



# Keystone Canine Training Club

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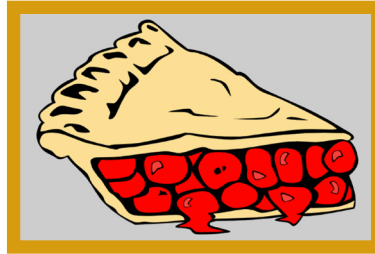
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## May Membership Meeting Pie Party

Sunday, May 17th @ 7:00 pm

KCTC Building

No Pie Eating Dogs Please

## From the President

Our current session of classes is very well attended – over 170 slots! We even added another Puppy Kindergarten and Beginning Scentwork class. Thanks to the instructors and assistants involved with those classes. Special kudos to Paula Shimko, who is teaching for three straight hours on Friday nights. And our membership is at an all-time high – over 125 members.

Also thanks to Joe Alexander, who is refurbishing and cleaning up a number of our dog crates.

We have lots of events coming up in May: Awards Banquet May 2, Rally trial May 9 – 10, Garage/Bake sale May 17, and Teacup trial May 30 – 31.

Our next Membership Meeting will be Sunday, May 17. We will have our annual elections that evening too. I encourage everyone to come out and vote.

Doggie quote for the month: "A dog is the only thing on this earth that loves you more than he loves himself." – Josh Billings

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

## Garage Sale

Attached to the newsletter is the Garage Sale and Bake Sale flyer, please print it and post it at your church, vet etc.

Update about the bake sale, we will have different priced containers to put the cookies, cupcakes, etc in. Each person purchasing a container will receive a glove to choose his or her baked goods with.

Thanks Marian for the suggestion from your church bake sale.

DeAnne Orive

# Keystone Election

Election of the President, Treasurer, Director at Large, Office Manager, and Recording Secretary will be held at the Membership Meeting on Sunday, May 17th.

Director at Large, Office Manager and Recording Secretary are running unopposed.

Presidential Candidates are Dan Goldberg and Janine Smith. Treasurer Candidates are Pam Lewis and Joanne Kerfonta. Their resumes are included in this newsletter.

You will receive an email giving the details of the election process on May 17th. Information about polling hours will also be included in that email. Get out and vote!

# Keystone Canine Accomplishments



"I'm pleased to announce that my rat terrier **Moxie** earned her MACH on March 21 at the AKC agility show at B & D Activity Center. I'm so proud of my little girl.

Now I have just one more rat on a MACH journey, **Jamboree Jade**. Wish us luck!"  
Rose Nicotra



**Poltergeist's Lake Effect (Laika)** has been very busy the last month. She earned her Master Agility Excellent title the first weekend in March at the new Countryside Agility facility in Erie. She followed that up with her first Time To Beat title at B&D in Latrobe the middle of March and earned her Master Excellent Jumper title the first weekend in April again in Erie. Dan & I are very proud of her.  
Pam Lewis



## K-9er Demos May

### APRIL

1. Saturday, April 11 with performance time 10:30 AM. The K-9ers are scheduled to perform this routine for Arden Courts in the North Hills. (Doo Wop with Lilac shirts)

2. Saturday, April 25 with performance time also @ 10:30 AM. for Mt. Vernon in South Park. (Doo Wop).

### MAY

Sunday, May 17 with performance time noon until 1:00 PM. @ Keystone Canine Training Club (Doo Wop).

### JUNE

Sunday, June 21 with performance time 11:00 AM a Dog Wedding routine for the Lavender Festival in Washington Pa.

The K-9ers have a request for a Dog Wedding in June from the Prime Time B Adult Day Care in Bethel Park. This demo will be on a weekday. The date and time for this demo is not confirmed as of yet.

Since it is difficult to get in practices for different routines, the K-9ers will be performing the Doo Wop format for the rest of the summer.

Thank you,  
Caroline



### Rocky

My little dog with tons of spirit brought out his game legs 3-21-15 at B & D AKC trial in Latrobe, PA. What more can a handler ask for than to have so much fun with their dog and come home with two 1st places, two Open titles, and a double Q! Love this little dog with all my heart!

Joanne Kerfonta



**Jackson** and I got our MACH 4 on the Ides of March (the 15th) at the Niles Trial in Ohio. Jackson is ranked in the top 5 AKC Agility Cavaliers since July 1, 2014. Our goal is to stay there until the end of June. Then we will be on our way to Orlando in December for the AKC/Eukanuba National Champions Invitational!

We also just applied for our Champion Tricks Title from Do More With Your Dog. You can see our video on Facebook if you'd like. I'll keep you posted. Thanks Diana for all of your help. I'm so proud of my boy. No matter what happens he's still a champion along with his older brother Blaze and our new baby brother Banner!

Deb, Blaze, Jackson & Banner Aheimer

**Skye Schreiber** earned her Cynosport Rally RL1 title and received an Award of Excellence at B&D in January 2015.

Joanne Schreiber

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015 8 AM to 1PM**

# **“Not Your Ordinary” GARAGE SALE and BAKE SALE**

- Join us for our first ever Garage and Bake Sale. We have over 100 members donating new and used items; dog, cat, equestrian, rabbit, rodents, aquarium and household objects to be sold at this event.
- And of course enjoy our baked goods while browsing and take home that special treat for your pet!
- Free Door Prizes, including Free Class Vouchers
- Free Samples of dog & cat food from Healthy Pet Products
- Special Vendor booths; Tastefully Simple, Pet Odor Candles, Positive Touch Pgh Animal Massage
- Free Class Demos
- The proceeds go to Keystone Canine Training Club which is a not for profit all volunteer organization in your community dedicated to Training and Education.



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## **Class Demonstrations**

9:00 am to 11:00 am	Rally/Obedience
11:30 pm to 1:00 pm	K9er's Performing

## **MY CREDENTIALS FOR PRESIDENT – DAN GOLDBERG**

I running for re-election for President. My wife and I have been members of KCTC for about 20 years. Our dogs have taken classes in Obedience, Rally, Conformation, Agility, Tricks, Nosework, and Canine Conditioning. I currently teach the CGC/TDI class and the Teeters and Weaves agility class.

During my two-year tenure, our club has continued to be successful. We have had two well-attended Teacup and Rally trials each year, a well-attended Open House, and (most importantly) popular classes including the introduction of some new ones to provide something for everyone, from beginner to experienced. We also introduced on-line class enrollments. Our membership is at an all-time high, and our financial situation is good. I have spent a lot of time working behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly, and I have attempted to keep you informed of club activities and other club business via my monthly From the President column in the newsletter and by emails when appropriate. And I have a proven track record of getting things done.

I certainly do not take sole credit for the success of our club. We have many excellent instructors and volunteers, who are largely responsible for how well we are doing. I have attempted to keep everyone working well together as we all work toward the goals of the club. I am honored that you voted for me to be your leader for the past two years, and I would be glad to serve you again.

## Candidate for President

Hello, my name is Janine Smith, but some of you may know me as Diesel, Bullet or Comet's mom, and I am running for President. I have been coming to Keystone for nearly 5 years and this July I will have been a member for 4 years. While Diesel is my agility dog, I hope Bullet can become a therapy dog if we can learn to stop barking, and I have found a Rally dog in Comet,

Outside of Keystone I am an attorney, having worked as an Allegheny County criminal prosecutor for approximately 4 years before moving to civil litigation, where I now handle matters ranging from liability for injuries to products liability and unlawful discrimination. I believe my professional experience and skills would be valuable to fulfilling the duties of President. As an attorney, I am part problem solver, counselor/therapist, and mediator. These are skills that I believe are required of an effective President, a position that must be able to recognize issues, develop solutions, and work to bring people together to successfully resolve conflict. I also have experience managing organizations, having served on other Executive Boards, including the Executive Board of my homeowners association for the past 5 years.

Since joining, I have been an active member, volunteering whenever possible and as an assistant instructor and instructor. I have also been involved with numerous committees. Through my involvement over the past 4+ years, I have become very familiar with the issues Keystone faces as an organization and with the concerns of many of the members. I have also worked within my ability as a Member to raise issues that I believed needed to be addressed, such as the safety issue posed by the lack of a clearly identified and centrally located first aid station. Through the Bylaws Review Committee, I have been part of a comprehensive examination and overhaul of our Bylaws to address flaws discovered through past Club experiences, hopefully ensuring that future situations are handled more smoothly.

I believe that as President I would be able to continue to bring positive changes to Keystone. I would pursue greater Membership involvement in decision making, at a minimum through comment/discussion at membership meetings before the Board comes to a decision and by allowing the Membership to vote directly on matters where possible, ensuring that decisions reflect the will of the Membership. I also would like to begin a revamping of our website, which has become cluttered with sections that have gone without updates in 2 to 3 years, to allow it to better showcase what we have to offer and make it a more powerful tool in our operation and recruitment of new students and members.

I would like the opportunity to continue to express new ideas and advance our Club. I believe that, as President, I can aid Keystone as it continues to grow, ensuring that we have a clearly defined direction for the future and that we continue to have fun with our dogs. I would appreciate your vote, and I thank you for your consideration.

## **Pam Lewis- Candidate for Treasurer**

My name is Pam Lewis and I am running for re-election as KCTC's Treasurer. I have held this position for the past 7 years and have seen the club through several financial transitions. The most recent of which is establishing new bank accounts for our conversion to a 501(C)(7) organization. I have monitored our account balances as well as our bills to try and keep our expenses under control, so that we can continue to grow and offer new classes as well as buy new equipment when necessary. I use Quicken software to track expenses and income. This was very useful recently when I needed to track a Gift Certificate that had been lost that was issued about a year ago. The person who purchased it couldn't remember how much it was for and I was able to track the information so that it could be reissued.

I have been a member of Keystone for over 20 years and have trained our Samoyeds in a variety of classes. After some basic Obedience classes, our dogs have gone onto Agility, Rally, Tricks and Therapy Dog work. They have earned titles in a variety of venues and working with them has been very rewarding. I teach Agility classes and also have been the Trial Secretary at some of our Teacup Agility and Cynosport Rally trials. I am also an AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluator and a Therapy Dog International Evaluator. I enjoy working with and teaching our students and their dogs, and enjoy being able to see the handler/dog bond get stronger.

From a professional standpoint, I am a pharmacist and have worked in retail pharmacy for over 30 years. Over 10 years of that time was as a manager. I have retired from that career but I know the work experience has taught me skills that I use in the treasurer's position.

I always strive to do the best I can for Keystone, from either a teaching perspective or the treasurer's position and would appreciate your vote for the upcoming term.

Thank you!

**Joanne Kerfonta****For position of Treasurer**

As many of you may know, I am an Agility Instructor for KCTC. What you may not know is that I started out as an obedience instructor's assistant. I assisted with various instructors for approximately two and a half years. However, during that time I fell in love with the sport of agility. My interest for that sport developed into assisting the agility instructors for approximately two years. After my apprenticeship, I operated as the lead instructor in Agility Games for approximately two years. Over the years, I observed that KCTC students needed additional instruction with agility handling skills. I then focused on the skills I felt were important for students to learn and created the Flat work agility handling classes I am currently teaching. In order for KCTC to grow and prosper, I have been instrumental in teaching new students to function as a future instructor. I believe that as we all become more knowledgeable and work together we will develop a first class unbeatable team at KCTC.

In addition to teaching, I have served on the following committees for the benefit of KCTC:

- 1.) Clean Up Committee - organized instructors from each venue to come to the club and sort through items that the club should retain and those that needed discarded. Created and posted an inventory list of where items were located throughout the club.
- 2.) Christmas Club Committee - organized for 2013
- 3.) Awards Committee - organized and restructured award items for 2013
- 4.) Apparel Committee - ordered embroidered KCTC items, picked up and distributed same.
- 5.) Volunteer worker at Teacup & Rally Trials

My community service duties on behalf of KCTC included the following:

- 1.) Bethel Park Community Days - set up booth, organized volunteers, and was active as an outreach person in the community to promote the club
- 2.) Bark for Life, cancer fund raiser - set up booth, organized volunteers, and participated in the fundraiser for the American Cancer Society for three years in a row.
- 3.) Certified my dog(s) through Therapy Dog International and volunteered in nursing homes and rehab centers with Corey for 5 years. When anyone asked I always replied "I train at Keystone Canine Training Club"

I intend to serve the members of KCTC not only as Treasurer but as a fair and impartial board member. I believe I have proven myself to be a person who is not only trustworthy but who also "gets things done"!

**Below are my qualifications for serving as Treasurer.**

**Education:****Equipment Leasing Association, Banking Institute of America, CCAC, CTA 1992-2013**

- Principles of Leasing, Internal Audit Levels I and II
- Financial Accounting, Principles of Banking, Law and Banking courses (3.625 GPA)
- Intro to Psychology, Psychology of Adjustment, English Composition I and II
- Certified Medical Assistant

**Employment:****Century Heritage Federal Credit Union – West Mifflin, PA May 2007-April 2012***Staff Accountant*

- Balanced subsystems including ATM's, Visa accounts, teller's drawers to general ledger at month's end
- Processed return checks
- Online administrator for FEDEX
- Online administrator for shared branching transactions

**CJ Systems Aviation Group Inc. – West Mifflin, PA September 2004-May 2007***Accounts Receivable and Payable Administrative Assistant*

- Processed accounts receivable, payable, and wired domestic and international transfers
- Invoiced hospital programs for medical domestic and international flights
- Issued Corporate aviation fuel cards to aircrafts
- Achieved an "Ace Award" for research and implementation of annual savings over \$10,000 throughout multiple accounts

**AmeriServ Leasing – Monroeville, PA****September 1998-September 2002***Lease Documentation Coordinator*

- Monitored lease portfolio's by tracking major exposure, financial exception requirements, insurance requirements
- UCC filings, delinquencies, and end of lease terminations
- Handled FMV appraisals for previously leased equipment to be sold
- Prepared all documentation for lease transactions

**Three Rivers Bank and Trust Co. – Pittsburgh, PA****July 1985-September 1998***Reconciliation Administrator/Internal Auditor*

- Edited and balanced general ledger as well as balance bank subsystems
- Conducted internal audit fieldwork in accordance to departmental standards and polices
- Monitored accounts for delinquencies, uncollected funds, kiting, and enforced tax levies
- Performed general office clerical functions and filing