IT'S TIME FOR THE LAS DAMAS MEMBERS-ONLY CHRISTMAS RIDE AND LUNCH!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH AT RANCHO DE LOS CABALLEROS

Ride at 9:30am sharp and lunch in the Main Dining Room beginning at noon. In case of inclement weather with a ride cancellation, please meet for lunch only in the Main Dining Room at 11:30am.

HOSTS: First Year Members: Jennifer Butler, Keelyn Corbet, Lynnie Hart and Mickey Hauber

Those bringing their own horses will meet at the old airfield (follow lady signs) at 9:00am, riding out at 9:30 sharp. Those renting horses from the Ranch, meet at the corral no later than 8:00am. Renters will ride up to the airfield to meet the other riders. Renters, please do not bring your own saddle unless you have specifically arranged this in advance with Tony, the corral manager.

Enjoy a beautiful 2-hour ride and after tying up your horse back at your trailer, there will be a Ranch van to take riders to where we will be having lunch. For those renting horses, the Main Dining Room is a very short walk from the corral.

Lunch will be the full Ranch buffet including many entrée and salad selections and desserts. Lunch cost is $38 pp inclusive of tax and gratuity and exact change will be very helpful. If you'd like to 'round up' to $40 pp then we will put the extra into our donation to Cops Who Care. Alcoholic beverages and soda will be additional charges.

For those who want to book a room for the weekend, the Ranch will be offering a special rate for the room and breakfast ($330 single occupancy; $350 double; +$20 pp extra person rate for up to 4 guests per room. Tax and gratuity extra).

You will need to contact the Ranch directly to make your overnight plans. Please remember to let them know it's for the LD event. Please contact the Reservations Department at 800-684-5030. It is never too early to make your reservation.

Now on to rental horses --- each rental will be $90 for the 2-hour ride. (plus gratuity). There are also a VERY limited number of stalls for overnight rental near the corral at $30 per horse, per night (plus tax and gratuity). People wishing to leave their horse in a stall must bring their own feed.

RSVPs for anything having to do with the horses will go directly to Tony Thompson, the corral manager.

TO SUMMARIZE:

Overnight room reservations – contact the Ranch Reservation Department at 800-684-5030 and reference the Las Damas event to get the special room rate.

Lunch and ride reservations – Before December 5th, contact Mickey Hauber at

309-558-9991 or email mickeypliakos@hotmail.com.

Horse rental or stall reservations – contact Tony Thompson at 928-684-4889 before 12/5. You are welcome to also send Mickey an email so that we can be sure everyone's horse reservation has been received by the corral.

FINALLY:

One additional element that has been a great part of our holiday celebration is participating in the Cops Who Care program, providing new, unwrapped holiday toys for kids or a cash donation to this wonderful local support program. We will collect toys and/or cash at the lunch.

We are excited to have another terrific Christmas gathering and don't forget to plan some skits!!

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Hope to see everyone there!