

Spring is finally here! Show season is coming to full swing around the country and there are plenty of clinics and educational events to choose from in most areas. Please be sure to let me know if your barn, GMO, club, chapter or other groups are hosting events and we'll get them in our monthly USDF newsletter and on the Region 5 website.

The deadline for Participating Member Delegate nominations is **April 15**. Our region will have 5 PM delegates. You can check the status of our delegate nominees by going to the link below. Please check your status to make sure your acceptance is there if you would like to be a PM delegate candidate. If you are not listed and you would like to be a PM delegate, please contact Kay Lorenzen at kaylorenzen@cox.net.

<http://www.usdf.org/about/about-usdf/governance/nominating/accepted.asp>

As of April 1st, our potential candidates for the 2011 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships will be finalized. As I write this in early March, we have 13 folks who have declared, so hopefully Region 5 will field two full teams. If you would like to contribute or help with their fundraising efforts, please contact Kathleen Donnelly, our Region 5 Jr/YR FEI coordinator at kathleendonnelly20@hotmail.com or 970-310-8729.

We are looking for nominations for our 2011 Region 5 Lifetime Achievement Award. This award was started in 2009 by our then Regional Director Theresa Hunt and recognizes folks who have made significant contributions to dressage in our region. If you have someone you feel has made a contribution to our dressage community, please send me their name and a brief nomination letter. We will award one or more recipients this year and we would love input from folks throughout the region. Please email me nominations at slush@drwgw.net. Our previous winners are Barbara Stine and Dr. Rudolf Vlatten.

Till next month!
Heather Petersen

Region 5 Director