



THE JOYRIDERS
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“THE WHINNY”
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OUR MISSION

The enhancement of the physical, emotional and social well-being of children and adults with disabilities through various forms of therapeutic riding.



Hi, Rowan! Looks like you are enjoying your ride on Henry, with Merv and Julie.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Well! It has been another eventful year, to be brought to a happy conclusion by our Christmas Party on December 4 – back by popular demand after a two-year break due to COVID.

Our summer horsemanship and fall riding program went off without a hitch. Now we will focus on planning and education to ensure that 2023 offers another successful year of service.

This summer, we were delighted to invite Her Honour Lieutenant Governor Antoinette Perry to become our Patron, and she graciously accepted. *See more on this page.*

Wishing you all the very best for health and safety over the holiday season.

Daphne Davey



CHRISTMAS PARTY!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
1-3 pm**

Hunter River Community Centre

* Awards, door prizes, games *

Catered sandwiches and hot drinks

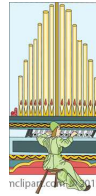
Bring your favourite dessert and cold drinks

* Ugly Sweaters encouraged *

Facemasks optional.

**PLEASE RSVP by NOVEMBER 30 to
Daphne at ddavey@eastlink.ca**

We need accurate numbers for catering!



OUR NEW PATRON

**Her Honour
Lieutenant Governor
Antoinette Perry**

We cordially welcome Her Honour as our Patron! Mme Perry, who accepted our invitation in August, is a retired music teacher and plays the historic pipe organ at St. Simon & St. June Church in Tignish. As a strong supporter of volunteerism in the community, and as our special guest at our 40th Anniversary Open House in 2019, Her Honour recognizes how much we rely on our large volunteer team to run our program. Her patronage of the Joyriders is a perfect fit.

We are delighted that Her Honour plans to come to our Christmas Party, where she will have the opportunity to meet our volunteers.



Vaeda Matheson receives a 40th Anniversary medallion from Her Honour in 2019.



A BIG HAND TO ...

... the United Way Donor Designation Program

... and donors through the Andy Robb Memorial Partnership for Sustainability.



SIZZLING SUMMER SNAPS Horsemanship Program



*ABOVE top to bottom:
Kianna meets Bobbi / Serenity picks out Logan's hoof with
Lauren / Thea tackles Bobbi's thick coat with help from Linda.*

*RIGHT top to bottom:
Jessica set to ride on Logan / Norah does some stretches on Pixie /
Norah says thank you to Logan / Jessica gives Pixie a treat.*



Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association
NEWS



CANDID CAMERA!

CanTRA will continue to offer educational webinars on Zoom for instructors and other interested members. This has proved to be an effective way to help instructors maintain their certified status with upgrading hours without the challenge of travel, as well as helping to boost morale as many centres suffered major challenges to their programs during the COVID years.

A new, much improved website with a French counterpart is ready for launch, including new online services for instructors.



The perfect volunteers! **Michelle Coyle** and new team member **Everett Jones** cheerfully carry out another part of their job description – tack cleaning. But Everett is not new to therapeutic riding. Ten years ago, she volunteered with the HALTR program in Halifax and is remembered by our good friend Sallie Murphy, who ran that program for many years. Welcome to the Joyriders, Everett!

SALLY RUSSELL WARRINGTON
So much love to give



Sadly, we have to report that Sally passed away recently. She left behind her many lasting memories of the love she shared with her extensive family and friends, including the Joyriders. Sally and her husband Les volunteered with us for several years, and became generous donors through the Andy Robb Memorial Fund and on other occasions. Sally, a published author, became a “roving reporter” for the *Whinny* newsletter, and she and Les acted as judges for the naming of Winston, the warm-up horse. They also helped out whenever possible at our special events. We will remember Sally with great affection and gratitude for her love for the Joyriders, and send our condolences to Les and their family.

ANDY ROBB MEMORIAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is an important word for charities! As we offer our programs today to children and adults with disabilities, we hope that the funds will be there tomorrow and the day after that as well.

The Andy Robb fund was launched in 2021 to give us that important peace of mind.

For more information about this fund, please visit our website (Donate Today tab) at

<https://www.thejoyriders.ca>

HURRAH FOR HENRY!



We were delighted to learn that Island Horse Council awarded “Horse of the Year” to our popular therapy horse **Henry**, in recognition of his service to the Joyriders. Special thanks to **Lauren MacIsaac** for loaning Henry to the program.

IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS

We are most grateful to the respective families of the late **Gail Wellner** and the late **Maylea Manning** for designating the Joyriders as charity of choice for memorial donations. As a result, we received a total of nearly \$5,000 donated in the memory of these two Joyriders supporters.

Gail served on our board a few years ago, and Maylea was instrumental in the purchase of the riding mirror at the Winsloe Equestrian Centre.

ALMOST THERE, DOUG!



Doug Ellis has the patience of Job. Delays outside his control have plagued his attempt to become qualified as a CanTRA Basic Instructor (CTRBI). But this fall he was finally able to complete the Technical (pre-exam “dress rehearsal”), by means of video, Zoom, and written submissions, and has been recommended to take the examination. Congratulations, Doug!



FABULOUS FALL!



This fall, Chief Instructor **Kathy Barrett** decided to test steering skills. Riders had to curve round the big cone at bottom right, then follow the white line between the cones (sort of reminds one of roadworks on PEI, eh?). Then that famous reminder, “go deep into your corner,” at top right before finishing the exercise at the letter C.



But fun and games – bucket-to-barrel races and musical chairs – were also part of the lessons. Not to mention grooming at the start and running up stirrups at the end. All part of the whole equestrian experience.

CASSIDY



CHARLEY ANNE



JUSTIN



EMILY



MARC



JESSICA



PATRICIA



PAXTON



RYAN



RACHAEL



SPENCER



ROWAN



CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

Bring your cash to the Christmas Party!

“Tanner” cards (blank inside)

Boxes of 10 cards/envelopes

\$20, tax included

*Free to Roam: The Fourth Decade
The Story of the Joyriders 2009–2019*

\$20 each (signed), tax included

A portion of proceeds will be donated to
the Joyriders

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