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President's Message

2005 is coming in with an exciting array of opportunities for CDA members. You can look forward to three clinics, five or six schooling shows, and our recognized show. The annual members' party is just around the corner on Saturday, February 5th. Lendon Gray will be our featured speaker this year. You have until January 26 to RSVP. Remember that we will be holding our silent auction again and we will be accepting donations until January 26. You will also get to meet the CDA-sponsored team that competed so successfully at Lendon's Youth Festival. Please look inside this issue for more information about the party.

Thanks to those of you who have already sent in their CDA 2005 membership renewals. Your early response is much appreciated. We also have many new folks joining our ranks. I want to remind you all that our membership year begins January 1. Please send in your dues as soon as you can to maintain your continuity and eligibility for all of our activities. (Membership form included in this issue)

One of your membership benefits is your copy of the CDA Omnibus, which is being assembled during the month of January. There is still time to place an ad. You can list shows and clinics that you hold at your facility, place a "thank you" or "we are proud of you" notice, or let your fellow members know about a service that you may provide. Contact John Gordon for more information (omnibus@ctdressageassoc.org).

Lastly, you may notice that your President's message is being written by Leslie Weiss. Sadly, Nancy Blanchard has had to resign as President of CDA. She will be continuing on the board and will be running three of our schooling shows in 2005. A true powerhouse, Nancy has led us to new heights of morale, to a significant expansion of activities and a growing membership. We cannot thank her enough for her contribution and I will do my best to keep things running smoothly.

Happy New Year to you all,

Leslie

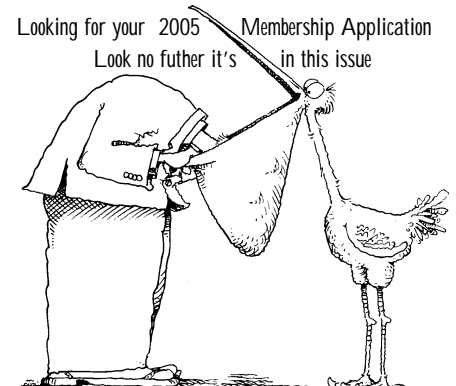
SILENT AUCTION @ YEAR-END AWARDS PARTY

We are looking for items for our "Silent Auction" table at the Year-End Awards Party. Horsy items, non-horsy items, and "services" (i.e. riding lessons, massages, etc) are some ideas to consider. We had some wonderful donations last year! Please take a moment and look around you home...hopefully you'll find something you might wish to donate! Remember all proceeds from the Silent Auction will help reduce member costs for future CDA education clinics in 2005. You will also be sent a letter acknowledging your donation for tax purposes.

Please contact Heidi Nottelman or Leslie Weiss before January 15th if you have an item to donate or if you have any questions – email us from the Contacts Link on the CDA web page <http://ctdressageassoc.org/>, or call Heidi at (860) 564-0214.

Thanks for helping!

Heidi and Leslie



2005 Calendar of Events

January 12, 2004

Board Meeting
Fern Feldman
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January 30, 2005

Omnibus Proofreading
10 AM - 12 Noon
Fern Feldman
203-272-0711
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February 5, 2005

CDA Annual Party & Awards Celebration
Contact: Leslie Weiss
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Hoofprints Corner

By Vickie Hammers-O'Neil

New to the Centerline in 2004 was the "Hoofprints Corner." This column gave you, as a CDA member, an opportunity to tell everyone about that special horse in your life.

In response to the Hoofprints Corner, the Centerline received two great stories. Meegan Horan's story, "A.F. Debussy (aka Andy's Story) appeared in the June, 2004 issue, and Heidi Nottelmann contributed "From Fear to Folly to Felicity" to the October, 2004 newsletter.

These contributors to the "Corner" will be receiving the Hoofprints award at the 2004 Annual CDA Party and Awards Celebration on Saturday, February 5th. We hope you will join us for this festive occasion!

Thanks to Meegan and Heidi for sharing their stories.



My Experience at the 2004 Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival

This year I competed as a part of the CDA sponsored team, The Grand Prix Wanna-Be's. Our team was comprised of four members, Mae Janiga, Desiree Bilobeau, Helana Smith, and me. The overall experience at the show was incredibly positive. Not only was I fortunate enough to compete on a horse that was generously on loan to me from Leslie Weiss, and who could not have been any more fun to compete or any better behaved, but I was also able to compete with a truly wonderful group of team members. The show had a positive energy flowing through it and I was impressed with the conduct and energy of all of the competitors and volunteers. For me, this was the first time in a few years that I was able to compete at the Youth show with a team. The friendships that all of the members developed were very important to the overall camaraderie of the team, and aided greatly in the overall experience of the show. We all worked together and complemented each other's strength's quite well. Knowing that we were in a competitive environment, it took no small amount of trust in one another and have faith in our own talents to compete to the fullest of our abilities alongside our team mates. I cannot wait until next year when I will again get to compete at this show with a team.

Until Then,
Kate Lussier

Are You A Missing Person?

Uh, oh!! Is your name missing from this list of CDA Members for 2005 (compiled on December 25, 2004)? Did you forget to renew your CDA membership? If so, this will be your last issue of the *Centerline*, you won't be eligible for Year-End Awards, and worse your copy of the 2004 Omnibus, practically hot off the presses, will molder lonely in its carton. Better root through all that stuff on your desk and find your renewal form - or better still use the one in this *Centerline*. We'll be waiting for your prompt reply before **January 15, 2004**

Anhalt , Emily	Feldman , Fern	Malafronte-Alfano , Rhonda	Rosenthal , Thorn
Aquilio , Tami	Fiano , Lisa	Malin , Timothy	Rossetti , Arianna
Bain , Mary Beth	Flagg , Lisa	Mangini , Teresa	Rossetti , Jody S.
Bartkus , Shannon	Fletcher , Marguerite	Manion , Tara	Rossi , Stephanie
Baumert , Jennifer	Fostyni , Heathir	March , Kerrie	Schmitz , Bernice
Beardsley , Ruth	Giordano , Cynthia	Markham , Suzanne	Schmitz , Anthony
Benevento , Nicole	Goldblatt , Patricia	Martucci , Heather	Serbent , Michelle
Boyd , Jillian	Gordon , Marcie	Matthewson , Cheryl	Severn , Marian
Brakeman , Jill	Gordon , John	Mixson , Mady	Sheeran , Patricia
Braverman , Elizabeth	Gray , Lendon	Negri , Ashley	Sigfridson , Laurie Davis
Braverman , Barbara	Greelish , Kevin	Nottelman , Heidi	Simpson , Jill Karas
Braverman , Amanda	Hahn-Roberts , Esther	Nunes , Barbara	Sims , Bernard R.
Braverman , Alan	Hamilton , Cornelia W.	Nygren , Victoria	Smith , Esther
Caffrey , Karen	Hammers-O'Neil , Vicki	Oliveri , Carol	Sorrentino , Tracy
Carleton , Roberta	Hoag , Meredith	O'Neil , Erin	Storch , Sara
Cassella , Robin	Horan , Meegan	Palumbo , Mary	Swingle , Amy
Cogan , Carol Ann	Horn , Karen	Palumbo , Robert	Szepesi , Alix
Crafts , Sybille	Howe , Peter	Paolillo , Cynthia Clarke	Szepesi , Patrice
Crafts , Frederica	Jensen , Doreen	Papp , Linda	Szumowski , Erin
Currie , Barbara	Johnson , Alison G.	Perlstein , Marla	Thomson , Robin Barrett
Davidson , Theresa	Karako , Beverly	Plaut , Ted	Tortora , Margery
Deluca , Elida	Kennedy , Diane	Proll , Dennis	Updegraph , Fritzie
Deluca , Kristen	King , Constance	Rabinowitz , Sandy	Voytovich , Glenna
Dunbar , Lee	Kingsley , Jennifer L.	Reardon , Laura	Wallace , Jamison
Dunbar , Donna	Lambert , Linda K.	Reed , Carolyn Denton	Weiner , Lisa
Durham, DVM , Tracy A.	Leary , Virginia	Reid , Beverly B.	Weiss , Leslie
Eisenstadt , Amy	Lee , Grace	Reinhardt , Steve	Whitcomb , Laura
Elliot , Emily	Lee , Abigail Emily	Reinhardt , Debra	Wynn , Karen
Elliott , Pam	Leonessa , Donna	Riedel , Kristen	
Evans , Marisa	Lorczak , Marissa	Rogers , Mary Chris	

2004 Annual CDA Party and Awards Celebration

This is a busy time of year.....take a moment now to mark your 2005 calendar and RSVP. Below you will find the updated information about our **Annual CDA Party and 2004 Awards Celebration on Feb. 5th**.

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 5th, 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 2004 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.

All articles are to be submitted by the 15th of the month. They can be mailed to me at:

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or

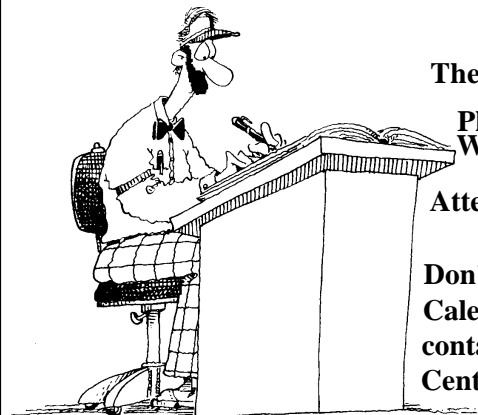
They can be Emailed to me at Centerline@ctdressageassoc.org

Please send them as an Attachment in either Word for Windows, WordPerfect, RTF or in a plain text file Format if possible.

Attention Show and Clinic Organizers, Trainers, Stables and Organizations:

Don't forget to send us information about your activities for the 2005 CDA Calendar of Events!!! Send a one-line description, dates, locations, and contact person's name and phone number. We'll be delighted to include it in Centerline's regular calendar at no cost.

Thanks,
John



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Don't look like this when you realize that you have forgotten your CDA Membership renewal and won't be receiving your February *Centerline!!*

Fill out your Application Today!!



Centerline

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CDA Newsletter for January, 2005

CDA BOARD MEETING Wednesday January 12, 2005 at 6:15 PM
Call Fern Feldman at 203-272-0711 or Email - Secretary@ctdressageassoc.org for directions.