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President's Message

The smell of Fall is in the air...It is a nice time to cozy up to a fireplace with a cup of hot cider and read some of those books that have been neglected all summer. The Region 8 Championships are also now complete. Congratulations to all CDA members who placed in the Championships!!!

Save the date!! The Annual Awards Party will be held on January 26, 2008. CDA will again be running our elections for the Board of Directors at the party. If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact myself (president@ctdressageassoc.org) or Fern Feldman (fern@cox.net) before December 1, 2007. We have 3 to 4 positions available that are two-year terms. We will provide more information in each of the next two Centerlines. Please remember that our Board meetings are always open to all CDA members, and we are happy to have you join us. If you are interested in joining the Board, why not check out the next meeting to see if it is something you might like to be a part of. Perhaps you would also be interested in joining one of our committees. We are a great group and would love to have some new faces!

We have a fantastic clinic planned for this month with Alison End. It will be held on Sunday October 28th, 2007 at Rendezvous Farm in Litchfield, CT.

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Last Issue of Centerline

Ed. Note: All current CDA members should have received their 2008 CDA membership renewal letters which Heidi Nottelman mailed in early September. Since CDA's membership year expires 10-31-2007 this is your last issue of Centerline for the current membership year. You are encouraged to mail in your renewal **now** so that you will continue to receive the monthly *Centerline* newsletter and our upcoming 2008 edition of OMNIBUS. If you have not received your renewal letter please contact Heidi at 860-779-7816 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!



2007 Calendar of Events

October 7, 2007

CDA Schooling Show
R Folly Farm
Morris, CT
Contact:
Nancy Blanchard
860-283-8748

October 14, 2007

Grandview Stables Schooling Show
Columbia, CT
Contact:
Alena Orszak
860-228-5021
alenagvs@sbcglobal.net

October 14, 2007

Open House
Crossen Arabians & Warmbloods
Coventry, Ct
R.S.V.P.
(860)742-6486 or email to:
susanrca@msn.com

October 21, 2007

Southlands Foundation
TSF Schooling Dressage Show III
Rhinebeck, NY
Contact:
845-876-4862

October 25, 2007

CDA Board Meeting 6:15 pm
Fern Feldman
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Secretary@ctdressageassoc.org

October 27, 2007

Dressage/Combined Test Halloween
Schooling Show
Mistover
Pawling, NY
Contact:
www.mistoverllc.com

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October is a lovely time of year to visit Litchfield. The clinic will be an introduction to the Eckart Meyners' method and proper use of the Balimo chair. It will be very useful to those, myself included, who are looking to perfect their seat and make it more effective. Join us for some Fall socializing and education! If you would like to volunteer at this clinic, please give Kari a call or e-mail her at rkhotshoe@aol.com.

Thank you to all those who have renewed their memberships so quickly, and have taken time to fill out and return the surveys. We are in the process of planning for next year, and this information is extremely important in our decision making. If you have not sent your membership renewal or survey back yet be sure to do so. We look forward to receiving your comments and suggestions.

We are starting to gather items for our silent auction as well as our GMO basket for the USDF convention in December. If you have any items that you would like to donate for the auction or basket, please let us know. The proceeds from the silent auction are used to fund educational activities for you. We would appreciate anything that you might like to donate. Please contact myself or Heidi Nottelman (membership@ctdressageassoc.org) if interested.

Bye for now! See you at the clinic!
Chris

A Letter from One Our Members

Dear CDA Board,

Thank all of you for supporting and organizing and sponsoring and feeding the Young Riders representing CDA for Lendon's Youth Festival this year, as well as the rest of us who get to go.

I saw a lot of you at the show. It is a wonderful experience to get to go with the CDA team and I loved the way some of the team members dealt with, things not going quite right, gracefully.

While at the show, I was the lucky recipient of a team hat and shirt, which was very nice.

*Thank you,
Debbie Murphy*

Sunday, August 12th, 2007
Connecticut Dressage Association
Schooling Show

Rendezvous Farm @ Thunder Ridge Farm

Results

High Point Awards:

Jr/YR: Jannice Gray riding Jorrit 66.8%

AA: Lori Chatfield riding Cathari 64.0%

Intro A

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Lori Chatfield	Cathari		64	1
Joanne Mugavero	JJ Lucky Touch		51.5	2
Marcia Blake	Molly		50	3

Intro B

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Lori Chatfield	Cathari		63	1
Peter Rosow	Noah		60.5	2
Joanne Mugavero	JJ Lucky Touch		60	3
Marcia Blake	Molly		56.5	4

Training 1

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Helena Smith	Dewy		61.3	1
Peter Rosow	Noah		53.92	2
Heidi Beaumont	Fernhill Silver Springs		53.93	3
Olivia Barry			53.54	4
Elaine Tobiasz	Izabelle		50.45	5

Training 2

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jannice Gray	Jorrit		66.8	1
Helena Smith	Dewy		61.4	2
Heidi Beaumont	Fernhill Silver Springs		59.6	3
Olivia Barry			59.6	4
Katie Grahn	Mocha		57.1	5
Meghan Licata	Oberon		52.5	6
Elaine Tobiasz	Izabelle		47.1	

Training 3

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Alison Johnson	Apropos		64.4	1
Kari Bradford	Briar Ba		63.6	2

Training 4

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jannice Gray	Jorrit		66	1
Kari Bradshaw	Briar Bay		62.8	2
Krystine Schrom	SMF Phantasia		59.6	3
Meghan Licata	Oberon		56	4

First 1

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Krystine Schrom	SMF Phantasia		59.7	1
Jennifer Ford	Bonny Doon		57	2
Pam Korsmeyer	Toscano		52.7	3

First 2

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Pam Korsmeyer	Toscano		57.2	1

First 4

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jennifer Ford	Bonny Doon		53.2	1

Second 4

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Mary Sue McGuirk	Nebrijo		50	1

Third 1

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Eliza Jackson	Lexus		58.7%	1

PSG

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Alison Johnson	Rendezvous		60.8	1

Dressage Seat Equitation

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Katie Grahn	Mocha		61.25	1

USDF Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame

September 15, 2006 (Lexington, KY) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) will induct Major General Jonathan "Jack" Burton, Hilda Gurney, and Edgar Hotz into the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame (HOF) at the Salute Gala on November 30, 2007 during the Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in Orlando, FL. Inclusion in the HOF is an honor bestowed on those who have made outstanding contributions to dressage in the United States.

Major General Jonathan "Jack" Burton, 88 years young, can still be seen traveling across the country officiating as a USEF "S" Judge, USEF "R" Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judge, and as an FEI Chief Steward. A true pioneer of the sport, Burton attended the U.S. Cavalry School at Ft. Riley in Kansas and went on to spend over sixty years promoting dressage in the United States. Burton's influence upon dressage encompasses riding on two U.S. Olympic 3-day teams (1948 and 1956), officiating as an international judge, technical delegate, and FEI steward, and in helping to develop programs for the young rider and North American Young Rider Championships.

Hilda Gurney, 64, is an active competitor, breeder, trainer, FEI "I" Judge, USEF "S" Judge, USEF "R" Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judge, and tireless supporter of dressage. Her career in dressage spans four decades including her involvement in the founding of California Dressage Society, competing in the 1976 and 1984 Olympics with her self-trained horse, Keen, who has been inducted into the USDF Hall of Fame, numerous judging assignments, national and international, being named the first recipient of the USDF Breeder of the Year Award and her boundless enthusiasm as an advocate of dressage.

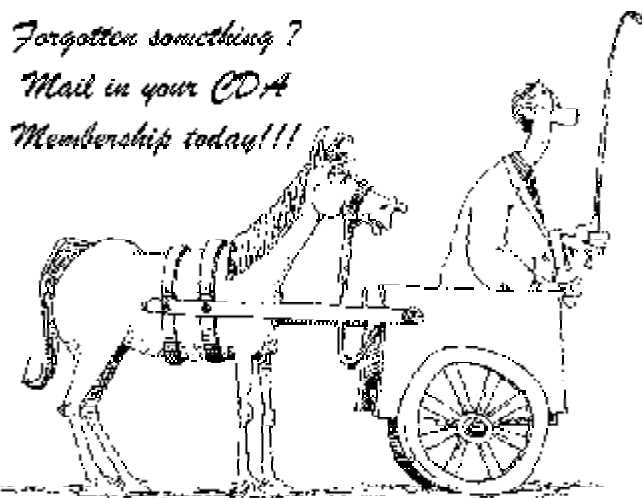
Edgar Hotz (1941-2001), was a respected international dressage judge and strong proponent of judge education. His judging career spanned over 30 years and included U.S. Olympic Selection Trials, World Cup League Finals, U.S. Olympic Festivals, and North American Young Riders Championships. Hotz's persistent passion to

provide education for judges was evident through his deep involvement in the USDF "L" Program, AHSA (now USEF) Dressage Committee, USET Dressage Committee, and German Judges Association.

Individuals inducted into the HOF have made outstanding contributions to the development of dressage in the U.S. through their creativity, originality, vision, and sustained effort. Horses inducted into the HOF have made outstanding contributions to dressage through their competition records in dressage or dressage sport horse breeding, and/or served as ambassadors of the sport.

Each year, the USDF Historical Committee invites members to nominate worthy candidates for the HOF. All nominations are thoroughly reviewed, researched, and discussed by the committee. The committee's recommendations are considered for approval by the Executive Board. A display of all HOF inductees, including the 2007 inductees, will reside in the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame located in the USDF National Education Center at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Information about the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame can be obtained by contacting the USDF Historical Committee Liaison (859) 971-2277 or by email at halloffame@usdf.org.



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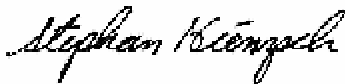
Dear Connecticut Dressage Association,

On behalf of the United States Dressage Federation and Region 8, we gratefully acknowledge your generous donation of \$436.00 in support of the FEI NAJYRC Program, which was received in our office 8/6/2007.

As a friend of riders, thank you for your strong show of support to promote and recognize their pursuit of excellence.

Again, please accept our sincere appreciation of your gift.

Best regards,



Stephan Hienzsch
USDF Executive Director

cc: Ms. Fern Feldman
Region 8 Director



USDF will present a Lifetime Achievement Award

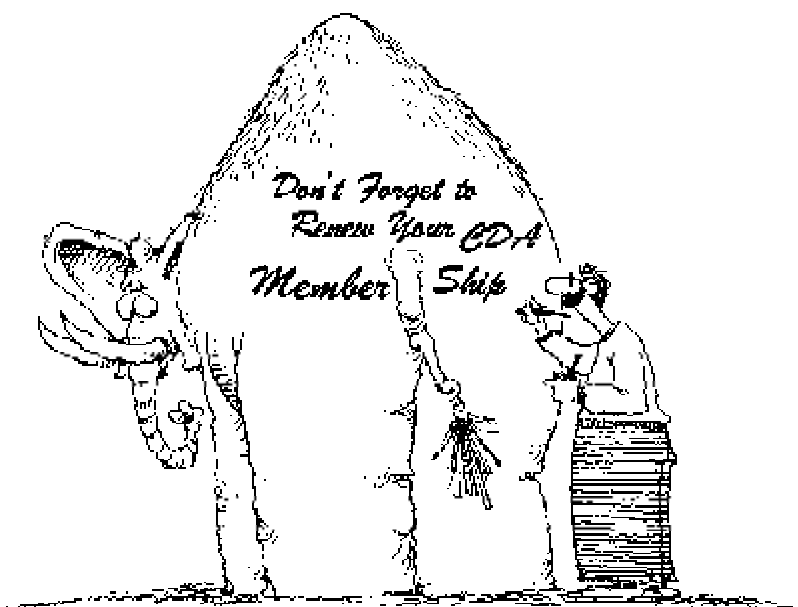
September 24, 2007 (Lexington, KY) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) will present a Lifetime Achievement Award to Ellin Dixon Miller at the Salute Gala, on November 30, 2007, at the Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in Orlando, FL. Award winners are those who have shown a lifetime of dedication to USDF through volunteering and developing programs, projects, and committees that have contributed to USDF's mission. They also have a long history of membership in USDF.

Ellin Dixon Miller, during her presidency (1994-1999), was a transforming force. Her leadership and communication skills helped create a strong working relationship between USDF and AHSA/USET. The USDF Hall of Fame, Instructor Certification program, Young Rider Program, FEI Level Trainers Conference, Breeder's Championships, and the *USDF Connection* all got their start during Ellin's presidential terms. Today, USDF's permanent home at the National Educational Center at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington is a culmination of Ellin's vision and groundwork during her presidency.

USDF President Sam Barish said: "Many of USDF and the U.S. Equestrian Federation's joint accomplishments today, working in partnership together, are due in large part to Ellin's leadership in laying the foundation for joint efforts between the two organizations. In so many ways, she set a very good example of how to lead USDF to achieve its goals."

Each year, the USDF Historical Committee invites USDF members to nominate worthy candidates for Lifetime Achievement Awards (LAA). All nominations are thoroughly reviewed, researched, and discussed by the committee. The committee's recommendations are considered for approval by the Executive Board. A display of all LAA recipients, including Ellin Dixon Miller, will reside in the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame in the USDF National Education Center.

Information about the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame and LAAs can be obtained by contacting the USDF Historical Committee liaison at (859) 971-2277 or by e-mail at halloffame@usdf.org.



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



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

In the Subject line: Centerline

Please send them as an Attachment in either Word for Windows, WordPerfect, RTF or in a plain text file Format if possible. Files should be less than 1mb in size.

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

Don't forget to send us information about your activities for the 2003 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**

My horse's feet are as swift as rolling thunder He carries me away from all my fears. And when the world threatens to fall asunder His mane is there to wipe away my tears.

~Bonnie Lewis

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