



# Great Lakes Dressage Club

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## PRESIDENT RUTH ANNE WALSH

### CLUB CALENDAR

DEC. 14TH - MONDAY

## HOLIDAY

## PARTY

COCKTAILS 6PM

DINNER 7 PM

The Whitehouse Inn

10835 Waterville St.

Whitehouse Village

\$16.00 per person

Send checks to:

Rosie Shine

7255 Jeffers Rd.

Whitehouse, OH 43571

by Dec. 7th.

There will be a \$10 gift exchange for members wishing to participate.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let me begin by wishing you and yours the best and brightest holiday season. The New Year is always so energizing with new hopes (Training level this year!), new challenges (Training level, please!) and new dreams (Someday...Training level!). May your wildest dreams come true this year.

Just a reminder to get your Holiday Party reservations into Rosie Shine ASAP. Information was passed out at the November meeting and you should have received your invitations by now.

I have extra copies of the volunteers' picture from the October Trails to Triumph. If you paid your registration fee and did not get one, please let me know and I will get it to you.

Also, Uckele's had donated two \$25 gift certificates, which no one chose as a prize at the fundraiser. Therefore, let's do an online "auction". If you are interested, let me know what your top bid is for the two and they will be awarded to the person who has the highest bid. The funds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

As I end my year as President, please indulge me for a moment while I share just a few thoughts. We all join the GLDC for different reasons. Some join for the social aspect, some join to promote their business, some belong for the networking. They are all perfectly valid reasons. But since there are so many reasons, there are so many varying expectations of what the club should do. Obviously the club cannot meet everyone's expectations. However, I have never met an officer who was not willing to try something new if there was support for it. So if the club is not going in the direction you would like or not sponsoring the activities you think it should, become more involved. Many times club decisions are made by a handful of members because they are the ones showing up for the meetings. If they do not represent the wishes of the majority, let your officers know your thoughts. (cont. page 2.)

Although I will not be able to celebrate the holiday season with you this year at the Holiday Party, I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped me this year. My fellow officers were great to work with. Crystal did a great job on the show, and the volunteers who put together the fundraiser were terrific. A special thank you to Tammy Hand for taking care of the Ride-A-Tests. And I just started to think about all of the others who did so much for the club this year, but to list them would surely take more space than this newsletter would allow. You know who you are...know that I am grateful!

### Secretary's Report

GLDC Meeting - November 9, 2009 at Charlie's Restaurant, Swanton OH

President Ruth Anne Walsh called the meeting to order shortly after 7PM

Members Bonnie D. Barb G. Diane K. Joan K. Missy M. Karen M. Sharon W. Tim & Tammy S. Lori S. Rosie S. Pam S. Linda U. Ruth W. Dawn W. & Carol W. in attendance.

The Secretary's report is in Judy's beautiful Oct. Newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was given and approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bonnie announced the Club apparel is available at a nearby table.

Rosie has mailed the Holiday Party invitations. The party is on Monday, Dec. 14 at The Whitehouse Inn. Cocktails are at 6 p.m., dinner is at 7.

Joan has received 3 scholarship applications, all with more than 150 pts.

Year End Award applications have been received and ribbons ordered.

We will put off discussion of Fundraisers such as Trails for Triumph till Jan.

We discussed giving discounts to club members for shows & clinics. How this would affect Flatlanders was questioned.

NEW BUSINESS: Lori Schroeder announced officer nominations for 2010.

**President – Pam Shipley**

**Vice Pres.-- Barb Gunning**

**Secretary – Rosie Shine**

**Treasurer – Linda Urbanski**

**Trustees -- Carol Weinstein & Bonnie Droessler**

A motion to suspend mailing of ballots was made by Joan, seconded and passed. Nice job Lori!

Dawn Wagstaff asked us our preferences for the Year End Awards (objects) for next year. We discussed gift cards at Wildwood, plaques, anything engraved such as picture frames. Dawn said that everyone preferred ribbons. Tom Sherman suggested having pictures of horse-rider combinations made at a show, or possibly having a photographer go to the winners' home or barn.

Dawn recommended having two divisions for the year end awards. There was much discussion. Awards for riders in recognized shows would be one division, and a second division would be for riders at smaller shows and ride-a-tests. The advantage of separate divisions is that scores are usually lower at recognized shows due to more strict interpreting of standards. Barb Gunning spoke for keeping the present system.

Diane Krajicek moved, Missy seconded that there be a one-year limit on year end championships. So if you won First Level championship in 2009, you could not be champion at that level in 2010. Seems that this particularly affects the junior riders who move up together.

Congratulations to Flatlanders year-end winners; Wendy Odesky-Reichel, Darcy Lybarger, and Brit-tany Everly.

Janet Harms from Findlay is giving lessons at St. George on Sundays.  
Call Stacey at 419 340-8350. Beth Krull at St. George wants to have shows.

Lori S. was asked to look into costs of a bench or plaque or picnic table at Oak Openings, honoring Ginger Post and John Neeper.

Submitted by Joan Kamm, Sub. For Judy

### Treasurer's Report - Linda Urbanski

September 15, 2009 to November 9, 2009

\$3,816.08	Beginning balance
-\$500.00	check to Hallmark Insurance for liability ins.
-\$20.00	check to State of MI – non profit filing
-\$40.00	check to Jane Kelly – ride a test judging
-\$455.00	check to Clarence Hill – trail ride lunches
-\$415.20	check to Heidi – trail ride photos
-\$58.20	check to Ruth Anne – trail ride food
-\$25.00	check to Missy - ride a test judging
-\$2,105.60	check to ACS – trail ride proceeds
+\$140.00	deposit from September ride a test
+\$1,543.00	deposit – trail ride
<u>+\$1,586.00</u>	deposit – trail ride
\$3,466.08	ending balance - checking
<u>\$2,742.85</u>	ending balance – savings

\$6,208.93 total of funds

#### September Ride A Test:

\$140.00	Income
<u>-\$40.00</u>	judging expense
\$100.00	net profit

#### 2009 Trail Ride:

\$5,190.00	total collected
<u>-\$1,028.40</u>	total expenses
\$4,161.60	total donated to American Cancer Society

I do not have any paperwork in yet from the October ride a test.....

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Urbanski

## Nominations - -- Lori Schroeder

After our last meeting, we realized that our bylaws state that a trustee can not run for two consecutive years, so we now have 'one' opening for a trustee. This is a real nice opportunity for a newer member to become one of the officers for our group. Newer or older members, please call (419-82605852 or email me (Lori-schroeder@embarqmail.com) if you would like to volunteer as a trustee for 2010.

## Classified Ads

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*Stall Available in barn with indoor arena. Located next to Oak Openings.*

*\$300 per month. Call Wendy at 419-877-9544*

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*Light weight blanket. NEW! 76", 1680D \$50. call Samme 567-952-0004 (P.burg)*

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*Dunking for apples at Trails For Triumph 2009*



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