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Like many young girls growing up was totally horse crazy. Unfortunately, when young, riding lessons were sporadic at best. Then life and career happened. But learning to ride and having a horse was the number one item on my "bucket list". Four and a half years ago, at age 52 I started taking riding lessons, after not being on a horse for nearly 35 years! One thing led to another, a horse at the barn was for sale, and I thought "not now, someday when I retire, I can own a horse, etc". My husband intervened saying the most Romantic words: "Honey, you have to do it now! If not this horse, then another one." So four plus years later, with patient instructors, a great boarding facility, wonderful horse friends, improved physical condition on my part and a very supportive husband: the majority of rides on my horse are so fulfilling, and I just love being with him and fussing on him (the horse, well the husband too!). I have been so impressed that Oklahoma Dressage Society has so many quality educational events every year. I have audited several educational events, done behind the scenes paperwork, put myself in the spot-light as a demo-rider (!), attended Dressage camp (fun!), and have helped with show arena set-up and take down (setting some new speed records). The career pursuits that delayed my horse dream included being a computer programmer, college instructor in a university engineering department, business owner, and most recently 14 years as administrator of multi-physician medical practice. Currently I am semi-retired. I would like to assist ODS in continuing its legacy of promoting quality dressage education in Oklahoma.

Marta Koenig

I am a CPA and ODS member. I have served as ODS treasurer for the last three years. I would be privileged to continue in that capacity for another term if the membership feels that is in the club's best interest.

Sherry Guess

I have served on the ODS Board for the past three years, and as President for the past year. I would like to see our club continue to grow in educational activities, membership, and financial security. I am an enthusiastic supporter of all aspects of dressage, including volunteering.

Being involved in dressage for more than 30 years, I have volunteered in many capacities on the chapter, state, and national levels. Over the years I have been a show manager, newsletter editor (back when it was type, cut & paste -- for real!), president of my local chapter in CA, Education Chair for CDS, and Chair of the USDF GMO Council for 12 years.

Kalea Maxwell

I have been riding and showing for 17 years, primarily in Hunter/Jumpers and now Dressage. I have been working as a professional, teaching lessons and training for the past seven years. I am currently the trainer for RNR Farms in Bixby. While the majority of my experience in the show ring has been in jumping, I have always used dressage as a

basis for the training of our young prospects. Besides riding, I also enjoy sporthorse breeding competitions and young horse classes. This summer, I competed in the WBFSH Young Breeders World Championship in Chazey sur Ain, France. I would like to use my experience as a rider and handler to further promote dressage and dressage breeders here in Oklahoma.