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The Main Event

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Anna Tomasik taking her riding lesson at Emerald Hollow Riding Center

Happy Birthday!!!

4/14 Bob Wells

Happy Anniversary No anniversaries



Tom Tomasik introduced Liz Adams Director of Emerald Hollow Therapeutic Riding Center located in Brewster, MA

Elizabeth "Liz" Harris Adams joined Emerald Hollow Therapeutic Riding Center in 2016 as Program Director of our Equine Assisted Activities Program. Liz, a native of Cape Cod, has been working off Cape for 19 years building her education and training in the field of Equine Assisted Activities and is one thirty Master Therapeutic Riding Instructors in the country certified by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.). Liz has been faculty at two universities where she taught Equine Assisted Activities and was program director at two large therapeutic riding centers. She is also faculty and evaluator for PATH Intl. instructor certifications, an accreditation site visitor for PATH Intl., an Interactive Vaulting Instructor and a lifelong horsewoman. Over the years Liz has given numerous presentations, published several articles, and is delighted to be sharing the benefits of Equine Assisted Activities with students of all ages on Cape Cod.

In spring of 2001, Emerald Hollow Farm began as a small boarding and rescue farm, taking in older and unwanted horses who needed a forever home. After a few years we added a horseback riding lesson program for children and adults. In the spring of 2010 we were contacted by Latham Centers and began a weekly therapeutic riding program. It was then that the magic happened as we watched the horses we loved so much bring such joy and self-esteem to individuals with special needs. In addition to learning to ride, the students also learned how to safely handle and care for their mounts and we watched the bond between student and horse grow even deeper. Shortly after Latham Centers began riding with us, we were contacted by Cape Abilities to run a similar program for them. In addition, we began to be contacted by families and individuals who were also interested and in need of a therapeutic riding and horsemanship program.

Due to the wonderful results and the tremendous response from the riders and their families, by 2014 the therapeutic program had grown to the extent where additional staffing, volunteers, and equipment was needed and we began to pursue the dream of finding like-minded and like-spirited individuals to help us form a separate, nonprofit corporation that would allow us to assist countless other riders with special needs. Six wonderful men and women stepped up to the challenge and volunteered their time and talents to serve as Board of Directors and in May of 2015, "Emerald Hollow Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc." was established.

The board's first goal was to find a PATH Intl. Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor to aid in our new endeavor and it was then that we met Liz Adams. We cannot even begin to express how excited we are to have Liz on our team. Her qualifications are truly too numerous to list and far exceed what we had ever hoped to find in a candidate, but her love of equine assisted activities and her belief in the countless benefits it brings to individuals with special challenges matches ours, and we cannot wait to see our plans unfold under her guidance and expertise.

We are excited to share that Liz will be designing all programs and operations here in accordance with PATH International standards, with the goal of becoming a Premier Accredited Center within two years.

Mission Statement - To enrich the lives of children and adults with special needs throughout Cape Cod by providing life enhancing opportunities through therapeutic riding & equine assisted activities. 235 Run Hill Rd, Brewster, MA 02631 508-896-0064



17 Exchange Students from 5 Rotary Districts toured Washington DC this Past month...



Isak Stalland was an Exchange Student a few years ago from Sweden who is now serving in the Swedish Army. Although he wasn't a Rotary Exchange Student, we as a family and Rotary Club adopted him for the final 6 months of his exchange. He exemplified everything that Rotary stands for.

BROWN BAG May 5 June 2 July 7 August 4 September 1 October 6

CALENDAR

April 21 Lisa Oliver—CEO CC Co-Opertive Bank April 28—Lisa Mincieli Apr. 28—30—District Conference - Providence RI May 15 International Night—Honors all of our Exchage Students—Whites of Westport 6PM

Program Committees: Please notify Curly Carey and Steve Albright of your speakers. You are responsible for providing the write up on the speaker for the following week

Announcements: Matt Fitzsimmons announced that the annual Installation of Officers is scheduled for June

 21^{st} **Roby Whitehouse and Jill** Talladav discussed the planned Yarmouth Clean Up Day scheduled for April 29th Matt Fitzsimmons asked that members that have not signed up for committees yet to please sign up and return the sheets

asap. **Brown Bag Today**



November 3 **December 1**

April Maternal & Child Health **Bernie Nugent**

MEALS ON WHEELS

4//25 Geo. Davis & Ron Hawes 5/2 Jim Bogle & Mike Duffy 5/9 Ken Livingston & Curt Sears 5/16 Frank M. & Mike Riley 5/23 Jackie Carnevali & Rafi Chaprut

5/30 Janice Matheson & Dr. Bruce Gordon

6/6 Joe Potzka & John Gilligan 6/13 Chantal Rice & Scott Vandersall

Substitutes Steve Albright Frank Mastromauro

MEET at the Yarmouth Senior Ctr. 528 Forest Rd.. South Yarmouth 9:30 A.M.

FRONT DESK

Apr 14 Geo. Davis & Bud Nugent Apr 21 Bob Boucher & Jim Bogle Apr 28 Brian Sullivan & Chas. LoBue May 5 Ken Jenk & Chantal Haves Rice May 12 Tom Zurn & Steve Albright May 19 Frank M. & John Gilligan May 26 Brian B. Smith & Wayne Hohler

PLEASE be available at 6:30 AM on vour scheduled Friday. If you cannot attend, please swap with another committee member.

GUEST POLICY Prospective members are the guests of the Club for their first meeting

GREETER Apr 14 Jill Albright Apr 21 Steve Albright **Apr 28 Pat Armstrong** May 5 Jill Albright May 12 Donna Baldwin May 19 Jim Bogle May 26 Dave Botting