



Twenty Years and Cantering...

It was the year the Berlin Wall came down – 1989. Also, in 1989, Nebraskan Lowell Boomer (today 97 years of age) started up The Dressage Foundation, with a Mission “To cultivate and provide financial support for the advancement of Dressage.” Boomer also served as founding organizer of USDF in 1973, occupying its leadership chair until 1989.

During the last two decades, thousands of Dressage riders – young riders, adult amateurs, instructors, trainers, judges and high performance – have been helped through grants and scholarships made possible by Donors to The Dressage Foundation.

The Presidency of The Dressage Foundation has progressed from Lowell Boomer, to his son, John, and now to Lendon Gray who accepted the position of President and Chief Executive Officer on September 1, 2008. An interesting historical thread runs through this management chain. Lendon’s mother was a nationally distinguished horsewoman in her own right, and taught riding lessons during the 1930’s over national radio

from her home in Maine. Listening in Nebraska was an aspiring young horseman by the name of Lowell Boomer. The high accomplishments and heritage of these two premier dressage families continues on, transforming Dressage Dreams into Action as The Dressage Foundation canters into its second twenty years.

The Dressage Foundation is developing a new educational program to debut on-line this year. It will blend the teaching of horsemanship and fundraising to people who will need both throughout their equestrian lives. From a mother teaching on national radio to her daughter teaching on the worldwide web – this exciting new program will come alive in 2009. Watch for information on www.dressagefoundation.org.

Major General Jack Burton, Chairman of the Foundation’s Board of Directors, says, “Lendon wants to help strengthen Dressage instructors in teaching skills, and bring Dressage training opportunities to riders from other disciplines and ‘alternate’ breeds. I invite you to join our brigade, and help us make enduring hoof prints on equestrian sport.”



The business of The Dressage Foundation is HELP – Thanks to the Donors and Volunteers who made it possible during the past twenty years!

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