PVDA member Diane Skvarla receives her GMO Newsletter writing award from George Williams at the USDF Convention.

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January 2016
10 FADS Schooling Show at Celebration Farm. See www.frederickdressage.org
16 PVDA’s 52nd Annual Awards Dinner and Silent Auction at the Carriage Room at Laurel Park Race Track, register online at www.pvda.org or contact Mimi Mack at 301-748-6844 for more details. Speakers include FEI rider Julio Mendoza and Johns Hopkins Breast Cancer Research Fellow Dr. Maureen O’Donnell
22-24 Horse World Expo at the Md State Fairgrounds. See www.horworldexpo.com details.
23 Spirit Winter Schooling Show Series at Frying Pan Park, Herndon, Va. Stabling available, indoor arena. See www.spiritopenequestrian.blogspot.com

February
7 Schooling Show at Bascule Farm, Poolesville, Md. Closing dates are the Saturdays 8 days prior to each show. Each test only $25. Contact basculesecretary@verizon.net. Ride USEF/FEI tests or USEA dressage tests.
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Send your 2016 Calendar Items to calendar@pvda.org.
FEBRUARY 2016 Deadline: JANUARY 10
Calendar Editor: Jocelyn Pearson
www.pvda.org for complete calendar
PVDA Schooling Shows on separate calendar

Congratulations USDF Medalists!

Congratulations to Jeannette Bair and Michelle Wellman, long-time PVDA members, former Board members, and Ride for Life founders on their USDF Silver Medals, and to other long-time members Hillary Moore and Christine Betz for their Silver Freestyle Bars.

Note to all members: Send us your achievements and we will publish them here! Send news items to newsletter@pvda.org for inclusion.

Celebrate the Life and Adventures of Miss Betty Thorpe

Help celebrate the life and adventures of Board member Betty Thorpe. She has touched us in so many wonderful ways. Join us on Sunday, January 10, 2016 from 1-4pm at Howard County - Iron Bridge Hounds, 18821 Windsor Forest Rd, Mt. Airy, MD 21771.

Light refreshments and music (Betty’s favorites) will be provided; please RSVP to patricia.m.haley@gmail.com to aid in planning the event.

If you have pictures of Betty in one of her many adventures, send to patricia.m.haley@gmail.com to be included in the streaming video.

Betty (left) having fun with Susan G. White at Loch Moy.
Photo by Jocelyn Pearson.

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Dear Members,

2016 is here! The holidays are behind us and a whole New Year lies ahead, waiting for us to shape and define it. The PVDA Board has elected me as your President from the Board of Directors that you, our members, voted for. Our organization was built by people like us with a passion for dressage and a desire to share that with others. Members like us have been encouraging and sharing dressage in Maryland since 1964. It is a wonderful testament to PVDA how “mainstream” dressage has become with shows, clinics, and demonstrations easily accessible and abundant in our area.

Periodically we take stock of who we are and the direction we are taking. Past President Mary Sue McCarthy and her Board have worked hard to examine this and make changes that support what members have told us they need. We have tweaked and refined in many areas, responding as needed. We implemented allowing non-members to ride in our shows specifically to allow us to share our passion with our friends and barn mates and encourage others to participate as requested by members. I would like to thank the previous Board for their willingness to constantly re-evaluate and the work they have done. We continue to work hard on many fronts to encourage and support the sharing of our art and passion.

As we move into 2016 there are challenges to meet. We start saddened by the loss of our great friend, Betty Thorpe. Betty shared her passion for dressage with everyone and went out of her way to encourage others—not in a “fixing something that is wrong” way, but more a quiet yet joyful belief in dressage and what we can accomplish as individuals. She has been a tremendous advocate for PVDA and dressage in general, and we will really miss her. Betty has embodied the spirit of PVDA for many years. I invite everyone to take their lead from her in building a community where we share knowledge and support each other as individuals, barns, and especially chapters.

We have challenges with our newsletter. Most of us love it, but the delivery time has become an issue for sharing information in a timely manner. We love having something in print to take places and share, but as our world becomes more instant we recognize a need to share time sensitive things quickly too. Our website and eblasts have become essential tools. If you don’t already, check the website often and make sure you receive and read our eblasts. We try not to overwhelm your inbox, but we need to get information to you! We are looking to make better use of our website as a resource center for our organization and our members. Look for a members-only area to develop this year with improved access to many things.

Betty showed us how one person can make a difference. You can make a difference to PVDA. If you have an idea, contact a committee or Board member. Members are always welcome at Board meetings. We are all members. You can make a difference in 2016. Make those resolutions. Set those goals and keep choosing the next appropriate action! Join a chapter, study with Dressage Training Online to make the most of your lessons, and map the road ahead. Be joyful you are able to pursue your passion. Share what you need with your dressage community. We can all benefit from working through issues and sharing knowledge together.

Wishing you a wonderful and rewarding 2016!

Claire
Clarksville
Report submitted by Deanna Williford
Our Winter

Show Series, held at Stonebrook Farm, is scheduled and ready to go! The remaining dates are January 31 (Jocelyn Pearson, judge) and February 28 (Angie Voss, judge). Our snow date is March 6. New this year will be the Prix Caprilli tests! Add a little jumping in your dressage repertoire! We have a great sound system for your freestyle as well! Information about the show and entry forms are on the PVDA and Clarksville Chapter PVDA Facebook sites. Hope you can join us!

Our potluck and video nights are such a treat to keep us connected through the winter months (November-March). Thanks to the Speers’ generosity with their comfy clubroom above the indoor arena, we enjoy sharing our culinary talents and get to share each other’s inspiring videos.

Consider joining our chapter if you are interested in adding some extra fun and comradery to your horsey endeavors! Contact our co-chairs- Nancy Albrecht (202) 288-0272 or Camilla Cornwell (301) 641-5133.
The PVDA Clarksville Chapter announces
The Winter Show Series
December 13, 2015 Judge: Suzy Floyd
January 31, 2016 Judge: Jocelyn Pearson
February 28, 2016 Judge: Angie Voss
at Stonebrook Farm
6300 Guilford Road
Clarksville, MD
Prix Caprilli tests will be offered
Snow date: March 6, 2016
For more information contact Nancy Albrecht albrechtnt@hotmail.com or phone 301-854-2588 or Camilla Cornwell ckcornwell@gmail.com or phone 301-641-5133

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Send materials to the appropriate editor below. Late materials may be published in a subsequent newsletter as deemed appropriate. Editors reserve the right to edit all material. All submissions are subject to editorial approval.

Send your submissions to the appropriate editor:

- **Display Ads, Chapter News & Photos:** newsletter@pvda.org
- **News/Articles/Flying Changes:** newsletter@pvda.org
- **The Classifieds:** classifieds@pvda.org or shari.glickman@comcast.net (Shari Glickman, GoodNess Ridge Farm, 13979 Unionville Rd., Mt. Airy, MD 21771; 301-351-5530)
- **Calendar of Events:** calendar@pvda.org (Jocelyn Pearson, Calendar Editor)
- **Change of Address/Membership Renewal & Information:** membership@pvda.org (Carolyn Del Grosso, Membership Coordinator, 10401 Peak View Ct., Damascus, MD 20872; 301-509-9566)
- **General Information:** info@pvda.org
- **PVDA Web Site:** www.pvda.org

**Potomac Valley Dressage Association Membership Application 2016**

**PVDA is a USDF Group Member Organization and PVDA members are automatically USDF Group Members.**

**The PVDA Membership Year Runs from January 1 Through December 31.**

**I wish to apply for the following:**

- **1 YEAR**
  - Junior Affiliate (<18) $45
  - Young Adult (18-21) $60
  - Adult $60
  - Senior (65 & Older) $45
  - Patron $75
  - Business Affiliate $100
  - Family (priced for 2) $85
  - Additional Family $20 ea

- **2 YEAR**
  - Junior Affiliate (<18) $75
  - Young Adult (18-21) $100
  - Adult $100
  - Senior (65 & Older) $75
  - Patron $125
  - Business Affiliate $175
  - Family (priced for 2) $145
  - Additional Family $40 ea

- **Life Adult Member** $799

**I would like to Volunteer:**

- Scribe
- Set Up
- Manager
- Breakdown
- Steward
- Show Other
- Runner
- Education
- Scoring
- Computer

**I offer the following services:**

- Instructor at Level: ______
- Judge at Grade: ______
- Trainer at Level: ______
- USEF TD at Level: ______
- Breeder of: _____________

**I would like to Donate toward:**

- Year End Trophy Fund: $ ____________
- PVDA Ride for Life: $ ____________

**PVDA Membership Directory Options**

- List my Phone # Yes No
- List my Email Yes No

Mail Completed Applications with check made Payable to PVDA to:

Carolyn DelGrosso, PVDA Membership
10401 Peak View Ctr.
Damascus, MD 20872

membership@pvda.org or 301-509-9566

*Birthdates are REQUIRED for Junior, Young Adult and Senior Memberships*
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www.PeaceOfMindDressage.com
PVDA’s 52nd Annual Awards
Dinner And Silent Auction

Saturday, January 16, 2016
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The Carriage Room
Laurel Park Race Track
198 Laurel Race Track Rd
Laurel, MD

Guest Speakers
FEI Rider, Julio Mendoza Loor
Johns Hopkins Fellow, Dr Maureen O’Donnell

Register online or send a check made payable to PVDA to
Mimi Mack, 11910 Clayton Ct, Monrovia, MD 21770
Note: Volunteer certificates can be used as payment

Name

Address

Phone
Number of Guests

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