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## Letter from the President

I am looking forward to autumn! Shows, cooler weather, crafting, and of course, the Annual Meeting!

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Since April, we have increased our membership by five farms. It is a good to be on the upswing in membership. I am sure when you tell people you have llamas or alpacas, you then hear something like, "Oh, the people who live over ... have about 4-5 llamas/alpacas. Do you know them?" You get the idea, my proposal is: Let's get out there to meet the "neighbors"! We are having a **membership drive contest**. We have pamphlets (let me know if you need some), go introduce yourself, invite them to a meeting and to join the association (just \$25), explain the benefits, the camaraderie, the mentorship, and educational classes. For each new paying member/farm your name will be entered into a drawing for a prize. The drawing will take place at the annual meeting. The newly paid farm membership will be for year 2018 but will also include the remaining months of this year. There is no limit to the number of entries you can have in the contest! Let's share with others our great organization!

We need you! Would you like to run for office? The open positions are Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board Member; each position is a two year term and is effective January 2018. The vote will take place via Survey Monkey and also at the Annual Meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Our association is always looking for people who not only want to commit but also want to contribute, here is your chance! Nominations will open at the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Claire-Marie Warner, FALA President*

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**Camelidynamics Clinic  
Mary McGee Bennett  
October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
FALA Member Discount**

FALA is offering our members an incredible opportunity to attend a Camelidynamics 2-day clinic at a reduced price to FALA members! The clinic will be held at the Moreland farm in Citra, FL on the last weekend in October. If you are not familiar with Marty and her teachings, please visit [www.camelidynamics.com](http://www.camelidynamics.com) to learn more.

The cost of the seminar is \$150 a day, or \$290 for both days if you register by August 28, 2017. If you register after that, the cost will increase to \$170 a day, or \$330 for both days. In addition, FALA members will receive a \$25 rebate for each day attended, to be paid after the seminar. The rebate is limited to 2 members per farm and you must be a FALA member prior to October 28, 2017. If you have attended one of Marty's clinics before, you might want to contact her about possible additional discounts.

This is a great opportunity to attend a wonderful clinic, taught by a world renowned camelid instructor, at a significant savings. Space is limited, so we suggest that you register early. To register, visit <https://www.camelidynamics.com/october-28-29-2017-two-day-clinic-in-florida-hosted-by-fala/> .

As sponsor, FALA will provide lunch and snacks. Any questions can be directed to Bruce Volling at [vollingvalley@aol.com](mailto:vollingvalley@aol.com) .

# RESCUE RUMINATIONS

FALA has once again generously donated \$500.00 to Southeast Llama Rescue. Our organization was hit hard this year with many veterinarian bills which depletes the coffers, as you well know from your own experiences. All male intakes are gelded before they can be adopted. The five males I had gelded at my house were a bargain at \$750.00. Some of our rescues arrive with existing medical needs that need to be treated. At the minimum, the llamas or alpacas need a fecal test and subsequent de-worming, if necessary. The group of eight alpacas that were surrendered here in FL as part of a cruelty case were in sad shape. Even though they are at a wonderful foster home, one mother and her cria passed away. SELR paid for the burial costs. When you foster, SELR pays for any medical costs for the animal.



When an animal is adopted they go with a halter, lead, and a "Caring for Llamas and Alpacas" book. We have taken in so many alpacas that we ran out of alpaca halters. The word was put out on Facebook and let's just say we have more than enough now!

So, these are a few examples of how your donation is put to work to help camelids not only in Florida, but across the southeast and into northern states. Many thanks to the FALA Board and members!!

~ Claudia Hammack



Butterscotch owned by member, Maxie Mertes

## SOUTHEAST LLAMA RESCUE

August 29 at 12:00pm

TEXAS! We're here to help where possible! We are willing to do what we can to help put those who can offer "go to" facilities together with those that need them. Please respond here if you need assistance as well as if you can offer space or transport.

## Camelid Vet

Dr. Sondag is a mobile vet based in Ocala. She has a lot of experience with camelids as she has treated them since 2009. Her website is [www.sondayequine.com](http://www.sondayequine.com) and she has a Facebook page, Sondag Equine. Her contact number is 904-434-4452.



## 2017 Calendar of Events

**September — FALA Meeting**—Sunday, September 17 - 1pm  
Charlene Braun's farm

### **National Alpaca Farm Days**

Check our Farm/Ranch Locator for a FALA member farm near you!

**FALA Meeting**—Sunday, September 17 - 1pm  
Turtle Run Llama Farm  
20715 County Rd 561  
Clermont, FL 34715  
352-243-0383

We will begin receiving nominations, at that time, for three officer/board positions: Secretary, Treasurer, & 1 Board! (Elections at November 12th member meeting)

- \* FALA Membership Initiative - We will be campaigning for new members from now through our November meeting. There will be prizes/incentives for your achievements in securing NEW members!!! More to follow...start your search today!
- \* FALA Calendars - Business ad cards \$25.00 Send to Mary Rose Collins your business card for the ad page. An easy way to advertise your business enterprise. Submissions by September 15th, [mrc604@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mrc604@tampabay.rr.com)