

## Mid-America Horse Show Association hosts 71st Annual Year End Awards Dinner and Dance

By *Brendan Heintz*

Keeping with tradition, the first Saturday of February has for more than two decades been the time chosen for the annual Mid-America Horse Show Association's Year End Awards Dinner and Dance. The date this year was Saturday, February 6, and the banquet was held at the Drury Lane, a dinner theatre and entertainment facility in Oakbrook, Ill. This year's gala was attended by over 300 people, the majority of whom hail from Illinois or Wisconsin.

Mid-America board member Kristen Pettry was again at the helm as the chief planning person for this lovely occasion. This was her last year in this capacity. Mid-America Horse Show Association President James Cooke took to the podium to welcome everyone to the event and also introduce the current, as well as outgoing, board members serving the membership.

Ray Krussell served as the emcee for the event for about his fifth time doing so. Krussell was also acknowledged for having recently had the UPHA Young Trainer's Award bestowed upon him at the National UPHA Convention in New Orleans. Rick Schotthofer also presented UPHA Chapter 10 Horse Person of the Year to Lisa Strickland; Distinguished Service Award to Neil Thorpe; UPHA Chapter 10 Horse Show of the Year to the UPHA Chapter 10 series shows (managed by Sue Hillemonds); and Martha Thompson-Hoyt presented the UPHA Chapter 10 Hall of Fame award to Bonnie Kittredge (Woodwind Farm). A brief summary of Bonnie's accomplishments in this industry were cited.

A silent auction was held as organized by new Mid-America board member Connie MacQueen. The ever-popular Raffle Basket was again a big draw with the crowd, and it was organized by Amanda Wroble.

Awards on the "A" and "B" circuits received lovely year-end trophies, and in addition to "A Sound Solution", musical overtures were provided by longtime Mid-America "tune-age" coordinator, Randy Ridderhoff.

Brendan Heintz, along with Liv LaFleur Moyer of Set In Ink LLC, put together a 23 minute video presentation reflecting moments at the horse shows in 2009, and as a memorial to some of the people and horses that we lost in 2009. The presentation was set to music.

### 2009 "B" Circuit High Point Awards

**Show Pleasure Junior Horse**  
Ch: Ro & Me's Miss  
Independent, Nancy Rothe  
Rs: Miracle On Times Square,  
Ted & Terri Klint

**Show Pleasure Three-Gaited  
18/Over**

Ch: Charm's Local Gift, Lisa  
Balcerak  
Rs: Worthy's Son-In-Law,  
Susan Bekenstein

**Show Pleasure Three-Gaited  
14-17 Years**

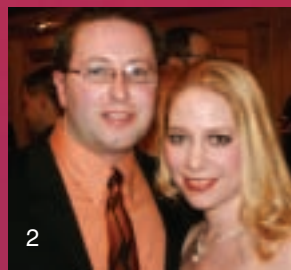
Ch: Callaway's Calla Lilly,



Mayo Moctezuma and Amy Weiler.



Jacques Marais, Lisa Strickland, Jan Ribordy, Peter and Kate Baumann and Diane Nyhammer.



# MID-AMERICA BANQUET

1. Barbara Pearson & Nancy Jo Plucinski. 2. Christopher Huntoon & Lisa Gustafson Kendall. 3. Beata Lilja, Megan & Steve Dragich. 4. Sharon Gardner and Diane Nyhammer. 5. Carol Matton, Debbie Black, Debra Mulberry, Melissa Koeppel, Connie MacQueen, Shelby Hader, KT Koppel, Loretta Mulberry and Riley Sockett. 6. Rick & Lisa Balcerak. 7. Sally Pavel, with Barb & Leah Southgate. 8. Lyla Grace Wroble and Donna Pettry Smith. 9. Lori Graves and Kathleen Kraska. 10. Liz Reimer, Chris Cavenaile, Kim Buchanan and Connie MacQueen. 11. Gretchen Bentz, Casey Pieper, and Ashley Baird. 12. Pat Schultz and Patti Sockett. 13. Denise Mocny, Dan & Marlene LaFleur and Lynn Durant. 14. Kara, Kris, Cody and Cole Martalock. 15. Ray Krussell, Tom Erffmeyer, Elisabeth LeBris and Gil Romito. 16. Dick Gallagher, Jeanette Durant and Cliff Kaiser.

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Tom D. Pettry and his fiancée Vanessa Leone.



Tom Thorpe and Kim Buchanan.

Eric Mogren

Rs: Opti-Mystic, Riley Sockett

**Show Pleasure Three-Gaited 13 and Under**

Ch: Cosmopolitan Magic, Elizabeth Stulginskis

**Show Pleasure Driving**

Ch: A Champagne Toast, Knollwood Farm

Rs: Royal Crest's Stone Quest, A. Gordon/Cornelia Hempe

**Show Pleasure Five-Gaited**

Ch: The Evangelist, Liz Schultz

Rs: Kid Russell, Bryana Mitchell

**Show/Country Pleasure Three-Gaited O/T/R**

Ch: Don't Stop Believin', Laurene Jacobson

Rs: Worth Watching, Barbara Pearson

**Show/Country Pleasure Western**

Ch: I Told You, Linda Wallen

Rs: He's Catalyst Delight, Mildred Crowley

**Country Pleasure Three-Gaited**

**18/Over**

Ch: Stand Up & Shout, Annie Roberts

Rs: SL Guardian, Linda Wallen

**Country Pleasure Three-Gaited 14-17**

Ch: I'm Heir Raising, Laura/Sarah Steubing

Rs: Hula Hooper, Knollwood Farm

**Country Pleasure Three-Gaited 13 and Under**

Ch: CH Hometown Commander, Jane Gilbertson

Rs: Salt Heir, Amy Weiler

**Country Pleasure Driving**

Ch: Captain Ridgefield, Carleton Huntoon

Rs: Hula Hooper, Knollwood Farm

**Country Pleasure Five-Gaited**

Ch: April Hill's Special Attraction, Janet Pierce

Rs: Alpha Priority, Barbara Fahey

**Country Pleasure Hunter**

Ch: It Might Be Magic, Barb Hodel

Rs: Saturday Night Shoot Out, Kathleen Kraska

**Pleasure Equitation 18/Over**

Ch: Rebecca Martin

**Pleasure Equitation 14-17 Years**

Ch: Riley Sockett

Rs: Claire Mogren

**Pleasure Equitation 13/Under**

Ch: Marissa Wolf

**Pleasure Equitation Walk/Trot 10/Under**

Ch: Samantha Schaefer

Rs: Brynn Lunaas

**Classic Pleasure**

Ch: Royal Crest's Variegated Stone, Carleton Huntoon

Rs: Reedann's Phleur de Lis, Marie Nielsen

**Showmanship At Halter**

Ch: Corie Jean Allen

**Halter/Model**

Ch: Supreme Attachment, Helene Zasadny

Rs: Stand Up & Shout, Annie Roberts

**2009 Junior Judging Awards**

**14-17 Champion, 13/Under**

Claire Mogren, Amanda Isoda

**2009 Academy High Point Awards**

**Equitation 18/Over**

Ch: Cara Lou Rafanelli

Rs: Alex Totoritis

**Equitation 14-17**

Ch: Sarah Brent

Rs: Liz Kovel

**Equitation 13/Under**

Ch: Savannah Nickey

Rs: Sydney Budzinski

**Equitation Walk/Trot 18/Over**

Ch: Dawn Krepline

Rs: Teresa Teehan

**Equitation Walk/Trot 11-17**

Ch: Hannah Shepherd

Rs: Jordan Vavra

**Equitation Walk/Trot 10/Under**

Ch: Rachel Ferrito

Rs: Emily Teehan

**Pleasure/Horsemanship 18/Over**

Ch: Tiffany Grosspietsch

Rs: Dawn Krepline

Rs: Alex Totoritis

**Pleasure/Horsemanship 14-17**

Ch: Emma Metz

Rs: Sara Brent

**Pleasure/Horsemanship 13/Under**

Ch: Gina Vilar

Rs: Sydney Budzinski

Rs: Savannah Nickey

**Pleasure/Horsemanship Walk/Trot 18/Over**

Ch: Dawn Krepline

Rs: Teresa Teehan

**Pleasure/Horsemanship W/T 11-17**

Ch: Hannah Shepherd

Rs: Jennifer Hammer

**Pleasure/Horsemanship Walk/Trot 10 and Under**

Ch: Rachel Ferrito

Rs: Monet Harrison

**2009 "A" Circuit High Point Awards**

**Five-Gaited Ladies**

Ch: Kenya Ketch Me, Lind Goodrich

**Five-Gaited Amateur**

Ch: My Heiristotle, Marie Nielsen

Rs: The Midnight Hero, Diana Schaefer

**Five-Gaited Junior Exhibitor**

Ch: Freaky Links, Angela Darrow

**Five-Gaited Junior Horse**

Ch: Champagne Caramac, Carole Bart

Rs: Marty McFly, Seven Oaks Farm

**Three-Gaited Amateur**

Ch: CH Highland Cavalier, BRK Equestrians

Rs: Callaway's Campaign Manager, Kate Baumann

**Three-Gaited Junior Exhibitor**

Ch: Callaway's Rosemary & Thyme, MBA Equestrians

**Three-Gaited Junior Horse**

Ch: Simply Stella, Seven Oaks Farm

**Fine Harness Open**

Ch: Oban, Philipp Meyer

**Fine Harness Amateur**

Ch: Oban, Philipp Meyer

**Fine Harness Junior Horse**

Ch: MBA's Shadow Phax, MBA Equestrians

**Park Open**

Ch: Aurora's Asset, Albert Kelm

Rs: Demi's Dark Design, Ingrid Klongland

**Park Amateur**

Ch: The Foxy Prince, Robert Griffin

Rs: CH Matching Spirit, BRK Equestrians

**Park Pleasure**

Ch: Glinda The Good, Janene

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Academy Judge: TBA

Steggeman

Rs: Rosemont's Mystre, Rick Wallen

**Park Pleasure Junior Horse**

Ch: Prime Time Player, Saddlewood Farm

Rs: Ro & Me's Satori, Amy Weiler

**Saddle Seat Equitation 14 – 17 Years**

Ch: Angela Darrow

**Saddle Seat Equitation Walk/Trot 10 and Under**

Ch: Brynn Lunaas

Rs: Samantha Schaefer

**Show Pleasure Three-Gaited 39/Over**

Ch: Sapphire On Ice, Katherine Meints

Rs: Seaforth's Heiristotle, Diane Nyhammer

**Show Pleasure Three-Gaited 18-38 Years**

Ch: Stonecroft Serengetti, Kristen Pettry

Rs: Final Deklaration, Susan/Kerry Honkamp

**Show Pleasure Three-Gaited 14-17 Years**

Ch: CH Fine By Me, Alicia Sacotte

Rs: Jack Nicholson, Jourdan Schaye

**Show Pleasure Three-Gaited 13/Under**

Ch: CH LaGuardia, Meridyth Munns

Rs: The Mystery Machine, Nick Nevasier

**Show Pleasure Three-Gaited Junior Horse**

Ch: Ro & Me's Miss Independent, Nancy Rothe

**Show Pleasure Five-Gaited**

Ch: He's Heirresistible, Loretta Mulberry

Rs: The Whole Town's Talking, Katie Koepfel

**Show Pleasure Driving**

Ch: Alicia Silverstone, MBA Equestrians

Rs: Yellow Rose Memories, Amy Weiler

**Country Pleasure Three-Gaited 39/Over**

Ch: My Point Of View, Susan Narko

Rs: Reedann's Semper Phi, Rivi Hatt

**Country Pleasure Three-Gaited 18-38 Years**

Ch: Concrete Blonde, Kristen Pettry

Rs: Jedidiah, Jennifer Miller

**Country Pleasure Three-Gaited 14-17 Years**

Ch: Deker's All American, Elizabeth and James Mitchell

Rs: Matisse, Narin Avci

**Country Pleasure Three-Gaited 13/Under**

Ch: CF First Light Of Dawn, Charles Goodman

Rs: CH Hometown Commander, Jane Gilbertson

**Country Pleasure Five-Gaited**

Ch: Alpha Priority, Barbara Fahey

Rs: Rip Rap, Marie Nielsen

**Country Pleasure Driving**

Ch: CH Hard Day's Night TS, Tillman Stables

Rs: Philosopher, Philipp Meyer

**Country Pleasure Western**

Ch: Harlem's Mojo, Toni Nastali

Rs: In The Zone, Susan Honkamp

**Country Pleasure Hunter**

Ch: LaShanna, Lori Graves

Rs: CH Callaway's Scoop The News, Kristen Pettry

**SSeat/Pleasure Equitation 18/Over**

Ch: Dr. Constance MacQueen

**Pleasure Equitation 14-17 Years**

Ch: Gretchen Bentz Rs: Cori O'Brien

**Pleasure Equitation 13/Under**

Ch: Killian Sukowaty Ch: Shelby Hader

**Hackney Harness Pony Amateur**

Ch: Creation's Windstar, Muffy Ernster

**Hackney Pony Amateur**

Ch: Heartland Alluring, Seven Oaks Farm

**Hackney Pony Pleasure Driving**

Ch: Extremely Supreme, Mary Narko

**Hackney Road Pony Open**

Ch: Twin Willow's McDreamy, Seven Oaks Farm

Rs: Night Heir, Mike Schallock

**Hackney Road Pony Amateur**

Ch: Seamair Strutter, Mike Schallock

Rs: Thunderation, Denise Steinhauer