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PCQHA President's Message

A well-known saying goes, "If you want to change the world, go home and love your family." That doesn't mean people should ignore the needs outside their own homes; instead, they should pay attention to the needs within.

It can be tempting, when our passion is showing horses, to ignore life's priorities. You see, this past month, I had a health scare from one of our dear horses. This scary episode (after it was over) helped prioritize my life. Yes, I love to show horses, but family (including horses, dogs, dear friends) are first. To balance all that, I need to keep my own house (ranch) in order. That means putting family, friends and our beloved pets first. Unfortunately, it meant missing the first AQHYA youth world with my grand daughter, but thankfully, it will mean the mare she rides will be able to make many more shows. It was a good lesson for all of my family and I am grateful the outcome is positive. I want to thank each of you who offered your prayers and wishes – they worked! Now, for those PCQHYA youth on the road to the AQHA youth world, good luck in Oklahoma City – bring home the gold!

Our PCQHA membership has hovered around the same mark for years, but appears to be showing growth this year. We attribute that to the overwhelming success of our newest venue, The Celebration and EMO Western States Championship show. This fabulous show was held over 4th of July (June 28-July 8) at the exclusive South Point Equestrian Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. Always in the past, the hot July weather has stopped exhibitors from showing, but now with this 10 judge Quarter Horse show (PCQHA approved), we are experiencing over 20% exhibitor increases. This year's show offered exhibitors a full range of classes from cattle, and pleasure driving to Western and English rail classes. An added attraction to this show is the EMO Western States Championship show, held July 1-3. With over \$10,000 up for grabs this year, along with trophies to third place, this show was a huge hit. The Championship show is different from a regular Quarter Horse show and requires exhibitors who show to attend 10 AQHA shows, or to qualify via their state affiliate. Thanks to the EMO Agency, Inc/Chris Hocutt-Sentenney for their title sponsorship. For information on the 2019 show, or for qualifying details, go to TheCelebrationLasVegas.com

The next signature PCQHA Show is the Fall Classic Quarter Horse Circuit & EMO California State Championship. The Fall Classic is a 6 judge AQHA show held October 3-7, 2018 at the Paso Robles Event Center. This is the second year for this favorite show to be held in Paso Robles and exhibitors are excited to visit Paso Robles again! "The facility is a natural for this show, with the new Pavilion covered arena – offering exhibitors 3 covered arenas and expanded RV and stalls. With the lovely town of Paso just minutes away, hotels and wineries are easy to enjoy," said local resident and PCQHA president, Cece Campbell. Sandy Arledge, Fall Classic show chairman has an active committee organizing the show, with fabulous Fall Classic Circuit Awards (custom PCQHA director's chairs), plus over \$5,000 in prize money and Silverado Silver buckles to all EMO California State Champions. To check your eligibility or to enter the shows go to PCQHAFallClassic.com. Deadline for all entries is September 15, 2018.

Until next time.

Cece Campbell