

# HOOF PRINTS



Douglas County Trail Riders  
816 N. 1750 Road, Lawrence, KS 66049

## President's Corner

Hello DCTR!



We are reaching the end of a fantastic year. Looking back, DCTR has accomplished so much this year. Let us give thanks to everyone who volunteered to help make 2013 so successful.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers who will serve during our historical 60th year. Renovation of our arena has begun and I can't wait to see the final results!

I'm also looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual Christmas party. If you have any thoughts for next year, please contact any of the new officers or present them at any club meeting.

As always, this is your club and I welcome any feedback or suggestions. On a final note, I want to say how thankful I am for everyone's support. Serving as your club president this year has been a complete joy.

Happy Holidays!

*Jenna Brumm*  
DCTR President

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Go to [www.dctr.org](http://www.dctr.org) or see articles in the newsletter for event details.

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| Dec 7  | Lawrence Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade 11 a.m.               |
| Dec 14 | Christmas Party 6 p.m.<br>See enclosed invitation for details |
| Jan 3  | Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m.                                     |
| Feb 7  | Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m.                                     |

## 2014 Officers and Board of Trustees Elected

A new slate of officers and Board of Trustees was elected during the November meeting. Following are your 2014 Officers and Board – please contact them with questions or suggestions for how we can make the club more valuable to our members!

And remember that serving on a committee is a great way to support the club and have direct input in the areas of most interest to you! Committees include Horse Show, Trail Ride, Activities, Maintenance, By-Laws, Concessions, and Technology. Contact Bonnie Kern at [akernranch@yahoo.com](mailto:akernranch@yahoo.com) if you are interested in serving on a committee next year.

### 2014 Officers and Board Members:

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| President:               | Bonnie Kern<br>(785) 597-5869<br><a href="mailto:akernranch@yahoo.com">akernranch@yahoo.com</a>              |
| Vice President:          | Jenna Brumm<br>(785) 766-7413<br><a href="mailto:brummfarms@yahoo.com">brummfarms@yahoo.com</a>              |
| Recording Secretary:     | Dee Karleskint<br>(785) 845-0122<br><a href="mailto:deekarleskint@hotmail.com">deekarleskint@hotmail.com</a> |
| Treasurer:               | Lyric Bartz<br>(785) 766-3520<br><a href="mailto:lyric@sunflower.com">lyric@sunflower.com</a>                |
| Corresponding Secretary: | Laureli Orona<br><a href="mailto:racinjumper@yahoo.com">racinjumper@yahoo.com</a><br>(816) 726-1645          |
| Board Members:           | Larry Bartz, Julie DeYoung, Kelley Hamersky, Liz Rombach, Julie Springer                                     |

## Constitution and By-Law Revisions Vote in January

Suggested revisions to the DCTR Constitution and By-Laws were read at the November meeting in preparation for a vote in January. The Constitution has not been updated since 2003 and the By-laws were last revised in 2006. Several changes have been suggested to align the club's organizational documents with how the club operates today, to match current definitions and compositions of our members' families, and to provide additional financial planning and controls to assure the club's future fiscal health.

Highlights include:

- Creation of an annual operating budget to track income and expenses and reporting on the budget status at each membership meeting.
- Creating and maintaining a Cash Reserve equivalent to six months' operating expenses to assure continued Club operation and time to fundraise in the event of income shortfalls.
- Creation of a Capital Improvements fund for major property maintenance or improvement projects, allowing the Club to build sufficient funds to pay for such projects in advance.
- Other changes for clarity or to recognize changes in club operation and membership.

Members will vote on the proposed changes at the January meeting. If you would like to receive a copy of all the proposed changes, please contact Julie DeYoung at [deyoung.julie@gmail.com](mailto:deyoung.julie@gmail.com) or 785-393-7498. Please contact any member of the By-laws Committee – Larry Bartz, Jenna Brumm, Carolyn Crawford or Julie DeYoung – with questions.

## 2013 Work Horse Award

Nominate your favorite hardworking DCTR member for the 2013 Work Horse Award! The Work Horse Award nominations are made by current DCTR members of an individual or family who has taken on extra duties, represented the club well, and gone above their call of duty as a member. Past winners include the Springer family, Kirk Holland, Bruce LeClair, Jennifer Livingood, Joan Homes, Bud Nation, and the Berg family.

To nominate someone, please send a short summary about the nominated person and what they have done to Kirk Holland, committee chair, at

[kholland65.kh@gmail.com](mailto:kholland65.kh@gmail.com) by December 7th.. A committee of past winners will review the submissions and choose this year's recipient.

Thank you in advance for your nominations, and we look forward to seeing you on December 14th!

## Clubhouse Rehab

Officers and Board members have been hard at work sprucing up the Clubhouse. We have received some donated carpet and are taking the opportunity to patch and paint the walls and ceiling. Come to the Christmas Party on December 14 to see the finished product!



## Recycle Phones and Ink

### Cartridges to Help DCTR

The Funding Factory Recycling program allows the Club to make money while keeping items that aren't compostable out of the landfill - a benefit for us and the environment!

The Funding Factory accepts: printer cartridges; toner cartridges; damaged, old, nonworking cell phones; MP3 players; digital cameras; laptops; GPS devices; and headphones (not earbuds).

Deposit your items in the designated box at the clubhouse or you may drop them off at the Bartz's. Collect toner cartridges and printer cartridges from your office, your friend's office, or anybody you know!

Go to [www.fundingfactory.com](http://www.fundingfactory.com) for a full list of accepted items and how much the club will receive for each item

# Halloween Fun Show



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## Christmas Party December 14

You're invited to attend the DCTR 2014 Christmas Party at 6:30 p.m. on December 14 at the Clubhouse. See the enclosed invitation for full details. Dinner will be potluck with the Club providing brisket and ham. Members are asked to bring a dish to share.

A fun highlight (and club fundraiser) is the Christmas gift auction. Please bring a wrapped or unwrapped gift with a brief description and/or value. A portion of the proceeds will go toward the arena project.

Please RSVP to Lyric Bartz at 785-766-3520,  
[Lyric@sunflower.com](mailto:Lyric@sunflower.com) or Julie Springer, 785-979-1161,  
[Springerjules8@aol.com](mailto:Springerjules8@aol.com).

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