



Waggin' Tales

Note from the President:

Greetings Fellow Club Members!

Whew, another successful obedience trial is now complete! I've entered this trial for the past three years. My unscientific observation is that, for some reason, the atmosphere at this year's trial seemed to be the calmest and there was more room somehow to warm up – even though our entries remained the same. I'm not sure what contributed to that but I'm going to give credit to the many members who made it a successful day. The trial day started at 6:00 a.m. when Ed Herdes had his army of setup folks swarm the building. I arrived an hour later and it was almost all done. The trial was kicked off by our chairperson, Will Short (thank you Will for taking this on again). We had tons of cool raffles thanks to Vicki Wilder and Jan Winters (I was lucky and even won two baskets!). The awards committee of Brenda Rivera, Penny Brcich and Mary Bradley had a colorful table of goodies ready for the many winners of the day. I stood next to a new competitor who was thrilled to get a bag of goodies; it made her feel special and she hadn't even entered the ring yet. The classes went off without a hitch thanks to Cathy Fleury, our chief ring steward. Over in the dining room were some great vendors thanks to Pat Senne, as well as excellent food prepared by Barb Palm. I still dream about that French toast. YUM! Carolyn Pearson made sure our judges were taken care of and were happy. At the end of the day Barb Misch made sure the place was spic and span. And a final thanks to Nancy Pederson, who made sure we all knew about it by taking care of publicity. To all other members who helped a huge thank you! Job Well Done.

One sad note is that our one of our oldest members died just days before the trial. Sally Compton was an integral part of the club for many years (see the full article later in this newsletter). We were pleased that her family stopped in so we could share memories and give our condolences. This was a great lady who will be missed.

The nominating committee of Will Short, Brenda Rivera and Joyce Conway is still hard at work. They are looking to fill the slate for the Board positions. In addition, I am looking for members to fill the committee positions. If you have a desire to be more active, we would love to know your interest! You can find a list of the positions and job descriptions in the Members Only section of the web site, or feel free to send me or one of the nominating committee a note or just pick up the phone.

Renewal forms for 2014 are now on the web site! Please make sure you send them in so that you don't miss a thing at the club. And don't forget to include the "My Personal Record of FVDTC Work Credits for 2013" with your work events marked.

See you all soon!

Donna Bihner
President FVDTC

SARAH "SALLY" COMPTON

JULY 2, 1922 - NOVEMBER 8, 2013



Many of our current FVDTC members do not personally know Sally Compton, but they have heard her name each year in reference to the coveted "Sally Compton Outstanding Service Award". This award is given to a member who has exhibited services above and beyond the call of duty for our club. Below, you will read about Sally's contributions and longtime relationship with FVDTC. Upon reading this, you will come to understand the history and importance of the "Sally Compton Service Award".

Sally's love of dogs was a lifelong commitment. She always had a dog by her side. Fox Valley Dog Training Club became a part of Sally's life when her daughter, Robin, started training with the La Fox Boys 4-H Club back in the early 1970's. Sally saw a need to help out the dog training program for the Kane County 4-H Fair.

FVDTC offered space for the 4-H dog training students on training nights during a portion of the year. Sally started to organize the trainers, assistants, and judges to help the 4-H students become better prepared to show at the Kane County 4-H Fair. The program is still ongoing these many years later.

Robin and Sally attended training nights together for over 15 years. After that, Sally continued on with her Rottweiler, Willie. Sally and Willie went on to earn a CD, CDX, and a UD traveling with friends to the many local dog shows in our area. Sally loved the network of "Dog Friends" that grew over the years. This group of friends put together a demonstration group that visited nursing homes and other small groups to show that well trained dogs can be wonderful citizens.

Sally saw another need arise on training nights. She thought we needed someone to greet people as they came into the training room, to be there to direct them to their rings or to a person they might be looking for, provide Get Well, Sympathy, New Baby cards that needed to be signed by members, or just to answer any general questions people might have. So, she became the first permanent person to handle the Hospitality Table (we refer to it as the front table now). Every training night for 20 years, Sally sat at the table by the front door ready to help anyone that needed anything. Sally was the glue that made FVDTC a special organization in the community and to each individual that came to training.

In addition to those jobs described above, Sally was also the "Go To" contact person for FVDTC. She spoke to hundreds of people with "Who, What, When, Where, Why" questions on a regular basis. She was a great PR person for our club and enjoyed educating the public.

Sally Compton will be missed by all, but her love for everyone including every dog will continue on in her memory. The next time you hear the Sally Compton Outstanding Service Award mentioned, think about the lady who started this with her devotion to our club, the community, and dogs.





Fox Valley Dog Training Club

MEMBER RENEWAL



THE NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS JANUARY 1, 2014
 DUES FOR THE 2014 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY **FEBRUARY 28, 2014**

Your name will be omitted from the 2014 roster, and your last issue of Waggin' Tales will be the February issue IF your check and this completed form are not received by 2-28-2014.

Please take a moment to complete and return this entire form, even if you do not owe any dues. This allows us to make our roster as accurate as possible.

Please print the information below as you would like it to appear in the roster, e.g.: John & Mary Jones.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
You must include your e-mail address if you select the "electronically" method to receive the newsletter.

Breed(s) of dog(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Training areas of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Check your preference for receiving the Waggin' Tales newsletter.

Mailed to my house     Electronically     Don't want to get it at all

Would you like to volunteer for the Grievance Committee, if one is convened?

Yes                       No                      Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes                       No                      Name: \_\_\_\_\_

As an organization supported strictly by volunteers, we count on you to volunteer at club sponsored events. If you know what activities you would like to volunteer, please list them here. Not sure? Check out the General Policy information on the Members page on our Web site for activities, committees and events.

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As a FVDTC club member, I hereby give permission to FVDTC to use my name and photographic likeness in all forms and media for advertising, trade, and any other lawful purposes.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

FVDTC continues to believe that all club members have a commitment to sportsmanship, community and canine welfare. All individuals living in your household, who are to be considered voting club members, should read the following. Please sign on the line below stating that you have read this statement.

I shall endeavor to conduct myself at all times in a manner that reflects credit upon Fox Valley Dog Training Club, regardless of the location or the circumstances. I will protect and advance the interests of the Club by encouraging sportsmanlike behavior at training nights, correction clinics, obedience trials, tracking tests, and agility trials. I will uphold the Club's commitment to good sportsmanship, community support, and the welfare of the dogs with which we work.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SELECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP TYPE**

\*If you are planning to apply for an award at next year's annual dinner, you must select a TRAINING membership type.

**Did You Earn 3 Work Credits Last Year\*\*?**

|                                       | Yes, pay... | No, pay... |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| _____ REGULAR TRAINING*:              | \$90.00^    | \$180.00   |
| _____ REGULAR NON-TRAINING:           | \$45.00^^   | \$90.00    |
| _____ LIFETIME OR BOARD TRAINING*:    | \$45.00^^   | \$90.00    |
| _____ LIFETIME OR BOARD NON-TRAINING: | \$00.00     | \$00.00    |

\*\*Do not forget to include your "My Personal Record of FVDTC Work Credits for the Year of 2013" with this renewal application.

INSTRUCTORS: Reduce Membership Dues by 25% for each Quarter or Session Taught (Max of 4) Your Teaching Status will be confirmed by the Director Of Training.

| Sessions Taught | Amount Owed When Dues are... |           |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------|
|                 | \$90.00^                     | \$45.00^^ |
| 1               | \$67.50                      | \$33.75   |
| 2               | \$45.00                      | \$22.50   |
| 3               | \$22.50                      | \$11.25   |
| 4               | \$00.00                      | \$00.00   |

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\***

*\*\*\*In accordance with our By-laws, a \$10.00 re-instatement fee will be charged for dues not received by 02-28-2014*

Please mail this application with your dues to the address below. Make checks payable to **FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB**.

|                |                                                                                            |                      |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| (630) 584-1002 | MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON<br>Sue MacPherson<br>4N791 Chaffield Drive<br>St. Charles, IL 60175 | membership@fvdtc.org |
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## Comfort and Cheer

North Aurora man, therapy dog visit hospice patients, nursing home residents

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By NICOLE WESKERNA - [nweskerna@shawmedia.com](mailto:nweskerna@shawmedia.com)



NORTH AURORA – John Grosse volunteers at The Holmstad in Batavia, but if you ask him, he’s not the one who does all the work. He leaves much of the socializing up to Pushkin, his 6-year-old standard poodle, who tags along for pet therapy sessions at the retirement community each week.

“We do social comfort visits,” he said. “Hopefully, when we’re there, we bring a little cheer to people. Some people had dogs earlier in their lives. Some people just enjoy any visitor. They kind of count on us being there.”

Grosse of North Aurora said he started volunteer work at The Holmstad about four years ago and within the last year started volunteering at The Holmstad through Covenant Care Home Health & Hospice based in St. Charles. Pushkin started his career as a therapy dog after going through obedience classes at the Fox Valley Dog Training Club. Grosse said they later became certified as a team, and Pushkin now wears a tag on his collar that says, “I am a therapy dog.”

Grosse said his late father helped inspire him to start volunteering for hospice and The Holmstad with his dog. He said his father died 20 years ago and before his death was assisted by hospice volunteers, and seeing how they supported families inspired him to get involved with the organization. “It’s more meaningful than any job I’ve ever had,” he said. “I do think we do pretty good work.”

Elise Wall, hospice volunteer manager for Covenant Care Home Health & Hospice, nominated Grosse for the Everyday Heroes award. She said Grosse and his dog visit hospice patients a few times a week and helps “bring a little joy, compassion and a little light to their day.” “He’s just so selfless, and he’s very humble,” she said. “He’s just very happy to be helping in any way he can. He’s just a real genuine kind of person.”

Grosse said some people don’t care for dogs, and he respects that. Others, however, will sometimes flag him down if they see him at The Holmstad and want to spend a little time with Pushkin. He said visits usually last an hour and a half total.

“Most of the staff know his name. He gets a biscuit at the front desk,” he said. “We pretty much walk down a hall, and the doors are always open.”

Gross said he recognized that Pushkin could be a good therapy dog because those dogs have to be especially friendly and well-behaved. He said he can tell when Pushkin gets excited because he tends to sneeze a lot. Grosse said many other people whose dogs have gone through training courses at the Fox Valley Dog Training Club also volunteer with their pets in the area.

“I think there’s a lot of good people doing good work,” he said.

### The Grosse lowdown

**Name:** John Grosse

**Town of residence:** North Aurora

**Age:** 60

**Family:** Wife, Irina Grosse

**Hobbies:** Hanging with his standard poodle, Pushkin, at the dog park

**Fun fact:** He says, “I’ve been to Europe 15 times and to Munich [Bavaria, Germany] for Oktoberfest four times.”



# Help Wanted!

**\*No Experience Required, (in most cases)\***

*Earn your Work Credits....Socialize....Get involved....Learn...  
Support your Club!*

| Date     | Event           | Location                | Further Information | Work Credit |
|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 12/26/13 | Christmas Party | Kane County Fairgrounds | Contact Candy Ellis | 1           |

If you want to list a volunteer opportunity send an email to Donna Bihner at [president@fvdtc.org](mailto:president@fvdtc.org)



## We Need Your Help

Do you own a business, or maybe work in a local store? Consider making a donation to the FVDTC Awards Dinner! We are looking for donations that make great raffle prizes. A small item, gift card or service certificate will get your business exposure on our web site, on our FaceBook page and in our program for the evening...and don't forget good buzz in the club! Don't delay! Get in touch with Cheryl Hettinger at [raffle@FVDTC.org](mailto:raffle@FVDTC.org).

# Fox Valley Dog Training Club

*Presents*



## Annual Dinner Gala

Join us for an evening of fun, food, friendship and the presentation of our annual awards.

Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 2014

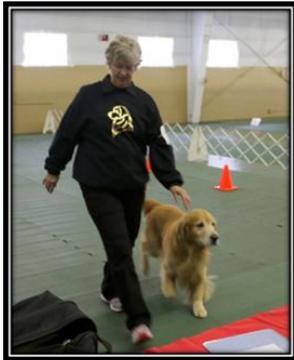
**SAVE THE DATE**

**We will be rolling out the red carpet  
for YOU!**

The festivities will be held  
at the Geneva Historical Society  
113 South Third Street  
Geneva, IL



# BRAGS!



**Congratulations!**  
Nancy Pederson and Chase.  
RAE2 leg #4



**Congratulations!**  
Carol Pace and Reddy Natalie  
Novice B 1<sup>st</sup> Leg



**Congratulations Vickie Wilder and Bobbie!**  
  
Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best of Variety, and Best of Breed at the Northern Wisconsin Collie Club.



**Congratulations!**  
Helen Borosak with...  
Shauna (Dichi Go Li'L Firecracker  
CCA CGC CDX OA AXJ)  
New Title BN and 1st Place  
  
Samantha (Dichi's Li'L Bit of Magic  
CCA NA NAJ)  
New Title BN & Novice B leg.



**Congratulations!**  
Donna Bihner and Parker.  
Rally Novice Leg#1



**Congratulations!**  
HIGH IN TRIAL—OBEDIENCE  
  
**Loretta Lazzara & Pyro**  
(CH DANTE'S NOVELLA PYROTECHNIC'S  
CDX GN RA) with a 198+ in Open B.  
  
(They also earned their RE title!)



**Congratulations!**  
Sandi Stephenson and Poly (Toyland's Big Love)  
  
Rally Novice Title  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place



**Congratulations!**  
Kathie Driesbach and Axl  
  
Beginner Novice A  
First leg and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

# New Members

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Golden Retriever, Labradoodle  
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Priscilla Keller  
38W714 Old Homestead Rd  
St Charles, IL 60175  
Border Collies, Pomeranian  
e-mail: danadagirl27@yahoo.com

## CGC Test Announcement

Is your pooch as well behaved as you think? Find out at our January 16<sup>th</sup> Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Testing Event. Earning a CGC certificate/title shows a commitment to responsible dog ownership.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) CGC program is a noncompetitive program open to all dogs, purebred and mixed breeds alike. The CGC certificate (\$8.00) that is awarded demonstrates the dog owner's dedication to having a well-mannered dog.

There are ten components on the test that are evaluated to ensure that your dog meets the basic requirements necessary to be deemed a Canine Good Citizen. They are:

1. Accepting a friendly stranger
2. Sitting politely for petting
3. Appearance and grooming
4. Out for a walk
5. Walking through a crowd
6. Sit and down on command/staying in place
7. Coming when called
8. Reaction to another dog
9. Reaction to distractions
10. Supervised separation

If you feel that you and your dog are up to the task, enter on the sign-up sheet at the front desk and come out and join us to have your dog tested. We will also have short information session on March 7<sup>th</sup> to provide details on the how program works and to answer any questions that you may have. A sign-up sheet will also be available for the information session.

If you have any questions that pertain to the CGC Test or the information session please feel free to contact our CGC Coordinator Willie Santiago at [cgc@fvdtc.org](mailto:cgc@fvdtc.org).

## For Sale

Large Classic Metal Training Crate with Puppy Divider - Like New! \$95  
For dogs up to 28" tall X 40" long (Goldens, Labs, etc.)  
Contact Beth Hoffman 630-844-1026

# 2013 Obedience and Rally Trial

I would like to offer my heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make our November trial a great success. Without their help the job could not have been done. This year for the first time we had to meet at 6:00 AM on Sunday morning to set up the entire hall with mats, tables, chairs, jumps, and all of the other items necessary to make a trial run smoothly. This job was handled expertly by Ed Herdes, the man in charge of that committee.

The committees and their members who did such a wonderful job are as follows:

**Set Up and Take Down**—Ed Herdes was the chairman. His members were John Senne, Loretta Lazzara, Marian Lazzara, Vern Burris, Debbie James-Burris, Wendy Mosier, Fred Mosier, Bob Read, Taffy Wille, Ingrid Hamburger, Hermann Hamburger, Sue MacPherson, Paul Rogers, Cheryl Hettinger, Ray Cass, Cathy Fleury, Wendy Waddick, Brenda Rivera (Red), Barb Misch, Rick Cox, and Carolyn Pearson. Ed also made me get there at the crack of 6 to help. It was really neat to see that many people there at that hour.

**Stewards**—Cathy Fleury and Loretta Lazzara were the co-chairs. They recruited a fine group of stewards: Cindy Pakenas, Sheryl Gallucci, Debbie James-Burris, Willie Santiago, and Jacquie Clasen for Rally. Marian Lazzara, Paulette Zecca, Shirley Sennebogen, and Karen Kuhn were in the Novice ring. The Open B workers were Vera Nyberg (Aloe), Candy Ellis, Pat Senne, and Sue MacPherson. Kent Hildebrand, Taffy Wille, Liz Brookshire, Tiffany Chen, and Mona Persson were in the Utility A and Open A ring. The Utility B ring was taken care of by Barb Bonner, Dottie Pokorny, Bob Read, and Peggy Covey. There were also several relief stewards—Donna Bihner, Ingrid Hamburger, Sandi Stephenson, Holly Cass, Peggy Covey, and Debbie James-Burris.

Our Trial Secretary this year for the second time was Robert Olson. He did a great job. Nancy Pederson handled the publicity leading up to the trial and made sure that information was sent to as many people and clubs as possible. The food for the judges and volunteers was handled by Barb Palm and her very able assistant, Julia Simmons. Carolyn Pearson was in charge of Hospitality which not only included keeping the judges and stewards happy on Sunday, but making sure the judges and their travel plus lodging were taken care of. The Awards were taken care of by Brenda Rivera, Penny Bricch, and Mary Bradley. They set up the awards table and made sure the ribbons and prizes got to the correct ring at the right time. Barb Misch did another fine job making sure the grounds were kept clean. She even picked up litter left behind by the Saturday night party. Vicki Wilder and Jan Winters conducted another great raffle. They had great baskets and the winners were all pleased with what they won. Pat Senne was the lady in charge of the booths (we had 3 of the best vendors), helping the food people, and gathering any extra materials that were needed.

Our judges this year were Cynthia Simonsen, Susan Emerson, Lynn Eggers, James Ham, and Elmer Willems. They all did a super job. By the way, we have judges already for the next 2 years and 3 for 2016. If you would like to suggest any names of judges, please let me know.

And finally this year I think something really unique happened. Three of our members earned the 3 highest awards for our trial. Loretta Lazzara won High in Trial, Chris Mazza won High Combined in Obedience, and Cathy Fleury won High Combined for Rally.

We had 198 entries in our 19 classes offered. I hope we can have even more next year. Thank you for electing me your Trial Chairman. I really enjoyed doing this.

**William Short**

# FVDTC—OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRIAL

NOVEMBER 10, 2013



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**OBEDIENCE HIT**  
**Loretta and Pyro--from Open B**  
**CH DANTE'S NOVELLA PYROTECHNIC'S**  
**CDX GN RA**



# Class Act!

How surprised were we to receive a thank you note from the 2012 Community Scholarship winner! It's been more than a year since she was awarded the scholarship, and she continues to thank us and update us on her career progress. That lady is going places!



Dear Fox Valley Dog Training Club:

I wanted to send an update on how life has been since the FVDTC Scholarship was awarded to me in 2012! In the past year, I have excelled in my college classes, worked as an animal care intern at Brookfield Zoo, and became a First Year Leader to Eastern Kentucky U's Incoming freshmen. I can assure you the Scholarship was put to good use. I want to make the Club proud and will continue to work hard. Thank you so much for this scholarship - I am grateful everyday!

- Veronica Seawall

## **Membership Meeting Highlights**

### **November 20, 2013**

Meeting brought to order at 7:43 p.m., following the informative presentation by Sue Olmos about Essential Oils for Dogs.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary) The October Meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) thanked everyone who helped with setup and takedown at the trial. Everybody had an enjoyable time and the work went quickly.

Wendy Waddick (Second Vice-President) stated that following tonight's presentation by Sue Olmos about Essential Oils for Dogs, she does not have any more programs lined up.

Additionally, Wendy asked whether club members would be interested in participating at a Dog Expo being planned for the RiverEdge Park, a new, very nice outdoor facility in Aurora. The Dog Expo would include vendors, rescue groups and dog related activities. The event coordinator asked whether FVDTC would be interested in having a booth and possibly doing some obedience, rally or agility demonstrations. Although an exact date has not been set, it would be scheduled for some time during the summer.

Donna suggested that, based on experience at other venues, it would be a good idea to ensure enough space was set aside for demos.

Terri Byerly (Director of Training) was not in attendance, however, it was reported that Candy Ellis received two additional assistant instructors for the 8:00 p.m. Beginner's Class as a result of Terri's recent plea for help.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) extended thanks to everyone who helped with our trial. We couldn't do it without you! Will stated that he appreciated everyone's efforts. Additionally he reported that, for the first time in his memory, three club members achieved the trial's highest awards: Loretta Lazzara earned High In Trial, Chris Mazza earned High Combined in Obedience and Cathy Fleury earned High Combined in Rally.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read the names of four new members which were published in the October Waggin' Tales. Ingrid Hamburger made a motion to accept the list as read. Joyce Conway seconded the motion. The list was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members, especially Jacqui Clasen who was present at the meeting.

Carolyn also reminded everyone that our membership year ends on December 31, 2013. The 2014 Membership renewal forms will be available at training starting on November 21st, in the next couple of Waggin' Tales issues, and on the club's web site. Each membership renewal application sent to Sue should include the "My Personal Record of FVDTC Work Credits for 2013" with your work events identified.

Donna Bihner (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that the next Waggin' Tales will include a "save the date" for the April 12, 2014 Annual Dinner.

Cheryl Hettinger stated that she is seeking club members who own a business, or maybe work in a local store to consider making a donation to the FVDTC Awards Dinner! She is looking for donations that make great raffle prizes. A small item, gift card or service certificate will get your business exposure on our website, on our FaceBook page and in our program for the evening...and don't forget good buzz in the club! Don't delay! Get in touch with Cheryl Hettinger at [raffle@fvdtc.org](mailto:raffle@fvdtc.org).

Nancy Einwich (Awards Co-Chair) announced that due to the new awards being offered for 2013 titles earned, the awards form will once again be modified.

Willie Santiago (CGC Test Coordinator) reported that the next CGC test is scheduled for January 16, 2014.

Barb Misch (Graduation Chairperson) reported that all is well.

Pat Senne (Match Co-Chair) reported that Nita Norkus has volunteered to help her at the table for the gate entries in 2014. Sandi Stephenson (Match Co-Chair) was not in attendance, but reported that she had nothing to report.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) announced that club members with internet access can sign up to steward at the 2014 Correction Clinics using [mysignup.com](http://mysignup.com) on the club's website. The club members without internet access can still contact Ingrid at (630) 365-3248 to volunteer. The [mysignup.com](http://mysignup.com) application is the preferred method as it simplifies the process for tracking volunteers. The large poster board used in the past at training will no longer be used.

Barb Misch (Scholarship) extended thanks to Cheryl Hettinger and Dave Lewis for helping coordinate contact names. Barb stated that she is hoping that the fresh wave of information out will generate interest.

Penny Brcich (Sunshine) was not in attendance; however the discussion about Sally Compton Memorial Fund netted the following decision: Cheryl Hettinger would obtain a card for club members, who wished to donate money to the memorial fund, could sign and collect the money or checks. In addition to the club's donation, the money collected would be sent to the "Sally Compton Memorial" (P.O. Box 66, Elburn, IL 60119). Per the family's request, the memorial will benefit the "Homebound To Seniors" program at the Town and Country Library in Elburn and the PAWS With A Cause organization.

Jan Winters (Temperament Test) stated that the tentative date for the next temperament test will be February 20, 2014. In response to Peggy Sue Seehafer's question, Wendy Waddick stated that she is still willing to put a list together for distribution on the club's web site, and to be provided to Jan Winters. In response to Brian Ruppert's question, it was stated that with the assistance of Sandy Davis, Delnor Hospital modified their policy to allow dogs in the rooms and not just in the lobby. Peggy Sue Seehafer stated that she needs several smaller dogs for visits on November 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Nancy Einwich stated that she and Emily, her Golden Retriever, are working with the Memory Care facility in Sycamore, and they are so happy with the visits that they invited Emily to stay with them permanently as a resident therapy dog. No one at the meeting was surprised that Nancy declined their request.

### **Monthly Dollar Bucket**

...and the winner of \$9.00 was Jacqui Clasen as drawn by new club member, Jacqui Clasen. The remaining \$9.00 was presented to Ingrid Hamburger for the Tracking Test expenses.

### **Old Business**

- **Lost and Found**

Cheryl Hettinger reported that the Lost and Found sale is going well and will continue until December 19<sup>th</sup>. After that date, the remaining items will be donated to other organizations.

- **Pet Emergency Resuscitation Masks**

During the January 2013 Membership meeting, a motion was made and approved to purchase two sets of resuscitation masks (at \$95.00 each) to be presented to the Fox River and Countyside Fire Protection District to use on their emergency vehicles. However, in response to Peggy Sue Seehafer's contact, the Fox River and Countyside Fire Protection District declined the offer. Following that discussion, Peggy Sue Seehafer contacted all other fire departments in Kane County and asked whether they would be interested in receiving the resuscitation masks. All the contacted departments declined the offer.

Peggy Sue stated that since the club had already voted to spend \$190.00 to provide the masks, which were declined by all fire departments, she thought that perhaps the club would be willing to reallocate that money to provide pet related assistance to the residents who lost their homes and everything else they owned due to the recent horrific weather in Illinois. Peggy Sue reported that the AKC does not have a central fund which is used throughout the country for natural disasters in response to her contact. They stated that it would be better for her to search locally. However, Peggy Sue and others present felt that searching on the internet could lead to less-than-reputable places and that would not be fiscally responsible. Therefore it was decided that the money would stay allocated to the purchase of the resuscitation masks and the issue would be re-addressed in the future.

## **New Business**

- **Scholarship Financing Modification**

Terri Sidell expressed her concern that the two scholarships offered annually by the club should not be financed by the general membership funds. She felt that the scholarships were not benefitting the club in a tangible manner and were set up to benefit specific club members. She stated that she felt that the scholarships should be funded by club members who voluntarily donate money specifically for that purpose. Terri Sidell made a motion to change the scholarship funding to a voluntary donation by club members.

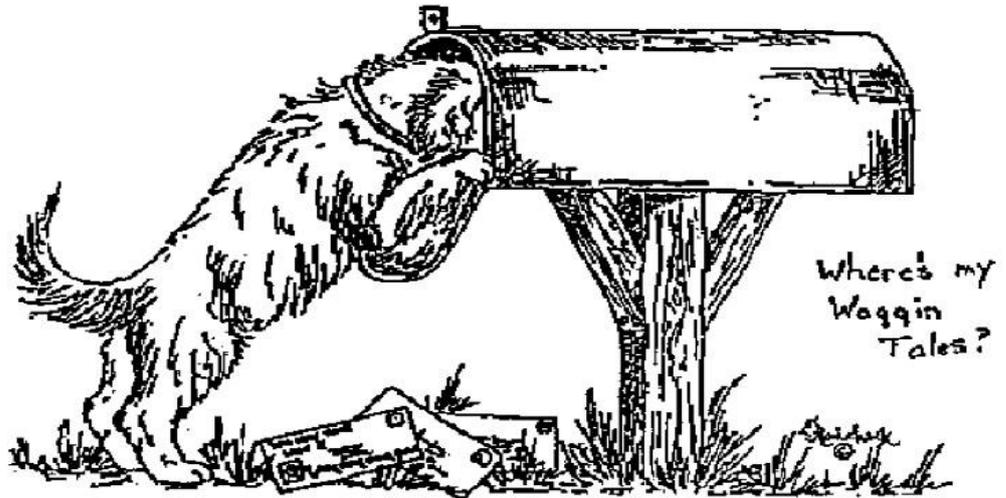
Barb Misch stated that as the initiator of the scholarship idea, it was definitely not set up to benefit specific individuals nor was it to only benefit children of club members. The purpose of the scholarships was to provide a financial benefit to local high school seniors and older students who exhibited Service for the Club or those who volunteered for animal related activities. She stated that the benefit to the club was the increased exposure in the community. Donna Bihner stated that the idea had been presented at a membership meeting in 2012 and was approved. Barb also stated that the offering of the 2014 Scholarship information had been sent out to schools and other venues. Therefore, nothing can be modified this year. If there are to be any changes to the 2015 scholarship funding, it would have to be discussed after the first of the year, with a final decision made prior to July 31, 2014.

In response to Terri's comment about the membership dues being increased as a result of the scholarships, Donna stated that those were two separate issues and in no way related to each other. Donna stated that the membership dues were not increased to those members who earn a minimum of three work credits annually. Donna also stated that the purpose of tying the work credits to the membership dues was to encourage club members to volunteer at the different events that require workers in order to be successful.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

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**December 2013**

- 5 Thursday Regular Training  
Puppy Starts (8:00 pm)
- 11 Wednesday Board Meeting
- 12 Thursday Regular Training  
Chiropractic Night
- 19 Thursday Regular Training  
Beginner Ends (6, 7, 8, 9 pm)  
Puppy Ends (7:00 pm)
- 26 Thursday Christmas Party

**January 2014**

- 2 Thursday Regular Training  
Beginner Starts (6, 7, 8, 9 pm)
- 9 Thursday Regular Training  
Chiropractic Night
- 22 Wednesday Membership Meeting  
with Elections
- 16 Thursday Correction Clinic  
CGC Test
- 23 Thursday Regular Training
- 30 Thursday Regular Training

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