



## 2014 President's Executive Summary

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 2014 was a relatively good for the OADG. No major problems were encountered.
- A total of 7 regular meetings of the Board were held during the course of 2014, each one being hosted by a different director in her/his residence.
- 3 new barns joined the circuit namely Oakhurst Farm, Numech Equestrian Centre and Skyline Farm.
- Regretfully a pioneer in this area's dressage community regretfully closed down at the end of the season, namely Spiritwood Farm. Due to medical reasons, Joanna MacDonald retired after numerous years in the business. She was extremely active in the equestrian world as a rider, a show organizer, a teacher and a catalyst force for the OADG. She will be deeply missed by all.
- 2 directors resigned in 2014: Promotion director Sarah Gobey, and Banquet Director Jane Garbutt. One was replaced by Marie-Christine Boucher as Banquet director and the duties of the others were shared by the Board.
- The Website Director, Cathy Gordon also took on the Membership Directorate.
- In 2014, OADG sponsored 14 OEF Schooling shows, 8 Silver shows (including the CADORA Eastern Silver Championship) and 4 Gold shows for a total of 26 shows.
- A total of 46 sponsors generously supported OADG special events during 2014, namely the CADORA Eastern Silver Championship, the 2014 Annual Award Banquet and the 2014 OADG AGM.



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- The 2014 Financial statement will be presented by the secretary-treasurer, Laura-Lee Brenneman later on. In brief, the revenues totaled \$16,650, the expenses \$16,821 generating a year to date deficit of \$191.
- Our CADORA Ontario representative attended the only CADORA Ontario Board meeting as well as the CADORA Ontario AGM.
- I want to confirm again as I did at the banquet, that the OADG will continue to collect annual fees for CADORA ONTARIO and CADORA NATIONAL as it did in the past.
- 3 OADG Newsletters were issued during the year and our communications Director kept our members informed on a regular basis through E-mails and Face Book and by community board updates.
- Our annual Award banquet was held again at the Hellenic Centre. The attendance this year increased compared to last year as we had close to 200 attendees. 52 trophies were awarded, 64 champion plaques, 34 reserve champion plaques, 11 third place medallions and 45 merit medallions were also handed out at the banquet. Shirley Guertin of the Centaur Riding School was our guest of honor and she informed the attendees about the Lendon Gray Dressage Youth Festival of Saugerties New York.
- A new cash award was presented for the 1<sup>st</sup> time this year, the OADG Special Achievement Award and it went to the Centaur team in recognition of their achievement at the Lendon Gray Dressage Youth Festival. This award will be continued from now on.



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- A new Team Challenge Award was created this year and was very appreciated by the members. 12 teams competed, 2 in Schooling, 4 in Silver and 6 in Gold.

- Our individual awards went to:

Volunteer : Rhonda Burke

Horse Owner: Miki Johnson

Senior Rider: Sheila Trusdale

Para-Equestrian Rider: Catherine Bridges

Dr. Brian Mills Award: Kiara Williams-Brown

- Our membership this year was comprised of 181 regular members and 35 junior members for a total of 216.
- The annual fees remained the same for all members.
- The CADORA Eastern Silver Championship was held at Oakhurst Farm and with Mother Nature cooperating it turned out to be a great event thanks to the organizational efforts and warm welcome that all received from the owners of the place.
- I would like to conclude my executive summary by thanking the Directors of the Board for the work they have all performed during the year and for having provided me with assistance and support when needed, in particular,

Catherine for organizing the awards and presiding the governance committee;

Cathy for taking over the membership portfolio and for the upkeep of our website;



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Laura-Lee for managing the financial aspect of the OADG and the Board's secretarial duties

Marie-Christine for organizing the banquet;

Sue for organizing the recruitment of sponsors;

Jane for her work in public relations;

Peggy for her work in the education portfolio.

- I would also like to thank a former director, Dorothea Larsen who volunteered again this year to be our official photographer at the banquet.
- Finally, I would like to thank the following persons who graciously accepted to host our regular meetings:

Cathy, Sue, Laura-Lee, Catherine, Anne and my wife Michèle.

- Finally, I greatly enjoyed my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as president of the OADG because working with such a group of benevolent and devoted persons is always a pleasing and rewarding experience.

Thank you.

Pierre M. Paquette, OADG President