

media, USOC board of directors, executive committee and the Athlete's Advisory Council, who received ballots.

International Assistance

Marie Gibson, or "Michelle's mom" as she identifies herself, travels to Europe as often as possible to watch and support her daughter's equestrian endeavors with the Trakehner stallion Peron. Her trip to the Aachen CDI-W in Germany this year showcased the best of European equestrian hospitality and friendship.

While walking to the vet check, a German horse spooked, kicked and then

stomped on Gibson's foot, breaking five of her toes. Seeing the incident take place, Mrs. Klaus Balkenhol later arranged for a wheelchair to transport Gibson around the show grounds. Also in the vicinity, Isabell Werth volunteered her horse's ice packs to help keep down the swelling. Once the doctor had applied the cast, Dr. Reiner Klimke offered his cot to keep Gibson from having to nap on Peron's hay bales.

When the Aachen officials learned of her injury, they invited Gibson to watch her daughter from the VIP tent. Disregarding the cast and the

pain, Gibson cheered on her daughter as she won the highest score ever achieved by an American at Aachen as well as the Best Seat Award.

Pennies From Heaven

Generating funds without cutting back on services is one of this year's key issues, not only for the federal government but also for your local Group Member Organization (GMO).

While fund-raising is necessary for most equestrian organizations, with a little ingenuity, the necessary events can be profitable as well as fun.