



Tri-County Dog Training Academy

"Making Good Dogs Better!"

2016

### Club Officers

~President~

Viette Hornick

~Vice President~

Zach Zimmerman

~Secretary/Treasurer~

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Mark Ostrenga -

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Joe Andre

Sue Kitchens

~2015-2017~

April Haubert

Brandy Dausey

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Viette Hornick—Advanced

### Sunshine

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# Bark Aloud

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TCDTA had a great 2016. Enrollment in all classes was very good. Our Club dinner at Little River Country Club was enjoyed by many of our club members and their guests. I am sure we are all looking forward to the 2017 dinner scheduled for Feb 26. I hope many of you decide to join in this enjoyable night. We also gained several new members in 2016.

As outreach projects we participated in the Marinette Heritage parade, Peshtigo Historical parade, and the Menominee and Marinette Holiday parades. Next year, in addition, we plan on attending the Oconto Copper Fest parade. These are always fun and we get lots of compliments and exposure. We have two new places for our therapy dog visits: ResCare and the Renaissance along with our usual Rennes West. These visits are rewarding for both the residents and dog owners—plus the dogs really enjoy all the attention!

Our 20th Anniversary Celebration was successful. Everyone pitched in and helped to make it rewarding and fun. We gave donations to several organizations. Potential donations in 2017 are earmarked for the Rescue Squad, Rainbow House, Menominee Co. K-9, and 4-H Dog Project.

With everyone pulling together, as they have been, we will make 2017 another successful year.

I hope everyone had a very nice Christmas and is looking forward to a great 2017.

Viette Hornick, Club President



## MEETINGS

### GENERAL MEETING

Our next general Meeting will be on January 10, 2017 after Orientation, approximately 7:45. Election of officers will be held.

### INSTRUCTORS/ASSISTANTS MEETING

The next meeting will be held on February 7. If you are an instructor or assistant please try to attend.

## OUTREACH



### SUNSHINE

A Get Well card was sent to **Tammy Krause**. Sympathy cards were sent to **Zach Zimmerman** on the passing of his Grandmother and to **Susan Cota** on the passing of her Cocker, **Charley**.

If you know of someone who is in need of cheering, is in the hospital, has had a birth or has lost a loved one or loving pet please call **715-732-6391** or send an email to [hookedonpulling@hotmail.com](mailto:hookedonpulling@hotmail.com) and let **Nancy Haulotte** know.

## PARADES

On a brisk but fall like night, eight club members represented TCDTA in the Menominee Downtown Business parade on Friday, November 11. Being a night parade, dogs & members were decked out with lights and festive apparel. Those participating were **Mark Ostranga** with **Zoe & Beth LaCanne** who carried the banner while **April Haubert & Izzy, Joe Andre & Winter, Nancy Haulotte & Cowboy, Bonnie Gay & Chewy, Julie Beyer & Izzy & Tom Grun & Gracie** walked the route. Many positive comments were heard from the crowd; they liked all the 'puppies' and the lights.

Under cloudy skies, the club again participated in the Marinette Downtown parade on Saturday, December 3. Members & dogs walking the route were **Joe Andre, Nancy Haulotte, Mark & Donna Ostranga, April Haubert, Sharon & Jeff Starks, Brandy Dausey, Sue Cota, Bea Tiefke & Julie Beyer**. Humans and dogs alike sported holiday hats & coats. The club trailer was pulled by **Ed Beyer**, whose truck carried a decorated Christmas tree & advertised our upcoming winter session.

## THERAPY DOG VISITS

**Sue Cota** and **Charley** along with **Viette Hornick** and **Ellie** made the November 8 Therapy Dog visit to Rennes West. The people were happy to see us and many thanked us. We had many good conversations with the residents.

On December 14, **Susan Cota** and **Murphy, April Haubert** and **Izzy**, and **Viette Hornick** and **Ellie** made their visits to the ResCare facility. The people were happy to see us. The dogs brought lots of laughter and conversation during their visit to the Renaissance. **Murphy**, wearing his Santa hat, got lots of attention as the Santa dog; **Ellie** surprised many with how quickly she grew from a small puppy to almost adult size; and many were curious of the type of work **Izzy** was bred to do. Everyone truly enjoyed visiting with our dogs and us. Many thank-you's were heard.

## CONGRATULATIONS GO TO.....



**Murphy**, owned by **Susan Cota** took first place Best Male and Breed at the Wisconsin Boston Terrier Association (WBTA) show at Ixonia on November 12 and 13th.

Team Zimmerman (**Jasmine** and **Zach**) earned their 14th RAE leg at the Oshkosh Dog Show on December 18, 2016. They earned a 99 in Excellent for a 3rd placement and a perfect 100 in Advanced for a 1st place.

**Great work!!!**

**MEMBERSHIP REMINDER-**  
**2017 Membership renewals are**  
**due by December 31, 2016.**

**SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR 2017**

President—Zach Zimmerman  
 Vice President— Mark Ostrenga  
 Recording Sec.—Viette Hornick  
 Corr Sec/Treasurer—Marria Valitchka  
 Board Members—Sue Kitchens & Joe Andre

If you wish to run for an office please contact Beth LaCanne or Marria Valitchka. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the January 10th General Meeting.

**WINTER SESSION**

The winter classes are scheduled to begin January 10 with orientation at 7 PM. The Advanced class will put on their drill demonstration. Please plan to attend as people like to see what our dogs can do.

The General Meeting with election of officers will be held about 7:45 right after orientation.



**CLUB DINNER**

Our club dinner will be held on February 26, 2017 at Little River Country Club with social hour beginning at 5:30. Dinner will begin at 6. We will have a buffet style dinner serving chicken, tenderloin tips, mashed potatoes and gravy, baby red potatoes, baby carrots and corn. Also rolls butter, coleslaw, dressing, dessert and coffee and water.

**THANK YOU**



Thank you to members **Jeff and Sharon Starks** who volunteered their beautiful home for a members Christmas get together on Sunday the 11th. We enjoyed a variety of tasty snacks including decadent dark chocolate fondue. Jeff and Sharon were great hosts. Thanks also to those who attended, it shows true club spirit and we make lasting friendships.

Mark Ostrenga

**CLASS CANCELLATION**

**In the event that classes need to be cancelled, notifications will be found in the following places:**

**Facebook**

**TCDTA website—**

**[www.tricountydogtraining.org](http://www.tricountydogtraining.org)**

**Area radio stations—95.1, 103.7, 96.3 FM, and 1340, 570 AM.**

**TV Channels—2, 5, 11, 26 when there is availability.**

## CLUB EVENTS - 2017

### WINTER SESSION

- Jan 10: Rennes West Visit @ 10AM  
Orientation @ 7 PM  
Gen. Meeting/Election @ 7:45 PM
- Jan 16: Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- Feb 7: Instructors/Assistants  
Meeting @ 8:45 PM
- Feb 8: ResCare visit @9:30 AM  
Renaissance visit @ 10:30 AM
- Feb 26: Club Annual Dinner @ 5:30 PM
- Mar 14: Rennes West visit @ 10 AM  
Achievement Night @ 6:30 PM
- Mar 20: Board Meeting @ 6:30

### SPRING SESSION

- Apr 4: Orientation @ 7 PM  
General Meeting @ 7:45 PM
- Apr 12: ResCare visit 9:30 AM  
Renaissance visit @ 10:30 AM
- May 9: Rennes West visit @ 10 AM  
Instructors/Assistants  
Meeting @ 8:45 PM
- May 15: Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- June 6: Achievement Night @ 6:30 PM  
General Meeting @ 7:45

### SUMMER SESSION

- June: Oconto Copper Fest Parade
- Jun 13: Mat Washing
- Jun 14: ResCare visit 9:30 AM  
Renaissance visit @ 10:30 AM
- June: Family Pet Day
- Jul 11: Rennes West visit @ 10 AM
- July: Marinette Heritage Parade
- Aug 5: Mit Liebe Pet Fair
- Aug 9: ResCare visit @ 9:30 AM  
Renaissance visit @ 10:30 AM
- Aug 15: Club Family Picnic

### FALL SESSION

- Sept 12: Rennes West Visit @ 10 AM  
Orientation @ 7 PM  
General Meeting @ 7:45 PM
- Sept TBA: Pet Days – Tractor Supply  
10 AM – 2 PM
- Oct 10: Instructors/Assistants Meeting  
@ 8:45 PM
- Oct 11: ResCare visit @ 9:30  
Renaissance visit @ 10:30 AM
- Oct 16: Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- Oct 21: Third annual Fun Fest
- Oct 24: Halloween Dress Up
- Nov 14: Rennes West Visit @ 10 AM  
Achievement Night @ 6:30 PM  
General Meeting @ 7:45 PM

### OFF SESSION

- Nov TBA: Menominee Christmas Parade
- Dec 5: Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- Dec TBA: Marinette Christmas Parade
- Dec 13: ResCare visit 9:30 AM  
Renaissance visit @ 10:30 AM

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Board meetings are on Mondays, excepting the December meeting which is on a Tuesday.

Rennes West visits are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every other month starting in January. ResCare and renaissance visits are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every other month starting in February.

Moonfyre's Cup of Joe to Go CD, RAE2, CGC, Therapy Dog

### "CHARLEY"

October 08, 2004- December 22, 2016

Every once in a while a special dog comes into your life and Charley was that dog for me. Just a week after bringing him home, my dog Riley passed. So, Charley's first job was to heal my broken heart, and that he did.

Although I had trained my previous dogs, I had never competed with them. Charley gave me the courage and confidence to realize my dream. He was not always the easiest dog to train, but we quickly got his CGD and Therapy Dog certifications at 13 mos. We then went on to get his RN, RA, and RE. We continued with obedience and earned his CD title in one weekend. It was then back to Rally, where he earned his RAE2, becoming one of the first five AKC Cocker Spaniels to earn this title. He made me look really good as he earned all his titles – 52 times in the ring – without getting one "NQ". They were not always the best runs, he made it interesting many times, but we accomplished it just the same. 😊

After retiring from competition due to cataracts, we concentrated more on his therapy work. He loved visiting the residents at the nursing home, and even after becoming blind, enjoyed his time with them. He made his last visit this past November with TCDTA. He was the first dog to become a Reader Dog at the Stephenson Public Library. The children just loved him; his personality made him perfect for the job.

When he lost his sight, his next job was to teach me to accept things that we cannot change. He quickly adapted to this change without missing a beat. He found ways to continue doing the things he loved... especially playing fetch!

And his final job after being diagnosed with CHF.....to remind me to live life to the fullest, to enjoy each day as it is, and to leave precious memories to those you leave behind.

Thank you, Charley, for being my "Best Boy"....see you at the Rainbow Bridge.

Susan Cota

### CLEANING AFTER CLASSES

1. **First clean the mats with the blue mops.**
2. **Roll the mats. When rolling, try to get them to roll evenly. Rolling them in a cone shape stretches the edges of the mats and they will not lay flat. Do not bang the ends on the floor to get them even, as this tears the edges.**
3. **Take down the PA system and put away.**
4. **Dust mop the entire floor.**
5. **Vacuum the rugs and the runner. Be sure to empty the dirt canister.**
6. **Put all tables and chairs away.**
7. **Put the cleaning supplies and any other equipment in the club cabinets.**
8. **Turn off the lights and lock the door.**

### HUMOR

A woman called our airline @customer-service desk asking if she could take her dog on board.

"Sure," I said, "as long as you provide your own kennel." I further explained that the kennel needed to be large enough for the dog to stand up, sit down, turn around, and roll over.

The customer was flummoxed: "I'll never be able to teach him all that by tomorrow!"

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*When you make a commitment you build hope. When you keep it you build trust.*

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