



# Midwest Dressage Association November 2016

## **How has your relationship with horses shaped your life? By Shari Wolke**

There are always things in life that at times make it seem overwhelming. The relationship that I share with my horses, the sense of purpose and commitment to health and training that horses bring to me, make every day with them a stabilizing, solid force in my life.

Probably the most prominent example I have of horses making me who I am-- giving me strength, courage, and ultimately, resilience-- is when, in May of 2015, my Thoroughbred gelding, Kenny, was found to have an infected hock after routine joint injections. What started out as just a lower leg swelling within a week soon became a swollen hock joint with apparent underlying issues. Late on a Tuesday night, I called the veterinarian out because something was clearly going on- more than pitting edema, as we had previously assumed. It was soon clear that Kenny would need to be trailered over to Michigan State. I already knew, as many in the horse world know, what that meant. When a veterinarian thinks that this kind of expert help is needed, particularly with a swollen joint, it's clear that the prognosis is grim. I had also heard the rumors about an infected hock-- that there was really no chance of survival. Loading him in the trailer, my worst fears started to surface, and I was soon physically sick with dread.

For some context here-- Kenny, a Thoroughbred racehorse with 33 starts in his race career, was my partner in the passion that drove me to spend hour after hour, day after day, in the cold, in the snow, in the rain; I spent my life with this horse on days when it was convenient to go to the barn, days when it wasn't convenient, days when I sacrificed time with my family and time with my friends, and days when I thought I was too sick to move. Kenny has been more than just an occasional companion, Kenny has been a daily drive. Molding a Thoroughbred ex-racehorse into, eventually, a horse that went out and earned me my Bronze medal, was not only an incredible experience in itself, but becoming his closest companion over many years had me quite attached.

The first several days at MSU turned into a week. My days with Kenny at MSU's Large Animal Clinic became routine: go to work, leave nearly as soon as that last bell rang, drive from my work in Charlotte, check in at the front desk, change in the restroom right behind Dr. Nichols' desk, walk out that door and into the sterile- smelling, green and white stalled hallway. The worst part of most days of those three weeks was trying to sneak out the big doors leading out to Farm Lane. If Kenny saw me leaving, he would call with a scream that couldn't be more clearly stating, "Don't leave!" When he became the only horse in the aisle, the screams had me sick with worry. What had me even sicker with worry was the updates from the veterinary team about Kenny's cell counts within the joint: 60,000, 80,000...as high as 90,000 at one point. It was two weeks in when the lead surgeon resident had a serious conversation with us about how far we wanted to go, Kenny's chances with a third arthroscopy, and just how likely it was

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**November 2016**



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The Board welcomes members to assist on these committees. Please contact the Committee Chairperson.

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**Newsletter/Website**- Barbra Reis

**MDA Wearables**

Tonya Grant/Allison McNab

**Nominations**

Ingrid Baranski/Tonya Grant

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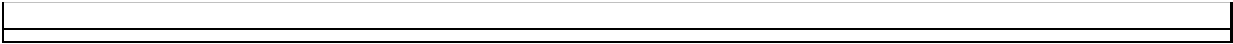
# *MDA is challenging members to a Battle of the Baskets 2016!*



*Get your barn together and create a  
winning basket for this year's  
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Celebrity Judges will award bragging rights to the team that delivers the most creative basket. The high dollar basket team will also receive recognition!

Contact Lisa Machala @ 248.921.6322 or  
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**SHE'S COMING BAAACK.....**



Terry Ciotti Gallo, Musical Freestyle Clinic.  
May 21, 2017 Sunday  
Visual Equestrian, Fenton, MI  
(details next month).



2016  
Midwest Dressage Association

Annual Awards Banquet  
The Buhl Estate at Addison Oaks

1480 W. Romeo Rd., Leonard, MI 48367

Sunday, November 20, 2016

11:30 a.m. doors open

lunch will be served at 12:00

Cash bar

The beautiful, historic Buhl Estate has the look and feel of a European country club. Come enjoy a beverage by one of the working fireplaces. Mimosa's and Bloody Mary's available.

Our guest speaker will be Sydney Collier, the talented Para-Equestrian, sharing with us her competing at the 2016 Olympics in Rio. Sydney is also the 2014 Jr. Equestrian of the year.

Sydney's service dog Journey will also be attending.

This year we are having "The Battle of the Baskets", to be auctioned at the banquet. This is our challenge to you! Each barn should pick a theme. We expect this to be very competitive.

You may bring the basket to the banquet or contact Denise,  
(586) 463-7741 and it will be picked up.

\$30.00 per person or reserve a table for 10 for \$300.00

Send your check made payable to the MDA with the names of the people in your party to  
Denise Gentile, 38249 Leshia, Clinton Township, MI. 48036

If you have questions call Denise at (586) 463-7741

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**Approved Minutes  
MDA Board of Directors  
Sept. 6, 2016 6:30 pm  
White Horse Inn, Metamora**

**Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm**

**Davis, Baranski, Howle, Gentile, Reis, Fleming, Schaub, Machala**

**Guests: Debbie Hannaford nominee for 2017 board**

**Ariel Filonczuk from Willowbrook Farm**

**President's Opening Remarks - none**

**Secretary's Report**

- **Approval of August Minutes**
- **Howle asked for correction ending checking July should be \$15,716.04**
- **Howle moved to approve corrected minutes**
- **Second by Schaub**
- **motion passed unanimously**

**Treasurer's Report**

- **Beginning and Ending July Balances**

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Beginning balance</b> | <b>Aug \$15,716.04</b> |
| <b>End balance</b>       | <b>Aug \$14,803.18</b> |
- **Financial Reports**

**Machala moved to approve Treasurer's report. Barb Reis seconded. Passed unanimously**

**Discussion on how to recoup service fee for offering cc payment option on memberships and other services. Board felt \$5.00 per transaction was too high. Discussion of flat rate versus percentage.**

**Machala made motion to charge \$2.50 per membership for those using credit card to pay for memberships effective with the 2017 membership year. Ingrid Baranski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. MDA will charge a \$2.50 convenience fee for using a credit card to pay for membership. This will apply per membership.**

**This needs to be posted on the membership page of the MDA website and the Facebook Page.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Update on By Law Changes for 2017 – input from BOD members**

**Howle recommended a separate BL meeting in Sept. Meeting scheduled for Sept 28, 2016 at 1pm in Rochester. Howle, Baranski, and Machala to attend. Goal is to have a finalized document to present to BOD at October meeting for approval so the process can move forward to the membership in a timely manner.**

**2. Update on Year End Awards Project – input from BOD members**  
**Discussion on second draft. MDA will not charge a per horse fee. Horse owner must be MDA member in order to be recognized. Recommendation to follow USDF rules regarding year end awards. follow their rules.**  
**review other GMOs to see what they are doing.**

**Note: photo release has been added to mda membership application**

**3. Proposed Change to MDA clinician contract terms of Agreement - first right of refusal and protection of MDA's territory. - Lisa Howle made a motion to table this item to October meeting. Ingrid Baranski seconded this motion. It was approved unanimously by voice vote.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. MDA Delegate to USDF Convention - Will offered to go. Schaub nominate Will Davis to attend on behalf of MDA, and Gentile seconded . Board agreed to a \$1000 budget. for expenses.**
- 2. Need to establish date and location for annual meeting separate from YEAB**
- 3. Julie Fleming drafted a welcome letter for new to MDA and new to dressage -we will add Facebook group page and website. It will be sent with membership card, and we will have hard copies to distribute at events where MDA has a booth.**

#### **Committee Reports:**

**YE Awards - see above**

#### **Education**

**Fall Boot Camp Oct 1-2 - 11 paid riders. 3 pros already. Fall boot camp will copy the Spring format. on FB and email blast by Barb. can handle more attendees. Machala MET are sponsoring \$100. Discussion of auditing. MDA members may audit for free.**

**Professional's Clinic Oct - Tues 11-12 Yvonne Barteau .375. 3 sign up. no payments max is 10. email list of pros - will davis to provide copy to Barb Reis for email to pros for clinic.**

**2017 clinician status - Baranski reports Maryal and Terri Gallo for freestyle clinic may 20-21. Saturday will be classroom training / CE judges program and Sunday will be the freestyle clinic at Tonya and Carole Grant's farm.**

**Ingrid informed BOD that this event is eligible for grant money Edgar Holtz - min \$200 guaranteed. L graduates and current judges. Anyone can audit on Sat but may not speak.**

**Ingrid working on budget. Will have tentative budget at October meeting.**

**USDF requirements reviewed with board of directors. Regional director signature required.**

**Membership - Member numbers: Total: 289 AA-159, Jr/Yr - 34, Pro - 93, Life 3 video library - no action**

**Professionals Advisory - no report**

Newsletter/ Website - need content - calendar of events - open to all in dressage community. abbreviated template - event name, location, dates, contact person, email address  
Marketing /Sponsorship - no report

Wearables / MDA Store - no report

Volunteers - Will Davis will provide list of top volunteers by hours.

Nominations - INGRID DENISE AND TONYA - DEBBIE HANNAFORD. NEED TWO MORE CANDIDATES.

Banquet - Sydney Collier is the speaker. We need to publicize event on Facebook and website.

Historian - no report

Lisa Howle moved to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Denise Gentile. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

**NEXT MEETING OCT 4 COME BACK INN MILFORD at 7 PM**

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Machala

Secretary, MDA



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## **Midwest Dressage Association Professionals Grant Program**

This Grant program has been established to assist those who are professional members of the Midwest Dressage Association meeting the following requirements in furthering their education in the following area's teaching, training, and judging.

The MDA board of directors shall set aside from the general fund the sum of \$1,500.00 (three grants of \$500 each) at the beginning of each calendar year for the sole purpose of being awarded in the form of Qualified Grant Money to those Applicants meeting the following requirements:

A minimum of 2 years consecutive membership (in good standing) with the Midwest Dressage Association

4 hours of volunteer time documented with the MDA within the 12 months preceding the filing of a grant application

A letter of recommendation from one student

A letter of recommendation from a professional horseperson - (Trainer, Instructor or Judge)

Approved educational opportunities would include the following:

All clinics, seminars, and educational programs offered and or sponsored by the following Midwest Dressage Association, the United States Dressage Federation, United States Equestrian Federation. And those educational opportunities brought before and approved by the MDA Board of directors on a case by case basis.

Maximum grant to be awarded to any one person shall be limited to \$500.00

\* Board may approve any grant request for less than the applied for amount.

No one person can receive more than one grant per calendar year.

Should said recipient fail to attend specified event all grant moneys are to be refunded to Midwest Dressage Association within 30 days after the date said event.

Additional funds may be placed and or added to the Professional Grant Fund through donations, fund raisers, etc.

- Terms & Conditions subject to change on an annual basis.

# Midwest Dressage Professional Grant Work Sheet

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Membership Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A letter of Recommendation from Student

Students contact information Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

A letter of recommendation from a professional Horseperson

(Trainer- Instructor or Judge)

Sponsors Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the educational event:

How does this event help you achieve your riding goals?

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- All requests should be filed 60 days prior to the event date, to ensure the MDA Board has time to review requests. Thank you.

Please Mail completed work sheets / requests to:

Will Davis II  
9518 Brookway Ct.  
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Contact # 810 287 2011

# MIDWEST DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION ESSAY CONTEST

This essay contest is open to all current MDA members.

One \$50.00 cash prize will be awarded to one winner in each of the following categories.

Jr./Young rider

Adult Amateurs

Professional Members

All submitted essays will be published in the MDA Newsletter.

Winners will be announced and awarded at the 2016 MDA Awards Banquet.

## Essay Guidelines:

Submissions may be made Dec 1- 2015 through Nov 1, 2016

## Essay Topic:

How Has Your Relationship with Horses Shaped Your Life?

## Judging Criteria:

Originality, Creativity, Correct use of language, vocabulary, structure and spelling.  
Appropriateness to essay topic

## The Judge:

Is an established horse person who has worked with a broad range of ages, types and styles of horses, but has been mainly concentrated in the world of Dressage.  
In addition to being highly respected in the dressage community, they are well spoken and well written.

## Submitting an Essay:

you may E-mail to Barb Reis at [barb@midwestdressage.com](mailto:barb@midwestdressage.com)  
or mail a hard copy to  
Barb Reis  
490 Rissman Lane  
Ortonville, MI. 48462

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that Kenny would survive.

The surgeon said he had a chance of overcoming this infection, but that it was a small chance, about 40%. We decided to go ahead with the surgery.

After Kenny's third arthroscopy, the surgeons decided to try him on a different antibiotic, enrofloxacin (Baytril). This stronger drug, combined with the third arthroscopy, worked. Two days later, his cell count was 2,000. He came home a few days later, and slowly has recovered to full-time dressage work, albeit at lower levels.

My experience with Kenny's septic joint has taught me so many things: the first is that life is fragile, and that even a minute with your horse shouldn't be taken for granted. This was also one of the few times I've seen my husband cry. You know he's a keeper when he says, after hearing that Kenny had only a 40% chance of making it, "We'll do what we have to do to save him" (As many of you know, a three week stay at MSU with three arthroscopies and several regional limb perfusions- not the least expensive of the possibilities).

I also have gained so much more of an appreciation for the anxiety and stress that others have gone through while having horses. Whether it be dealing with a difficult foaling, an undiagnosed lameness, a surgical colic-- I have so much more empathy for those with horses who have issues beyond our control. Being an L Graduate dressage judge, I now sometimes wonder as the horse goes down centerline-- is this horse a miracle story like my Kenny? I keep in mind the possibility of so much sacrifice that may have been undergone to get that horse there that day. I try to keep riders in mind with comments that encourage and them, while understanding that the horse may have a past as complex as Kenny's. This may be the horse's first show or it's last, and each should be given a fair chance to have a great ride.

I have a new prospect, Shorty, who is a joy to ride every day, and Kenny is now teaching another young rider the ropes of dressage- and loving it. Jordyn is very lucky to have Kenny, but Kenny is also very lucky to now have Jordyn, a rider who clearly has empathy and understanding for her horse and his past. Above all, these are the most important things that horses have brought to my life, and it's wonderful to see Kenny now teaching someone else these fundamental values.

The Midwest Dressage Association &



Are joining together in a Partners Program

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## Calendar of Events

### November 2016

20 - MDA Annual Awards Banquet, Addison Oaks County Park, 11:30am - 4:30pm. Contact Denise Gentile.

### December 2016

6 - MDA Board Meeting at the ComebackInn, Highland MI.

10 - Dressage Schooling Show at Brilliant Reflection Farm, Ortonville MI. Intro thru Second Level and Western Dressage Tests. No show clothes required. Go to [www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com](http://www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com) for prize list and entry form or call Barb at 248-670-9031

### January 2017

22 - MDA Annual Meeting at the Iroquis Club, Bloomfield Hill, MI

28 - Fix a Test Clinic at Groveland Equestrian Center. Call Vanessa Smith at 248-459-5515 for more information.

29 - Dressage Schooling Show at Brilliant Reflection Farm, Ortonville MI. Intro thru Second Level and Western Dressage Tests. No show clothes required. Go to [www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com](http://www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com) for prize list and entry form or call Barb at 248-670-9031

### February 2017

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### April 2017

8 - Fix a Test Clinic for English and Western Dressage at Brilliant Reflection Farm. Go to [www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com](http://www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com) for information and entry form or call Barb at 248-670-9031

9 - Dressage Schooling Show at Brilliant Reflection Farm, Ortonville MI. Intro thru Second Level and Western Dressage Tests. No show clothes required. Go to [www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com](http://www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com) for prize list and entry form or call Barb at 248-670-9031

### May 2017

6 & 7 - Janet Foy Clinic at Brilliant Reflection Farm, Ortonville, MI. Auditors welcome. Visit the website for information and forms: [www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com](http://www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com)

13-14 - Wyn Farm Dressage Schooling Show. Information at [www.wynfarm.com](http://www.wynfarm.com) or contact Ilaria Elli at 734-883-4500 or [synfarmshowseries@gmail.com](mailto:synfarmshowseries@gmail.com)

20 - USDF Continuing Education Clinic sponsored by MDA

21 - MDA Freestyle Clinic with Terry Gallo - see ad in newsletter for more information.



**June 2017**

**10-11 - Wyn Farm Dressage Schooling Show. Information at [www.wynfarm.com](http://www.wynfarm.com) or contact Ilaria Elli at 734-883-4500 or [synfarmshowseries@gmail.com](mailto:synfarmshowseries@gmail.com)**

**July 2017**

**8-9 -Wyn Farm Dressage Schooling Show. Information at [www.wynfarm.com](http://www.wynfarm.com) or contact Ilaria Elli at 734-883-4500 or [synfarmshowseries@gmail.com](mailto:synfarmshowseries@gmail.com)**

**August 2017**

**12-13 - Wyn Farm Dressage Schooling Show. Information at [www.wynfarm.com](http://www.wynfarm.com) or contact Ilaria Elli at 734-883-4500 or [synfarmshowseries@gmail.com](mailto:synfarmshowseries@gmail.com)**

**September 2017**

**9-10 - Wyn Farm Dressage Schooling Show. Information at [www.wynfarm.com](http://www.wynfarm.com) or contact Ilaria Elli at 734-883-4500 or [synfarmshowseries@gmail.com](mailto:synfarmshowseries@gmail.com)**

**Midwest Dressage Association**  
**Membership Application**  
 December 1, 2016 - November 30, 2017

**Membership Information:**     Renewal (MDA #): \_\_\_\_\_     New Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Family Memberships:** Only the primary member will receive yearly directories.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

For additional Horse/Rider Combinations, please use a separate piece of paper.

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Rider Status:     Open     Adult Amateur     Junior/Young Rider (*Must be under 21 as of 12/1/2016*)

*If a rider status is not selected, applicant will be considered as Open for all MDA purposes including year-end awards. Adult Amateur status is limited to riders who meet the guidelines of USEF GR808.*

**Professionals Only: I would like to be listed in the MDA Directory with the following services:**

Boarding Facility     Training Facility     Trainer (will travel)     Judge     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Member these services apply to: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="radio"/> Mastercard <input type="radio"/> Visa<br>Credit Card # _____<br>Expiration: _____ Zip Code _____ CVV# _____ | <b>TOTALS:</b> Adult Amateur/Open (\$51)    \$ _____<br>Junior/Young Rider (\$41)    \$ _____<br>Family Members (\$21 each addtl member) \$ _____<br>Credit Card use Fee (\$2.50)    \$ _____<br><b>I would like to donate to (tax deductible), please indicate amount.</b><br><input type="radio"/> MDA Annual Awards    \$ _____<br><input type="radio"/> MDA Educational Clinics    \$ _____<br><b>TOTAL PAID</b> \$ _____  |
| <input type="radio"/> I <b>DO NOT</b> want my information printed in the MDA directory  | <b>Please make checks payable to Midwest Dressage Association and mail to the MDA Membership Coordinator, Julie Fleming, at 9480 W. Grand River Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836.</b><br><b>PayPal payments may be sent to <a href="mailto:MidwestDressage@gmail.com">MidwestDressage@gmail.com</a> -Please indicate member name in notes section. PayPal payments may take several days to process.</b><br><b>Membership Applications may be e-mailed to <a href="mailto:judgejulie33@aol.com">judgejulie33@aol.com</a> if PayPal or Credit Card method of payment is being utilized.</b>  |
| Office Use Only:<br>PM: _____ CK: _____<br>AMT: _____<br>Or<br>Date Electronic Payment Received:<br>_____                         | All Members receive a membership card, monthly e-newsletters, and a group membership to the United States Dressage Foundation (USDF) for the membership year. <b>The effective date of MDA membership is the postmarked date (if mailed) or payment receipt date (if submitted electronically).</b> MDA is not responsible for late, delayed, or misdirected mail or payments. Please allow three weeks for processing of MDA application and USDF group membership.<br>I grant the Midwest Dressage Association permission to use any photographs that have been taken or may be taken of me or in which I may be included with others. Such photographs may be used, reused, published, and republished in whole or in part, individually or in connection with other material, in any and all media now or hereafter known, including the internet, and for any purpose whatsoever, specifically including illustration and promotion. I have read this request and fully understand its contents. This release shall be binding upon me and MDA for the current membership year. |
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