

President's Message

As we head I into another new year, I'd like to wish you all the very best. I suspect '09 will be a year of challenges for many of our members. If there has ever been a year where we should remind each other that we care, this seems to be the year. Although we might compete at shows, and although our talk does center around our equine partners, down deep we are a club who really like and care about each other. I'd like to encourage members to utilize the friendships you have made within the club when you need support of any kind. I'd like to suggest a "virtual" hay bank - if a member runs short of hay and needs a quick loan, members could quickly step in for a temporary reprieve. (I know none of our members would take advantage) If a member needs short term help around the barn due to illness, (NOT due to a quick visit to the Bahamas) I am sure there are members who would be glad to help out. Or maybe a member just needs someone to temporarily distract them from a personal problem...there are many members who would be glad to meet for a quick lunch. In other words, let's all be there for each other.

On a more upbeat note, we have some great activities planned for the upcoming year. Clinics, demonstrations, possibly even a camp! More information will be presented at the January meeting. Speaking of which, the meeting will be held January 12th at the Stable Restaurant (upstairs) in Blissfield. Our guest speaker will be a representative from Uckele's who will answer any questions you may have about supplements. Since the Stable is kind enough to allow us to use the room without charge, I'd like to encourage all members to take advantage of their wonderful food and have dinner with us, beginning at 6:30 PM. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 PM with the introduction of the guest speaker.

Ruth Ann Walsh, President

January Meeting

Date: January 12

Location: The Stable Restaurant (UPSTAIRS),
Blissfield, MI

Program: Supplements

Speaker: Representative from Uckele's

Dinner: Dutch Treat, please arrive before 6 :30 PM

Pictured left, GLDC Members line up for the annual gift exchange. What **was** in that great big box?

