

G. PHILLIP EDDY SR. VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The MDC **G. Phillip Eddy Sr. Volunteer of the Year Award** annually recognizes MDC's most outstanding volunteer who has demonstrated exceptional commitment toward carrying out MDC's mission.

Phil Eddy was one of the founding members of the Michiana Dressage Club. Phil, along with his wife Fran, determined the Michiana area could benefit from a USDF GMO. They wanted to promote the art of dressage, provide educational opportunities and give local dressage competitors venues for quality local schooling shows. Phil stepped in to personally finance the new club, by paying for lawyers and accountants. His support was imperative. He welcomed everyone into his home for the initial meetings. Additionally, Phil, and Fran hosted several high quality schooling shows and clinics at their facility. An ideal volunteer, Phil gained joy by helping others. He took pride in power washing the arena before shows, setting up rings, mowing and trimming, all without actually competing. He was a true volunteer in every way, and without his support, MDC would not have come to exist today. Volunteers, like Phil, deserve recognition. They are the ones in the background creating the magic for our wonderful sport.

Criteria:

- *Nominee must be a current MDC Member in good standing.
- * Nominee should demonstrate consistent and cumulative volunteer activities at MDC sanctioned events, activities, or Board positions.

Nomination Process:

- *Nominations can be made by any current MDC Member.
- *Nominations will be accepted via email to MDC President, Amanda Pierce irishhorse3@hotmail.com

Please include the following:

What makes this nominee an extraordinary Volunteer?

Why do you feel your nominee has made a unique contribution to MDC's mission:
"...to promote and to support the art and sport of Dressage in the equestrian community for the purpose of fostering national or international amateur sports competitions, and to foster individual and collective growth by providing leadership, education, publication and competitions and to enhance greater public awareness, understanding and appreciation for the discipline of Dressage."

Provide a detailed profile of the nominee's volunteer activities which may include

involvement in projects for the club and/ or duties at MDC sanctioned competitions.

*Deadline for receipt of nominations is **December 1.**

*The winner will be announced at the annual MDC Awards Banquet.

Award:

The recipient will receive a “keeper” award at the annual Awards Banquet.

*There will be a press release, the winner will be featured in the MDC Newsletter, Website and Social Media. *The winner will receive half off a 2025 MDC membership.