

I like to say that I'm a "doer" and a "talker," promoting the Tennessee Walking Horse by organizing and hosting shows, clinics, exhibitions, other gaited horse activities and getting this club off the ground. My daughters and I promote our horses by showing at local, regional and national shows, but we are not just "show people. " We also trail ride, breed a few mares and otherwise enjoy our horses. I was elected as a member of the national TWHBEA Board of Directors several years ago and am a vocal advocate representing the interests of Californians and promoting the sound, natural TWH.

In past years I have sponsored and hosted numerous gaited horse activities and events at Moondance Ranch, including horse shows and clinics that are designed to be out of the ordinary. I am always plotting something, as this list of past events and activities shows:

**2009 Planning Committee for Reinstorm, Nevada County's own horse expo
2008 Created Equitreks program for the Nevada County Land Trust
2008 Hosted Merrykhana Playday
2008 Completed 6 years of consecutive TWH demos for the Nevada County Fair
2006-2007 Organized two series of gaited schooling shows
2007 Established the Sammie's Friends Horse Fund, which provides veterinary services for "horses in need"
2007 Hosted Merrylegs TWHBEA affiliated show
2007 Co-Founder of the Merrylegs Gaited horse group
2007 Co-Captain of the Gold Country Glide riders all-gaited drill team
2005 Hosted IJA Judges' Clinic and Gold Rush Benefit Show
2004 Led TWH Exhibition for the Western States Horse Expo
2003 Hosted Playgait Day
2001 Hosted Clinispah clinic**

Before I "retired," I practiced as a corporate and securities attorney in private firms and in-house, advising clients in the financial services industry. In 2000 I retired from my position as Senior Vice President and Chief Counsel, Investment Management at Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. in San Francisco and scaled down my legal practice. I moved with my family to Grass Valley, have volunteered at the county animal shelter for 8 years and am a Director of the Nevada County Land Trust.

