



# CENTERLINE



Dec 2017/Jan 2018

Connecticut Dressage Association



## 2017 CDA Member Awards Party

First Congregational Church Hall

222 West Main Street – Waterbury, CT

January 20, 2018 from 1 – 4 PM

## 2017 Awards Luncheon Guest Speaker

Henry W. Werner VMD

Take a moment now to and RSVP to Fern Feldman, [fernfeldman@gmail.com](mailto:fernfeldman@gmail.com); or call, 203-272-0711 and leave a message with name and number of people attending

Go to CDA Facebook Page for Award Results



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*Tip of the Month*

*Practice like you've never won, perform like you've never lost.*

*Anonymous*

CDA Member Appreciation Party  
First Congregational Church Hall  
222 West Main Street – Waterbury, CT  
January 20, 2018 from 1 – 4 PM

Take a moment now to mark your calendar and  
RSVP by January 15, 2018!

The church is on the corner of Holmes Avenue and  
West Main Street. First & second driveways on the  
right are for parking. Enter Church thru center back  
door.

You may bring a bottle of wine to share at lunch and  
bring a picture of you .

**Silent Auction:** This was a very popular attraction at  
last year's party! Please bring your checkbook or  
small bills if paying by cash! All proceeds will help to  
reduce member costs for future CDA clinics.

RSVP to Fern Feldman phone: 203-272-0711 or  
email: [secretary@ctdressageassoc.org](mailto:secretary@ctdressageassoc.org) (please type  
"CDA Party" in subject line)

**If you are an award winner, you must be present at  
this event to claim your award or have someone  
claim it for you. We will not ship awards to  
winners who do not attend the party.**

**Directions:**

From I-84 East Bound: Exit 21 - Meadow Street. At  
light at end of exit ramp turn right at light. Go to 4th  
light. Turn right onto West Main Street (7-11 on  
opposite corner). At the next light, turn left onto  
Holmes Avenue

From I-84 West Bound: Exit 21- Meadow Street. At  
end of ramp, take right. At 3rd light turn right onto  
West Main St. (7-11 on opposite corner). At the next  
light, turn left onto Holmes Avenue.

From Torrington and points North of Route 8: Route 8  
South to West Main Street exit. Take left at light at  
end of ramp onto West Main Street. At the 4th light,  
take a left onto Holmes Avenue.

**CDA Youth Report  
NEW LOOK AND ADDITIONAL SESSIONS AT  
16TH ANNUAL D4K WEEKEND  
EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM**

Bedford, NY – Open  
to all ages and all  
disciplines of riding,  
with presentations  
from experts on  
subjects that affect  
horses, their  
training, and their  
health, the  
16<sup>th</sup> annual  
Dressage4Kids'  
Weekend Equestrian  
Program is  
scheduled for **January 27- 28, 2018** at **Chase  
Collegiate School in Waterbury, CT.**



Early registration discounts are available until  
January 11, 2018. [www.dressage4kids.org](http://www.dressage4kids.org)

New this year, for those who would like to  
volunteer at shows, there is a great opportunity  
to attend a **NEDA Volunteer Workshop**, which  
offers training and insights into the various all-  
important jobs that volunteers undertake – such  
as being scribes, stewards or scorers.  
Remember, without the volunteers many of the  
competitions could not take place, so anyone  
interested should plan to attend - *you really  
ARE needed to keep our equine sports alive!*

Saturday also sees a return of Lendon  
Gray's **Instructors/Trainers Track** , which is an  
invaluable tool for professionals to exchange  
ideas and gather new insights into the best  
ways to help their students. As part of this track,  
those interested in teaching or who are perhaps  
already teaching, but want to improve their  
skills, are invited to attend the **USDF  
Instructors Workshop** . These USDF  
workshops are designed to educate dressage  
riders of all levels. They also provide an  
opportunity for dressage riders to learn about  
classical theories of riding, training, teaching,  
lungeing of the horse, and lungeing the  
rider. Workshop leaders Sarah Geikie, Ann

Guptill, and Vicki Hammers-O'Neil will present various topics during the day that cover subjects important to those seeking to improve their skills. *Attendance at this workshop will be applicable to future workshops for certification.*



Also all-day on Saturday, January 27, USEF "S" Judge Margaret Freeman will explain and discuss the *new Eventing Tests for 2018* – this is a not-to-be-missed seminar for

anyone who will be competing next year. There will be additional Eventing presentations on Sunday.

On Sunday, January 28, the annual **Judges Forum** will be led by Margaret Freeman. As in past years, this provides a great chance to discuss and observe finer points of judging and allocating correct marks. *The Judges Forum is USDF accredited and counts towards continuing education requirements for USDF L Graduates.*

A new track on BOTH days – **Kick up Your Knowledge – HORSES 101** will cover many important basics of horse care and riding. A presentation, followed by a practical session, will be included in each segment. This is ideal for anyone wishing to brush up on important updates on horse care. Subjects will range from ; *Can you ID your Horse?; How your Horse Sees and Safety Impacts; Vital Signs; Water and Dehydration; Hoof Care; Grooming; Pasture Management; Helpful Hints on Buying/Selling Horses; Conformation; Digestion; Hay Quality; and others.*

Sessions of *Yoga and Meditation* are really helpful for riders, and a fun way to improve is '*Riding the Tests – on YOUR feet*'. This will offer both advice and judging of each test on both days. So challenge yourself – you can try several times!

The Weekend Equestrian Program draws horse people from many states, along with colleges and Pony Club groups. It's a great way for horse lovers of all ages and skill levels to spend a winter weekend gaining knowledge from experts and professionals – all under one roof.

Check the website to see the list of **speakers, schedule** and how to take advantage of the **early registration discount** at [www.dressage4kids.org](http://www.dressage4kids.org) . For further help or information, contact Susan Sieber, Event Coordinator, at [ssieber@interstatelumber.com](mailto:ssieber@interstatelumber.com) or at (203) 223-4261.

*Dressage4Kids, Inc . is a non-profit organization incorporated for the express purpose of providing educational and competitive opportunities for youth riders and the adults who support them.*

*Dressage4Kids, Inc. reserves the right to alter or modify the advertised speakers and/or schedule as necessary.*

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## 2017 Awards Luncheon Guest Speaker

### Henry W. Werner VMD

Dr. Werner has practiced equine medicine and surgery since his 1974 graduation from the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine.

He owns and operates Werner Equine, a general



equine practice in northern Connecticut. The practice sees a caseload of 85% English sport horse plus a variety of other disciplines and breeds. Veterinary services focus on lameness, pre-purchase examinations, wellness care, diagnostic imaging, internal medicine and equine welfare issues.

Serving the American Association of Equine

Practitioners (AAEP) in numerous positions over more

than 30 years, Dr. Werner was 2009 AAEP President. Currently serving on AAEP's Welfare and Public Policy Council, he is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association Welfare Committee, serves on the board of directors of the World Equine Veterinary Association and is the AVMA liaison to the Unwanted Horse Coalition. He is an Adjunct Instructor in the Department of Animal Science at University Amherst.

Pursuing his equine welfare interest, he helped initiate the International Forum for Working Equids with 2009 BEVA President Chris House. Dr. Werner has participated in the Dominican Republic working equid project, Project Samana.



In 2013, Dr. Werner was elected to the International Equine Veterinarians Hall of Fame sponsored by the American Farriers Journal. He received the AAEP's 2013 Distinguished Service Award, honoring him as an individual who has provided exemplary service to the AAEP to the benefit of the horse and the profession of equine veterinary

medicine. The Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association recognized Dr. Werner as its 2015 Connecticut Veterinarian of the Year. In 2017, Dr. Werner received AAEP's Distinguished Life Member Award which recognizes AAEP members who have made outstanding contributions to the Association throughout their career.

The estate of Seth and Lucy Holcombe honored Dr. Werner in 2017 by establishing the Dr. Harry Werner Professorship in Equine medicine at New Bolton Center, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. This position and its accompanying program will include teaching, research and clinical outreach, with an emphasis on equine welfare and well-being.

Dr. Werner speaks internationally and has authored articles on a variety of equine practice related topics including Lameness, Pre-purchase Examination, Equine Welfare, Farrier-Veterinarian Relationships, Veterinary Ethics and Lyme disease.

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## UPCOMING ELECTIONS FOR CDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

According to the CDA by-laws, adopted February 11, 2006, the membership of CDA must now elect approximately half of the Board of Directors for a 2-year term. Of those adults listed below, a total of UP TO SIX WILL BE ELECTED at the Annual Meeting to be held on JANUARY 20, 2018. We are listing the proposed slate of Directors in this issue of Centerline for your consideration with brief bios of the candidates. In addition, we have ONE candidate for Youth Representative. If you will not be attending the Annual Meeting and Awards Party this year, you may contact me, [president@ctdressageassoc.org](mailto:president@ctdressageassoc.org), for an absentee ballot.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board of directors, please contact me for more information. There will be an opportunity to write in additional candidates on the ballot.

Thank you for your participation in the governance of CDA.

Liz Doering, President

## PROPOSED SLATE OF DIRECTORS FOR CDA (up to 6 adults will be selected)

HANNA CALCAGNI DENISE CLARK  
LIZ DOERING VALERIE BLASI  
JORDAN ROTHMAN PAM WILHELM

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE: LILY Koorejian

**Denise Clark** – Denise has been a CDA member for several years and a board member for the last three years. Denise took on the role of CDA Education Coordinator and has organized successful events such as the Ride, Critique, Ride. Last year she bought a young horse and is hoping to be back on the centerline in 2018.

**Hanna Calcagni** is a Connecticut native and a lifelong equestrian. A hunter rider for many years she converted to dressage 3 years ago and incredibly grateful for her four legged partner Noah, who has patiently shown her the way. Hanna earned her USDF Bronze Medal in 2017. Hanna has served as the CDA Treasurer for the past two years and is happy to continue.

**Pam Wilhelm** is a Connecticut native and a 21 year resident of Litchfield County. She currently trains at Mountain Valley Equestrian Center with Kate Hornbecker and with Alix Szepesi, Litchfield Hills Dressage. Pam's mount is Gretchen aka Redneck Woman, a 19 year old Trakehner who has been retired from the jumpers and started a new dressage career. Pam is currently the CDA newsletter coordinator.

**Liz Doering** has been a horse owner and rider for her entire life. Growing up in Bethany she progressed through the ranks in Pony Club and continues to be involved with the organization at the National level in several capacities. In 2012 she started Sperry View Farm in Bethany. In 2015 she completed her USDF Bronze Medal.

**Lily Koorejian** is 14 years old and a freshman at Amity Regional High School. Lily trains at Sperry View Farm and has been a CDA member for the past few years. She has competed through training level, attended D4K in 2017 and is also a member of the Sleeping Giant Pony Club, with a C1 Traditional Certification. Additionally, Lily volunteers at Hidden Acres Therapeutic Riding Program. For a winter sport, Lily is a member of her high school Ski Race Team.

**Valerie Blasi** is new to the sport and started taking Dressage lessons at Sperry View Farm about 5 years ago. Valerie has been a CDA member for the past few years and has been attending CDA board meetings for about 2 years serving as a liaison between CDA and Pony Club. Valerie is the District Commissioner of the Sleeping Giant Pony Club and my daughter is Lily Koorejian is a member. Professionally, Valerie is a small animal veterinarian with a practice in Milford.

*(Nominations from the floor will be accepted as long as the person nominated agrees to the nomination and is a current member of CDA.)*

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## 2017 CDA Pitchforks Support the CDA and its activities!

CDA is offering for sale the Forever Fork as a fundraiser.

Pre-arrange delivery to a show or a clinic by contacting the CDA at [president@ctdressage.com](mailto:president@ctdressage.com).

The Forever Forks will be available to purchase at the 2017 awards luncheon in early 2018.



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## Explore USDFScores.com!

[USDFScores.com](http://USDFScores.com) is the official USDF Source for the most accurate and complete dressage scores. Current USDF Group Members can verify their scores, check their progress towards earning a bronze, silver, or gold medal, verify their score prerequisite for entering Part 2 of the L Education program, and, new for 2017, freestyle riders can use verification from [USDFScores.com](http://USDFScores.com) to confirm their eligibility to ride in a freestyle class.

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## 2018 CDA Membership

It's a good time to think about becoming a 2018 CDA Member or renewing your membership. Enjoy the following benefits: Reduced Fees at CDA Shows and Clinics, Eligibility for Year-End Awards, and access to the 2018 Omnibus which lists shows, advertisers, and all of the dressage tests! Membership options are adult, youth or family.

This is a reminder for new and longstanding members, that the CDA does not issue membership cards. This is because we use your USDF number as your CDA membership number. Less to keep track of!

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## Letters to the Board

Please share your thoughts and ideas!

## **USDF Region 8 News**

**from Debra Reinhardt, USDF Region 8 Director**  
**January 2018 Region 8 News**

Happy New Year!

The USDF Convention was a great success in Lexington, KY. As usual I never saw the outside from the moment I arrived until I left for the airport! It is great to see fellow dressage people and network with other regions. The educational sessions were awesome!

As for the business end of the convention, our Region 8 meetings were so busy that we barely finished business. Jane-Marie Law from Cayuga Dressage & CT Assoc presented a very good proposal about having our region sponsor year end awards for schooling shows. Jane is putting the final touches and we hope to vote on it for at the spring regional meeting. It is a wonderful program and will really benefit the grass root riders in our region!

The Board of Governors meeting was very informative. The only hot topic was US Dressage Finals and if and when it should move west. The BOG voted on having the US Dressage Finals Organizing Committee report to the At-Large-Director so that information or questions regarding the finals should be available. The OC is also to look at the impact of including JrYR at the US Dressage Finals.

At the BOG, the delegates also voted on At-Large-Directors. Only one Director was contested and our very own Sue McKeown won! Welcome Sue to the Executive Board...and let the fun begin.

There is some important information regarding qualifying this year for Regional Championships. Starting last year you are allowed to ride more than one qualifying class per day at a show. So you can ride Training test 3 class as Qualifier and Training test of choice class as Qualifier if you ride Training Test 3 in that class. HOWEVER, only one qualifying score will count per show. This year the cost of that qualifier will be \$15 instead of \$10. This fee has not been raised since the conception of the USDF Regional Championships. The additional money will increase prize money and contribute to the travel stipend for the US Dressage Finals.

Speaking of US Dressage Finals, our region does wish to continue to give saddle pads and hats to the riders who go to the finals. This year we will not need as much as we have some left over, but we will still need \$800. So if you know anyone or any group or company that would like to help, please contact me, [debra@centerlineevents.com](mailto:debra@centerlineevents.com).

Speaking of the spring meeting; it will be April 22 at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA at 2pm. At all the regional meetings I have made it clear that I am not going to be making the decisions of where activities are held or what activities are held or even what our Region does. This is YOUR region and it is your decision. At

these meetings, we will vote on issues. Delegates, both PM and GM, will carry the number of votes they carried at the convention. So it will be important for delegates to come for sure but even if you are not a delegate, it will be a huge education to learn what the region is doing. You will have a great opportunity to voice your opinion and to participate and get involved. I urge everyone to come.

Give hugs and kisses to our equine partners...and STAY WARM!

See you on the Centerline....

Debra Reinhardt - USDF Region 8 Director

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### **CDA Scholarships**

#### **CDA Scholarships for Youth & Amateurs**

#### **Vista Vintage Educational Scholarship**

CDA offers one or more scholarships per year, per category for CDA members. Check out the details for 2017 on the [CDA Scholarship Web](#) page.

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### **2018 Omnibus Pictures Needed**

**Please submit pictures for the 2018 Omnibus. Send to [president@ctdressage.com](mailto:president@ctdressage.com)**

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## The Vista Vintage Educational Scholarship

Through the continued generosity of Vista Vintage Award founder, Ted Plaut,

CDA is excited to announce the formation of the Vista Vintage Educational Scholarship.

The Vista Vintage Award was started in 2008, to honor Ted's long time equine companion, Vista GeeWiz, a Morgan/Trakehner gelding. It is Ted's philosophy that horses are living longer, healthier lives, often working and competing well into their late teens and early twenties.

The Vista Vintage Award acknowledges that accomplishment. Following along the same line of thought, the Vista Vintage Educational Scholarship will be given to further the education of horse and rider. It is Ted's feeling that better training at any age leads to a happier, healthier horse.

The Vista Vintage Fund also supports Dressage4Kids at its Weekend Educational Program.



## Calendar of Events

### Next CDA Board Meeting

Monday, February 5, 6:00 PM

Cheshire, CT | Contact Fern Feldman

fernfeldman@gmail.com

### Awards Luncheon Saturday, January 20, 2018

### CDA Sponsored Schooling Shows

#### Sperry View Farm

April 21-22 - Ride Critique Ride clinic

May 5 - CDA Schooling Show

Sept 9 - CDA Schooling Show

Hanna Calcagni [hanna@calcagni.com](mailto:hanna@calcagni.com)

#### Grand View Stables

June 24 - CDA Schooling Show

Rochelle McPherson 860-933-1939

#### Carbery Fields Farm

July 15 - CDA Schooling Show

Liz Caron 860-208-6151

#### Weatogue Stables

August 4- CDA Schooling Show

Bobbi Carlton 860-824-7908

#### R Folly Farm – Abacus Events

Sept 2 - CDA Schooling Show

Nancy Blanchard 860-618-2420

### Schooling Shows - Scores Eligible for CDA Year End Award

#### Fox Ledge Farm

Check back in 2018!

Foxledgefarm.net | 860-873-8108 Ann Guptil

#### Five Oaks Equestrian Center

See you in 2018

Kirsten Rothman 860-985-9052

### Recognized Shows

See you in 2018

### Clinics & Events

#### Equus Film Festival

November 16 – 19, 2017

<http://www.equusfilmfestival.net/>

Send us your events!

## The Dressage Foundation Century Club Scholarship Opportunities



The Century Club recognizes Dressage riders and horses whose combined age totals 100 years or more. The Century Club was formed at The Dressage Foundation in 1996, at the suggestion

of Max Gahwyler (CT). To learn more, go to the Dressage Foundation Web page – [About the Century Club](#).

Browse the [Website](#) to learn more about the programs, grants and ways to support the dressage community.

## Gifted Memorial Fund for Adult Amateurs

This Scholarship enables Adult Amateurs to set aside quality-time, in concentrated training away from the daily pressures of job and family, with a horse the recipient owns or formally leases (as documented by USDF or USEF paperwork).

Up to nine \$1,000 grants are available each year (one in each USDF Region), plus two additional \$1,000 wild card grants (which can be awarded in any Region). Follow the below link for details and guidelines.  
[http://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/adult\\_amateurs/gifted.html](http://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/adult_amateurs/gifted.html)

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## Schooling Show Competitions Awards Criteria for 2018

Open to Youth, Adult Amateur and Open CDA members who compete between November 1, 2015 and October 31, 2016 in:

- 1) CDA-sponsored schooling shows.
- 2) Schooling shows whose prize lists appear in the 2017 CDA OMNIBUS.
- 3) Schooling show prize lists that are published in the CDA Newsletter "Centerline" or on the CDA website.

Full details and requirements are outlined on the [CDA Competition Web page](#).

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Check out the updated  
[CDA Facebook Page](#)

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*Members: free classified ads  
without picture; with picture  
\$15/month.*

*Non-members: \$10/month without  
picture; with picture, \$30/month.*

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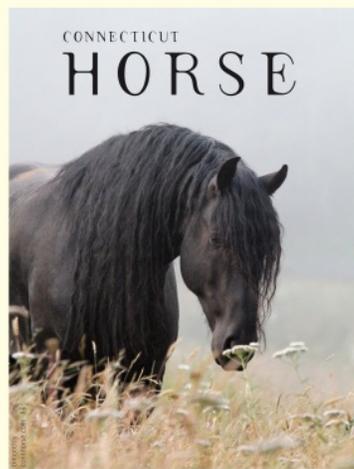
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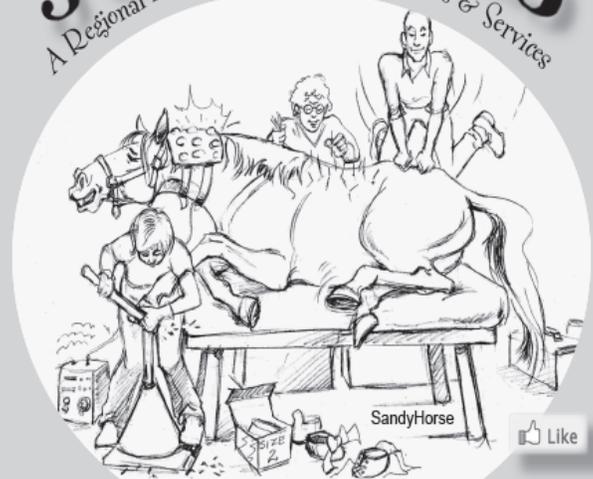
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Take advantage of another benefit offered to CDA members, a free subscription to Connecticut Horse Magazine. CDA members can email:

clubs@connhorse.com and in the subject field put: CDAPARTNER to receive their free subscription.

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