

Libbie Johnson and P. Tony Leahy added to ELCR Board.

The Equestrian Land Conservation Resource is proud to announce the naming of North Carolinian Libbie Johnson to its Board of Directors. Libbie is a life long horse lover, starting in 1961 with organizing a fan club devoted to Derby winner Carry Back. She claims to be a mosey-along rider. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, she has worn various career hats including art gallery director, school teacher, social worker and founder of Johnson-Powell Public Relations Inc. and Johnson-Powell Lecture Group.

As one who believes that "service is the rent you pay," Libbie has been involved in her communities serving in various volunteer positions with Community Development, Travel and Tourism, Planning and Zoning, PTA, Planned Parenthood and Food Rescue. She most recently was involved in planning the first National Equine Economic Summit, held in Tryon (see separate article in this issue). In equestrian circles, past and present memberships include American Horse Council, North Carolina Horse Council, North Carolina Dressage and Combined Training Association, United States Dressage Federation, United States Eventing Association, United States Equestrian Federation, Foothills Riding Club, Foothills Equestrian Trails Association, North Carolina Horse Protection Society, Cardinal II Pony Club and River Valley Pony Club. Currently, Libbie serves on the Board of Directors for the United States Pony Club. On the home front, Libbie and husband Jerry are parents of three grown children. They share a collection of middle-aged horses, motley dogs, and moody cats.

P.A. (Tony) Leahy, a resident of both Illinois and Georgia, joins Libbie as a new member of the ELCR Board. Tony sees conservation of land and access as a very important issue going into the future because he wants to see all types of equestrian activity perpetuated not only for his daughter, but also, hopefully, for his grandchildren. Tony is the Master of Foxhounds of the Fox River Valley Hunt and Cornwall Hounds. He also serves on both the Board of Directors of the Masters of Foxhounds Association and the Educational Foundation of that organization. Tony was raised in rural Ireland where he was involved in show jumping and steeplechasing. He came to the United States to further his show jumping career. When living in Illinois, Tony and his family enjoy their JoDaviess County farm and are pleased that it has a conservation easement on it so that it will stay a farm forever.

The Equestrian Land Conservation Resource is privileged to have a dedicated and committed Board of Directors that includes horse people, conservationists, writers and land conservationists. For more information on the leadership at ELCR, see the website www.elcr.org .