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Hi everyone,

Did you see some sunshine today? We could actually see our horses and mule and across the valley after so many foggy days. Just lifts the spirits to see the sun! Hope you had a great Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year. In case you haven't heard, 2014 is the Year of the Horse according to the Chinese calendar.

If you weren't able to attend the Christmas Party, you missed a good one. Of course, we had great food, that goes without saying. Thanks Robbin for cooking the turkeys. There were lots of laughs (just ask Ellen about her fuzzy balls), a fun Christmas story and an exciting poker game where we earned a potful of money for the Emmett Valley Friendship Coalition. Packaged food was taken to them as well as dog and cat food to the Pet Adoption League. Individuals were recognized for their contributions with some great awards and thanks to Nancy Schindele, there were door prizes galore. A big thanks goes to Marybeth Conger and her committee for putting it all together and thanks to Ellen & Charles for opening their home.

Rob Adams and Laurie Bryan have an exciting year planned with lots of riding and packing and work activities. You can get the list to see what's coming up but the first thing we have to do is approve a budget. Bill Conger has been working on that and shortly things will be falling into place. A number of committees have been formed but there are still lots of open spots to be filled. I'm calling people and hope you will volunteer for at least one job. You know the old saying "many hands make light work" and without your help, we won't be able to accomplish all we need.

Our yard sale is the principle money maker for the chapter and we need someone or a couple of people to serve as chair. Marybeth Conger has volunteered to help with the food. For those who haven't attended this event, you've missed a great time meeting the public, making some money and helping those of us with too much stuff to move those treasures on to someone else.

If we hold the pack clinic this year, someone will need to take that on. Rob Adams is fully committed to many other tasks so he has declined to chair this event. It would be great to get the 4-H kinds involved in this event.

As you know, I don't ride but I'll do my best as President to keep us on track and I'll always be at all events in spirit. Have a Happy New Year and hope to see you at the first meeting of the year.

Kay Ryan