



Bowl-A-Thon Feb. 10: Come on out!

With just days to go before our 15th annual benefit Bowl-A-Thon, teams are filling up and sponsors and raffle donors are lining up. Whether you bowl or not,

come out to Antelope Lanes Feb. 10 for fun, prizes and a great cause.

For bowlers: \$30 gets you two games on a four-person team, shoe rental and an event t-shirt. Registrations received after Jan. 26 or the day of the event are welcome but cannot be guaranteed to receive an event t-shirt. If you don't have a team, we'll help you form one. Morning session: 9 a.m. check-in, 10 a.m. bowling. If the first session fills, afternoon check-in is at noon, with bowling from 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Bowlers collect donation pledges for their teams, and all funds raised go to Horses with Heart. Registration and pledge/donation forms are available at the HwH office and **online at hwhonline.org**.

For everyone: Pledge or donate any amount you like to the HwH Scholarship Fund, Special Olympic Team or General Operating Fund. Plus, enter the Raffle drawings for a chance to win prizes like a Smart TV, gift cards, horse and pet items and much more.

For more information, contact Janice Shanks: jmshanks@me.com, or 602-809-1848.

Our 20-year volunteer: yay, Rita!



Rita Schwartz (center) was honored for 20 years of HwH service at the Volunteer/Donor Appreciation Lunch last month. With her are

Executive Director Pam Berry (left) and Trudy Chapman-Radley (see more on p. 2).

Calendar of Events

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15th Annual Bowl-A-Thon ~ Saturday, Feb. 10: 9 am Check-In/10 am Bowling, Antelope Lanes, 6301 E. 2nd St., Prescott Valley.

Horses return to HwH ~ Feb. 6 - 9.

Returning Volunteer Orientation and SST Refresher ~ Sat., Feb. 17, 8:45 am-12:30 pm, HwH.

"No Host" Volunteer Luncheon ~ Tuesday, Feb. 13, 11:30 am, Lone Spur Restaurant, Prescott.

New Volunteer Orientation and SST Training 101 ~ Sat., Feb. 24, 8:45 am-1:30 pm, HwH.

March 5-April 13 ~ Session 1, Therapeutic Riding Lessons.

March 3-June 2 ~ Special Olympics Spring Season.

Have a Heart Benefit Concert ~ Saturday, March 24, 5:30 pm, Adult Center, Rosser St., Prescott. (See article next page).

CHA IRD Clinic ~ April 22-28, HwH. Volunteers needed for housing clinic participants (most arrive April 21), support for horses and classes. For registration, more information or to volunteer, contact Jan Grise: 928-308-1353; jangrisehwh@gmail.com.

***Volunteer of the Month:
JANICE SHANKS***



Reasons selected: A driving force behind the Bowl-A-Thon, Janice Shanks is also known for hand-crafting volunteers' five-year vests, helping with hospitality needs, taking minutes at many committee meetings, and much more.

She's a tremendous asset to HwH, and we're lucky to have her many contributions.

Q & A with our Volunteer of the Month:

Q: How long have you been with HwH?

A: Over four years. I began by making pumpkin pies for the Bake Sale at Freeman Farms in 2013.

Q: Why do you volunteer at HwH?

A: I felt a sense of belonging from the very first day. The staff and volunteers share their stories, and meetings are full of laughter and camaraderie. I have the confidence to do more because someone is always *(continued on next page)*

there to teach and encourage me.

Q: What is your favorite memory or moment at HwH?



A: One day, while working as a sidewalker with a team, the very happy and animated rider asked me for my phone number. That cracked me up.

Q: If you could share one thing with new volunteers, what would that be?

A: Come out and try something you've never done before. Whatever your contribution, it is needed and will be received with love.

Music to our ears Saturday, March 24

Don't miss the music, fun and door prizes Saturday,



March 24, at the "Have a Heart" benefit concert. Beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Adult Center of Prescott (1280 East Rosser St.), the audience will enjoy the gifts of two special artists: Stewart Macdougall, whose work has been recorded by Randy Travis and K.D. Lang, and Nancy Elliott,

whose "Southwestern Americana" style has been delighting music lovers for years.

Tickets are \$15 in advance (\$20 at the door); \$12.50 for veterans, and free for children under 20. All proceeds benefit HwH programs. Get your tickets now at brownpapertickets.com, or at the HwH office.

Yes, Rosie is still part of our herd

In last month's newsletter, an article about our herd's winter quarters inadvertently left out wonderful Rosie. She's been in the capable hands of Mary Smith, and will rejoin all her stablemates this month.

"Love" your budget: cut your tax bill

Send a Valentine to your finances and donate to Horses with Heart. Under the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit Program, you could enjoy a dollar-for-dollar tax credit – up to \$800 for a married couple – for helping us continue our important programs. To give, email or call Pam Berry: execdir@hwhonline.org; 928-899-4759. Or, mail your check, payable to Horses with Heart, to P.O. Box 2427, Chino Valley, AZ 86323.

Annual salute to volunteers, donors

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The Volunteer/Donor Appreciation Lunch last month brought together an enthusiastic crowd to share awards, fun and the crowning event: the announcement of Kris Dockum (*below*) as Volunteer of the Year.



Jan Grise reflected on HwH's landmark status as a Premier accredited center of PATH International (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship), and five-year vests were awarded to Bonnie Moreau, Carol Bowe, Kris, Amy Nelson, Kyra Pease, Susanne Stock and Jeremy Owens. Congrats also to 15 year volunteers Jan Grise and Maureen Owen.

Thanks to Malenna Gonsalves and Laura Smart (hospitality) and Karen Richert (slideshow and photography).

Why I give: a donor's story

This month, we launch a regular feature on a vital part of the HwH "family": our generous donors. Here, Matt Singer, manager of Antelope Lanes, explains his support.

Antelope Lanes Bowling Center has been proud to host the Bowl-A-Thon every year, and I've been proud to be a part of it for several years. Helping raise funds for Horses with Heart is simply a great cause, great for the community, and we're very committed to giving back.

Personally, I like knowing that our donation of the whole bowling center (if the turnout warrants) enables the people – the riders – who need help to get it. Yes, we do lose some revenue, but that's outweighed by the benefit. Plus, we get some great exposure and awareness through promotions for the Bowl-A-Thon.

To other businesses considering supporting HwH, I say: do it! You'll reach new clients or customers and create tremendous goodwill at the same time. It's a win-win that we plan on continuing for years to come.

Antelope Lanes: 6301 E. 2nd St., Prescott Valley. Open Sunday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-11 pm; Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m.-midnight. Join HwH supporters like Matt--Give to HwH, serving the Quad Cities for over 25 years.