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New Board Swearing In at 1:pm

See more inside...

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TRAIL MANNERS

Good manners is the grease that helps people get along with each other, avoiding friction.

- **18 & UNDER MUST WEAR A HELMET.**
- Be aware of the effect **your** actions have on others, their horses and their property.
- Do not upset your co-riders' horses.
- Ride at a quiet, controlled pace.
- **NEVER PASS OTHERS AT A GALLOP.**
- Keep a safe distance... don't crowd others.
- **STAY WITH A DISMOUNTED RIDER**
- Respect the property of others. (ie: lawns, farm fields, crops, groves, livestock, etc.)
- Leave gates as you found them: Open gates should remain open. Closed gates should remain closed.
- **DO NOT PASS THE TRAIL BOSS or drop behind the drag rider.**
- Stay with the trail boss on the same side of the road. Do not split the road.
- Clean up after your horse. Pick up manure or spread it depending on where you are. Do not clean your trailers out when you unload.
- **NO PROFANITY AT ANY SFTR EVENTS.**

REMEMBER! If you mind your manners others won't mind when you and your horse return to ride.



2021

Dates and Places

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2021



Guest Passes are available for local trail rides. Each pass is \$5.00 One pass per person per trailride is required for non-members. This pass is not

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Sun 9- *Mother's Day!*

Sat 15- Clicker Training Clinic #2, TB Rachel Shearing, 10am-noon, 248-444-5360.

Mon 17- SFTR Happy Hour, zoom sftmiamidade.org, 7pm.

Sat 22 – Short Ride from Fruit and Spice Park, TB Mike Maldonado, arr. 9:am, ride at 10:am
New Board Swearing In at 1:pm in the tieout and picnic table area, even if you don't ride
please attend to meet the new board..

Mon 31- *Memorial Day!*

New SFTR 2021-2022 Board Begins

JUNE 2021 All activities under social distancing & WEAR a mask protocols.

Mon 7- SFTR General Meeting, Zoom, 7pm. Guest speaker will be Coral Rodriguez, Esperanza Equine Connections- riding & training.

Mon 14-SFTR Board Meeting, location TBA; 7pm
Please bring your chair/food/drink/mask & agenda.

Sat 19- The Esperanza Ride; Coral Rodriguez, 786-449-6298. Arr 9am, ride 10am.

Sun 20- *Father's Day!*

Mon 21- SFTR Happy Hour, zoom sftmiamidade.org , 7pm.

Sat 26- Wolf Lake Ride, Bonny George, Jr.; Arr. 9am, leave 1pm.

Hi Dr. Franklin,

This is to thank you for a very informative presentation at our SFTR general meeting on Zoom!
We had about 20 people attending!
We all learned and were able to get answers on several questions.
On behalf of our members I'm happy to thank you for your valuable time and expertise.

Mike Maldonado
SFTR Newsletter Chair

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello South Florida Trail Riders!

Another year has gone by for the South Florida Trail Riders. For me, it has been an honor to have been your President this past year. I am thankful for all the hard work that all our members have put in making this year a success! The Board members and the Committee Chairpersons have done an excellent job.

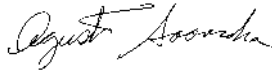
At the April Board meeting, I was able to present the Board members with their shirts and I also presented Renee Reynolds with the Member of the Year Award for 2020-2021. She is a Board member and she is the Camping Chairman, and she has done an outstanding job in both of her positions. On April 17th, we had the second beach ride and we had 26 trailers and 59 horses. It was a great turnout. I hope that all of you that participated had a wonderful time.

I have been very lucky to meet a lot of nice people who I have enjoyed riding with. I have been able to partake in many adventures with them, such as chasing a baby pig with Silver and being able to catch it, riding the "Ride 2000", and riding the Glades to Bay trail ride. I have also enjoyed riding with my children and my grandchildren as members of the SFTR.

I am very thankful to have been able to be part of the South Florida Trail Riders for several years and I look forward to many more years of new adventures with all of you! Thank you for all the memories.

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision, the ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."
– Andrew Carnegie

See you at trails end!
Augie Saavedra
President
South Florida Trail Riders



LAST CALL TO VOTE FOR 2021-2022 SFTR OFFICERS & BOARD !!!

During this time of COVID-19, the So. Fla. Trail Riders has worked to find the best solutions to offer a means for our members to vote in the club's Board election. Ways to vote this year: mail-in ballot (no longer avail.), vote in-person at a SFTR event, or voting online (easiest).

Election Runner is an online election platform that offers secure encrypted voting & has a user friendly system for accessing the ballot. It is the same on-line voting site we used last year. Election Runner allows our club to offer **completely anonymous** voting - the election committee can **only** see **which** members have voted, but **not who** they voted for.

Each member who has **listed** their email address with the club has received an email generated and sent out by Election Runner. The **hyperlink provided** in each email is **specific** to the member listed in each email; and the link will take each of you directly to the ballot. Please note that each club member can **vote only one time** – regardless of the method used. If you have not received your

email & code, call Megan Barnes-Rego immediately (305-304-0680) !!!!!!!

We encourage each member to use the online election, as it reduces the possible virus contagion to the Election Committee made possible through the postal mail or ballot box system. If we can reduce the amount of paper ballots, then we have reduced the risk to the committee of contamination exposure. Stay safe and thank you!

~South Florida Trail Riders Election Committee

Each member is asked to **VOTE**, to affirm their choice of candidate(s) for each position. Voting will **END** with the final voting opportunity at the SFTR General Meeting (on Zoom) on Mon. May 3, 7pm.

You can vote **ONLY ONCE!**

Vote **on-line**: Open your email for ballot link, **deadline** for voting online is **Mon May 3, 7:30 pm**. Vote **in person** at SFTR rides/events through May 3 (including at the Zoom club meeting, Megan can help you). Please let your voice be heard...**VOTE!**

We have 264 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year.

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SUNSHINE REPORT



It is always sad when we watch our family pets leave us...Amaris & Mike Garneau lost their beloved Peanut Butter Pie – she sure has a wonderful family to tell all about, across the Rainbow Bridge. Sonni & Zu Peles had to say goodbye to their feline friend, Brutus – their old man, he will be missed. Elsy Altuve said her last goodbyes to Remi – may his palomino coat shine bright in greener pastures. And Barbie & Angel Gonzalez gave their last hugs to Walter – the dog that started her So. Fla. Animal Rescue Network, over 6 yrs. ago. Sure to be missed as a golf cart companion and at our camping trips, he certainly left many fond memories for all.

On a happy note, we have families welcoming new horses in their herd: Barbara Ruiz-

Gonzalez announced the arrival of a long legged colt, named Dante; & Renee Reynolds & Kelly Pearce are beaming about their mare, Penny, having a new colt; while Cynthia Ridings welcomed a cute little filly. And there are SFTR with new pups: Katrina (Carroll) Foll Jr & hubby, Nathan, are new home owners & have added a beautiful little Silver Lab named Doobie; Emma & Kelli Brower have a tiny Blue Heeler; Judy Arcia has a gorgeous little Great Dane, Frost Marie Bell; & Alan Alvarez is the proud parent of Arthur Alvarez – a super cute Golden Doodle pup. What a wonderful life these fur-friends will have!

~Your Newsletter Staff

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Alline Angelisa Halsey
Alvin Davis
Anna L. Kleinholz
Cynthia Blankenship
David Edelman
Debi Catarineau Priest
Dianna Saavedra
Ernesto Garrido
Gabiella Pagan
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Jacky Shaw
Jeff Frantzman
John Armstrong

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Luis Valdeon
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Margie Brett
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- Friday, August 6th, 2021 – Dogs
- Friday, September 3rd, 2021 – Cats
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Future Events

Clicker Training Clinic #2

Want to teach your horse some fun tricks or to simply stand better for Vet/farrier/grooming, maybe clicker training is for you & your horse! Clicker training is based on behavioral psychology & primarily focuses on increasing behaviors we want via positive reinforcement (rewards). When our horse does something we like, we mark that moment with a distinctive signal (usually a 'click' with either a clicker or with the tongue). The click is paired with something the horse wants, usually food, & enables you to communicate exactly what your horse did that earned the reinforcement (the action you want your horse to repeat).

Rachel Shearing already had Clinic #1 in April... an educational seminar where everyone had a chance to see the method, ask questions, & learn the technique. Now in Clinic #2, Rachel will demonstrate how the clicker signal is used again, but **this time you bring your horse!!!**

Clicker Clinic #2:

Sat. May 15 - 10am-noon. Bonny George, Jr's home, 168 St east of Krome.

An email will be sent out to all members with the exact address & directions just prior to the event. Bring your chair, water/snacks, note pad/pen, mask, etc

Bring your horses!!!! If you don't own a horse and want to learn the method, come join us – we can share our horses so everyone in the club can learn this training method! Set your horse up for success & teach him to do almost anything he is physically & mentally capable of doing.

If you'd like to contact me, I'm on Facebook, or you can reach me at: 248-444-5360.

~Rachel Shearing

Ride & Celebrate Mother's Day

Luis Valdeon will Trail Boss an easy 2 hr. ride out of his barn, east of Krome in the Redlands, on Sat. May 8. Arrive 9am, ride 10am. His ride will feature a short ride to a favorite Sweet place and then an early lunch. Buy your lunch, or bring your own food/snacks/water. Luis may even have a surprise lunch item to celebrate Mother's Day! The ride back to the barn afterward will be 45min.

Please be mindful that not everyone has their COVID shots, & many have jobs with possible exposure, so please use social distancing, wear your mask as you arrive/tack-up, and at the lunch stop! Exact address and times will be emailed to all members the week of the ride, or you can contact Luis at 786-443-2147. Enjoy a (day-before) Mother's Day ride with your friends – see you there!

SFTR General Meeting Highlights & Up-Coming Speakers

We have been hosting our monthly General Meeting, the first Monday of each month, 7pm on Zoom...and each month have seen more members participate. Recently we had Dr. Franklin speak about how horses become overheated, protocols to alleviate their distress, and ways to minimize the occurrence in the first place. We thank Dr. Franklin for his time to educate us all in measures to keep our equines safe, as warmer weather is moving in early this spring.

Speaking at our **Mon. May 3** General Meeting, will be **Beth Moran** – National Director of Equine Trail Sports. The ETS are obstacle events for young & old, every type of equine, & at every level of rider/horse ability. The events are nationwide and points are earned for awards on site and accumulated over the year for end of season awards as well. Anyone can participate or host such an obstacle ride, which utilizes trained judges to keep the point system fair for all. There are separate challenges for in-hand equines and those under saddle, as well as you selecting your ability level (beginner, intermed., adv.) at each obstacle. There is

something for everyone, and a great way to safely experience the thrill of trail competitions. This also offers an activity for those who do not or cannot ride, but who want to participate with their equine in a fun event!

On board for our June General meeting will be Coral Rodriguez, owner of Esperanza Equine Connections – a new riding venue near Homestead. As a SFTR member, Coral will let us know what her facility provides, services available, and the programs she offers for kids & adults. Just in time for summer fun for all. Coral will also host a ride out of her facility in June!

Go to the club web page: sfrmiamidade.org at approx. 6:45pm, **Monday, May 3**, to sign-in on Zoom. Mike & Deda will assist you in signing-in. You may participate on a computer, laptop or cell phone. The meeting will start at 7pm with club news, and a FINAL CALL for VOTING for the coming year's Board. Then Beth Moran will explain the Equine Trail Sports program & answer any questions you may have. See you there!

~Your Board

Start The New Sftr Ride Season At The Summer Spice Ride!

We'll be starting a new ride season with a short ride from the Fruit & Spice Park, SW 248th ST and 187th Ave., on Sat. May 22. Arrive 9am, and TB:Mike Maldonado, 305-331-7599, will lead a short 2hr. ride, leaving at 10am. Juniors 18-under must wear a helmet. Return to the Spice Park for lunch at noon (buy or bring your own). Remember to bring your own water/food/snacks/chair and a mask for in the ride & at the cafe.

We ask all newly elected Board members to join us on the ride, or please be at the cafe for a swearing-in ceremony at approx. 1pm. Casual attire, & SFTR logo shirt/T's preferred. Everyone is welcome to stay & participate in this meeting, whether on the ride or not.

So start a new ride season & add to your miles for your lifetime Willy Perez 500mi Award – see you there!

CLICKER TRAINING . . . A GREAT WAY TO TEACH AND REINFORCE POSITIVE BEHAVIORS

I recently hosted a Clicker Training clinic at my home, in the Redlands. We had a great turnout. Lydia Carrigan was my lovely assistant, along with my boyfriend, Ra Schooley. Wendy Stamatyades & her daughter, Sofia; Helve & daughters Sarah & Susannah, Ginger Krenz & granddaughter Taylor Adams, Mike & Deda Maldonado, Lynn Stine, Dennys Cabrera & daughter Niki, and Bonny George Jr. watched as I first did a demo with my horse, Miami. He displayed his behaviors which included shaking his head yes and no, flipping his lip up, pawing, bowing, and of course, picking up things and rearing.

Using Miami, I taught everyone how to get started and how you progress to getting the full behavior desired. Small actions accented with the clicker when the horse performed correctly & a reward. Then building upon each step in a sequence, using the clicker & treats/rewards, until the desired action was performed. I also noted how to stop your horse from rude behaviors, using redirection to preferred behaviors & acknowledging by the click & treat.

Next, I brought out Dream (a miniature horse) to give an example of how to start target training. Having the horse

move toward, or touch, a target item, and using the clicker & reward to signal the horse of a successful completion of the task. This is useful in teaching your horse to pick up a hat,, towel, etc or many other activities. And last but not least I brought Never out to teach everyone how to get your horse to pick you up at the mounting block!!

There were lots of questions and we really had a great time. I can't wait until Sat., May 15 when we will do Clicker Training Clinic #2. In this clinic, members should bring their horse/pony & I will re-teach the clicker method to the group, and then help each individual with their own horse! Thanks to all who came to experience Clicker Training #1, and hope to see everyone soon!

~Rachel Shearing



CAMPING AT FECHTEL . . . FROM DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

We invited our group to write their experience's about the Lower Wekiva River State Park/Fechtel camping/riding weekend. It's nice to hear different perspectives:

Wow what a great trail ride & camping at Fechtel this past March. Meeting so many nice friends & riding with others that we all know. The turkey dinner was great on Friday night & the flan was really good! Karen Ramos, our cousin from Eustis, made homemade mashed potatoes - yummy with gravy. Carol Hakanson did a 10 mile ride on her horse with us. When she was getting off she twisted her already sore left knee & couldn't walk. She was helped by Karen, & Mike Shaw. Karen's daughter brought a pair of crutches the next day. Carol's horse is staying in Cocoa with Donna, until Carol recovers. All the food was good during the camping trip, but the homemade flan by Mailil Ruiz was a Great Dessert! The trail riding was awesome & the bonfire the night of the Pot Luck was just right - with a full moon rising... it was gorgeous coming up over the pavilion. Great trail rides ahead with all of you & it was great being your Trail Boss.

~Donna Hakanson

We had great weather, great friendships, and great riding! Donna Hakanson was the best Trail Boss - she really knew her way around, & when some wanted to ride longer or shorter she could instruct them which way to go. Donna also cooked a delicious turkey! Everybody brought delicious side dishes to share. I thought the spring-fed water troughs were really cool...they supplied very cold fresh water without a pump or filtration system. I loved the guys with machetes and muscles clearing tree branches for us; and the full moon was beautiful!

~Renee Reynolds

The canopy covered trails were beautiful and offered much needed shade on the hottest days to date. The old Bridge Trail was spectacular & riding it at sunset with friends made it even more beautiful. Donna's turkey dinner night was awesome because we got to meet and socialize with new friends. Robert's wife's Chili was awesome!!

~Barbie Ruiz Gonzalez

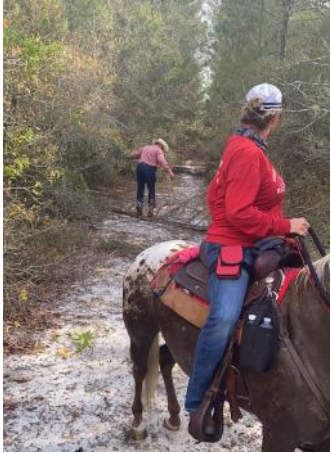
I loved meeting everyone, and my cheeks still hurt from all Luis' jokes. Great trails, just hate the fact that Buttons is having to deal with scratches. Hope

to do more excursions with the group!

~Marcia Marzucco, from Bonita Springs

I was recently blessed with an invitation from a member of the So. Fla. Trail Riders, for a weekend of riding at the Fechtel Ranch. I say blessed, because I am from Indiana & that weekend my friend back home was still ice fishing. This is my 2nd visit to Florida with my horse. The first was in 2016 when I rode the Cracker Trail Ride & the Osceola Wagon Train & Trail Ride. Those first two Florida rides were very good & memorable. However, this year I was invited down by my longtime friend, Michelle Mayfield Turner, who I met years ago on a ride from Mexico to Canada. This year started with the Great Fla. Cattle Drive Reunion Ride, with some old friends made 5 years previous, plus many new ones. Then, on to more new friends near Ocala, & then to Green Swamp West, with old and new friends coming together. This year's Cracker Trail was mixed in between. However, the riding at the Fechtel Ranch exceeded all my expectations; spotless grounds, new shower & restroom area, along with paddocks, providing very good accommodations for both horse and rider. But on to the trails! They are pretty, well-marked, well laid out & very well maintained. Having read the book, "A Land Remembered", it was very easy to get lost thinking of how hard it must have been on the people & animals who settled this land. Hard to realize, after 500 years, how much has changed & how much is still the same. Seeing the Cypress Culvert will remain in my mind's eye for a long time, as well as Augie pointing out the waterway they used to float trees to the St. John's River, and to flood areas to grow rice to fatten cattle. A great pitch-in on Friday evening brought together great food, better company & made for wonderful memories. It's certainly easy to understand why so many of the riders drove the 5 plus hours from Miami/Homestead to spend the weekend there. What a great place to ride. Thanks to all who were there for making me feel so welcome. And thanks to Ms. Donna Hakanson for the invitation. Happy trails!

~ Mike Shaw, Logansport, Indiana



SFTR ENJOYING THE SUN & SURF AT VIRGINIA KEY BEACH

This year we have had an outstanding turnout for our beach rides, one of the perks of being a Trail Rider! Many thanks to our Trail Bosses Augie Saavedra & Lorelei Vasallo for preparing and running the March beach ride, to Colby Stroud, Holly Thommes, & Toni Meltzer for helping, & to Debi C-Priest for working the gate. I want to thank my son, Sam, for helping me set-up & break down and clean up at the April beach event. We also had our Vice President Patricia Perez and her husband, Richard, arrive early and help with the set up, Patty parked the trailers, & Sharon Dixon worked the gate. Later, after taking photos of us all day, Helvie Longoria helped with beach clean up and her children poop-scooped the parking lot. Members like these make this club work for all of us. Members who have done the ride in years past have noticed our

riding/swimming area has changed. Although the March ride saw many trying to figure out the best spots to swim, by the April ride everyone zoned in on a smooth section of beach with no tree branches or rocks (maybe in the near future we can enlist a group of volunteers to do a beach clean up & remove the obstacles in the sand). Thanks to Helvie for her amazing action photos, and to all who sent in their photos for our SFTR file for everyone to enjoy! The SFTR has a tradition of equine control & policing our area at the park, and we appreciate all our participants for lending a hand in cleaning up. See you all again when the turtles move out.

~Mike Maldonado





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Laurie@helpthehorses.com for adoption info.
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Gitana, last month's horse,
was adopted.



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PARADE TEAM NEWS



With the hot & wet weather starting, I hope you've been working your horses & ponies to prepare for our parade season - which should start with the 4th of July Parade in Key Biscayne. Although I have not received official confirmation yet, it seems quite possible this event will kick off a renewed parade season! Please check your uniform for fit, and your horse tack for soundness & cleanliness. If you need anything, contact Bonny: 305-233-1897.

The Key Biscayne route is very tight, so only seasoned/repeat parade horses are usually allowed. However, if you would like to ride or lead-line your equine in a parade for the first time, I would be happy to check you & your equine out now (for safety sake), so you can come join us in the parade! Plus, it gives you time to get your tack set & uniform in time! We always appreciate buggies/carts, ridden or in-hand equines, juniors riding solo or as a parent lead-lines, & banner carriers & safety walkers who want to enjoy participating with the SFTR Parade Team. And did we mention the spot that gets the most cheers...Poop Scooper! We decorate in red-white-and blue for this patriotic event & it is a televised parade. Represent our club as we strut out into the community - join the Parade Team!

~Lisa Morgan

EDDY'S TRAIL RIDE - WITH A SURPRISE!

We enjoyed a really nice ride with almost perfect weather, as Eddy Ruiz lead us out of his barn. An old friend, Michelle Fehr Rouse, cheerfully added to our morning as she stopped in to say hello, before heading home up north. We mounted up & moseyed a block or two over to Delio's near Krome, and joined another group of SFTRs and then headed west at an easy walk.

We rode an area that we haven't ridden much recently, north of 136th St and just west of Krome. We end-

ed the loop at Delio's for lunch and a very special event, We cut a Birthday cake to celebrate Augie getting old! Lol! Augie looked truly surprised and happy to share his birthday with us; and we are so very glad to count him as one of our friends!

Thank you, Eddy, for hosting the ride and to Augie for having a birthday. Riding with good friends adds meaning to our lives.

~Mike Maldonado



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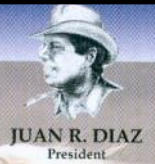
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THE EASY-PEEZY TRAIL RIDE WITH NEW FRIENDS & OLD

We rode out from my barn and had great weather!! There were 16 riders, including 2 juniors, - little Emma Hemperley rode Girrafe and stole our hearts!! A friendly SFTR welcome to our new members who came to join & ride with us: Amy & Genevieve Latham. We even had a nice visit from Ben Kroner, and Lisa & Emily Morgan before the ride.

We rode down some dirt roads, through some agricultural farms and a field of eggplants!! I missed a turn, so the ride was about 15 minutes too short, but lots of new friendships were made along the way! A shout-out to Mike for helping me plan the route, and thank you all for coming – see you on the trail again.

~Holly Thommes



AROUND THE PADDOCK – OUR MEMBERS LEAD ACTIVE LIVES

In the 5-day Fla. PFHA Spectrum show in Tampa (due to COVID), Sharon Dixon showed her Pasos to several 2nds & 3rds in Perform. Amat. Geldings & Pleas. Amat. Stallions – this among 200-250 horses attending! In one class, a power failure part way through caused the entire class to repeat their performances. The end of May Sharon plans on going to the Extravaganza Paso show at the World Equest. Center, in Ocala. Good luck! Joanna Jacobs, while chasing cans, lost her stirrup going to the second barrel (first time for everything)... but still managed a nice clean run! Her 18.155 put her 13th in 3D open & a fine 2nd in 2D adults. In another race she took the 3D, 5th open & 1st in 2D adults Congratulations! Young Janelis Egozcue took 1st in a Whipping Wild barrel race, winning the PeeWee Div. with a 17.05 & earning her a buckle for her points earned by staying in the top 4 during the whole series. Way to go!

Laura Micali's son, Brandon, has been burning the net with lacrosse goals; while daughter, Kaitlyn made the Miami Herald All-City Second Team for soccer. Quite the talented family! Those

interested in Goat Yoga: Try Emily Morgan's herd of little wonders while you exercise on May 9, at Evelyn Greer Park (go to Event Brite for registr.) And in the college scene, a shout out of congratulations to our own Kiera Fobb – as she just graduated from the FIU Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management. The sky is the limit, and we wish a bright future to Kiera, as she starts a new career!

Also in a new position, if you're in Dunnellon Fla, stop by the Gyros King and ask for Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez's daughter, Jackie – she serves up the best Gyros around!

We have a month until kids are out of school for the summer. Now is the time to contact local riding venues for camps or simply lessons! Sam Torcise, Luisa Escudero, Coral Rodriguez, Susie Randolph, & others offer such venues; and volunteers are always welcome at the SPCA ranch – contact Laurie Waggoner. Keep your horse in shape & exercise their mind – bring your horse to the Clicker Training Clinic #2 in May, given by Rachel Shearing.

~Bonny George, Jr.

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