGION 3 DIRECTOR**





# Kaye Phaneuf – Region 4

- **KAYE** IS A VALUED MEMBER OF REGION 4 AND HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SUCCESS OF THE REGION 4 SPORT HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW. SHE NOT ONLY SCHEDULES RIDE TIMES AND IN HAND TIMES, SHE ALSO RECRUITES AND COORDINATES ALL THE VOLUNTEERS. KAYES DEDICATION AND ENTHOUSIASM FOR THE ARABIQAN SPORT HORSE IS CONTAGIOUS AND THIS HONOR IS WELL DESERVED! - **JULIE HEDDEN, REGION 4 DIRECTOR**



# Peggy Weems – Region 4

- **PEGGY** HAS BEEN AN ESSENTIAL PART OF REGION 4 FOR MANY YEARS SERVING AS THE REGION 4 DIRECTOR, SHOW MANAGER, AND ON NUMEROUS COMMITTEES. CURRENTLY SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE JUDGES SELECTION COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIR OF THE REGION 4 SHOW COMMISSION. HER DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP MAKES HER A VALUED MEMBER OF REGION 4! - **JULIE HEDDEN, REGION 4 DIRECTOR**



# Julie Karnath – Region 5

- **JULIE** HAS BEEN FAITHFULLY SERVING AS OUR REGION 5 SECRETARY FOR WELL OVER A DECADE. SHE IS ALWAYS WELL ORGANIZED AND KEEPS OUR MINUTES VERY ORGANIZED. IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, JULIE IS ABLE TO FIND IT AND KEEP THE REST OF US ON TASK. JULIE HAS ALSO DESIGNED A FEW COVERS FOR OUR REGION SHOW PROGRAMS OVER THE YEAR. SHE IS A VERY TALENTED ARTIST! REGION 5 HAS BEEN LUCKY TO HAVE HER AS OUR SECRETARY! - **CARRIE OLSON, REGION 5 DIRECTOR**





# Angie Miller – Region 5

- **ANGIE** HAS BEEN A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE PACIFIC RIM ARABIAN HORSE ASSN. AND HAS ACTIVELY SERVED AS VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR NOT ONLY HER CLUB SHOWS, BUT OUR CASCADE YOUTH BENEFIT SHOW AS WELL AS OUR REGION 5 SPORT HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW FOR MANY YEARS. HER COMMITMENT TO OUR REGION AND HER VOLUNTEERS IS UNWAVERING. WE COULD NOT MAKE THESE SHOWS HAPPEN WITHOUT ANGIE AND HER DEDICATION. THANK YOU, ANGIE FOR ALL OF YOUR TIME, EFFORT AND ENERGY INTO MAKING OUR SHOWS GREAT! - **CARRIE OLSON, REGION 5 DIRECTOR**



# Cheryl Fulton – Region 6

- **CHERYL** IS A LONG TIME ARABIAN AND HALF-ARABIAN HORSE OWNER AND COMPETITOR. SHE IS DEDICATED TO HER HORSES AND ALL HER BELOVED ANIMALS. AS DEDICATED AS CHERYL IS TO THE LOVING CARE FOR ALL HER ANIMALS AND HER EFFORTS TO HELP STOP AND EDUCATE ABOUT ANIMAL NEGLECT, SHE IS A DEDICATED MEMBER TO HER LOCAL CLUB IN MONTANA AND REGION 6. SHE IS AN ACTIVE COMPETITOR AT SEVERAL LOCAL SHOWS AS WELL AS THE ANNUAL REGIONAL SHOW. AS HECTIC AS IT CAN BE TO GET ONESELF AND MULTIPLE HORSE READY FOR EACH DAY'S SLATE OF CLASSES, CHERYL IS ALWAYS THERE TO OFFER SHOW STAFF AN EXTRA HAND WHEREVER HELP IS NEEDED. ON TOP OF THAT, CHERYL'S VET TECH EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS HAVE SHINED THROUGH WHEN AN INJURY HAD BEEN AN UNFORTUNATE FACT AT A SHOW. CHERYL HAS SERVED AS A REGION 6 DELEGATE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, FOCUSING ON MAKING SOUND DECISIONS FOR AHA AND ITS MEMBERS. A TRUER AMBASSADOR FOR THE ARABIAN BREED AND AHA COULD NOT BE FOUND. THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US IN REGION 6!  
- **NANCY ROHDE, REGION 6 DIRECTOR**





# Sherry Lytle – Region 6

- **SHERRY HAS BEEN A DEDICATED HORSE WOMAN AND IS INVOLVED IN PUTTING ON SHOWS IN SOUTH DAKOTA AND WYOMING FOR DECADES. SHE HAS SHOWN ARABIAN AND HALF-ARABIAN HORSES SINCE HER YOUTH. SHERRY IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE REGION 6 TRAIL CREW CLUB AND HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE MANAGEMENT OF EVENTS HOSTED BY THE CLUB SINCE THE CLUB'S INCEPTION. ADDITIONALLY, SHERRY VOLUNTEERS AT THE REGION 6 SHOW AND THIS YEAR, SERVED AS THE ANNOUNCER TO THE PRE-SHOW. SHE LENDS HER BEAUTIFUL VOICE TO THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AT OUR LOCAL AND REGIONAL SHOWS. ALL OF US AT REGION 6 SEND OUR SINCERE THANKS TO SHERRY FOR HER DEDICATION TO THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL SHOWS SPANNING DECADES AND HER UNTIRING SUPPORT TO THE ARABIAN HORSE AND ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION. - NANCY ROHDE, REGION 6 DIRECTOR**



# Mary Lou Houge – Region 7

- **MARY LOU** HAS BEEN INVOLVE IN THE ARABIAN HORSE INDUSTRY IN ARIZONA FOR OVER 28 YEARS. SHE HAS BEEN VERY INVOLVED AT A CLUB AN REGIONAL LEVEL SERVING AS PRESIDENT OF THE ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF ARIZONA AS WELL ON VARIOUS CLUB, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMMITTEES. MARY LOU GIVES OF HER TIME GROUSILY AND HELPS WITH EVERYTHING FROM SETTING UP THE DRESSAGE ARENA TO BEING A FEARLESS LEADER. SHE HAS AND CONTINUES TO RUN ALL SORTS OF GRASS ROOTS PROGRAMS TO INTRODUCE NEW PEOPLE TO THE ARABIAN HORSE! - **MARILOU BALLOUN, REGION 7 DIRECTOR**



# Randi Preiser – Region 7

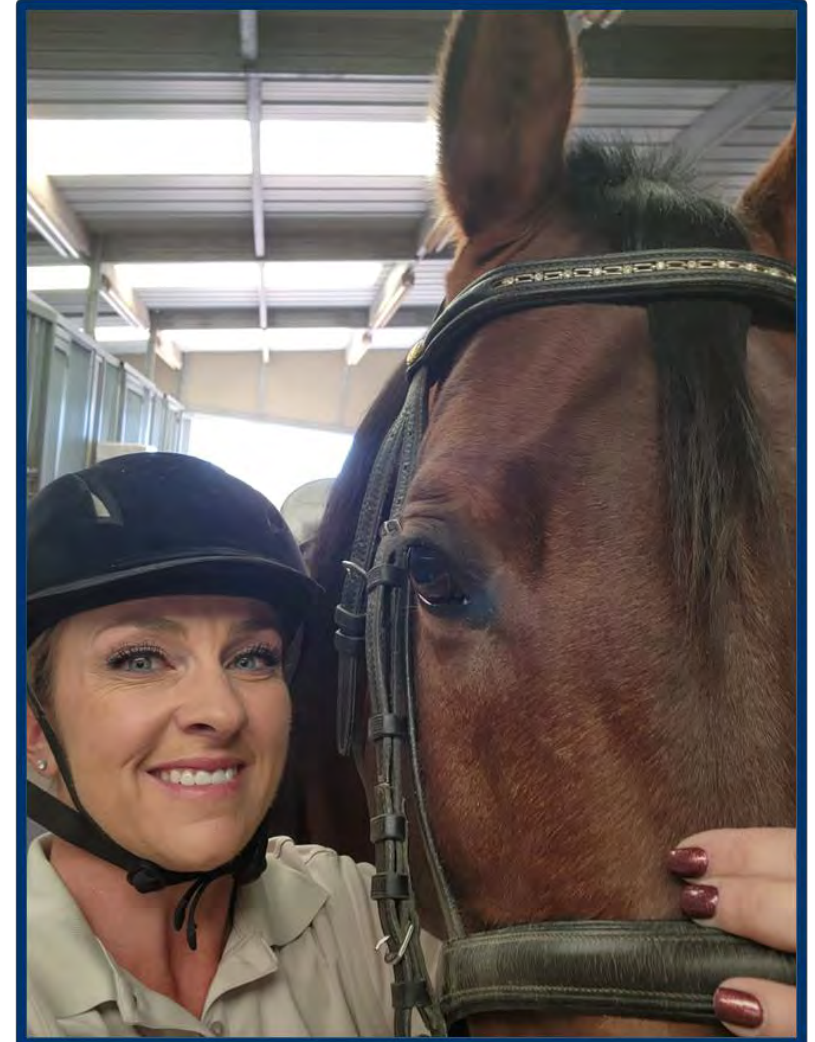
- **RANDI** HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE ARABIAN HORSE COMMUNITY FOR MANY YEARS SERVING AS OUR VERY COMPETENT TREASURER. WHEN SHE TOOK OVER THE DUTIES AS THE REGION 7 TREASURER, SHE WENT TO WORK BRINGING THE ORGANIZATION UP TO SPEED GETTING OUR IRS AND STATE NON-PROFIT STATUS REINSTATED AND SORTING OUT THE TAX FILINGS. RANDI PROVIDES THIS SAME LEVEL OF BUSINESS KNOWLEDGE AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL AT HER LOCAL CLUBS AS WELL. WE DEPEND ON HER TO KEEP US IN GOING THE CORRECT DIRECTION AND ON SCHEDULE. - **MARILOU BALLOUN, REGION 7 DIRECTOR**





# Mariah Wilson – Region 8

- **MARIAH** HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION FOR OVER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS AND AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF NEW MEXICO (AHANM) AND THE NEW MEXICO HORSE COUNCIL FOR MANY YEARS. MARIAH HAS ACHIEVED HER LARGE “R” JUDGES RATING AND HAS SERVED FOR MANY YEARS AS AN AHANM DELEGATE AT THE ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION. MARIAH HAS AN ESTABLISHED A DISCOVERY FARM THAT REACHES HUNDREDS OF YOUTHS AND ADULTS THROUGH ACTIVE COMMUNITY ACCESS TO THE BEAUTIFUL ARABIAN HORSES. MARIAH’S TRAINING FACILITY IS HOME TO OVER 70 HIGH QUALITY SHOW HORSES AND HER LESSON PROGRAM IS THE PREMIER DESTINATION IN HER AREA FOR HORSEMANSHIP FROM BEGINNER LEVELS TO NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITORS. MARIAH HAS BEEN CONSISTENT IN HER DEVELOPMENT AND COACHING FOR AMATEUR AND JUNIOR RIDERS OVER THE YEARS. IN 2022 MARIAH BECAME THE PRESIDENT OF THE AHANM CLUB AND PROVIDED A VIABLE PLAN FOR HER CLUB TO SPONSOR THE 2022 OFF SITE REGION 8 SPORT HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW. MARIAH RECRUITED A LARGE GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORSHIPS AND PRODUCED A SUCCESSFUL AND PROFITABLE SHOW FOR REGION 8. HER TIRELESS EFFORTS WERE VERY PRODUCTIVE FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND TRULY BENEFICIAL FOR REGION 8. – **JOHN SIMMONS, REGION 8 DIRECTOR**



# Patti Liarakos – Region 9

THE REGION 9 VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS GO TO TWO OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS, PATTI AND BETH, THAT STEPPED UP AND DID A GREAT JOB FOR THE REGIONAL SHOW. THESE TWO MEMBERS SERVED AS THE REGION 9 SHOW COORDINATOR AND SHOW SECRETARY AND MADE THE REGION 9 CHAMPIONSHIP A SUCCESS, THANK YOU PATTI AND BETH! – **MARK HIMMEL, REGION 9 DIRECTOR**





# Beth Walker – Region 9

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# Kaitlyn Frenchick – Region 10

- FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS, **KAITLYN** HAS LED OUR YOUTH ACTIVITIES BOTH WITHIN OUR NORTHERN MINNESOTA ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION CLUB AND REGION 10. SHE'S AN ACCOMPLISHED COACH WITH THE KIDS AND IS ENCOURAGING TO EVERYONE. – **MARY SMITH/TONI MARIE O'DANIEL, REGION 10 DIRECTOR**



# Kate Wiggert Johnson – Region 10

- **KATE HAS BEEN A LONG-TIME SUPPORTER OF THE SPORT HORSE DIVISION AND SERVES AS CHAIR OF THE REGION 10 SPORT HORSE COMMITTEE. KATE LED THE SUCCESSFUL RELOCATION OF THE 2022 REGION 10 SPORT HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW AND CONTINUES TO WORK TIRELESSLY TO INCREASE THE VISIBILITY OF THE ATTENDANCE AT THE SHOW. – MARY SMITH/TONI MARIE O'DANIEL, REGION 10 DIRECTOR**





# Karen Marnie – Region 11

**KAREN** HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF REGION 11 CLUBS FOR MANY YEARS AND WAS SEEN VOLUNTEERING AT MANY REGIONAL EVENTS. ALWAYS A GREAT SUPPORTER OF THE ARABIAN HORSE. KAREN HAS SHOWN HER LOVE FOR THE BREED AND THE SPORT OF COMPETITION. SHE IS A WONDERFUL AMBASSADOR OF THE ARABIAN HORSE! – **RYAN CHAMBERS, REGION 11 DIRECTOR**



# Allison Mehta – Region 12

- **ALLISON'S** TIRELESS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE EGYPTIAN ARABIAN ARE UNMATCHED. HER DEDICATION TO THEIR PRESERVATION AND CONTINUATION IS EVIDENT IN HER DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE EGYPTIAN CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES HELD AT THE REGION 12 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW. SHE IS ALSO TIRELESS IN HER SUPPORT OF THE REGION 12 SPOTLIGHT FUTURITY PROGRAM. PEOPLE LIKE ALLISON ARE WHAT THE INDUSTRY NEEDS IN THIS TIME OF REGROWTH. – **LAURIE SALMI, REGION 12 DIRECTOR**



# Cheryl Nelson – Region 13

- **CHERYL** IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE HALF ARABIAN CLUB OF MICHIGAN AND REGION 13. SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE HAAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SERVING AS VICE PRESIDENT. CHERYL HELPS ORGANIZE VOLUNTEERS, AWARDS, STAFF STABLING AND IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO ENCOURAGE NEW EXHIBITORS TO ATTEND THE SHOW. IN ADDITION, SHE HAS WORKED AS RINGMASTER FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS AND IN 2023 WILL BE TAKING ON THE JOB AS SHOW MANAGER. SHE IS A BIG ADVOCATE OF THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY BREEDING PROGRAM AND HAS EXCLUSIVELY OWNED AND SHOWN MSU BRED HORSES IN THE SHOW RING AS WELL AS TRAIL RIDING, ANOTHER PASSION OF HERS. IF SHE WASN'T BUSY ENOUGH, SHE IS A DELEGATE TO CONVENTION, AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FOR THE REGIONAL 13 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW AND LAST YAR AGREED TO CHAIR THE REGION 13 YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, REVAMPING AND UPDATING THE PROGRAM. WE ARE ALL GRATEFUL TO CHERYL FOR ALL THE GREAT WORK AND DEDICATION SHE HAS GIVEN TO THE REGION, HER CLUB AND THE ARABIAN HORSE! – **ANN KNOOP, REGION 13 DIRECTOR**





# Erica Vickers – Region 13

- **ERICA** IS ONE OF THE YOUNGEST, MOST RESPONSIBLE TRAINERS I HAVE EVER MET. SHE IS KIND, WELCOMING AND ACCEPTING OF EVERYONE. ERICA HAS HER TRAINING CENTER AS AN ARABIAN DISCOVERY FARM AND HAS PROMOTED THE BREED BY ALLOWING PEOPLE TO COME IN AND “MEET THE ARABIAN HORSE”. SHE HAS DONE A LOT FOR OUR CLUB BY REVAMPING THE PRIZE LIST FOR THE FALL CLASSIC HORSE SHOW, BEING A SPONSOR FOR THE FALL CLASSIC AND COMMUNITY SHOWS, CONSTANTLY GIVING HER TIME TO HELP THE CLUB. ERICA ALSO HELPS COMPETITORS AT THE SHOWS THROUGH KIND AND CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK. SHE IS AMAZING AT EVERYTHING SHE SET OUT TO DO! – **ANN KNOOP, REGION 13 DIRECTOR**



# Cindy Clinton – Region 14

- **CINDY** IS A MEMBER OF THE OHIO HALF ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION WHERE SHE SERVES AS THE VICE PRESIDENT AND SHOW MANAGER. IN ADDITION, SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE BUCKEYE ARABIAN AND HALF ARABIAN ALLIANCE AND SERVES AS THE SHOW MANAGER. SHE IS ALSO THE REGISTRY MANAGER FOR THE NATIONAL SHOW HORSE REGISTRY AND THE SHOW MANAGER OF THE NATIONAL SHOW HORSE FINALS. CINDY IS A PAST REGION 14 DIRECTOR AND THE LONGEST SERVING REGION 14 SHOW MANAGER SERVING FOR OVER 25 YEARS. CINDY IS A MEMBER OF THE REGION 14 HALL OF FAME AND A RECIPIENT OF THE AHA PRESIDENTS AWARD. – **JEFF CALDWELL, REGION 14 DIRECTOR**



# Linda Ferris – Region 14

- **LINDA** IS A MEMBER AND TREASURER FOR THE OHIO HALF ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION. SHE SERVES AS A CONVENTION DELEGATE, VOLUNTEERS AT MANY OF OUR LOCAL SHOWS AND EVENTS AS OUR OFFICIAL'S MEAL PLANNER AND PROMOTING THE ARABIAN AND HALF-ARABIAN HORSE. SHE ALSO VOLUNTEERS AT THE U.S. NATIONALS WHERE SHE WORKS IN THE PATRONS LOUNGE. – **JEFF CALDWELL, REGION 14 DIRECTOR**





# Kimberly Dickinson – Region 15

- **KIM** SPENT THE LAST FOUR YEARS FIGHTING FOR OUR REGION AND WORKED TIRELESSLY DOING SO. SHE CONTINUES TO BE AN INTREGAL PART OF REGION 15! – **CRICKET GATES, REGION 15 DIRECTOR**



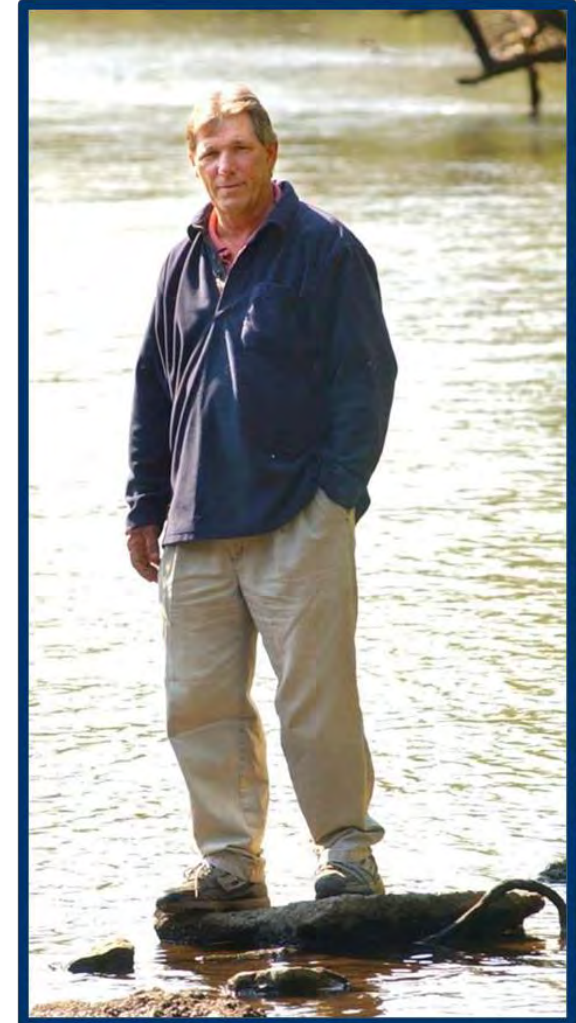
# Marie Taylor – Region 15

- **MARIE HAS BEEN A HUGE SUPPORTER OF SPORT HORSE SINCE ITS BEGININGS AND SHE IS EQUALLY PASSIONATE ABOUT WESTERN DRESSAGE. SHE MAINTAINS HER CLUB AND MANAGES A SERIES OF LOCAL WESTERN DRESSAGE SHOWS. – CRICKET GATES, REGION 15 DIRECTOR**



# Bruce Carpenter – Region 16

- **BRUCE HAS BEEN A FIXTURE FOR MANY YEARS IN THE WESTERN NEW YORK ARABIAN CIRCUIT. THIS YEAR BRUCE WAS AN IMMENSE HELP AT THE NEWLY FORMED REGION 15/REGION 16 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW, ACTING IN THE MANNER OF LIAISON TO THE SHOW MANAGER, OR THE RESIDENT “ON-CALL, DO-EVERYTHING” VOLUNTEER. HE DID A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING, FROM PICKING UP JUDGES AT THE AIRPORT, KEEPING THE OFFICIALS HYDRATED AND FED, SETTING UP & BREAKING DOWN ACTIVITIES, AND FINDING SOLUTIONS TO WHATEVER ISSUES POPPED UP. HE EVEN HAULED ALL OF THE RIBBONS FROM NEW YORK, WHICH TOOK UP A WHOLE HORSE TRAILER. BRUCE COULD BE FOUND RINGSIDE ALL WEEK AS HE BEAMED WITH PRIDE AT THE SUCCESSES OF THE SHOW’S EXHIBITORS; YOU COULD COUNT ON HIM TO GIVE THE FIRST CONGRATULATIONS, ALSO MAKING A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING THE SHOW AND INVITING THEIR FEEDBACK. BRUCE PUTS HIS HEART AND SOUL INTO WHAT HE BELIEVES. HE HAS A PROGRESSIVE WAY OF THINKING, AND HIS DEDICATION TO AN INNOVATIVE VISION FOR THE FUTURE IS JUST WHAT OUR RAPIDLY CHANGING INDUSTRY NEEDS. –**  
**CHERYL LANE-CARON, REGION 16 DIRECTOR**





# Sloane Roncaioli – Region 16

• THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO ONE WHO IS MORE SELFLESS OR DESERVING OF THE VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD THAN **SLOANE**. FOR DECADES, SHE HAS ALWAYS PUT OTHERS—PARTICULARLY THE YOUTH—BEFORE HERSELF. HER HEART GUSHES WITH JOY, EXCITEMENT, AND ALWAYS A “YES” OR “ABSOLUTELY” TO ANYTHING THAT SHE HAS AHEAD OF HER. SHE EMPOWERS YOUTH, AMATEURS, AND FELLOW TRAINERS, AND TREATS EVERYONE SHE MEETS WITH VALUE AND RESPECT. ABOVE ALL ELSE, SHE HAS ALWAYS DONE THIS WITHOUT RECOGNITION, OFTEN WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES AND JUMPING IN TO HELP OTHERS WITHOUT TAKING THE CREDIT. NO ONE DEDICATES MORE OF THEMSELVES TO MAKING PEOPLE FEEL WELCOME THAN SLOANE. THIS SEASON IN PARTICULAR, SLOANE STEPPED UP TO LEAD SEVERAL CHARGES, ALL WHILE GUIDING THE REGION 16 YOUTH CLUB AS THE YOUTH COORDINATOR AND COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR. NOT ONLY DOES SHE PERSONALLY SPONSOR AND DONATE TIME & RESOURCES TO PROGRAMMING AND INITIATIVES, BUT WHAT’S EVEN MORE IMPACTFUL IS THE WAY SHE INSPIRES THOSE AROUND HER TO DO THE SAME. JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF HER TIRELESS EFFORTS AND INFECTIOUS ENTHUSIASM WAS THE BRAN MASH BUFFET SHE ORGANIZED FOR A LOCAL SHOW; THERE SHE WAS SITTING IN HER BARN AISLE, SURROUNDED BY A FLOCK OF KIDS SHE RECRUITED THAT MORNING FROM OTHER BARNS, CHOPPING UP BUCKETFULS OF APPLES AND CARROTS AND CELERY, ALL WHILE GETTING THE KIDS TO CHAT AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER. WHILE THIS IS IMPRESSIVE IN ITS OWN RIGHT, WHAT IS MOST VALUABLE ABOUT SLOANE IS HER ABILITY TO INSPIRE AND INSTILL A SENSE OF PRIDE IN VOLUNTEERING IN HER OWN STUDENTS. SHE HAS ALWAYS ENCOURAGED HER KIDS TO JUMP IN AND HELP OUT AT THE SHOWS; YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON SEEING HER ENTIRE BARN PITCHING IN TO VOLUNTEER WITH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES. SHE SINGLE-HANDEDLY ORGANIZES SCHOOLING SHOWS, AND STAFFS THEM WITH HER ENTHUSIASTIC DAUGHTERS AND VOLUNTEERS FROM HER BARN. WHAT’S MORE IS THAT SHE HAS A WARMTH AND MAGNETISM ABOUT HER THAT INVITES PEOPLE TO JOIN IN AND GIVE OF THEMSELVES, JUST AS SHE DOES. A QUOTE FROM HER NIECE AND STUDENT OF TWO DECADES, BROOKE GEMMELL: “SINCE AS FAR BACK AS I COULD REMEMBER, SLOANE WAS ALWAYS TELLING US TO ‘GET OUT OF OUR AISLE AND GO SEE IF ANYONE NEEDS HELP.’ I DON’T THINK SHE HAS EVER MISSED A CLUB OR REGIONAL MEETING... SHE HAS ATTENDED MEETINGS AND HELPED WITH CLUBS THAT SHE ISN’T EVEN A MEMBER OF. THE THING THAT MAKES HER SO TRULY SPECIAL, THOUGH, IS THE WAY THAT YOU CAN TELL THAT SHE GENUINELY MEANS IT WHEN SHE SAYS ‘THANK YOU.’ MAKING OTHERS FEEL WELCOME IS HER CALLING AND I FEEL SO LUCKY TO HAVE GROWN UP WITH HER AS MY MENTOR.” WHILE SHE HAS A VERY FULL PLATE—WIFE, MOTHER, TRAINER, COACH, MENTOR, CLUB VICE PRESIDENT, REGIONAL YOUTH COORDINATOR & CO-CHAIR, EVEN A HAIR STYLIST! —SHE MANAGES TO KEEP THE TRAINS RUNNING ON TIME, ALWAYS WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE & SMILE! I DO NOT THINK “NO” IS IN HER VOCABULARY. REGION 16 IS LUCKY TO HAVE SLOANE! – **CHERYL LANE-CARON, REGION 16 DIRECTOR**



# Darlene Bouwer – Region 17

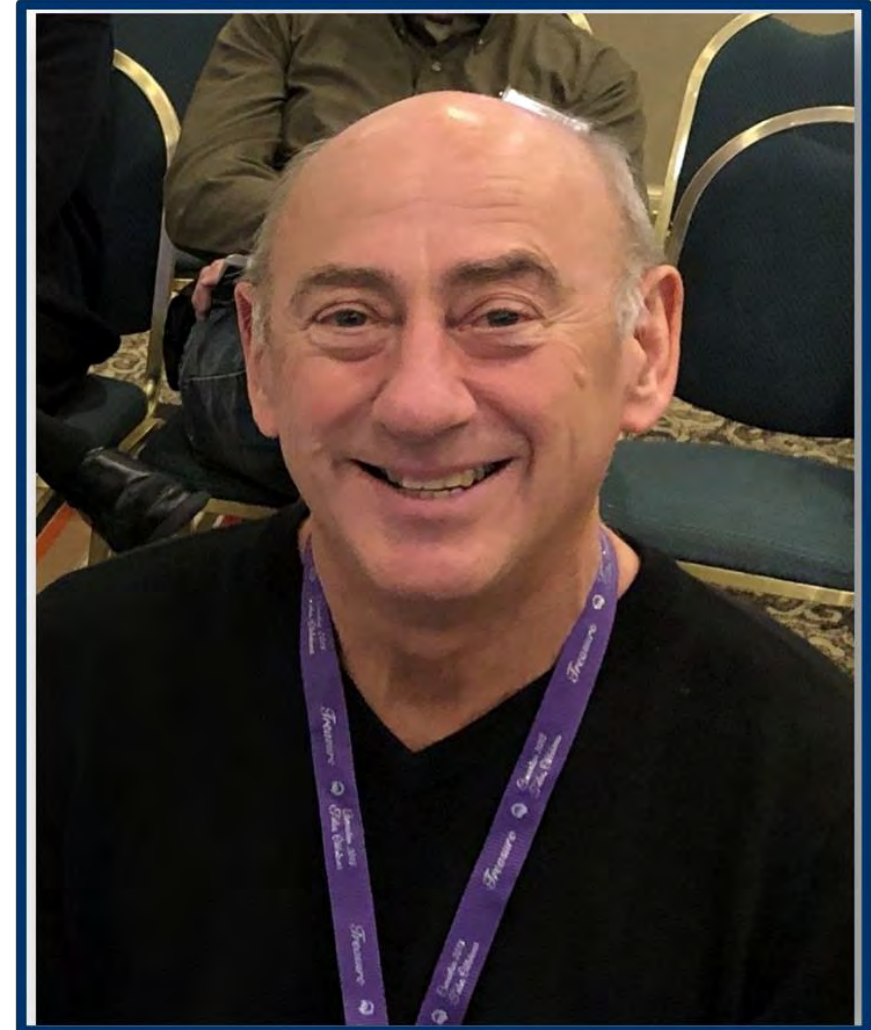
- **DARLENE IS A HORSE TRAINER AND SHOW MANAGER OF THE PARKLAND ARABIAN/SADDLEBRED SHOW. SHE HAS BEEN ON THE REGION 17 SHOW COMMITTEE FOR 9 YEARS AND IS A DEDICATED VOLUNTEER TO THE ARABIAN COMMUNITY. – CARLA JACKSON, REGION 17 DIRECTOR**





# Rob Calnan – Region 17

- **ROB IS THE PAST REGION 17 DIRECTOR HAVING SERVED TWO, TWO-YEAR TERMS. HE IS ACTIVE ON A NUMBER OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS WITHIN AHA. ROB OWNS AND OPERATES A SMALL BREEDING FARM ON VANCOUVER ISLAND, BC AND IS KNOWN TO BE GENUINE, COURTEOUS, KNOWLEDGEABLE AND IS DEDICATED TO THE ARABIAN HORSE COMMUNITY. – CARLA JACKSON, REGION 17 DIRECTOR**





# John Code – Region 18

- THE REGION 18 SHOW COMMITTEE ASKED **JOHN** TO BE OUR 2022 SHOW MANAGER. OUR SHOWS NEEDED A PERSON WITH A DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO ENSURE OUR SUCCESS AFTER THE HIATUS CREATED BY THE PANDEMIC. JOHN STEPPED UP AND GAVE OUR SHOWS THE LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE WE NEEDED. OUR 2022 SHOWS WERE A WONDERFUL SUCCESS AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR JOHN'S DEDICATION! – **JANET HENDERSON, REGION 18 DIRECTOR**



# Greg Lymer – Region 18

- THE REGION 18 SHOW COMMITTEE ASKED **GREG** TO BE OUR 2022 FACILITIES MANAGER. OUR SHOWS NEEDED A PERSON WITH A GREAT DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE ON CUSTOMER SERVICE AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE HARD WORK INVOLVED IN KEEPING THE WHEELS TURNING IN MULTIPLE RINGS. GREG WAS AN UNDENIABLE ASSET TO OUR SHOWS AND WE ARE GRATEFUL HE WAS A PART OF THE TEAM! – **JANET HENDERSON, REGION 18 DIRECTOR**



# National Volunteer Awards





# Meagan Shaffer – Region 2

## ARABIAN HORSE ASSOC OF SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

- *NOMINATED BY: STEPHANIE BENNETT*
- MEAGHAN BECAME AWARE OF AHASFV CLUB CRISIS MID-2021. THE CLUB'S BOARD NO LONGER EXISTED, BEHIND IN TAX FILINGS, AND INVESTIGATED INTO THE LOSS OF MORE THAN \$54,000 IN CLUB FUNDS. SHE CONTACTED PREVIOUS BOARD MEMBERS, INCLUDING MYSELF, TO INFORM US OF HER FINDINGS. MEAGHAN BROUGHT US TOGETHER (NEW 2022 BOARD) TO ADDRESS THE WRONGDOING AND IMMEDIATELY HELD A GENERAL MEETING TO ELECT A NEW SLATE OF BOARD MEMBERS. SINCE THE NEW BOARD HAS BEEN IN PLACE (LED BY MEAGHAN SHAFFER) THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HERE ARE JUST A FEW:
  - RE-ORGANIZED THE AHASFV BOARD BROUGHT CLUB TO CURRENT NON-PROFIT STATUS AND TAX FILING STATUS
  - ESTABLISHED PROPER FINANCIAL PROTOCOL, TURNOVER OF ACCOUNTS TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS, TRANSPARENCY OF CLUB FINANCIALS TO BOARD.
  - HELD THE JANUARY 2022 - HUNGER GAMES: YOUTH BASED ACTIVITY WHERE WE HAD OVER 25 KIDS ATTENDING.
  - IN FEBRUARY 2022 - "AHASFV IN SCOTTSDALE" TRIP: 25 KIDS AND PARENTS PARTICIPATED. IN JULY 2022 - ARCHERY ON YOUR HORSE CLINIC: OVER 15 ATTENDED.
  - THE CLUB IS MORE ACTIVE THAN IT HAS BEEN IN MANY YEARS AN INCREASE IN 24% IN MEMBERSHIP IN A YEAR'S PERIOD.
  - MORE LOCAL RIDERS ARE NOTICING OUR ACTIVITIES AND WANT TO PARTICIPATE.
- WE OWE A GREAT "THANK YOU" TO MEAGHAN FOR HER DEDICATION AND TIME!



# Patti Belanger – Region 3

- **WINE COUNTRY AHA**
- *NOMINATED BY: GRETCHEN MCDANIEL*
- PATTI BELANGER IS THE REGION 3 YOUTH COORDINATOR. AT THE REGION 3 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW SHE ORGANIZED MANY ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUTH SUCH AS “A MINUTE TO WIN IT”. HER INFECTIOUS SMILE AND HIGH ENERGY IS A WONDERFUL HELP TO THE REGION. SHE IS A TRAINER AND HAS A LARGE CONTINGENCY OF YOUTH. IF EVERY TRAINER HAD HER ABILITY TO PROMOTE YOUTH PARTICIPATION, THE ARABIAN BREED WOULD HAVE MANY EXHIBITORS FOR THE FUTURE. SHE HAS SERVED AS A DELEGATE TO THE AHA CONVENTION. EVEN THOUGH A MAJOR FLOOD CAUSED HER TO RELOCATE FOR HER BARN AND RESIDENCE, HER ENTHUSIASM NEVER WAVERED. PATTI PARTICIPATES IN LOCAL SHOWS AND HAS WON AWARDS FOR HER PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL PARADES. REGION 3 THANKS HER FOR HER YEARS OF SUPPORT. SHE IS VERY DESERVING OF THIS AWARD.



# Eric Reuter – Region 12

- **KNOXVILLE AHC**
- *NOMINATED BY: LAURIE ANN SALMI*
- ERIC'S INVOLVEMENT IN REGION 12 AND THE NATIONAL LEVEL IS EXTENSIVE AND LENGTHY. HE IS EXTREMELY SUPPORTIVE OF HIS CLUB, REGION 12, AND THE DISTANCE NATIONAL PROGRAM. ERIC HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN HAVING THE NATIONAL DISTANCE RIDE A SUCCESS, HAVING WORKED ON BRINGING OTHER BREEDS INTO THE FOLD AND FILLING IN AS THE RIDE SECRETARY. HE GIVES COUNTLESS HOURS OF HIS TIME WORKING THROUGH THE DETAILS TO MAKE EACH RIDE THE BEST IT CAN BE. HIS DEDICATION TO THE ARABIAN HORSE IS TRULY COMMENDABLE.

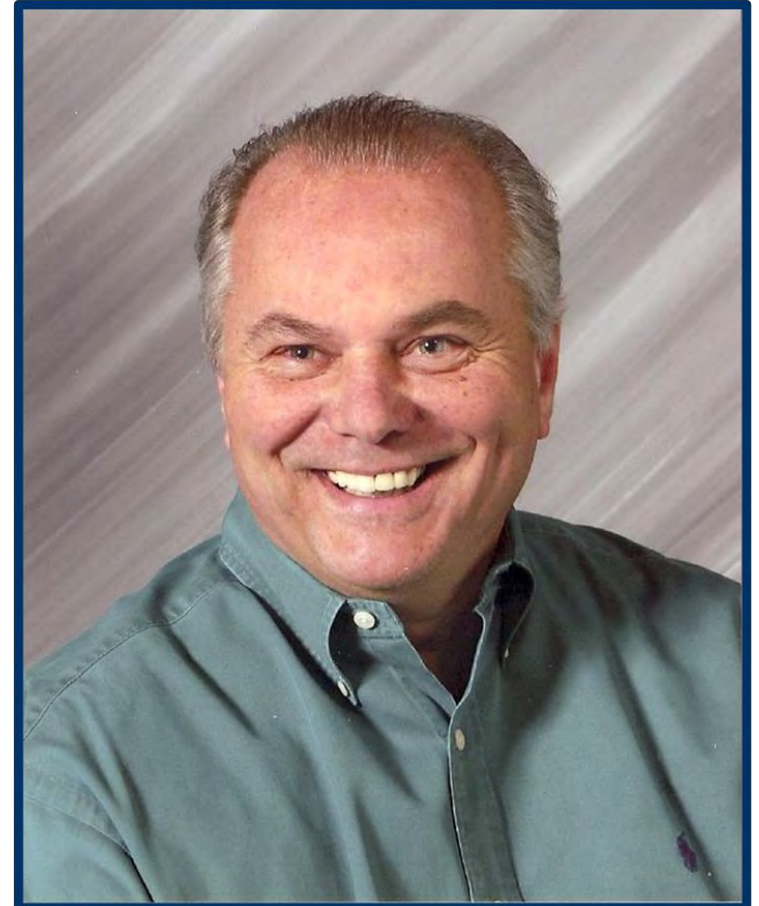




# Ron Gekiere – Region 13

- **ARABIAN HORSE ASSOC OF MICHIGAN**
- *NOMINATED BY: ANN I. KNOOP*

• RON GEKIERE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF AHA AND THE ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS. THROUGHOUT THIS TIME, HE HAS BEEN A TRAINER, EXHIBITOR, FARM OWNER, BREEDER, CLUB BOARD MEMBER AND OFFICER, REGIONAL DELEGATE, REGIONAL SHOW COMMITTEE MEMBER, SHOW MANAGER, USEF STEWARD, LOCAL REGIONAL AND NATIONAL RING MASTER, AND VOLUNTEER. HE HAS MANAGED THE MICHIGAN ALL ARABIAN SHOW AND SUMMER SHOWS FOR OVER 15 YEARS AND MANAGES SHOWS FOR THE AMERICAN SADDLEBRED ASSOC. OF MICHIGAN. IN ADDITION, HE IS PAST PRESIDENT OF THE MICHIGAN HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION. WHILE WITH MHSA, HE MANAGED THE ALL-BREED YOUTH SHOW, ONE OF THE LARGEST ALL YOUTH ALL BREED SHOWS IN THE COUNTRY. HE HAS RING MASTERED ARABIAN SHOWS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, REGION 11 AND REGION 13 AND U.S. NATIONALS, AS WELL AS MANY LOCAL MULTI-BREED SHOWS AND THE PASO FINO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SEVERAL TIMES. HIS NETWORKING SKILLS HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE IN BRINGING NEW IDEAS AND EFFICIENCIES TO THE SHOWS AND ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH HE IS AFFILIATED. RON IS A REGION 13 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW COMMITTEE MEMBER AND IS THE BARN AND STABLING MANAGER. HE ACTIVELY VOLUNTEERS IN PREPARING THE FACILITY FOR THE REGIONAL SHOWS AS WELL AS SETTING UP AND TEARING DOWN AND MAKING HIMSELF AVAILABLE TO ASSIST EVERYONE DURING THE SHOW. RON'S MANY YEARS OF COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO THE ARABIAN HORSE AND THE HORSE SHOW WORLD AT LARGE HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE TO ALL HE INTERACTS WITH. HIS EXPERIENCE AS A USEF STEWARD, SHOW MANAGER, TRAINER, EXHIBITOR AND VOLUNTEER AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO HELP, ENDEARS HIM TO ALL WHO HAVE THE PLEASURE OF GETTING TO KNOW HIM. WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE RON GEKIERE AS A PART OF REGION 13 AND THE ARABIAN HORSE WORK AND ARE GRATEFUL TO HIM FOR ALL HIS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION.



# Jan Decker – Region 13

## INDIANA HALF AHA

NOMINATED BY: ANN I. KNOOP

- JAN DECKER. ENOUGH SAID. THIS LADY IS THE ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION. SHE IS A JUDGE (FOR OVER 50 YEARS), SHOW MANAGER, TRAINER, AHA BOARD MEMBER, DELEGATE, CLUB OFFICER, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, AHA COMMITTEE MEMBER, USEF COMMITTEE MEMBER, MENTOR AND VOLUNTEER.
- JAN HAS DEDICATED A HUGE PART OF HER LIFE TO HORSES AND PARTICULARLY ARABIAN HORSES. WHEN AN ISSUE OR QUESTION ARISES, JAN IS THE GO-TO PERSON TO HELP WORK THROUGH IT. HER NO-NONSENSE, COMMON-SENSE ATTITUDE AND WISDOM HAS SERVED HER WELL AND ALL WHO KNOW HER HAVE BENEFITTED FROM HER KNOWLEDGE. SHE TACKLED HOLDING THE REGIONAL SHOW DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC. HER STRAIGHTFORWARD “PERSUASIVENESS” ENABLED THE SHOW COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH STUMBLING BLOCKS FROM USEF, THAT THREATENED THE SHOWS’ SUCCESS. THE RESULT, A VERY SUCCESSFUL SHOW DURING A VERY CHALLENGING TIME.
- NO ONE WORKS HARDER THAN JAN. SHE IS TIRELESS. WHEN SHE STARTS A PROJECT, IT IS FULL STEAM AHEAD TO MEET THE GOAL. WE ALL HAVE LEARNED TO KEEP UP OR GET LEFT BEHIND. THERE IS ALSO A LITTLE DOSE OF FEAR OF DISAPPOINTING HER. HER ABILITY TO TEACH AND MENTOR AND HER LOVE OF PEOPLE AND FAMILY IS INFECTIOUS. REGION 13’S SUCCESS AND THE ARABIAN HORSE ARE IN GOOD HANDS WITH THIS AMAZING LADY AS AN ADVOCATE. JAN IS QUICK TO REMIND ALL THAT THE GOAL IS THE SURVIVAL AND SUCCESSFUL FUTURE OF THE ARABIAN HORSE, THE ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION AND ITS MEMBERSHIP. WE ARE ALL SO GRATEFUL TO CALL YOU FRIEND. THANK YOU, JAN!



# Lurline Combs – Region 16

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE AHA**

*NOMINATED BY: CHERYL LANE-CARON*

- COMING TO YOU FROM THE “LIVE FREE OR DIE” STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, WE PROUDLY NOMINATE LURLINE COMBS.
- WE IN REGION 16 ARE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH A DEDICATED AND SINCERE PERSON. WHEN ENTERING THE SHOW OFFICE AT ANY AHA NATIONAL COMPETITION, YOU CAN SEE LURLINE AT A FRONT SEAT WITH A SMILE OFFERING TO HELP. SHE IS DEDICATED, COMMITTED AND YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON HER TO GET IT DONE. UNDERSTANDING THE PRESSURES AND STRESSES OF HORSE SHOWING, SHE WORKS WITH THE EXHIBITORS AND STAFF TO MAKE IT AS EASY AS POSSIBLE AND ADDRESS ISSUES AS THEY ARISE QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY. THIS YEAR ALONE, LURLINE TOOK TIME OUT OF HER PERSONAL LIFE TO FLY TO DENVER TO ASSIST THE SHOW OFFICE TEAM TO PREPARE NATIONAL ENTRIES PRIOR TO THE COMPETITIONS.
- SHE HAS BEEN A LONG-STANDING FIXTURE AT ALL AHA RECOGNIZED NATIONAL SHOWS (USN, SHN, CDN, MSN & YOUTH) FOR 20+ YEARS. NOT ONLY DOES SHE DEDICATE TIME TO AHA & REGION 16, YOU CAN SEE HER AT OTHER LOCAL SHOWS HELPING IN THE OFFICE. THE LIST IS ENDLESS FOR HER HELP TO VARIOUS ARABIAN HORSE CLUBS THROUGHOUT THE REGION 16 AREA.
- AS A PAST DIRECTOR FOR 2 TERMS (2017-2020) OF THE REGION 16 ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION, MANY TIMES, SHE DECLINED REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE REGION FOR COSTS CLEARLY OUTLINED AND BUDGETED FOR HER VOLUNTARY REQUIRED TRAVEL AND REQUIRED MEETING ATTENDANCE AND CONVENTION COSTS. SHE IS ALSO THE CLUB DELEGATE, SECRETARY AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON FOR THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION. OUTSIDE OF HER DEDICATION TO THE ARABIANS, SHE IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE HORSE & TRAIL ASSOCIATION, LICENSING COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR THE NEW ENGLAND HORSEMEN'S COUNCIL.
- WE ALL KNOW HOW MUCH TIME ALL OF THIS VOLUNTEERING TAKES FROM OUR PERSONAL LIVES AND LURLINE DOES NOT SEEM TO SLOW DOWN. I COULDN'T THINK OF A MORE DESERVING, SELFLESS INDIVIDUAL FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD.





# David Henderson – Region 18

## ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN CANADA

*NOMINATED BY: JANET E HENDERSON*

- DAVID HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF AHA SINCE 1981. HE HAS DEMONSTRATED HIS COMMITMENT TO AHA THROUGH HIS SERVICE FROM GRASS ROOTS TO THE NATIONAL LEVEL. HIS FIRST NATIONALS WAS IN REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN IN 1999. ALTHOUGH HIS FAMILY WAS COMPETING, DAVID JUMPED IN TO HELP SET HUNTER COURSES AND DRESSAGE RINGS. HE RETURNED IN 2000 AS RINGMASTER AND BECAME FAMOUS FOR WEARING FULL DRESS KILT ON FORMAL NIGHTS FOR THE NEXT 15 YEARS. DAVID ALSO SERVED AS RINGMASTER AT US NATIONALS, EQUALLY COMFORTABLE IN THE MAIN RING AND THE PAVILION. DAVID DEvised A SYSTEM FOR SPORT HORSE NATIONALS SPORT HORSE RING THAT IDENTIFIED POTENTIAL CONFLICTS, WHEN HE VOLUNTEERED IN IDAHO IN 2016. DAVID'S WILLINGNESS TO HELP SHOWED AGAIN AT THE 2022 SPORT HORSE NATIONALS WHEN HE HELPED WITH RIBBONS ON THE FINAL NIGHT.



# Derek Jones – Region 18

## **ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN CANADA**

*NOMINATED BY: JANET E HENDERSON*

- DEREK HAS DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO AHA, REGION 18, AND ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN CANADA. HE HAS RING MASTERED ALL OF AHA'S NATIONAL SHOWS OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS. HIS LEVEL OF EXPERTISE AND WORK ETHIC HAS MADE DEREK INVALUABLE TO AHA AT OUR NATIONAL SHOWS. IN ADDITION, HE HAS JUST FINISHED A FULL TERM OF SERVICE ON THE JUDGES AND STEWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE. DEREK SPENT WEEKS OF PREPARATION FOR EACH OF THESE MEETINGS AND WILLINGLY SHARED HIS PREPARED WORK. THANK YOU, DEREK, FOR YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO AHA.



Distance  
Horse of the  
Year





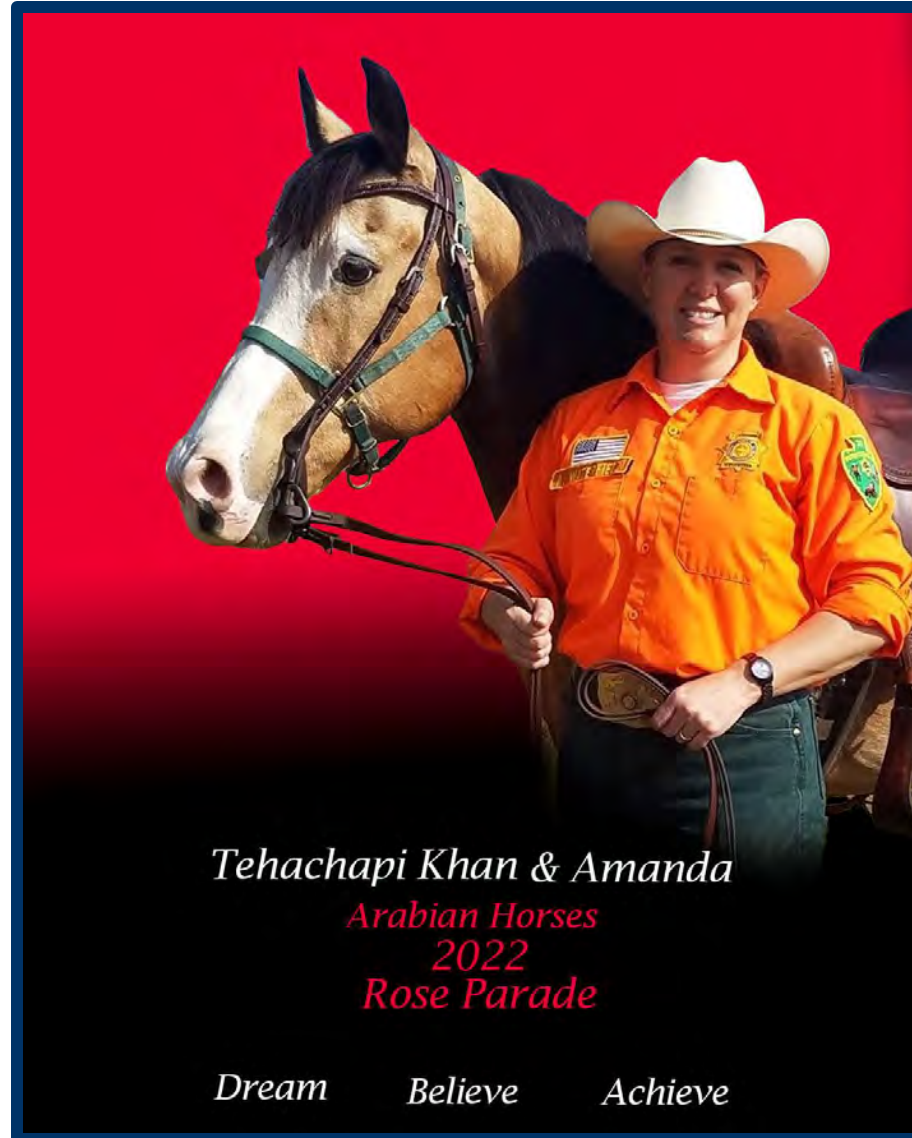
# Distance Horse – VA Blizzard Of Ozz



# Ambassador Award



# Ambassador Award – Techachapi Khan



*Tehachapi Khan & Amanda*  
*Arabian Horses*  
*2022*  
*Rose Parade*

*Dream Believe Achieve*



Open  
Competition  
Award



# Open Award - Targaryen TWF



# Open Award - Zee Triple Zee





Club  
Excellence  
Awards



# Breed Promotion and Community Involvement - *Arabian Horse Association of Arizona*

- The Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show February 17-27, 2022, introduced a new attraction that focused on breed promotion and community involvement that would attract the public to Arabian horses. The new attraction to the 2022 Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show offered an immersive experience where people had a hands-on Arabian horse experience like nothing ever offered. This program was Hoofbeatz USA which had never been offered free of charge to the public in the United States. This immersive experience attracted captivated spectators of all ages through an educational and fun immersive experience that was both beginner friendly as well as challenging enough for established equestrians. Hoofbeatz USA at the Scottsdale Arabian horse show focused on interacting, riding, learning, and experiencing all that the Arabian horse must teach us firsthand. For the 11 days of the show, the exhibit had a variety of experiences. The vision was to go above and beyond the typical horse show experience by directly connecting with the thousands of spectators that come to the show each year. This was accomplished as thousands of people signed up and went through the program at the horse show. This program was followed up by Hoofbeatz USA requiring registration and contacting the attendees to come to their facility to continue with the Hoofbeatz USA program, summer camps were offered and promoted to keep people engaged.
- The outreach was so successful with numerous TV stations, radios, and local publications talking about this program that the 2023 Scottsdale Arabian horse show plans to have them back. Approximately 4,000 people went through the program. At the Scottsdale show, we have always been progressive about offering programs where we could introduce the Arabian to new people but oftentimes had a hard time keeping them engaged or finding places to send them to continue their horse involvement.

# Club Project - *Central States AHA*

One of the first programs they established was the Sharon Keating memorial scholarship in honor of their friend and founding member of Central States AHA, Sharon Keating.

The goal of the Sharon Keating memorial scholarship is to provide monetary assistance to someone who is new to showing and wants to show an Arabian or Half-Arabian horse. Our objective is to provide one new person with the opportunity to show an Arabian at a “class a” show through a \$250 scholarship to cover all or part of the cost of stall, entry fees, class fees, etc. The scholarship is awarded annually.

Scholarship criteria:

- Applicant must be new to showing horses, preference given to those who have never shown before.
- Applicant must be a member in good standing of the Central States Arabian Horse Association.
- All disciplines are encouraged to apply.
- All age divisions are eligible to apply.

Applications for the scholarship are due by April 1, each year, and the central states aha scholarship committee reviews all applications and awards the scholarship to

Whomever best meets the scholarship criteria by April 15. The scholarship may be used

At any region 11 “class a” show during the year it is awarded. The scholarship recipient designates which show they plan to attend, and the \$250 scholarship is paid directly to the designated show.



# Membership Recruitment and Retention – *Central States AHA*

- Central States AHA can boast that they have increased their membership by 159% for July 2021 to July 2022.
- The clubs membership drive was From April 1 – May 31, 2022, and Central States AHA offered free membership to any AHA member interested in joining their club who was not already a member of another club.
- They contacted AHA members not affiliated with a club located in Missouri via email and us postal service and we advertised their membership drive on their public Facebook page.
- Through this membership drive, they added 19 new AHA members to their club from all over the Midwest. They believe a combination of their outreach methods made this possible.

Club of the Year

***Central States AHA***

# Discovery Farms





# Discovery Farm - Runner Up

***Tibbs Arabians***

# Discovery Farm of the Year

***OM El Arab***

# The Arabian Horse Association

*See you next year*

*virtually!*

