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President's Message by Dr. Lydia Gray

"Ch-ch-changes, turn and face the strange . . ." I used these same David Bowie lyrics during my high school valedictorian address, and now, over 30 years later, they still fit the bill. As tute members will notice our club newsletter has a brand new look as it goes from "monthly" to "regular." Mike Chuman, the new newsletter editor, hopes to bring you a new and exciting issue each quarter, so Jan 1st-ish, April 1st-ish, July 1st-ish, and October 1st-ish. We think each issue will coincide with a major HUB Club event so you'll either be hearing about an upcoming activity or reading about one that just happened. But don't worry that you'll miss out - important, time-sensitive club news and up-

dates will be sent your way via email blasts.

New Year's Resolutions

Sure, sure, I have some New Year's Resolutions for myself, but the ones about my horse are more like goals for the year. Last year, I took advantage of Trish Demers* being here for a show and clinic in August to obtain my CAA Level One Driver Proficiency (along with Grace Frejlach-Grubb). This year, I would like to finish the scores needed to earn my Bronze Medal in driven dressage from the ADS. **What are your driving goals?** Send them to me and maybe Mike will put together a page in our next newsletter with everyone's ambitions!



*Trish will be back for a clinic May 18-19, 2019! Registration begins at the Annual Meeting!

Calendar and Upcoming Events

January 26, 2019 – Hub Club Annual Meeting. 12:00 noon at Fox Valley Saddle Association. 44W300 Rohrsen Road, Hampshire, IL. **RSVP to Lydia by the 19th.** lydiagray-dvm@gmail.com

February 17, 2019 – Dairyland Driving Club Annual Meeting

March 1-3, 2019 – Illinois Horse Fair

April 12-14, 2019 – Midwest Horse Fair

May 18-19, 2019 – Spring Clinic. Trish Demers...Sign ups begin at the annual meeting.

Know of other events? Want to get a drive or an event listed? Drop me a line. FarmAwesomeMike@gmail.com

Come To the Annual Meeting!

R.S.V.P. A.S.A.P. !!!!!!!!!

WHO: HUB Club, its members, and anyone interested in carriage driving

WHAT: The HUB Club Annual Meeting, Awards, and Silent Auction

WHEN: Saturday January 26th beginning at 12pm noon with a potluck lunch followed by the annual meeting at 1pm with the awards presentation around 2:30pm. Afterwards, members can pick up and pay for their successful Silent Auction bids.

WHERE: Fox Valley Saddle Association clubhouse, 44W300 Rohrsen Road, Hampshire, IL

WHY: The annual meeting will include 2019 Officer Installation, bylaws update, spring clinic signup, and other important activities. High Point, Drive on! hours, and Distinguished Service Awards will be presented. Members should bring high-quality items to donate to the Silent Auction to raise money for the club.

HOW: RSVP to Lydia Gray by 5pm Sat Jan 19th at email lydiagraydvm@gmail.com, phone 630-557-0241, text 630-701-5903. Include what dish to pass you will be bringing in one of these categories:

Appetizer

Main dish

Side dish

Salad

Bread

Dessert

Musings From The Road...by Michele Harn

Michele Harn, co-chair of Midwest Carriage Festival (formerly Columbus Carriage Festival), last year (2018) began the process of becoming a licensed official with ADS. To become a Learner Pleasure Technical Delegate she first had to submit an application showing involvement in ADS pleasure shows as a volunteer in various roles and as an exhibitor at several shows. Then after taking and passing an open rulebook test she was designated "Learner PTD." Living in the midwest allowed her to easily attend three of the required four pleasure shows as a learner under the guidance of a licensed PTD. Harn states, "I had wonderful experiences with very seasoned, knowledgeable, and encouraging TDs. As a show organizer it was very beneficial to see another aspect of pleasure shows." As a learner she is expected to cover all her expenses to attend shows though notes several organizers graciously provided housing or meals. "The driving community is so welcoming and encouraging. I really look forward to finishing the process this coming summer and joining the ranks of licensed ADS Officials." She will be traveling to Florida in February for the The Grand Oaks Combined Test, Derby, and Pleasure Show. Her husband, Darrin plans to travel with for this one to visit family and the many friends they have in Florida. Who knows, there may be a few Snowbird Drivers down there too! In late July she will attend the three day Licensed Officials Super Clinic in Parker, CO where she will take one more test to become licensed.

The American Driving Society requires a Technical Delegate's involvement at most events. The TD, who must review and approve the Prize List, Omnibus listing, cones/cross country courses, and facilities, is a great resource to show organizers and exhibitors alike. They are the ADS representative who is tasked with ensuring safe and equitable competition at ADS recognized events.

Look for an occasional column, "Musings From The Road" as Michele shares her adventures as an official with the ADS.



Michele (center) along with Melissa Boyd (left) and Myrna Rhinehart at Wade House Carriage Days.

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'Lil Bits

by M. Chuman



"Some of the best classrooms smell like a barn."



This is a new area to get quick lil' bits of info.

The Annual meeting is coming up. It's super fun and important for everyone to be there. We get to install new officers, eat good food, vote on some stuff, find out what's going on in the driving world over the next year, do some silent auctioning, and most importantly, hang out with old friends. There's a new look for the newsletter. The classifieds have been removed and will be available on our website shortly. It'll keep the newsletter shorter and will be easier to share the links to the classifieds with other people. Speaking of links. Most anything that is a website in the newsletter is hyper-linked to the website. On mobile, you should only have to tap it. On a computer you should be able just to click it or CTRL click...depending on how it's set up.

Trish Demers will be back as our clinician in the spring. IT'll be May 18-19 at FVSA in Hampshire. She got some amazing results with the horses and it'll be well worth your time. Sign up at the annual meeting!!

Are you using social media? You should be. There's lots of good info out there on websites and on Facebook. I've linked some of the ones I use regularly on the contact page. Do you have other ones that you use that should be listed? I especially love the CAA as they are always posting super interesting stuff.

Due to poor attendance (some weather related) FVSA is re-evaluating doing shows for 2019, or thinking about changing up the format. Currently they do a derby in the morning with open show classes in the afternoon. Are there other things that would make you come out and drive? A non-competitive games day? Keeping the same format, but more of a dirty harness to make it easier? Thoughts? Ideas? Send to FarmAwe-someMike@gmail.com.

Mid-West Horse fair is coming up (April 12-14) and they have a couple of driving things so far, although they are both draft horse things, so if you are like me and like the big horses, make sure you mark your calendar. Hopefully we'll get more driver clinicians as well.

Explore Driving—A Day of Round Table Discussions...by Mike Chuman

On a snowy Saturday in November, about 40 members of Hub Club met for a day of driving round table discussions. It was an opportunity for those who have lots of knowledge and experience to share it with those of us who don't. It was a neat experience and we had several new people joining the club for a chance at this opportunity.

We started the day off with some talks about trailers. 4 people brought their rigs up so we could see everything from a

small bumper pull to a trailer that can hold 2 draft horses and two carriages. It was neat to be able to walk around and see what was in each. After the trailering, we talked about turnout. Several people brought several outfits and we talked about hats and aprons and all the stuff that we need to look our best on the box seat. We learned how to be a good groom and a good navigator and how to communicate with our drivers. We learned about choosing a bit, a bit about carriages and finished the day off

with a fantastic presentation on conditioning a horse. There was also a ton of homemade food which was super yummy.

A big thank you needs to go out to all involved. A lot of time was spent putting this together and it was neat to spend some time with driving people in a non-driving environment. If you attended, did you like it? Do you want more events like this during peak non-driving season? If so, drop a line to the leadership team. Again, thanks for everyone who put it on and all those who attended.



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Renew Your Membership Now!! Easy and On-line.

Tammy has spent some significant time on the website. While there will be more updates, one of the things that you can do right now is renew your membership online. Why is this important? Well for one thing, it's the 21st century, so there's that. It's

also, super easy, free, and convenient for members. It also confirms your email address with us to make sure that you get the email blasts and newsletter. It will make renewing next year easier as well. Finally, it makes managing memberships easier for

those who need to do that.

It would be really helpful to the club if memberships could be renewed **BEFORE** the annual meeting. So please, consider doing that today.

All you need to do is hop over to our website, www.hubclubdriving.com and click on membership and follow the instructions. If there are any questions, please reach out to Tammy Carlo.

Thoughts On The Round Tables Discussions— (Opportunities) by Michael Chuman



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There are times that I have a bad attitude about things. I think we all feel that way sometimes and I do my best to not feel like that. Thus was my feeling a few weeks ago when the Hub Club put on a round table discussion about several driving topics. To be clear, I wasn't against the idea, I actually thought it was a pretty good idea, but it was going to be like *all day* on a Saturday, and it was snowing, and it was cold and some of the topics didn't interest me tons and of the topics that I was interested in, I felt like I had a good grasp on...but to support the club (and mostly because my wife signed me up and told me I was going) I got up early Saturday and headed out to Hampshire for the “Explore Driving” roundtable discussion.

About 35 of us gathered in the cabin at Camp Tomo Chi Chi Lodge and we started talking about driving topics. The first was trailers, and having just spent 3 months researching and designing a trailer, I didn't feel like I was going to get a lot out of this, but I kept trying to be positive and involved as I knew it was a lot of work to organize and I do love the people in the club. About halfway through the day, something changed.

I'm not sure what it was exactly. We were talking about turnout and what pleasure judges might look for in the ring. John Frieberger was talking about dressing impeccably so you are not noticed by the judge, and that kind of struck a chord to me. I had never really scored super well in turnout and it was a different type of philosophy for me to think about. As the rest of the day went on, I gained small amounts of knowledge on a variety of things from turnout to biting to conditioning. Did I get 8 hours' worth of knowledge? No, not really, but at the end of the day, I was glad I went and I learned enough to make me a better driver.

As I drove home I started to think about the opportunity that was presented to me. In a single room I had access to an ADS pleasure judge, an ADS CDE judge, several vets, a business owner with a ton of experience in driving equipment, a licensed dressage judge and literally decades of driving experience with all the people in that room. The more I thought about it, the more amazing I really thought it was. All of that for the price of \$15 and a day of my time. By the time I got home, I was really grateful for the opportunity that was presented to me and the fact that smarter people than I made me take that opportunity.

2018 seemed like a rough year for organized driving. I ran three shows at FVSA and had a total of 11 competitors. The HDT that Hub Club put on struggled to get enough people with several of us not having the choice of competing or not (I'm seeing a pattern here with my wife). At the clinic the next day there were almost no auditors, which was a shame because the clinician (Trish Demers) was flipping amazing. I saw the beginning of someone's lesson and then had to do some stuff and by the time I got back to see the end, it was like a different horse and driver. It was unbelievable. We had two recreational drives that were poorly attended.

What all these events have in common is that they are opportunities. They are being given to us and we have the choice of either taking them or not. When we take them, we don't know what we'll get. Will we learn something? Will it be a positive experience? Will it be worth it? Will my horse see a Dodge Ram at the edge of a dressage ring and forget how to horse? We won't know until we seize that opportunity and try. The other option is not taking that opportunity and the thing about that is...when opportunities aren't taken, they have a tendency to go away, which is not something that any of us in the driving world wants. So when you have that chance, go for it. Learn that new thing. Talk to that new person. Ask that question. Enjoy your horse. Take that opportunity.

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Minutes of the HUB Club Meeting**November 17, 2018****Camp Tomo-Chi-Chi Knolls****Gilberts IL**

President Lydia Gray called the meeting to order at 12:13 PM.

Secretary's Report—The minutes from the June meeting were printed in the July newsletter, Sue West moved to approve, Leslye Sandberg seconded.

Treasurer's Report—Tammy provided a treasurer's report. Starting balance of \$4762.41 as of 05/07/2018. We have a current balance of \$4,951.39 as of 11/16/2018. Krista Ziec Moved, Denise Marino, motion carried

New Business

Membership – we have changed the membership from a calendar year to a rolling membership. We can now renew membership online and you can use PayPal.

Annual Meeting – traditionally we have it in January. There will be a silent auction and awards. Discussion was held about what venue to hold it at.

Officer Nominations –Leslye Sandberg nominated Lydia Gray for President. Lydia Gray nominated Emily Berendt for Vice President, Tammy Carlo for Treasurer, and Krista Ziec for Secretary. No other nominations were made. Elections will be held at our next meeting.

Newsletter – Our newsletter editor, Kris Breyer, recently resigned as newsletter editor. Discussion followed regarding the future of the newsletter. Lynn Goodell moved that we send out quarterly newsletters and send out email blasts as needed. Tammy Carlo will upload the newsletter to the website and be in charge of sending out any email blasts via the website. Michael Chuman volunteered to be the editor for the quarterly newsletter. Nancy Jacoby seconded. Motion Carried. Please send your emails regarding newsletter stuff to FarmAwesomeMike@gmail.com.

We asked the members present how they find out about information and what they really want us to do in 2019. Consensus was that the members want a May two-day clinic and a show in July. Please send your show format ideas to FarmAwesomeKelly@gmail.com

Next Meeting – discussion was held regarding the location and date of the next meeting. If you have any suggestions, please email Lydia Gray at lydiagraydvm@gmail.com. A notification will be sent out when we have secured a date and location for our next meeting. Don't forget to submit your High Point Award information to Kris Breyer, your Drive On Awards to Kelly Chuman, and your Distinguished Service Award nominations to Lydia Gray.

Sue West moved that we adjourn, Lynn Goodell seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:01.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Chuman
HUB Club Secretary

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www.hubclubdriving.com

www.facebook.com/HubClubDrivingClub

www.dairylanddriving.com

www.facebook.com/Dairyland-Driving-Club-208530719222156/

www.facebook.com/Indiana-Whips-and-Wheels-191131624240376/

www.americandrivingsociety.org

www.carriageassociationofamerica.com

www.usef.org

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We're on the web!
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From The Editor (FarmAwesomeMike@gmail.com)

First of all, hats off to Kris who has done the newsletter for at least as long as I've been a member. It's big shoes to fill and I thank her for all the time and effort she put in on our behalf.

With this new format, we want to make sure we are getting all the pertinent info to the membership, along with some interesting stories, important dates and times and content that is both entertaining and informative. While I'm pretty connect-



ed in the local Illinois area, I'm not as looped in in places like Wisconsin, so any info or pics or articles of stuff that you are doing with your horse would be

totally appreciated. I know that a lot of us think that other people won't be interested in what we are doing with our equine friends, but we are, and sharing with other people is a great way to build community and friendship and the club in general.

So please, send me pics or articles or if you don't like writing, send me an idea. Thanks to Michele H. for her article in this newsletter. I appreciate it!