



December 11, 2017

Dear ASHAO Member and Friends of ASHAO:

Join us for our High Point Awards Banquet and BINGO night, January 13, 2018.

Our banquet will again be a Chef's Choice Buffet at the Akron/Fairlawn Hilton Inn across from Summit Mall on Rt 18. The Hilton is about 2 miles east of I77 or 8½ miles east of the intersection of I71 and Rt 18. Enclosed you will find the Annual Awards Dinner Reservation Form, and, of course, a form for renewing your ASHAO membership.

Because so many reservations come in too late to group people by farm, we are not going to assign tables. We will make up farm signs for those farms that traditionally fill a table and place them on the registration table at the entrance to the banquet room. The first arrival from a farm can select a table and reserve the seats using these signs.

If you want your favorite picture of you and your horse in the slideshow send it to Leslie before Jan 2nd. Email image to LeslieReyn@aol.com. Candid or show pictures and "web images" created by photographers are fine! NO PHOTOGRAPHER PROOFS. (If a professional photographer put a copyright across the image it can not be used.) Just make sure the image is large enough to be projected. A clear photo with a minimum image size of 1000 pixels in width would be best. This year photos will be displayed as "paintings."

There will be no calendar this year; instead, we are going to have Kathleen Flower create banners for display at home or at shows. The banners will be 2' x 3' vinyl banners with grommets for hanging indoors or out. Additional information is on the order form attached.

We expect to have some nice auction items. There will be tables in the banquet room where you can place your auction items when you arrive. Please attach a "Donated by" card to your item so we can thank you for your support. We will have ticket bags and markers to make ticket bags for Chinese Auction items.

We will also have a themed basket silent auction again this year. Get with your barn and create a basket, the barn whose basket sells for the highest price will get a free tack stall at the ASHAO horse show.

Don't forget the Open Membership Meeting will be held at 5:00 prior to the banquet in an adjoining room and will include election of officers..

The banquet is a perfect time to renew your ASHAO Membership so you don't miss points for the early 2018 shows. A copy of the Membership form is enclosed. Consider saving postage by sending your banquet reservation and membership forms at the same time!

NEW OPTION FOR ALL ASHAO PAYMENTS:

Your payments can now be made via **PayPal**.
Use **ashaohio@gmail.com** as the recipient.

If you are receiving an award and can not attend, please have someone pick up your award(s).

See you January 13th.

Your ASHAO Board,

Stacey Bare

President