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CDA is a USDF member, and the GMD's members are automatically USDF Group Members.

December 2005 President's Message

Holiday Greetings to you all! The awards scores are being tallied in preparation for our Annual Meeting and Awards Party, to be held this time on February 11, 2006. There will be more information in this issue. This gives us a celebration to look forward to after all the Thanksgiving-Christmas-Hanukkah crush, kind of like the last fence on a cross-country course. Don't let your energy down on January 2!

At the Annual Meeting this year, the membership will be voting on some changes in the CDA by-laws. You will receive a copy of the proposed changes in the mail by the end of December 2005. The full text will be available on-line. You will also be asked to approve a slate of directors for the Club. We have some openings on the Board and are eager to hear from any interested members. Of course, you are all welcome to attend any Board meeting. The dates and times are available on the website.

If you are considering volunteering for a CDA event, why not start with our party? We always need extra hands to set up, to monitor the silent auction (and we can always use donations of goods and services!), to greet people, and help with awards. If you are shy, or new to the club, this is a great way to get involved. We will also have a sign-up sheet at the party listing all activities planned for 2006 if you want to help out.

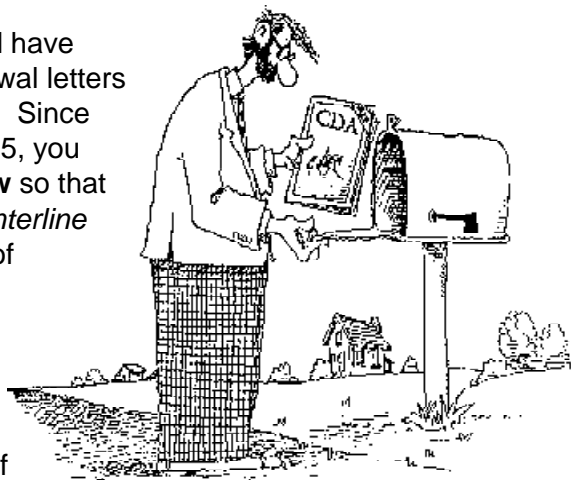
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the CDA Directors for their constant energy and enthusiasm in leading the Club at a consistently high level, and also a special thanks to our sponsors, The Equestrian Centre for our recognized show, and Double L Equine Express for our schooling show awards. We are fortunate to have their support, and to have these events which bring us and our horses together to have fun.

All best to you and yours for a healthy and happy 2006.

Leslie

Ed. Note: All current CDA members should have received their 2006 CDA membership renewal letters which Heidi Nottelman mailed mid October. Since CDA's membership year expires 12-31-2005, you are encouraged to mail in your renewal **now** so that you will continue to receive the monthly *Centerline* newsletter and our upcoming 2006 edition of *OMNIBUS*. If you have not received your renewal letter please contact Heidi at 860-564-0214 or email her at

Membership@ctdressageassoc.org. Also, feel free to use the membership form included in this issue. Make a few copies of the membership form and pass them along to a few friends...CDA welcomes new members!



Don't forget to check your Centerline for your 2006 Membership form

2005 Calendar of Events

December 12, 2005

Board Meeting
Fern Feldman
203-272-0711
Secretary@ctdressageassoc.org

Annual CDA Party and 2005 Awards Celebration

February 11, 2006
RSVP to Leslie Weiss
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SILENT AUCTION @ YEAR-END AWARDS PARTY

We are looking for items for our "Silent Auction" table at the Year-End Awards Party. Horsy items, non-horsy items, and "services" are some ideas to consider. We had some wonderful donations last year....THANK YOU for your donations of riding lessons, fly whisks, leather therapy, wormer, supplements, books, pads, equine and people massages, sports psychology session, reiki session, clothing, kitchen ware, variety baskets, artwork, jewelry and more! Please take a moment and look around ...hopefully you'll find something you might wish to donate this year! Remember all proceeds from the Silent Auction will help reduce member costs for future CDA education clinics in 2006. You will also be sent a letter acknowledging your donation for tax purposes.

Please contact Heidi Nottelman before January 15th if you have an item to donate – please have a description of the item and a 'retail' value (for purposes of the auction forms and taxes). If you have any questions – email from the Contacts Link on the CDA web page <http://ctdressageassoc.org/>, or call Heidi at (860) 564-0214.

Thank you for helping support dressage education!
Heidi



2005 Annual CDA Party and Awards Celebration

This is a busy time of year.....take a moment now to mark your 2006 calendar and RSVP. Below you will find the updated information about our **Annual CDA Party and 2005 Awards Celebration on Feb. 11th**.

Who: ~ All current CDA members (you may bring your spouse or a guest)

What: ~ Catered buffet dinner courtesy of CDA ~ B.Y.O.B. please ~ setups and soda provided
~ Please bring a dessert if your last name begins with M-Z (next year...A-L)

~ **Guest speaker: LENDON GRAY**

CDA member Lendon Gray makes her home in Bedford, NY. It is here where she owns and operates her successful training facility "Glendon Dressage". Lendon is a world-class rider, former Olympian and well-known trainer who enjoys teaching riders of all levels.

Lendon's topic will be: ***"And, What are YOUR Goals?"***

~ **Silent auction:** This was a very popular attraction at last year's party! All proceeds will help to reduce member costs for future CDA clinics.

~ Door prizes ~ Meet new friends ~ See old friends ~ Have a great time!

When: Saturday evening, February 11th, 2005 at 6pm.

Where: Cheshire, CT- home of Fern and Barry Feldman at 890 Mountain Road

Why: To celebrate **YOU**, the members of CDA and to honor our 2005 Year-end Award Winners.

RSVP: If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Leslie Weiss **before Wednesday, Jan. 26th**.

Phone: 203-777-1950

Email: lesweiss47@yahoo.com (Please type "Party" in subject line)

Directions:

From I-84: take exit 26. At end of ramp, go right, towards Cheshire, on Routes 68/70. Follow 70 (68 goes to the right), then make a right onto Mountain Road, right after a gas station. Go straight on Mountain Road; stop sign; go straight for 6/10's of a mile more. White ranch; circular drive; 890 Mountain Road, 203-272-0711.

From New Haven: take 91 North to exit 10. Follow the "connector", route 40, to the end. Make a right onto Route 10, go about 8 minutes. Make a left onto Higgins Road, go to the very end, stop sign. Make a left onto Mountain Road, go 6/10's of a mile. White ranch; circular drive; 890 Mountain Road, 203-272-0711.