Dear IAHHA Member,

It is that time of the year again and we are getting ready for the annual banquet and award ceremony. The banquet will be held on November 23, 2024 at the Holiday Inn and Suites, Des Moines Northwest, 4800 Merle Hay Road in Urbandale, Iowa.

I need to know who is coming to the banquet so I know how much food to plan for. I am sending each member, the horse of the year ballot, 2025 membership form and the registration for the banquet. I need a separate check for membership & a separate check for the banquet. This year we will be serving Stuffed Pork Loin, Beef Tenderloin in a red wine sauce, or Coq Au Vin which is oven roasted chicken thighs in red wine sauce. Adults are \$30 and children are \$15 only if they are paid by the 30th of October. Any late registrations will be \$40.00 per person. Also, if I have not gotten a pre-banquet registration and you are coming to the banquet, you may be the last people thru the buffet line so PLEASE, send in your registration to avoid this and to make sure we have plenty of food. We ran out of food last year due to people coming to the banquet without registering. While we want everyone to be able to attend and eat, the catering company only prepares a small amount over what the registrations are. I have always added more to my total but last year it was 15 to 20 more than that.

We need to know as soon as possible who has been voted Horse of the year and Care Taker of the year so trophies can be ordered.

If you have someone in mind for Hall of Fame, please get that information to me by phone call or text. They need to be voted on by the board so I need them early.

Please fill out the attached form(s) and mail back by Oct 30th. Remember, I need a separate check for membership, (they won't be put in the bank till after the 1st of the year but you must have a 2025 membership to vote on directors for the coming year. I need another check for the banquet registration. I must have complete addresses and phone numbers, on the membership form. I have enclosed an addressed envelope to return all of the forms.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thanks

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