

ARDEN SIMS

Candidate for President

My wife Claudia and I became involved with the OHC in 1999 when we started a therapeutic riding program including volunteers from the Washington County Chapter of OHC. This gave us an opportunity to meet a lot of wonderful people in the horse world. One of the first OHC events we attended was a horse camping clinic put on by the Licking County Chapter.

Since that time and over the last 2 years, with the honor of being your president, I attended chapter meetings throughout the state and I quickly appreciated experiencing the uniqueness of each chapter while meeting the dedicated people of OHC. Chapter uniqueness is our strength and a critical factor in the success of the OHC.

It has been a real pleasure to serve as your president while attending chapter meetings and their planned events. I've learned a lot while working with so many dedicated members as they work in their never ending pursuit of the goals of the OHC. I believe every day members of the OHC are helping others that illuminate the OHC motto "Horsemen Helping Horsemen".

Our work is never done and I hope to have your support to continue the journey and the progress we've made together over the past 2 years.

So far I have been to 62 chapters and have plans to visit the remaining 6 before our November Members Meeting. If re-elected, my focus for the next 2 years will be to continue to visit chapter and state events, because it is very important for our membership to see state level officers who are showing interest in and supporting their efforts. Further, I will:

- 1. Continue to improve communications throughout the organization and encourage more members to get involved with chapter and state activities. Also, I will continue to work to provide chapters with more information that they can use to achieve their plans.*
- 2. Focus on finding additional resources for trail maintenance.*
- 3. Intensify our efforts to educate the public about the economic benefits of the equine community and inform others about the activities, contributions and benefits of the OHC.*
- 4. Grow our recruitment efforts to ensure our future continues forward with membership that represents all ages of rider, disciplines of riding and breed of equine.*

Again it has been great working as your OHC president and I thank you for efforts to make the OHC a better organization.