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Focus on the future-here comes 2020!

I'm writing this on the first day of the new decade. Everyone has their own traditions for New Year's Day. For some, it's surviving the first hangover of the year. For others, it's eating a disgusting concoction of black-eyed peas called Hoppin' John.

For me, it has always been trying to go for a ride. As hit or miss as I can be in my riding most of the time, the New Year's Ride has become something I look forward to and treat as a kind of welcome obligation. The conceit that I have, and that I have spread to others who have shared the New Year's Ride with me, is that you should try to do on this first day of the year those things that you most wish to repeat in the upcoming year.

Today's ride was beautiful, just windy enough to make the beasts alert but not too freaky, and warm enough to be comfortable in a jacket. A wonderful start to the year, and I hope 2020 is a good one for all of us.

The Holiday Party was held on December 14 and generously hosted by Kim and Vanya Kriekhaus. This year we experimented with holding it during the day, but if attendance is how we judge success I would say that an evening time frame is preferred; we only had about ten people show up. Those of us who did make it though had a great time...and the party did generate a pretty funny after-story.

The Muck Bucket gift exchange is a perennial favorite, and one of the requirements is that the gifts be wrapped so that no one knows what they are getting until they actually open the gift they select. Most years we have had the group open gifts one at a time to allow for oohs and aahs and occasional belly laughs. This year several guests had to leave early for other engagements and not everyone opened their gifts prior to leaving. I was happy to see Tesa Sterchi slip out the door with the gift I brought because I thought it would be a perfect fit for her, and I looked forward to hearing what she thought of it.

Now another tradition I treasure is elaborate gift wrapping. I enjoy that process more than either giving or getting presents, and I pride myself on beautiful and unique designs that are often more impressive than the gifts themselves. I also re-use everything, including cardboard boxes of various sizes to accommodate my gift wrapping addiction-meaning that sometimes the box that contains the gift is not, actually, indicative of what the gift is. I got a text from Tesa before I even got home from the party with "yummy" emojis and thanking me for the great gift.

The box *said* twelve pounds of crab legs. Tesa's long-suffering horse husband Ron was beside himself with joy, and told Tesa it was about time she got something great out of all the time she put in with the club and the horses and etc. etc.

The box *contained* a bright neon pink heavy duty extension cord. It was an impulse buy on my part, but who doesn't need more extension cords, especially in a barn, and who wouldn't want a bright pink one? It won't get mixed up with anyone else's, that's for sure. And Tesa, the ultimate My Little Pony rider with impeccable fashion sense and a flair for the unique, was the perfect person for such a gift. But it sure wasn't crab legs, and when I found out (several days later, when she brought Meeko in to my clinic for an allergy injection) that the extension cord was currently residing in her freezer, I told her exactly what was in the crab legs box and we had a good laugh about it.

I'm not sure what happens to extension cords that have been put in a deep freeze. But I am pretty sure that I need to buy Ron some crab legs.....

Until next time- Beth Hussey

**Call for Nominations
2020
Officers of the**

COLUMBIA DRESSAGE AND COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION

Please submit the names of individuals (humans, not horses) you would like to be considered for an office with CDCTA. Please provide the individual's name and reason for the nominations to Beth Hussey by mailing this form to: 655 North Route O Rocheport, MO 65279. Deadline for nominations is January 12 at the awards banquet. You may also call her with your nominations at 573-808-6897 or email eshussey@gmail.com. Remember that we will also need chairs for all of our standing committees, if you think you don't want all the responsibility of an office.

SELF NOMINATIONS ARE WELCOME!!

PRESIDENT

Lora Blair will be serving her second year of a two-year term so we won't need to nominate anyone for this office for 2020

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

___Amy Stapleton

___Amy has offered to serve as treasurer in perpetuity; but if anyone is dying to take over the office please feel free to nominate them, or yourself!

MEMBER AT LARGE



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 12, 2020
CDCTA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at D. Rowe's in south Columbia. Registration form in this newsletter

February 8, 2020
MHSA Awards Banquet at Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO

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Submissions are due by the last day of the month before publication.

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PHOTO, ABOVE: Liz Hotchkiss riding Ginny Gardner's lovely Arabian, Petit Courage in front of the venerable Missouri Dressage Classic backdrop. Obviously in the nineties sometime but not sure of the exact year....



PHOTO, LEFT:

OK, so Editor's Correction: This photo was mislabeled in our previous issue as being of Liz Hotchkiss. The actual subject is Judy Olcott, who recognized her early equestrian self immediately and kindly let us know of our error. Look for other photos of Liz Hotchkiss sprinkled throughout this-and future-issues, as memories and reminiscences trickle in.

Minutes from Dec. 14, 2019 Christmas Party meeting at Kim K. house.

In attendance: Lora, Rosy, Amy, Kim, Judy Owen, Judy Olcott, Bill, Tesa, Helen, and Beth
Call to order 1:42 pm

Oct. meeting minutes call to approve, Beth made the motion, Kim second. Approved.

Treasurer report: \$5846.61. Beth made the motion, Kim second. Approved.

Amy reported on the status of the notecards. The images that you send in need to be large format, high resolution images. And we need more to have some good choices. If you are not sure if the images you have are big enough send to Amy at amy@missourilife.com and she can check them out. She can also scan photos. Discussion on gathering images of Liz to create a set of Memorial Cards.

Membership: We agreed to extend a member who paid for last year and did not get turned in to get on the roster. So we will apply the 2019 membership to 2020 for her. Kim K. will let her know.

Communications: Please confirm that you are getting the newsletter by e-mail. Some e-mails may be old/incorrect. We won best user experience website award at the convention. Kim will get the award to Leah. If anyone wants to send card to Ginny, Gary Owens, Wick and Cappy (Liz's daughters) check this newsletter for their addresses.

Competitions: Thanks Judy for getting the year-end awards done. Caitlan Farm, with SLADS contacted Lora to discuss the issues of schooling shows having low attendance. We discussed possible ways to combine schooling shows with SLADS. We brought up Boone County Fairgrounds again and hope that someone will be able to contact the city about the possibility of fixing the arena area up to have horse shows again. Maybe contact other horse organization about approaching the city to see if we could have any input on use as a show facility. The issues with shows bringing people from far away is stabling. NEC is expensive so what other venues would be available. Could we combine SLADS and CDCTA to co-host a show? Need to find and secure venues and dates for Spring and Fall Show. Crystal at Mid-Mo has indicated she would do Spring Show and Rosy will contact JoJo at Round To It for Fall Show. Kim K. expressed interest in possibly having her place available for shows.

Janice Dulak clinic was enjoyed by all. We lost about \$700. Eight riders and not very many auditors.

Ideas for show jumping/events clinics. Maybe doing one Dressage and one show jumping/event clinic. Lora will check with Lauren F. on ideas.

Trail ride: nothing at this time

Awards Banquet: Jan. 12th, noon-3 pm at D. Rowes. Amy will bring dessert. \$25 per person. We will have a short meeting and elections. Form is in this newsletter. Lora will do her second term as president, Rosy will do VP again, Amy treasurer, Kim K. member at large and Beth or possibly Lauren F. secretary.

Old Business: Kim K. won a basket at the convention. She reported some rule changes, everything passed easily when voted on. Some contention on divisions. Jack Benney-55+ divisions. Youth freestyle at regionals. They discussed 30 to 40K to make a new division. So going with youth this year and 55+ in the future. New schooling show awards. Go to USDF website for schooling rules. As a GMO contact USDF if we want to be part of USDF schooling recognition. Beth will check about what it takes to meet their requirements. Thanks to Kim for going and representing us at the convention.

New Business: Discussion on a memorial for Liz. The idea of the perpetual trophy was brought up by Beth. Tesa added the idea of a 50+ adult scholarship. We will table until we can communicate with Wick and Cappy. Beth mentioned that Liz loved the Sedgewick perpetual trophy we used at the Classic. Tesa will check with Liz's daughters to see how they feel. Beth also suggested if the family wants to we would organize a mounted memorial at Stony Hill or wear our Dressage attire to her memorial service. We will keep everyone posted on memorial/life celebrations.

Next Meeting: Jan. 12th at the awards banquet.

Adjourn: Beth made the motion. Kim second. Approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Stapleton



Showing off the ribbons they won at the Missouri Horse Show Association awards banquet are, from left front, Cheryl Holekamp, Ginny Gardner, Cindy Russell and in back from left, Liz Hotchkiss, Jan Tracey, Charles Fairfax, Beth Hussey-Fairfax and Kim Scholl.

OK, SO HERE ARE SOME MORE BLASTS FROM THE PAST!!

From the CDCTA Archives we found the following photos....above, a picture that accompanied a nice article from the Columbia Daily Tribune,. Liz is there, and so is our greatly missed friend and CDCTA member Kim Scholl, and Ginny Gardner is there too! What a great group!

BELOW: OK, this really is a REALLY young Liz, although I don't have any idea of the horse's name. He looks like a kind gentle giant farm horse, and it looks like Liz is already starting on her riding career!



CDCTA AWARDS BANQUET

January 12, 2020 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Join us **Sunday, Jan. 12th 2020** for fun, food and celebration.

**Located at D. Rowe's Restaurant
1005 Club Village Drive, Columbia, 56203**

Members, friends and significant others are welcome.
We will have appetizers and off the menu ordering, 2019 highlights, 2020 club goals, and of course
2019 Year End Awards!

To Reserve your spot, please send \$25 per person attending to Ali Aitken
DUE BY SATURDAY, JANUARY 5th

Please Detach and mail RSVP with check (payable to CDCTA) to:

Ali Aitken
2608 Spanish Bay Dr., Columbia, MO 65202

_____ Persons attending @ \$25 each = _____ enclosed.

Name(s): _____



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NEXT MEETING: January 12, 2020-the Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet! An afternoon affair this year, we will see you D. Rowe's! Send in your registration form in this newsletter!

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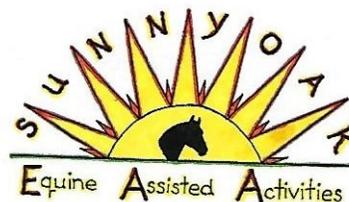
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