

Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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Waggin' Tales

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

FVDTC's Annual Meeting will be held at the Extension Center on January 19, at 7:30 pm. Elections for the Board of Directors will be held at that time. The slate, as compiled by the nominating committee is as follows:

President	Terri Byerly	Obedience Trial Chair	<i>vacant</i>
1st Vice President	Ed Herdes	Agility Trial Chair	Cathy Fleury
2nd Vice President	Jill Hansrote	Membership Chair	Sue MacPherson
Secretary	Carlyn Pearson	Public Education Coordinator	Vicki Wilder
Treasurer	Dana Weller	Tracking Test Chair	Ingrid Hamburger
Director of Training	Joan Mazat	Director at Large	David Lewis

The slate serves as nominations and recommendations from the nominating committee, but additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at the time of the election. Make sure your vote is counted by attending the meeting on January 19.

TRAINING NIGHT PARKING

We've been having a lot of problems regarding handicapped parking spots on training nights.

When the signs are there, shockingly, folks have been moving or turning them. When the signs are not there it really should be assumed (as with any public gathering place) that the spots closest to the entrance to the venue are reserved as handicapped spots.

Please be courteous and remember that we have several people who legitimately need those spots.



SANTA PICTURES ARE ONLINE

If you were one of the fortunate folks who got a picture with Santa, your photos are available for download. Visit the FVDTC web site at <http://www.fvdtc.org> to get yours today.



AWARDS CHAIRPERSON

It is true – there will be awards presented at the Annual Dinner! Before sharing the name of our wonderful volunteer, we first wish to sincerely thank Jan Schomer for her years of dedication to the position of Awards Chair! All club members who have received awards in the past should personally thank Jan for the many, many hours she spent doing them.

The name of our new Awards Chair is Anna Bonick. She is a relatively new club member who asked “how can I help?” and subsequently confirmed that she would be the Awards Chair for the 2011 Annual Dinner. MANY MANY Thanks go to Anna for stepping in to fill the shoes of Jan. The information and awards form will be available in the next issue of the Waggin' Tales, with all of Anna's contact information.

MERCIBOCOUPADUPOULUS

Awwwwww ... You guys!!!! You are all soooo wonderFUL!!!!!!!!!!!!

Yep! That's what you all are! Sooooo WON-DER-FULLLLLL!!!!!!

I have nothing else to say but...Thank You, Gracias, Merci Beaucoup, Dankeschon, Thanks a bunch, Dziekuje, Grazie, Thanks ya'all,.....well, you get the picture.

To all you wonderful members, I cannot express any more gratitude than I am now doing. I am sooooo very grateful, yep...that's what I am...really, really, REALLY. grateful for all the donations and help I got for the Trial Kitchen this year.

Yep, give yourselves a big pat on the back for your generosity. Because you guys are the best. Just the very best. Yep...can't be better than you guys. Nope...Nobody could.

Yeah, you're all the best. Boy, I tell you. THE BEST. That's what you all are.

Let's hear it for all our bakers, and members who got other places (like Jewel and Dominics) to do the baking.

Marilyn Clever	Dave Krantz	Barb Misch
Barb Runkle	Jackie Coleman	Barb Moore
Kim Seifrid	Marian Lazzara	Bill Clarke
Jan Schomer	Sandi Stephenson	Ingrid Hamburger
Nancy Pederson	Nancianne Jensen	Bob Read
Brian & Amy Ruppert	Marietta Huber	Joan Mazat
Wendy Waddick	Paulette Zecca	Cheryl Hettinger
Francene Andresen	Penny Bricich	Sandy Davis
Cris Mazza	Sylvia Schultz	Nina Herdes
Kristen Cox	Debbie Cox	

I tell you, we had enough sugar in that kitchen to turn even the healthiest health nut into a Diabetic. Nobody complained about that situation though. Sugar IS a GOOD thing.

Big Hugs. No...Great Big Hugs to the members who donated Pop and Water so nobody went thirsty. Man, oh man...You guys are too much!!!

Terri Byerly	Carol Cook	Mary Bradley
Barb Bonner	Nada Johnson	Cindy Pakenas

And...oh my gosh! Who was really, really GREAT?!! The members who were not bakers or shoppers. Do you know what they did? Oh my gosh!! They gave Monetary Donations toward the FOOD. Yep. They are Awesome. Didn't want the club to go broke buying all that food: Lasagna... Beef... Soup.. Salad

Chips. Yep, we had lots of food!!! Thank you! Thank You! THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!You are all so very, very awesome.

Sally Boeke	Will & Shirley Short	Steve Timms
Trudy Craig	Taffy Wille	Willie Santiago
Jill Hansrote	John LaSusa	Vicki Wilder
Carolyn Pearson		

I am so very stupendously, grateitudiously, grateful to my kitchen

staff who gave up watching the show to cut and slice cakes and pies, take orders, wait on exhibitors, cook and dish out the food, and man the check out. I CANNOT thank you enough!

A huge, big, extreme, fantastic, awesome, and humungous thank you to Brenda Rivera, who was not even scheduled to work in the kitchen, but offered to help cut and plate incoming goodies in the early morning and also stepped in to fold up and put away chairs and clean the tables after the trial. Brenda, you also gave a '200' performance in the kitchen that day. A grateful, grateful, and again grateful thanks go to Debbie and Kristen Cox who came to get the food cooking. I horror to think how lunch would have turned out without you both. I am gumslionly grateful to you both. A huge “high five” and “you go girl” to Paulette Zecca, who multi-tasked all day between cutting, plating, cooking, and helping Brenda take down the tables and chairs. Paulette also drove all the way out from Hillside on the Friday before to help set up everything. Yah, Girl, you are Awesome!!!!

Hand shakes of thank yous to Barb Bonner who took orders, took payment, and kept the lunch line moving smoothly as well as doing dish drying duty. You have all the makings of a super short order waitress. Thank You. Dave Krantz, I am so positively 'stand on my head, do cartwheels and back flips, grin from ear to ear', happy you were there to 'man the Italian beef station' and jump in with taking care of soup duty. Would not be the kitchen without you. Same goes for you, Jackie Coleman. Your presence in the morning, and your cutting and plating expertise are so, so, so, appreciated. A veteran of the Fox Valley Trial Kitchen. Would not be the same without you. A super big thank-you handshake to Brian Ruppert who jumped in to 'remedy the situation' when the Beef ran out, and also helped to take down the tables. Way to go, Brian! Outstanding!! Thanks for your help.

Last, but not least, a...bigger than a Pomeranian...Bigger than a Sheltie...Oh heck!! bigger than anything, thank you goes to my sister Loretta, who drove me all around town getting food and supplies, helped me make menus, offered advice on running the kitchen and ran an 'end of the trial, left over goodies' auction to make extra money for the club. Kisses and hugs also to Satin and Pyro for their patience and understanding when we were too busy to play with them. Thanks guys. Love ya!

And then there's Ed Herdes. Thanks Ed for not throwing me out the window, when I needed to get into the kitchen on Friday and at 6 am, Sunday morning. Thanks from the bottom of my grateful heart. You always come through!

Lastly a Grand Canyon' THANK YOU ALL for helping out. The trial kitchen is a tremendously big job, and it goes to prove...

WHEN WE ALL CHIP IN.....WE ROCK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Marian, your trial kitchen Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Correction: Elaine & Justin Ream published last month incorrectly. Should be Elaine & Justin Patanella. I am very sorry for the mistake.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - NOVEMBER 3, 2010

Meeting brought to order at 7:43 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The October Meeting minutes were approved with the following correction.

- Original statement: Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that they had a wonderful tracking test, thanks to all the wonderful volunteers and the perfect weather! Ingrid reported that all four of the Tracking Test exhibitors went home with their TX titles and the passing rate for the Tracking Excellent Test was 75%.
- Corrected statement: Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that they had a wonderful tracking test, thanks to all the wonderful volunteers and the perfect weather! Ingrid reported that all four of the Tracking Test exhibitors went home with their TD titles and the passing rate for the Tracking Excellent Test was 75%.

Several items of correspondence were read.

Dana Weller (Treasurer) distributed the year-to-date Income/Expense Report for the members review. Taffy asked about the obedience trial for the expense of the building – the fairgrounds is NOT charging us for set-up time.

Class Registrar, Nancy Pederson, reported that the session which began on October 28th was very successful. The following is the number of students in each of the classes.

Start Time	Puppy	Beginner
7:00 p.m.	Nearly full	15
8:00 p.m.	n/a	15
9:00 p.m.	n/a	15

Nancy also reported that she is currently accepting applications for the 8:00 p.m. Puppy class which starts on December 9th and the Puppy and Beginner's classes which start in January, 2011.

Nancy reminded club members that Fox Valley Dog Training Club

does have a Facebook page and she submits updates to it regularly. She encouraged other club members to utilize the site to post their news as well.

Barb Moore (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, however she sent the following report: The Obedience Trial Committee members met on Friday, October 29th and provided the following status updates. The majority of the details has been completed or are near completion, thanks to the experienced and dedicated members of the committee.

- Nancy Einwich (Obedience Trial Secretary) reported that she continues to process the entries received. She also stated that the total number of entries were down from previous years.
- Ed Herdes described how the rings would be laid out and stressed again the need for more volunteers for Sunday's trial. Volunteers would be welcome at the fairgrounds on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. for the set-up and on Sunday at approximately 3:00 p.m. for the clean-up. We also briefly discussed how we can encourage more club members to volunteer, however the topic was tabled for another time.
- Kent Hildebrand brought the updated ring table centerpieces that were beautifully created by Vivienne Hildebrand and her sister-in-law.

Additionally, Ed reported that the fairground's refrigerator would be available to us as of Thursday. Marian Lazzara stated that she would be in the kitchen starting at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday to prepare the food and allow access for any booth vendors who needed to set-up.

Carolyn reported that she had the sign-up sheet at the meeting from Cathy Fleury for anyone wishing to volunteer to steward, as still needed stewards.

Nancy Einwich (Obedience Trial Secretary) reported that the entry confirmations would be sent out via e-mail on Thursday. She reported that there were 125 dogs entered for the Obedience Trial with a total of 162 entries, and 52 dogs entered

for the Rally Trial with a total of 72 entries.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) stated that there were three applications to be voted on this meeting which were published in the October Waggin' Tales. She stated that the last name listed for Elaine and Justin should have been "Patanella", not "Read". Taffy Wille made a motion to accept the list as corrected. Francene Andresen seconded the motion. The list was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members and especially to Willy Santiago who was present at the meeting!

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that planning for the 2011 Tracking Tests has not yet begun.

Cheryl Hettinger (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that "we will have a dinner" and "it will include food". She stated that with the feedback received from the recent Annual Dinner attendees, she is seeking a larger establishment. She is looking at the "sister" restaurant, which is located in Geneva, of the Old Towne Pub and Eatery restaurant. Currently there are two possible dates for the dinner, April 9 or April 16.

Jill Hansrote (CGC Test Coordinator) reported that our next CGC Test will be conducted on December 28th (in conjunction with the club's Christmas party). She is still confirming the evaluator for the test.

Barb Misch (Graduation Chairperson) was not in attendance, however she sent the following report: She will continue printing the graduation certificates at the mid-point of a class session rather than waiting until the end. The process was successful, thanks to the instructors for their help!

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that she is very concerned with the difficulty she is having getting stewards for the November match, especially in light of the upcoming trial. She stated that we also had trouble for the October match.

David Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next Waggin' Tales deadline was Sunday, November 21st to allow for inclusion of any trial news.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$8.50 is Marian Lazzara as drawn by new club member, Willy Santiago. The remaining \$8.50 was donated to the tracking test fundraising effort.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Terri Byerly stated that unless the Match Steward committee is able to receive more volunteers the club might be required to reduce the number of entries accepted for the match.

Terri Byerly also reminded club members that when the handicapped parking signs are present, they should not be moved or turned around. Club members who see anyone disturbing the signs should feel free to say something to those violators, or speak to her or Cheryl Hettinger or Carolyn Pearson for backup.

Terri Byerly also reported that a nominating committee for upcoming elections was needed. The committee must include one board member and two other club members. The nominating committee determines the election slate and generally assists in attaining committee members.

Loretta Lazzara stated that she was disappointed that FVDTC did not participate in the Chicagoland Pet Show that was held on Halloween weekend at the Kane County Fairgrounds. Carolyn Pearson stated that due to the lack of notice and the expense of the booth space, it was not deemed possible to consider participating. It was reported that many of the non-for-profit organizations were able to receive sponsorship for the cost of the booths. Vicki Wilder stated that the event was well attended on Saturday when she was there. Loretta stated that it was less busy on Sunday when she attended. With the information presented at the meeting, participation in a future event may be considered.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

January 2011						
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



WHAT GOES IN THE WAGGIN' TALES?

Even in this age of bits and bytes, e-mail and the Internet, the Waggin' Tales is still considered the primary communications device for the FVDTC Board to reach the club membership. As such, minutes from Board and Membership meetings, and announcements from the Board of Directors are the highest priority for inclusion in the Waggin' Tales. After the 'official' pieces are included, we are always interested in news and dog-related activities of our members. Brags, accomplishments, titles and awards are all candidates for inclusion in the Waggin' Tales. We also like to include reports and announcements from seminars, training tricks and tips, etc. We will include 'For Sale' items for members as space permits.

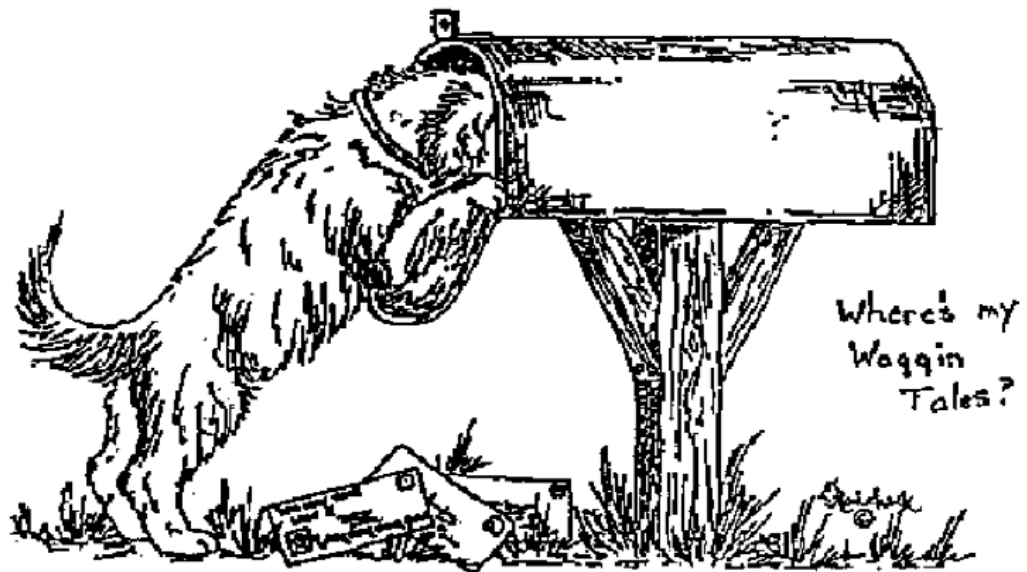
Beyond the official announcements from the Board, anything and everything that goes into the Waggin' Tales is at the discretion of Editor. Anything and everything is subject to editing for style, format and content to ensure the appropriateness of each article, and to fit within size restrictions of the Waggin' Tales. If you have something you would like to include in the Waggin' Tales, please send your article to:

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Although written articles are welcome, we much prefer e-mail.



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| 6 | Thursday | Regular Training
Puppy & Beginner Class Begin |
| 13 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 19 | Wednesday | Membership Meeting
Board Elections |
| 20 | Thursday | Correction Clinic |
| 23 | Sunday | Waggin' Tales Deadline |
| 25 | Tuesday | Regular Training |

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