

## **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY RECAP:**

On the eve of the first Eventing Academy of the 2024 season, Stable View hosted an appreciation party for all of the hardworking volunteers of the 2023 season. Chef Steve catered the event.

After dinner Barry shared his thanks to the volunteers and the volunteer coordinators. He said, "When we started this we came across Rhonda and became friends with her. Rhonda is the reason we were able to really expand the program. The second point is Ginger. She has taken over for Rhonda. She is doing a great job and learning fast. It really is a hard job. This is all a work in progress. It's a retirement project. It's a pretty big retirement project. And it really is an extraordinary group of people who pull this off."

Cyndy also gave her thanks. She said, "It's been a long road, Rhonda. We started this and I feel like for a while it was just Rhonda and I doing this. I thank her very much and I would like everyone to raise a glass."

Rhonda Campbell was then presented a gift of appreciation for being volunteer coordinator. She gave her thanks by saying, "I

do miss you and I appreciate you so much and all the support you've given me over the years."

Rhonda then passed the microphone to Ginger Kleinsorge to welcome her to her new position. She shared how important volunteers are to the riders. Ginger said, "We're here to help these young kids, young riders, young horses get out there and turn and burn. We want to see them succeed. Without you guys coming out every month, rather it be for half a day or the whole weekend, that is what we're here for."

It was a great evening full of good food, good people, and good conversation.

Stable View would like to thank those who donated items for the volunteer appreciation gifts. Thank you to Blanchard Equipment for donating a leaf blower, Aiken Pest Control for donating gift baskets, Purebred compost for donating coupons and samples, Aiken Dry Goods for donating a gift certificate and gift basket, and the volunteers who were gracious enough to add to the appreciation items.