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Sunday, September 20th @ 7:00 pm KCTC Building No Apple Eating Dogs Please

## From the President

Our Session IV classes are about to begin (as of this writing), and many have filled up quickly, including two of our new classes. Many people have used the new PayPal option. Enrollments have gone smoothly, with very few problems. The few problems were mainly due to people not using an enrollment form (online or hardcopy), as I discussed in a recent email to the membership. But the software itself is working fine!

Many people worked behind the scenes to make this happen. Lucy McCloskey (our Training Director) organized the schedule and brought in the new classes. Pete Grandillo Jr. (our Webmaster) posted the schedule and all the enrollment forms and instructions. Pat Warnick (our Assistant Training Director) carefully monitors the enrollments, to determine which classes become full and thus require the "WAITLIST" designation. These folks spent many hours doing all these things.

And I especially want to thank Deb Aheimer (our Office Manager) for all her contributions. It was her idea originally to create the on-line enrollment process. Then, when the original software was discontinued, she identified a better, more userfriendly program, and started from scratch using the new program. She also prepared all the forms and instructions for use. She spent long hours debugging the program and making this all work. And, most recently, she initiated the PayPal She also very patiently option. answers all questions emailed to the club and notifies people on the waitlist of their status. Finally she creates the rosters for all our All this is behind the classes. scenes, and most members are probably not aware of all the hard work Deb puts into her job. She has been very proactive introducing new concepts into the enrollment process, and has brought us into the 21st century!

Doggie quote for the month: "The greatest love is a mother's; then comes a dog's; then comes a sweetheart's." -- Polish Proverb

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

## Thank You

By now, I think everybody knows I had an accident at the club in June. Two days later, I had a partial hip replacement. Two days after that, I went to Manor Care in Whitehall for twenty days of rehabilitation. If, heaven forbid, you need to go somewhere for rehab, that is the place to go. The staff and therapists are great.

I don't even know how to thank everybody for all that I have received from the members of this club since that night. I am so grateful to be a part of this club. The first week or so was such a fog, I don't know what I remember. I am not going to attempt to mention names because you know who you are and I do too or at least I think I do. I am afraid if I try to send individual thank you notes or I mention names here, I will forget somebody and I would feel terrible if I did that.

So, thanks to the people that were there when I fell, who kept my head together as much as possible, who called 911, who took care of my dogs, who called my family, who made me as comfortable as possible until the EMT's arrived. I am so grateful that you were there. I remember saying that to one of you as I was lying on the floor. And in case that was not enough, I understand, some of the same people then took over and taught the class. The show must go on. Thank You!

Next, I want to thank the people that came to the hospital and to Manor care to visit. I had company everyday. Some people even brought their dogs. It was nice to have a dog for a little while, I missed mine so much. Some people came multiple times, and some brought It was so nice to sit and treats. chat and leave the rehab world for a little while. Some sent bouquets of flowers and some sent bouquets of cookies, some sent gifts. Some brought dinners that gave me a break from the institutional food. Some called on the phone. I must have received more than fifty cards, in addition to the notes of encouragement via Facebook and Email. Thanks to all of you for being so kind. After twenty days in rehab, I was released. However, the KCTC kindness did not stop. The food began to arrive. Except for poaching a couple of eggs, I have not cooked anything since I got home. My freezer is jammed. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner consists of choosing what is in the fridge or freezer that I will reheat. Again, I am so grateful. It would be difficult if I had to stand and prepare meals. You have allowed me to concentrate on my rehab and not have to worry about what I am going to cook. Thank You.

The rehab is coming along nicely. I am walking on my own some and sometimes with a cane. I don't leave the house without the cane. Physical Therapists are still coming to the house twice a week but that is probably going to stop by the time you read this. A lot of people have asked how my dogs and cat made Tug has gone back to my out. Brother in Law, until we find a home for him. In my current condition I cannot handle him. I fear I would be back in the hospital. Howie enjoyed a stay at Pinch's Place (new girl for Howie) for a couple of days until I, with help from Amy, got long term arrangements worked Then Amy took Howie and out. Jake (my cat) to Poochies in Irwin for a long vacation. They were there for twenty four days. They did very well but were oh so happy to come home. However, I was at least that happy to have them. I will tell you someday a funny story about Howie getting a Kennel Bath before he came home. Too long for this.

Thank you for everything you have done, I will not forget the kindness that you have shown me. Pat Warnick



Linda Irwin and MacTavish her Shetland Sheepdog Kaylee Holton and Braylee her Golden Retriever.



Karen Fraser and Cris Gill are applying for membership with their dogs, Gilbert a mixed Foxhound/ Springer and Sandy a mixed Lab/ Beagle. They have taken Beginners Rally, Obedience Reinforcement and various mini classes. They are endorsed by Lucy McCloskey and Sharon Hareza.



The K-9ers have only two demos scheduled for the month of August. **Saturday, August 8** the K-9ers will be visiting and performing for the residents of Marian Manor in Greentree. The K-9ers are performing the Doo Wop routine @ 2:00 PM. **Saturday, August 22** there is

Saturday, August 22 there is a demo @ Country Meadows (Community of Life Center) in Bridgeville. The Doo Wop routine will be performed @ 2:00 PM in the Center's Rose Room.

**On Sunday, August 30**, the K-9ers are planning a Get Together @ Calabria's Restaurant on Route 88, Arrival time is 5:30 PM. Any K-9er who hasn't already confirmed, please RSVP by Sunday, August 16. Thank you,

Caroline

**Barbara Yarnot** and **Candie** and **Cadie** her Yorkshire Terriers are applying for membership. She has taken Puppy K and Family Manner I twice. Barbara is endorsed by Marian Roznowski and Sandy McDowell.

**Karina Palko** is applying for membership with **Snapdragon** her mixed dog. They have taken Family Manner I & II and CGC/TDI Class. Karina is endorsed by Amy Sandhagen and Virginia Weida.

**Chad Dougherty** along with his dogs **Sammy, Abby, Toby, Eva and Roxie** a Terrier mix, a Dachshund mix, Fox terrier mix and Chihuahua mix are applying for membership. They have taken Teacup Agility and Intro to Sequencing. Chad is endorsed by Tom and Phyllis Bandi.

**Elaine Gaetano** and her mixed breed, **Finnick** are applying for membership. Elaine had taken Puppy K and Family Manners I twice. She is endorsed by Marian Roznowski and Sandy McDowell.

**Melinda Wedde** and **Gunner** her Labradoodle are applying for membership. They have taken Puppy K, and Puppy Family Manners. Melinda is endorsed by Lucy McCloskey and Donna Latham.