

Blessings

(noun) things conducive to happiness or welfare.

After spending a lot of time at many major NRHA events, it occurs to me just how blessed we are as a group of people. Just look around at one of these shows at all the “things conducive to our happiness.” Trucks, trailers, horses, saddles, hats, chaps ... the list can go on forever.

I can't even begin to imagine what the aggregate value of all these things at one of these shows might be. And, while there are those who derive their income from all these things, the reality of the horse world in general and the NRHA specifically is that these things are a conduit to our pursuit of happiness — happiness that manifests itself in the love of the horses, the thrill of competition and the relationships we build with each other as we spend time together. We are all entertained by it, and some of us are blessed to earn a living from it.

While we have each been apportioned various degrees of blessings, we (reiners) are collectively a very blessed group of people, and we all have something to give back from our time, talent and treasure. The best part of giving is that it is not an obligation ... giving is a blessing in and of itself.

I can think of nothing more satisfying than to help someone in need. The Reining Horse Foundation (RHF) provides a great conduit to accomplish this. Gifts made to the Foundation go to fund the Dale Wilkinson Memorial Crisis Fund, which has helped many of our reining families in times of crisis.

The Foundation also funds

RHF scholarships that award \$28,000 annually in academic and need-based scholarships to youth members of NRHA. Add in the regional and activity scholarships, and an impressive \$60,000 total is offered every year.

The case can even be made that some of the RHF's greatest moments come in celebrating reining's history. I hope you are attending Sliders' Night Out, presented by Toyon Ranch, on Nov. 30 in conjunction with the NRHA Futurity and Adequan® North American Affiliate Championships. It's a great night to celebrate community and support the RHF at the same time.

We are a very blessed group of people. Think about that the next time you have an opportunity to check the donation box for the RHF while making your entries. Or consider joining the Reiners Club by making an annual donation. There are so many ways to give. You will be glad you did.

Blessings y'all!



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To donate, visit reiningfoundation.com, email rhf@nrha.com or contact RHF Executive Director Leslie Baker at 405-946-7400, ext. 106. You can also donate by texting “RHF” to 405-300-5919.



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