

LDA Officers' Message

As some of you may already know, USDF has raised their membership fees for the year 2012. Unfortunately we will have to pass the cost of that increase onto our GMO members. The USDF membership year runs from December 1 through November 30. All of our LDA membership information will need to be passed on to USDF before November 30.

LDA is pleased to offer the 2011 rate for 2012 Membership until the end of the year **December 31, 2011**. Join or renew membership now for \$35.00 for an individual adult, \$30.00 for juniors and \$35.00 for the first family member and \$15.00 for each additional family member. These membership fees will be in effect until December 31, 2011 Dues received after December 31, 2011 will be \$40.00 for individual adults, \$30.00 for juniors and \$40.00 for the first family member and \$15.00 for each additional family member.

Research has revealed that most of our neighboring GMOs are already charging at least \$40.00 for individual memberships with some charging \$45.00. LDA is encouraging all members and friends who are interested in joining LDA to renew or join now while the 2011 membership fee is still in effect. After January 1 the fee for all memberships will increase.

Membership in LDA has many benefits. Reduced fees at schooling shows and the opportunity to ride in or audit various clinics with USDF certified instructors at very reasonable rates are just some of the advantages. Unmounted lectures and demonstrations given by various equine professionals are held during the year. LDA strives to educate its members and provide them with a safe and fun environment to compete and learn. Each year there are also several social functions such as a Christmas party and End of Year Awards luncheon. The LDA website is also available for all members and is the place to find news about events, show schedule, results of past events and links to important resources. You can also find us on Facebook.

All in all, this is an opportunity that should not be missed. Join now and be ready to go for the next year. The 2012 four Schooling Show series starts in January!