



The Reader



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UPCOMING EVENTS

(For full calendar of events, see the online calendar at centerlinedressage.com)

November 30 - December 4

USDF Convention
@ San Diego, CA
usdf.org

December 10- 11

Susanne von Dietze Clinic
at StarWest
Contact: Alice Martin
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December 10

CLD Christmas Party
at Judy Nordstrom's House
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The purposes of CenterLine Dressage: "to promote interest in and further the knowledge of dressage; to conduct dressage events and activities; to provide educational forums" from the Bylaws of CenterLine Dressage, adopted August 1983.

Dear Members and Friends of CLD,

We will celebrate our 40th year as a dressage club throughout 2012. Although it will be a celebratory year, it will also present many challenges. Our membership numbers are not as healthy as they should be.

You might ask, "Why does this matter?"

It matters because our representation within U.S. Dressage Federation is determined by our number of members; it matters because we cannot

continue to provide access to schooling and approved shows, youth programs, fabulous clinicians, and other programs without the support of strong member participation.

Let's have a "CLD Challenge for 2012!" Whether you are an individual member, a family member, or a junior member, you probably know at least one person who loves horses but does not belong to CLD. Invite them to join us - - - tell them what our programs are like, explain how



easy it is to audit a clinic. One does not have to compete in shows, or even have a horse, in order to appreciate what dressage training can do for all breeds and styles of riding. You don't need to be a rider to help put up a dressage ring or be a ring steward. For example, my horse passed away several years ago. I had not shown him since the mid-1980's, but I still enjoy seeing what others are doing with their horses, still enjoy watching and listening to the fabulous clinicians CLD has brought to our area.

As our clinician and Awards Banquet speaker Sarah Geike said - - - "we do this because we love horses." Let's all try to reach out to more friends and family, and share with them what we have learned and enjoyed as CLD has matured through these past 40 years.

There is one person among us who is responsible for this growth and maturation; one person who kept us going through the '35 degree with sleet' schooling shows, the show ring set up with concrete blocks and warped 2 x 4s, the judge sitting in a trailer that had seen better days: Alice Martin. Thank you, Alice.

Please feel free to communicate any ideas, comments, or criticisms, to me, Nancy Simpson, 217-793-6810 or president@centerlinedressage.com

40th ANNIVERSARY CHAIRMAN REPORT BY ALICE MARTIN

This time I will discuss the history of dressage shows in central Illinois. (Remember from last month that the Father of American Dressage, Chuck Grant, believed he held the first civilian dressage competition at his Plush Horse Stables in Chicago. The USDF Hall of Fame lists the date at 1947. I remember him telling me 1949. But you have the era. By 1970 the largest dressage show in the nation was Chicagoland Dressage held on the International Harvester grounds with five rings.)

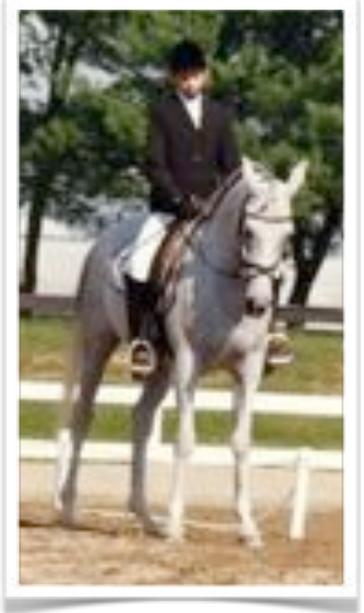
As far as I know, the 1970 Hinterlands Dressage, held at my parents' Star M Stables in Watson, Illinois, was the first dressage show south of Chicago. It was pretty much a schooling show for my students, but the eventing Chapin girls, Anne and Sally, came from Chatham and became students. It continued as an ever growing schooling show until my move in 1975 to Springfield.

I had begun teaching once a month in the St. Louis area and encouraged the group there to form a club under the leadership on Sonja Kershaw. (SLADS affiliated with the brand new USDF in 1972.) As I did not have an indoor arena, I also taught weekly in Centralia at Dr. Jack Frost's arena and in the Decatur area at several arenas including

Big Creek run by the Decatur Park District.

Competitors came to the Hinterlands from these locations plus Elaine Gibala's (Powell) students from the Champaign area and Genelle Bishop's (Royer) students from the Peoria area.

While at the University of Illinois (1965-1969), several equine veterinary students and I revived the Intramural Riding Club which pretty much died with the



Once upon a time those CLD members who had Arabian dressage horses enjoyed showing at Arabian Dressage at the Park, ADAP, at the Kentucky Horse Park, a show that ran from 1988 to 1994. A gang from Springfield ran the show for the International Arabian Horse Association initially and then for the Kentucky Arabian Horse Association, enjoying competition against riders from as many as 19 States and Canada and money for all six places furnished by AT & T. A member of the Jacksonville Chapter, Lindsay Andras is shown on her own Star Lady Love at ADAP around 1993.



Nancy Hall, a Springfield Chapter member on StarWest's Star Sir Truth at the Illinois/ARAB, Inc. All-Arabian Dressage in June 1993. That show continues today in conjunction with Arabian Horse Association's Region XI Dressage Championships managed by CLD member, John Simpson, also the manager of the CLD Classic I and II. It is, once again, five days of All-Arabian Dressage. Two other All-Arabians offered dressage classes at the Fairgrounds each year for several years in the '80's and early '90's: the Northern Illinois Arabian Horse Activity Club in May and the Abu All-Arabian in September. For several years these multi-ring shows were held in the infield of the racetrack at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Arabian dressage competition started in the Midwest at the Illinois All-Arabian in 1976 offering Training through Second Level. Eight horses were entered, 21 rides were shown, and Alice Martin rode 14 of the rides.

elimination of the US horse Cavalry in 1951. U of I had Cavalry ROTC that had been housed in Busey Hall, my old dormitory at college. They represented U of I at ROTC competitions. Investigating Busey Hall's history led to an application to reinstate the IRC as a civilian organization. (Those in the Springfield area will know equine vet Karl Luthin and most of CLD know our Classic secretary, Jeanne Craver. They were both members of IRC which continued for some years

with a few students from that club also participating at the Hinterlands.)

With the 1975 move to Springfield and the help of the Chapins, our shows took off in a big way in conjunction with the Windridge Farm Horse Trials and became rated by the USEF, then named American Horse Shows Association. Eventers came from all over the Midwest to attend. As mentioned last month, the June event had open dressage with CLD members and Al Khamsa supporters furnishing up to five rings in the infield of the Illinois State Fairgrounds racetrack to accommodate those large shows starting in 1976.

StarWest added Al Khamsa Fall Dressage to the Springfield dressage circuit in 1979. CLD began the CenterLine Classic, at StarWest in 1982. For several years the Jacksonville chapter of CLD hosted the CLD Jacksonville show in July. That gave the area a rated show in June, July, August and September. The Jacksonville group decided after a couple of shows that they enjoyed their potlucks together a lot and putting on the rated show, not. The show was dropped.

Over the years we had a number of chapters as the distance to a central meeting grew too difficult. East was basically the Champaign area. North Central was the Peoria area. Springfield was obvious. South was below Springfield and Champaign. Jacksonville and Quad Cities were self-explanatory. Great River was on both sides of the Mississippi near Quincy and Nauvoo. The only time all chapters got together was for the Education Days which featured a subsidized clinician of national stature that was beyond the pocketbook of individual farms or chapters.

Because of the superior facilities of the Illinois State Fairgrounds, the Springfield Chapter ended up doing the most shows and clinics. Thus the Springfield members of the Board were attending double meetings, for the Chapter and for whole Club. A few years ago the chapters were disbanded and the By-Laws were revised to reflect this change in governance in 2010.

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Susanne von Dietze

At StarWest December 10 & 11, 2011



CenterLine Dressage and StarWest are proud to present Susanne von Dietze, author of the bestselling book and DVD *BALANCE IN MOVEMENT* and most recently the book *RIDER & HORSE BACK TO BACK* and two new follow-up DVDs. Von Dietze is a featured education presenter at the 2011 Adequan/USDF National Convention & Symposium, November 30th through December 4th, in San Diego, California.

Von Dietze describes her session, entitled "Analyzing the Seat of the Rider," as follows: "Every rider has his own unique individual conformation and his own way of moving. A correct, balanced and supple seat is the base of effective rider's aids. To be able to sit correctly, the rider needs to balance on top of a moving horse with the least effort. Learning to ride therefore contains many balance reflexes and automatic reactions of the body. Analyzing the rider's seat is an important tool to understand how a rider can use and train his abilities, how he can find causes for difficulties, ways to correct them, and improve his communication with his horse. In this presentation I want to show ways of analyzing the rider's seat by using the criteria of rhythm, balance, and suppleness."

Prior to the Convention & Symposium, von Dietze is giving a clinic at the Middle Ranch in Lake View Terrace, California (November 28-29). Following the Convention & Symposium she has clinics in Chicago (December 8-9) and Springfield, Illinois (December 10-11).

All of Susanne von Dietze's acclaimed books and DVDs will be available for purchase at the StarWest lunch lectures.

	Saturday, Sunday
8:00 am	Lesson 1
8:45 am	Lesson 2
9:30 am	Lesson 3
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am	Lesson 4
11:15 am	Lesson 5
noon	Lunch & Lecture
2:00 pm	Lesson 6
2:45 pm	Lesson 7
3:00 pm	Break
3:15 pm	Lesson 8
4:00 pm	Lesson 9

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Fees	
CLD Member Lesson Fee	\$140
Non-CLD Member Lesson Fee	\$150
Auditing (1 Day)	\$10
Auditing (2 Days)	\$17
Lunch (RSVP by 12.7.11)	\$8

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MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Alice Martin called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m on November 5, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alice Martin, Katie Keim, Kathi Cannon, Paula Briney, Kate Fleming-Kuhn, Martin Kuhn, Kelly Griffith, Judy Nordstrom, Leslie Burket, Marilyn Weber, and Nancy Simpson. Marie Meadows joined via telephone for the presentation of the Treasurer's report. Janet Fitch joined via telephone.

TREASURER: Marie Meadows answered questions related to her electronic submission of the Treasurer's report. It was suggested that whenever a bill or receipt or check is sent to the club Treasurer, the sender should include a note of explanation so that the Treasurer will know how to categorize items. The final bills related to Classic will be reflected in the next report. The checkbook balance as of Nov. 4 2011 was \$18,155.62. There was discussion of our Fiscal Year. Some members thought it was Jan-December. However, the Bylaws state our Fiscal Year runs from November to October.

MEMBERSHIP: Alice reported for Anne Scrivner that our official total is 93 members. It was noted that our numbers are decreasing, down from 108 one year ago. This is partly due to the way USDF has structured participating memberships and GMO memberships. The number of members determines how many votes CLD gets at the annual USDF meeting. For the convention in Dec. 2011 (San Diego) CLD will have 3 votes. Judy Nordstrom is our CLD Delegate.

NEWSLETTER: Kathi Cannon reported that she has submitted the draft to Martin. The newsletter will be out soon.

WEBSITE: Martin Kuhn reported that 3 newsletters had been distributed since the Sept. 24 meeting. About 50% have been opened. The mailing list has 171 addresses.

FACEBOOK: Jordan Meadows was not present. Kathi Cannon has been posting to our Facebook page and reported 157 'friends' on our list.

AWARDS: Marilyn Weber showed us the saddle pads which will be awarded this year. All agreed they are high quality and nicely embroidered. There was discussion of the number needed and how to order more. There was further discussion on possibly varying next year to include items like coolers. Of the number of test scores submitted to Marilyn, five submissions were not eligible. Fifty submissions were eligible. Test scores were submitted for all levels, from Introductory through Grand Prix. There was discussion on the clarity of the Awards

Rules. The information on the CLD website will be edited to reflect changes that may have been made at Board meetings and recorded in the Minutes. One horse and rider combination CAN win more than one saddle pad. For example, if one horse/rider combination wins Third, Fourth, and Prix St. George High Point, that rider will be awarded three saddle pads (or whatever item we choose to offer in the future).

One CANNOT mix schooling show results with recognized show results. Effective next year schooling show submissions will only be accepted through Second Level.

The show year ends on Sept. 30.

SYMPOSIUM: Kate Fleming-Kuhn explained that due to Col. Carde's illness, we will have Sarah Geike for Education Days, November 11-13. The clinic is filled. All but one rider who had signed up for Colonel Carde were able to change to the weekend dates for the Geike Clinic.

Emily Wagner is available to come to do a clinic on Dec. 3-4, 2011. Paula Briney suggested that we have her in early Spring 2012 instead. A clinic in mid-March would be a good start to the show season and serve as an incentive.

Kate has arranged for Susanne von Dietze to come to StarWest on Dec. 10-11. She will do a two day clinic and may be a speaker at the Christmas Party. The exact expenses are unknown at this time because CLD will be sharing her airfare with other organizations. (We will be charged no more than \$150 per day of clinic. This information was received after the meeting.)

Discussion followed on who would be the sponsor of this clinic. It was decided that CLD would sponsor. No one is hired yet for the 2012 Education Day Symposium.

GRASSROOTS: Kelly Griffith and Janet Fitch volunteered to look into arrangements for a Coordinator in the Champaign area.

AWARDS DINNER: As of Nov. 5 Paula had 45 reservations. Martin will send an email to those winning awards, to encourage them to attend. We discussed the names of those getting a complimentary dinner.

INTER-CLUB COORDINATOR: Leslie Burket took care of notifying area clubs about the change from Col. Carde to Sarah Geike.

Youth Events: Nothing is final yet. Consideration is being given to Emily Wagner and Melanie Michalak and a joint program with Pony Club.

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40TH ANNIVERSARY CHAIRMAN REPORT CONCLUDED

CLD is inviting all charter members to have dinner on us at our Awards Banquet on November 10, 2012. There will be other observances throughout the CLD calendar in 2012. Please join us as a member and let others know about the celebration. If you remember other charter members, please let me know. Current addresses of early members are welcome. Spread the word.

Get in touch,

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LOWELL BOOMER



G. Lowell Boomer of Lincoln, Nebraska, died Sunday, November 20, 2011.

Lowell was born on October 12, 1911, in Burwell, Nebraska, to George R,

and Grace Y Boomer. Lowell graduated Lincoln High School, and attended the University of Nebraska School of Music, Lincoln. While in High School, he won first place on the clarinet in a Lincoln Music contest playing "Concertino" by Weber. He then went on to win the contests at the State, Regional and National levels. He played clarinet for many years in the Lincoln Municipal Band summer concert series in Lincoln, alongside his wife, Gladys who played trumpet.

Lowell studied printing while in Junior High School, and started a letter shop with a mimeograph and multigraph machine in his mother's Teachers Employment Agency. It grew to become Boomer's Printing Company, which Lowell would head as President for the next eighty years, at which time he sold the company to its employees.

His avocation has been a lifetime love of horses, and he became internationally renowned in the equestrian world. He was the founder of The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) in Lincoln in 1973,

and served for sixteen years as its Chief Executive Officer. Today, USDF is headquartered in the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, with over 30,000 members nationally. In 1989, he established The Dressage Foundation in Lincoln, Nebraska "to cultivate and provide financial support for the advancement of Dressage." The Dressage Foundation's national headquarters is permanently anchored in Lincoln. He has won an extensive array of equestrian honors throughout his lifetime. He was the first inductee into the USDF Hall of Fame, and has received the USEF (United States Equestrian Federation) Lifetime Achievement award. The Chronicle of the Horse named Lowell as "one of the 50 most influential horsemen of the 20th century worldwide."

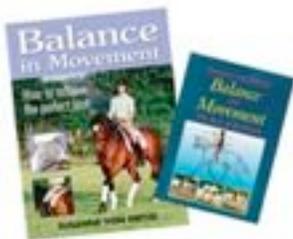
Lowell Boomer was an active, lifetime member of the Lincoln Downtown Sertoma Club, and was involved with Sertoma's sponsorship of Cedars Home for Children when it was founded in 1947.

Lowell is survived by son John and wife Lynn, Lincoln, NE; Son Jim, Ft Wayne, IN; three grandsons John Boomer, Jr., David Boomer, Mark Boomer; two grand daughters Beth Bivins and husband Mike, and Melissa Kleber and husband Robert; Three great grandsons Adam and Benjamin Boomer, Adam Kleber. Lowell was preceded in death by his wife Gladys, his parents, three brothers and one sister, and daughter-in-law, Lois. He leaves many nieces and nephews, friends and former horsemanship students.

The family suggests Memorials to The Dressage Foundation, 1314 'O' Street, Suite 305, Lincoln, NE 68508 and/or Cedars Home for Children, 6601 Pioneers Blvd, Lincoln, NE, 68506.

Susanne von Dietze

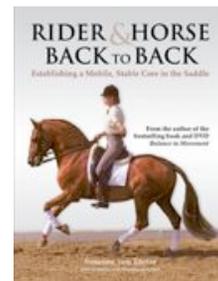
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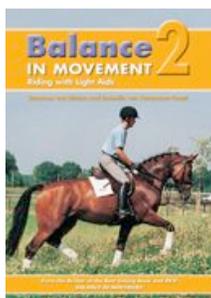
With a new book and DVD, Rider & Horse Back to Back just out in English, the author of Balance in Movement: The Seat of the Rider is returning to StarWest. Susanne von Dietze is the producer of the Balance in Movement DVD, and now the Balance in Movement 2 DVD with Isabelle von Neumann-Cosel, Von Dietze is a licensed physical therapist as well as an international rider and instructor of instructors. Her specialty is making a transformation for the better in the rider's seat during a 45-minute lesson.

After moving to Israel in 2006, von Dietze is responsible for instructor training, therapeutic and classical, at Wingate Institute. She held the same position for the Akademie des Pferdes at Warendorf, Verden, Mannheim, Redefin, Langenfeld in 2005 for Germany. She has conducted clinics and symposiums in Hungary, Australia, the US, Austria, England, New Zealand, Scandinavia as well as in her native Germany.

In 1990 von Dietze started her riding education with her father, Rittmeister Gottfried v. Dietze, a student of Alois Podhaysky. In 1987, she received her certification as a physical therapist specializing in spine and joint treatment. In 1988 she received her Trainer A certification FN (German Equestrian Federation) while in training with Karl-Heinz Streng.



Von Dietze became a certified Hippotherapist in 1990 and a German 'r' judge in 1992. Thus far she has produced eight videos for the FN. She was a bereiter for Thomas Schmidt in 1989 and Helena and Peter Weinberg in 1993. In the International FEI World Dressage Challenge she became international Champion in 2002 (Novice), 2003 (Advanced), 2004 (Advanced) and Reserve Champion in 2004 (Novice). She has competed horses to Prix St. Georges and I.40m jumping and has trained students to those levels in both disciplines.



Riders will have a 45-minute private lessons. Lessons checks are payable to CenterLine Dressage. Stabling is \$25 per night payable to StarWest. Auditors may attend one day for \$10

or pay \$17 for both days of auditing. Meals are extra. A group luncheon for riders, auditors and guests will be held each day from noon to 1:45 p.m. The cost of lunch is \$8. It will be served in the StarWest lounge. Meal reservations should be made by Wednesday, December 7, by calling 217-546-9400 or e-mailing alice.martin@mac.com Mail your payments made payable to CLD to Alice Martin, 1736 S. Farmingdale Rd. New Berlin, IL 62670. Books and DVDs will be available for purchase at StarWest.



CenterLine Dressage New Member & Renewal Form

(Membership year is December 1 through November 30)

Name: _____ USDF #: _____

Name: _____ USDF #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Birth Date for Youth Members (21 & Under): _____

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renewal:	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>

**DUE TO RISING USDF COSTS
CLD DUES ARE SET TO RAISE ON
JANUARY 1, 2012. LOCK IN
YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW.**

Reader Preference		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paper Copy:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Membership Type	Details	Totals
Individual Membership	<p style="text-align: center;">\$42</p> <p>Includes 1 Reader, 1 Vote, USDF Membership, Discounts at CLD Shows, Discounts on Advertising, Horse Nomination (requires separate form)</p>	\$ _____
Junior Membership (21 & under)	<p style="text-align: center;">\$25</p> <p>Includes 1 Reader, 1 Vote, USDF Membership, Discounts at CLD Shows, Discounts on Advertising, Horse Nomination (requires separate form)</p>	\$ _____
Family Membership	<p style="text-align: center;">\$61</p> <p>Includes 1 Reader, 2 Vote, 2 USDF Membership, Discounts at CLD Shows, Discounts on Advertising, Horse Nomination (requires separate form)</p>	\$ _____
Total Dues:		\$ _____

Please send to:
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You Are Invited

*CenterLine Dressage invites you to our annual Christmas Party
at Vice-President Judy Nordstrom's House
on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 6 pm.*

Please bring a potluck item to share and an auction item.

RSVP NOW to Judy Nordstrom at 8389 Tolan Road Pleasant Plains IL 62677
vice_president@centerlinedressage.com / directions at centerlinedressage.com
217-341-8398 or RSVP through the link on centerlinedressage.com

MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING CONCLUDED

CHARITIES: Alice Martin reported on the visit made to Refuge Ranch by Leslie, Deb Porter, and herself. They reported that the facility made a good impression on them, that the Ranch has an organized Board of Directors, and other community supporters.

Several questions were raised which needed further research. We discussed the terms for giving them a share of profits from Classic IF we decide to partner with them. There was discussion on whether they would provide volunteers, if they would sell sponsorships, what percentage would be given. Fifty percent if workers for the show were provided and twenty-five percent if not. Katie Keim volunteered to look into financial filings. Paula Briney agreed to speak with the Executive Director of the Illinois Horse Council.

No agreement was reached. Martin suggested and all agreed that we table this matter until the next meeting.

SPONSORSHIP: Nancy and Alice reported that one sponsorship was given to the show secretary at Classic, but not forwarded to the Sponsorship Chair. We will see that the 2012 program provides them with a class sponsorship for \$25.

ANNIVERSARY: Alice reported that Anne Scrivner is working on a movie for the 2012 Awards Banquet, November 12. All are encouraged to contribute pictures and videos, including 'bloopers.' Anne has agreed to scan photos and return them. She asks that film be provided in a digital format.

NEW BUSINESS: Frank Bowman, Exec. Director of the Illinois Horse Council communicated with Paula Briney regarding the CLD list of members. Apparently clubs

must agree to share their membership lists with IHC when becoming a 'partner' or affiliated organization.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Secretary Nancy Simpson announced that the four nominees for the Board, Paula Briney, Katie Keim, Judy Nordstrom, and Nancy Simpson were elected. Alice Martin reported that the Nominating Committee had met and suggests the following: Nancy Simpson, President; Judy Nordstrom, Vice-President; Deb Porter, Secretary; and Katie Keim, Treasurer. The nominated slate was elected unanimously.

It was suggested that in 2012 we return to the use of a paper ballot as a way to increase the number of votes cast for the election of Directors.

The next meeting will be January 28 at StarWest at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

ADDENDUM: After the meeting adjourned, the Board communicated via email on the membership fees and whether or not to raise them.

Judy Nordstrom moved and Paula Briney seconded that adult membership be increased to \$45.00 and family membership be increased to \$65.00, because USDF had increased their dues for each GMO member. [Junior membership would remain at \$25.00]

Discussion followed. The motion was amended to specify that the change take effect on January 1, 2012.

The motion passed, with 7 Aye votes cast by 6:00 pm on November 8.

Effective January 1, 2012, membership fees will be increased to \$45.00 single adult membership and \$65.00 family membership.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Simpson.



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(Full list and mailing addresses online)

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CLD Advertising Rates

(see detailed info & photo policy online www.centerlinedressage.com/advertising)

Reader Page Ads	Full Page	\$50 Non-Member	\$25 Member
	Half Page	\$25 Non-Member	\$12.50 Member
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Photographs (original preferred) can be included in your ad. They can be black and white or color, but they will be black and white in the printed READER. Page Ads Up for 1 Month

Reader Classified Ads	50 words or less	\$5 Non-Member	\$3 Member
	Additional 25 words	\$2 Non-Member	\$1 Member

No Photographs Classified Ads Up for 1 Month

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BOARD MEMBER BIO - KATIE KEIM, TREASURER

Katie Keim graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Master's Degree in Accountancy in May 2004. That same spring, she passed the CPA exam, on her first attempt. After graduation, Katie immediately began working in public accounting at Kerber, Eck & Braeckel LLP. In June of 2005 she was offered a job at Memorial Medical Center in the Finance Department as Treasury Analyst, where she was responsible for cash, debt, and investment management as well as gaining experience with 990 tax returns and the fiscal year-end financial statement audit. She was promoted in January of 2007 to General Accounting Manager; a position which she still holds with a staff of five.

Katie began her love affair with horses at an early age, as she inherited the "gene" from her mother, Jo. Katie would accompany her mother to lessons at StarWest as a little girl, where she did not show much interest in horse riding yet, but mainly running around and causing general mischief with Alice's son, Martin, who is a year younger than Katie. Katie would also accompany her mother to horse shows, where she would serve as her groom. During her younger years, Katie also had a Shetland pony named Nutmeg, who she led around with a string.

Around the age of ten, Katie decided she was ready to start taking lessons. She began at StarWest with Alice on beloved schoolmaster, Star Sir Gwain, and Starr Patience, whom she showed in her first show. When Katie was in the sixth grade, her parents purchased for her Le Magic Image +, who was a six year old purebred Arabian gelding bred by Marilyn Weber. Katie and Magic grew up together and were the best of friends. In 1995 Katie and Magic competed at the Arabian Youth Nationals along with the rest of the StarWest crew in Oklahoma City. This was the first year that Youth Nationals offered dressage. Despite the 140 degree temperature in the barns, Katie and Magic narrowly missed Top Ten. The gang had a lot of fun and made lasting memories. Magic was shown through Second Level throughout his career.

Katie rode only recreationally during her college years, and was thinking of showing again after graduation, when Magic passed away suddenly in March of 2006, a few weeks shy of his twentieth birthday. Katie strongly believes that everything happens for a reason, even if we do not understand the reasons at the time. That July, Katie and her parents purchased another purebred



Arabian gelding, ZLA Pepets Regalo +/- She began showing again immediately and regained a sense of fulfillment and love that had been missing since Magic. In 2007 Katie and Reggie earned two National Top Tens at the Arabian Sport Horse Nationals in Training Level dressage.

Reggie was preparing to show Third Level in January 2009 when a devastating hock injury occurred. Navicular changes were also discovered. After time off and many treatments, he returned to the show ring in June 2010 in Training Level, a miracle considering by all accounts he had been three-legged lame and Rood and Riddle claimed they had never seen an injury quite like it. Since then Reggie has received many high points and Arabian Regional Top Fives. This, to Katie, is the biggest victory of all, for despite what others said, she never gave up on her horse. In June of 2011, it was discovered that Reggie has melanoma of the iris, a very rare condition. He is currently receiving experimental laser treatments at the University of Illinois. Once again, Katie refuses to give up on Reggie and will fight for him until the end.

In October of 2009, Katie and her mother purchased a Half Arabian gelding, RV Still Standing +/- Stanley has surpassed expectations, and among his many regional titles most recently won three National Top Tens in First Level dressage at the Arabian Sport Horse Nationals and the National Championship in Second Level dressage with Kate Fleming-Kuhn astride.

In July Katie married the love of her life (other than Reggie) of seven years, Aaron Williams. The couple currently reside in Waverly.

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