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# REAL PROGRESS IS BEING MADE!

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May 1, 2015

As our fiscal year draws to a close, the members of the board of directors of the Empire Ranch Foundation would like to extend our deepest gratitude to you, XXXX for your support over the past twelve months. We are so proud of that the Adobe Haybarn seismic strengthening project is completed! Details and photos are included in the newsletter issue with this mailing.

Yet, there is so much more work that needs to be done to ensure the preservation of the historic Empire Ranch Headquarters for generations to come. Thanks to everyone who gives of their time to work on site projects or at fundraising events; your time is a precious gift. But labor alone cannot keep our western heritage alive. About 50% of our total funding comes from membership so please take a moment and send in your membership renewal for the 2015-2016 membership year. Don't forget, the ERF is a 501 c 3 designated non-profit organization and your cash gift is tax-deductible. Any amount helps us.

Again, we send our deepest gratitude to you for all you do and many thanks for your generosity. Please use the enclosed return envelope and the donation form attached to this letter. Or, you can make a donation quickly and securely on our website, just visit [www.empireranchfoundation.org](http://www.empireranchfoundation.org) and click on the "Get Involved" tab at the top.

Enjoy the spring issue of the newsletter, it is our way of keeping you in touch with preservation projects and other activities at the ranch. Please also look for our occasional email news updates and visit our website any time for the latest ERF news too.

Our next fundraiser event is scheduled for August 12 and this one is going to be a blast because we are screening John Wayne's last film, THE SHOOTIST, at the Loft Cinema including a VIP chat and book signing with Miles Swarthout, the son of Glendon Swarthout who wrote the original novel. Miles wrote the screenplay for this movie. He has also written the sequel, THE LAST SHOOTIST, telling the story of the Ron Howard character which is ready to become a TV miniseries. DON'T MISS IT!

Gratefully, Ron Martin,

Empire Ranch Foundation Board President

*\* Our Membership year runs according to our fiscal calendar July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Donations received now are applied to the 2015-2016 membership year.*

## 2015/2016 Membership Reply

*Yes, I want to help save the Empire Ranch for future generations!*

Name: First Name, Last Name (to be merged)  
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- (\$100) Wrangler
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- (\$2,500) Majordomo
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- (\$10,000) Territorial Governor
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Year-end Gift
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Please Mail To: Empire Ranch Foundation, P.O. Box 842, Sonoita, AZ 85637

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