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## *Presidents Message -*



We had a nice annual party at Cinzetti's in December. If you were not able to make it, you missed some wonderful camaraderie. It's a new year now, 2020, and the end of a decade. Having the century and year match only comes about every 101 years. The next time will be 2121, the beginning of a new decade. I wonder as technology moves so quickly will people still be driving (or virtually driving) equines in 101 years? Let's hope they will be actually driving their equines.

Our former VP, Judi Adams, is mentoring new VP, Laura Hillman, on organizing fun and educational activities for our members and other drivers. They have planned an upcoming seminar on trailer maintenance, which should be of interest to all our members who trailer their equines to drives and events, and others are still in the planning stages.

Our chances for sleighing are few in this area, yet antique sleighs can be a thing of beauty with meticulous restoration. So they're also looking into organizing a trip to a sleigh collector in northwest Missouri. Check out the calendar for upcoming activities.

Linda again will organize our ADS approved carriage pleasure driving show, the *My Revelation Carriage Classic*, with John Freiburger as our Judge and Susan Koso as our Technical Delegate. Barbara is once again at the helm of the September ADS recognized *Longview by the Lake Driving Trial*. Both competitions put our club and its members, as well as the lovely Longview Horse Park, in the spotlight nationally.

*Linda & Barbara*

CDSGKC 2020 Events of Interest		
Sun. Jan.26 1:00pm	CDSGKC Board Meeting. John Knox Village Gallery Room	Linda Barta <a href="mailto:lindaasb3@gmail.com">lindaasb3@gmail.com</a>
Sat. Feb 1 8:30-11:30am	Annual Equine Education Event, Wilhite & Frees Equine Hospital. Memorial Station 602 Maurer Pkwy, Belton, MO 64012. Topics include Stomach Health & Gastric Ulcers	816-779-0100 <a href="http://www.wilhiteandfrees.com">www.wilhiteandfrees.com</a>
April 9-12/2020	2020 ADS North American Preliminary & Intermediate Championships will be in Southern Pines, NC	
May 30-31	ENDS Pioneer Pleasure Driving Carriage Show & CT. ADS sanctioned. Judge: John Greenall. TD: Katy Rhinehart	Garnet Blatchford <a href="mailto:garnetblat@gmail.com">garnetblat@gmail.com</a>
July 11 & 12	<i>My Revelation Carriage Classic</i> at Longview Horse Park. Judge: John Frieberger. TD: Susan Koso	Linda Barta <a href="mailto:lindaasb3@gmail.com">lindaasb3@gmail.com</a>
Sept. 19&20	Longview by the Lake Driving Trial	Barbara Kirby <a href="mailto:kirbyb77@yahoo.com">kirbyb77@yahoo.com</a>

**Carriage & Driving Society  
of Greater Kansas City Minutes  
December 29, 2019 General Meeting**

Twenty-one members of the general membership were present for our annual Christmas Party, Election and General Meeting at Cinzetti's Italian Restaurant. After enjoying a sumptuous meal and greeting friends, Dick Brown, Chair of the Nominating Committee asked for a motion to approve the slate as presented by the Committee. Barbara Kirby so moved and it was seconded by Rianna Deselich. The motion passed unanimously.

Judi Adams then nominated Linda Shay to fill the open two year term position. Linda accepted the nomination and the additional board member was voted in unanimously.

General Discussion

Judi Adams will be assisting Laura Lee in her new duties as Vice President and working on the Events Committee. The Committee is setting the calendar for 2020 and if anyone has suggestions they should send them to Laura Lee.

Many members renewed their memberships at the party. New forms are required each year to have current releases signed by all members.

Board Meeting

The board met briefly at the end of the general meeting to set the date for their first meeting.

**Election Results**

Position	Term Through	Name
Board Member	2020	Mary Sawyer
Secretary	2020	Mary Loy Brown
Board Member	2022	Lisa Packard
Board Member	2021	Linda Shay
Co-President	2020	Linda Barta
Vice-President	2021	Laura Lee Hillman
Board Member	2020	Judi Adams
Treasurer	2021	Jerry Plummer
Board Member	2021	Bobbi Wojtowicz
Co-President	2020	Barbara Kirby
Board Member	2022	Al Hale

**Congratulations to all our new  
Officers and Board Members. And  
THANK YOU  
to all those retiring.**

**We appreciate all you have done  
and will do for our members and  
for Carriage Driving in our area.**

## News from LVHPA

The Longview Horse Park Association had it's first board meeting of 2020 on January 14. Mary Loy Brown is our club representative and took the following notes about issues that are of interest to CDSGKC members:

- ◆ Pursue getting a memorial bench for Jess Bain to be placed by the Memorial Garden.
- ◆ Trailer/light pole accident from our HDT still not settled by Minnesota insurance company. Bob McMillin is trying to have the county cover some cost now to get started on replacement sooner for the coming show season.
- ◆ Discussion about Longview fund raisers. Many cookbooks still left. Could have various member clubs be responsible for selling a given number at \$20 apiece. Also will check on how many bricks can still be sold in the memorial garden.
- ◆ Covers for the arena bleachers: the current bid would be \$2000 apiece.
- ◆ Arena footing: much discussion here. Significant support in going back to using limestone dust as it was originally. General agreement that the last mulch was too deep and soft. Genuine concern for our carriage horses/ponies and gaited horses/ponies. Definite need to deal with the "berm" that has built up on the inside of the track in several places. Suggestions of more use of the sod roller both in the arena and in the area we prefer using for warm-up and our obstacle courses.
- ◆ Sand Dressage Arena: Reminder that it was originally designed to provide two regulation ridden arenas and one full-size driven dressage arena with a limit of 2 inches of sand. Mary Loy was asked to measure the current depth around the arena so we know what we're dealing with. No sand has been added for years.

**Check out the LVHPA website:**

[www.longviewhorsepark.org](http://www.longviewhorsepark.org)

## News from ADS

By all accounts, the recent American Driving Society Annual Meeting was well-received by all. They will have the 2020 Rulebook with new dressage tests available soon and you can order it now if you want a print copy.

Big news for all clubs is the new measurement program for ponies & VSEs to be used at all events by this summer. Barbara Kirby has already bought a new measuring stick for herself and the club. This will make it easier to know which classes to enter if the show schedule divides them by small and large ponies and VSEs.

### ADS Pony & VSE Measurement Program

Appendix GR-C and Article 930.4 will be added to the 2020 ADS Rulebook:

1. ADS Ponies are 120cm to 148cm with or without shoes, 149cm with shoes.
2. ADS Small Ponies are 99cm or less than 120cm; with or without shoes.
3. VSEs are under 99cm with or without shoes.
4. Animals will be measured prior to their first competition of each year until reaching the competition age of 8 years, after which they will receive a Permanent Card.
5. Measurement Cards are for the exclusive use of ADS Competitions.

## News from CAA

The Carriage Association of America is looking forward to their 2020 Symposium on January 25rd. And for a look at the events scheduled nationally through April go to:

[www.carriageassociationofamerica.com/events](http://www.carriageassociationofamerica.com/events)

Another fun CAA offering is their monthly show about driving on the horse world podcast "Horses in the Morning" It's on live the first Thursday of each month at 10:00am EST. But if you can't listen live, you can also listen to past episodes anytime. Just go to [horsesinthemorning.com](http://horsesinthemorning.com) and check out the full schedule of episodes.

## News from USEF

Along with the restructuring of their website [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org), which was launched on January 15, 2020, US Equestrian has updated the online Safe Sport resources.

The revamped site features videos highlighting what each audience group needs to know about Safe Sport, common myths and misconceptions as well as fact sheets and instructions on how to be in compliance with Safe Sport policies

## Another forage choice for horses

Brome, timothy, alfalfa –those three types of hay are well-known to most horse owners, but a new one being introduced by the Standlee Forage Company might deserve a closer look too. It's called "Teff grass".

In their January 7th newsletter they had this information:



Teff's origin is thought to be Ethiopia, where it emerged as a grain crop for human consumption sometime between 4000 B.C. and 1000 B.C. Teff in the USA is grown primarily as a forage crop for livestock, is adaptable and it can grow in various environments, both wet and dry.

It is a fine stemmed, fast growing, high yielding, summer annual grass. But what really makes Teff Grass unique and exciting is its nutrient content.

Teff is a "C4 Warm Season" grass with a moderate protein and calorie content, but with a low sugar / starch content.

Find out more at [www.standleeforage.com](http://www.standleeforage.com)



## Group Wants Retirement Policy for NYC Carriage Horses

[thehorse.com](http://thehorse.com) • Jan. 16, 2020

An organization that unsuccessfully called to end New York City's horse-drawn carriage industry now wants the city to regulate where and how carriage horses retire.

The organization first called for a citywide horse-drawn carriage ban in 2014. Since then, lawmakers have adopted legislation regulating the carriage industry, including a 2018 measure that limits the industry to activity within Central Park and a 2019 law forbidding carriage horses from working when ambient temperatures reach 90 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

Carriage horse retirement became an issue last December when Blue Star Equiculture Horse Farm, a Massachusetts draft horse sanctuary where some former carriage horses retired, closed.

## Cold weather training

Try these tips from [theHorse.com](http://theHorse.com) • Jan. 3

They've gathered some stimulating and mutually beneficial ways to share time with your horses this winter when "the weather outside is frightful."

Some of the most well-educated horses under saddle are terrible to work with when it comes to veterinary and farrier care. Don't let your horse be one of them!

Take this grounded time to teach him helpful skills that make practical management easier. "Take an electric toothbrush and teach him to accept the noise and then the vibration on his skin as a preparation for using clippers," says Andy Booth, trainer and owner of the Horseman Science education program based in southern France.

"Tap a pen against his neck to teach him to accept needle pressure. .... Desensitize his response to touching the ears. .... Train him to lower his head with poll pressure. .... Work on having him hold up his feet for farrier work. .... And give him dewormer cartridges (syringes) filled with applesauce."