

Dear Members,

December 2024

The winter months are upon us and darkness comes much earlier! Soon we will be celebrating another Christmas!

A big shout out to our member Jamie Shook! The Dressage Foundation (TDF) announced that five grants for Western dressage riders were awarded from TDF's Lynn Palm Western Dressage Fund. The Fund was established by Lynn in 2019 to initially provide grants for Western dressage education events and was expanded in 2021 to also provide five \$1,000 grants to riders for their Western dressage education. Jamie was awarded one of the five grants!! Congratulations, Jamie!!

The annual BOSS Virtual Show was well received by Western dressage riders across the nation! WDAMI members that received awards include: Year End High Point-Kaleena Smith & Guaranteed Magic (73.063% awarded High Score Buckle), Year End Drawing-Theresa Kondel & His Royal Ensignia(awarded WDAMI 10th Anniversary Buckle), Jennifer Venderploeg(awarded a hoof pick door prize), Mary Linton and Sue Schmitz(each awarded a door prize of a Spotlight Horse Gift Certificate). Congratulations to our members and all others who supported the BOSS Show.

WDAMI is planning the 2024 Annual Award Luncheon. The luncheon will be held on February 15, 2025, at the Holiday Inn and Suites of Mt Pleasant, Michigan, 5278 E. Pickard Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, (989) 317-8686. More details to follow regarding time, cost and menu. The luncheon is open to all WDAMI members and their guests. Hope you can join us in February.

As we approach the end of the year, remember to renew your memberships. The national organization WDAA has raised their dues again. The WDAA cost for 2025 is \$55. WDAMI (Michigan) dues remain at \$25, where they have been since the inception of the organization. You can join and use PayPal for WDAMI dues on our website: www.wdami.org under Contact/Join Up. Unfortunately, WDAA prohibits WDAMI from collecting the WDAA dues via PayPal. If you would like Carol Baldwin, WDAMI Treasurer to help you with payment of WDAA dues, just send Carol a check (made out to WDAMI) for both memberships (total of \$80). Carol will follow up and forward your WDAA dues to WDAA and Carol will process your WDAMI dues. The office address is: WDAMI, 9075 Brudy Rd., Wolverine, MI 49799.

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas. In the spirit of celebration and time with family and friends, take time to remember the reason for the season.

Til next time, let's be kind to one another!

Suzanne Morisse, President

