

## Prez Sez, March 2023

***"I cannot say whether things will get better if we change; what I can say is they must change if they are to get better." — George C. Lichtenberg***

PVRA has been functioning in a period of stasis for many years. With the overall decline in horse ownership in the area, we need to continuously bring in new members and more sources of revenue to make grounds improvements, invest in new equipment and upgrade our arenas. We face a crossroads where we must bring in more members and event revenue to avoid a state of decline.

With fewer riding members, we must raise dues next year to maintain the level of income we receive from membership dues. With fewer members, we need more people to step up to work our horse shows, Rodeo and other events.

We must encourage new generations of pony clubbers, polo players and youth riders to teach them horsemanship and instill that passion in the next generation that we all feel. Youths are the lifeblood of any organization. While we may not all share passion for the exact same horse sport, we share in the love of our equine partners. There is an old saying that the outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man (or woman).

Encourage your friends to check out PVRA. They will find grounds that have improved in the past few years.

And we all must share in the load of keeping up the grounds, so pick up a rake now and then and help where asked.

I hope you all will attend the March Meeting at Mainstream Bar & Grill starting at 6:30 pm with meeting following at 7 pm. We will probably move back to the grounds in April for our meetings with the return of daylight savings time and warmer temperatures.

Let's be proud of our Association and its members and share it with your horsey friends. We have so much to offer.

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