**CALPACA PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

 **HAPPY NEW YEAR To All.** We Older persons remember the movie, 2001: A Space Odyssey, back in the year 1968. I recall thinking back then, “Wow the year 2001 is so far off I hope I make it to then”. And here we all are in the year 2025. Well, since we have all made it this far, let’s have a great 2025 year. We, your Calpaca Board, are so excited about what is coming.

 Big plans are underway for a new combined Alpaca Shows for our members and other alpaca enthusiasts at “Cal Expo” Pavilion in Sacramento. This show will have it all, Alpaca Auction, Halter shows, Walking Fleece Show, Silent Auction, Pen sale, Social Hour and Catered Dinner to follow. All this, from April 4th to the 6th in this new year. So, mark those Calendars for the Wild West Alpaca Show and the Golden West Alpaca Expo. And don’t forget Gold Country and the Classic Show and the Fleece extravaganza show later in the year.

 The connection newsletter is back in swing and online. Your Calpaca Website is taking on a fresh new look. New training for members is coming along with our in person meetings. We have added a new youth participation event.

 We are so proud to have had a 20% increase in Calpaca Membership in 2024 and know we are going to increase membership in 2025. Let’s all once again look to sponsor new members to our organization and get them involved. Don’t forget to renew your membership.

 Volunteering has increased with our members on our committees and the upcoming new shows. Volunteering is so important to a non-profit organization. It brings members together, provides cost savings, provides new ideas, and creates a means of completing the job without struggling by a few. So please, please, please volunteer if you can, and where you can.

Check out our new committees and committee members.

 Have a fantastic 2025 Dave Scroggins, 2025 Calpaca President