



ATLANTA KENNEL CLUB DIGEST

APRIL 2013

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APRIL MENU

PAN SEARED BREST OF CHICKEN WITH HONEY DIJON GLAZE
WILD RICE MEDLEY, FRESH BROCCOLINI w/BABY CARROTS & TOMATOES
ROMAINE TOSSED IN A ROASTED GARLIC CAESAR DRESSING
Chocolate & Raspberry Mousse Parfait with Fresh Fruit Garnish
All Meals are served with Salad, Fresh Bread, Whipped Butter,
Freshly Brewed Coffee, Herbal Teas and Unsweetened Iced Tea

Children's Menu Available:

APRIL 17, 2013 MEETING PROGRAM:

Guest Speaker: NEW MEMBER ~ RICK PARKER, ARTIST

Rick Parker is a professional photographer and portrait artist. His work is a culmination of 20+ years as an artist having studied under some of the most revered artists throughout the country. The program will be an overview of Rick's work including how he composes his one-of-a-kind images using the all digital tools now available. Come and see this artistic display and learn about the new resources in photography, technique, style, and printing capabilities that Rick has mastered. You could discover a new perspective in preserving your special companion in artistic photography. See more information on page 5 and check out his incredible portraits on his website: www.virtualgraphicsbyrick.com

LOCATION: Villa Christina Restaurant (404) 303-0133

www.villachristina.com

4000 Summit Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30319
(Less than 1/2 mile from I-285 & Ashford Dunwoody Rd.)

Time:

6:45 p.m. ~ Salads Served
7:15-8:00 p.m.- ~ Dinner
8:00 p.m. (Sharp) ~ Program begins
8:45-9:15 p.m. ~ Adjourn

Directions: I-285 Exit 29, Go South (Inside the Perimeter) on Ashford Dunwoody Rd. Turn Right at first street, Lake Hearn Dr. (3/10ths mile), Turn Left at Parkside Place NE, then take next Right on Perimeter Summit Blvd. **Go to Stop Sign & Turn Left** (Watch for Signs for Villa Christina). Note Perimeter Summit Blvd. Turns Left & Becomes Summit Blvd. The Restaurant is a Free-Standing Bldg & is the Last Bldg on Left - Look for Signs. Complimentary Valet Parking **and Self-Parking Past the Bldg & Turn Left.** Meeting Room Location is Upstairs on the 2nd Floor (Stairs or Elevator Access). A Map is available on the Villa Christina Website with a Link to Mapquest.

RSVP: DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED If you plan to eat with us! You are not required to have dinner however. Join us for drinks or come shortly before 8 for the program only and short business meeting following. Please be sure to call ahead for your reservations if you plan to join us for Dinner as the Restaurant has a cut off for reservations and cancellations. Contact our **Kellie Holbrook - 770-664-5756** or email her at holbrookcc@mindspring.com **NO LATER than Sunday night (April 14th)** prior to the meeting on the following Wednesday. If you are on the standing reservation list and do not attend you will be billed for your meal. Price \$20 adults \$5 for children under 12. If you have special menu needs please mention this to the Hospitality Chair when you make your reservations. If you decide later to attend you can order food "to go" in the restaurant & bring it upstairs to eat with us. Let us know if you can and a place will be held at a table.

Birthdays

April Birthdays:

Glen, Shannon Soafer 4/13
Susan Benkiser 4/13
Diane Pegram 4/16
LoAnne Miller 4/17
Dolores Russell 4/17
Roger Brown 4/19
Gilda Mallik 4/19
Palmer Crim 4/22
Joy Wells 4/25
Yvonne Cooper 4/26
Ginger Hawkins 4/27
CJ Favre 4/29

May Birthdays:

Jasmine Lyon 5/5
Tim Dorn 5/6
Jerry Smith 5/11

Anniversaries

April Anniversaries:

Susan & Gregory Benkiser 4/19
Lara & James Spears 4/22
Jacqueline & Robert Morgan 4/25
Linda Jett 4/25

April Anniversaries:

Walter & Sheila O'Brien 5/3

FYI:

Birthdays are mid-month to mid-month.

Anyone Missing?

Please let us know so we can get our lists up to date!!

Contact: Ginger Aldrich

snofire@aol.com

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear fellow Members of the Atlanta Kennel Club,

See you all in Perry at the shows! If anyone has a little time to offer for the hospitality, show set up or helping at the trophy table - or packing up etc - and or any of the many small jobs that need to be done - PLEASE call or come by the office to offer a hand if you can - This is OUR SHOW! so that means YOURS, Too! we are always very proud of the way our members step up to help at the show and work well together to make ours one of the best shows in the country.

Contact Kathleen Steen, Show chair - kathleensteen@bellsouth.net - 770-335-1349 at the show (cell) 770-751-0311 at home before Wednesday; or Mary Ellen Macke, Cluster chair - maryellen.macke@harrynorman.com - 404-310-5933 (cell). She leaves for the show on Monday for pre-show set up meetings. Jerry Cerasini, President and Cluster Hospitality Chair - ponyguru@aol.com - 770-842-3152 (cell). He especially needs help on Sunday when we are short handed - but other days as well if you are around, too.

Show set up will take place on Wednesday April 10 beginning at 8:30 am - check in the office in the Roquemore building any time during the shows. Check out the Peach Website - www.peach-blossom.org

Jerry

PRESIDENT, ATLANTA KENNEL CLUB

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**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
February 27, 2013**

The nominating committee met to discuss candidates for officers and board of directors for the Atlanta Kennel Club and to put forth a slate of candidates to the membership for the club year 2013-2014. The guidelines for the Nominating Committee were distributed. These guidelines were approved by the Board of the Atlanta Kennel Club in April, 2011.

Ann Wallin, Chairperson, gave the committee a list of the current board and highlighted those positions which would be open for election this year. Members were asked whether they received any suggestions from the membership and those names were put on the table.

The following was the recommendation of the nominating committee:

OFFICERS:

President	Jerry Cerasini
1st VP	Ginger Aldrich
2nd VP	Mary Ellen Macke
Recording Sec	Karen Mays
Corres. Sec	Carol Simmons
Treasurer	Beth Hawthorne

CLASS OF 2015

Bud Hidlay
Wayne Holbrook
Kathleen Steen

AKC DELEGATE Ann Wallin

BOARD MEMBERS REMAINING – CLASS OF 2014

Carl Vitner
Chuck Quinlan
Vicki Allenbrand

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Ann Wallin, Chair
Committee Members: Valerie Dombrowski, Gilda Mallik, Roger Brown, Bonnie Turner
Jim Macke, Alternate
Tamara Brower, Alternate

**NOMINATIONS WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR AS PRESCRIBED IN THE CONSTITUTION, AT THE APRIL 17TH MEETING
SEE ARTICLE IV SECTION 4 – SEE YOUR ROSTER RECENTLY MAILED FOR CURRENT PROCEDURES.**

**EXCERPT FROM THE CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS REGARDING ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR
ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4**

(c) Additional nominations may be made at the April membership meeting by any member who is in good standing and in attendance. The proposed candidate must accept in person, or if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Recording Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate indicating his/her willingness to be a candidate.. No person may be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination by the Nominating Committee.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD NOMINEES:

Nominated by the membership of the Atlanta Kennel Club for their positive attitude and display of Good Sportsmanship in all their activities and contributions to the club.

KELLIE HOLBROOK: Kellie takes care of our monthly dinner reservations and is always at the dinner and has a great way of caring for every one when they arrive. She is a wonderful asset to Atlanta KC.

SUSAN PENNINGTON: Susan's tireless effort in finding good programs, even though her own work schedule made it difficult for her to get to the meetings. She has a generous spirit that typifies what Good Sportsmanship is all about.

DEADLINE FOR OTHER NOMINEES WAS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH FOR PUBLISHING IN THE APRIL DIGEST

Voting will be held at the April meeting and the award presented in May at the awards banquet. The winner receives the AKC Good Sportsmanship medal and a framed certificate from the Atlanta KC.

FINE PORTRAITURE BY RICK PARKER

The new appreciation and interest in outstanding fine portraiture with art collectors has allowed Rick to move from the corporate world to his special interest and talent. Rick's creative techniques using all the digital tools now available have further expanded his abilities. Add to the technical, Rick's love for dogs allowed a celebration of loved companion animals with unique portrait art. Come and see this artistic display and learn about new resources in photography, technique, style, and printing capabilities that Rick has mastered. You could discover a new perspective in preserving your special companion in artistic photography.

The technique Rick uses evokes the individual emotion and personality of each pet. It is a perfect marriage of photography and oil or pastel paintings. While these masterpieces are created using special software, they are not computer generated images. Every detail is painted by hand using the skills Rick has acquired over the years studying with several renowned portrait artists.

Rick lives in Lawrenceville, GA, with his Norwich Terrier, "Winston". During his competitive years, Winston was ranked in the top ten Norwich Terriers for several years. He is a member of the Lawrenceville Kennel Club, The Atlanta Terrier Club and The Norwich Terrier Club of America. Rick is also a new member of The Atlanta Kennel Club.

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MEMBERSHIP:

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VICKI ALLENBRAND - BLACKJACKDOGS@EARTHLINK.NET - 678-429-4609



MEMBER OF THE MONTH - APRIL:

Sue Rekuc for her outstanding efforts on behalf of our junior showmanship programs!

NEW MEMBERS...Voted into Membership at March Meeting:

RICK PARKER

1060 Hunters Creek Court, Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Phone: 404-326-8128

rparker66@hotmail.com

BREED: Norwich Terriers

SPONSORS: Pat Joyce, Marleen Burford



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ANNABELLA HINES – JUNIOR MEMBER

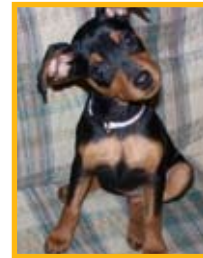
37 Gold Creek Court, Dawsonville GA 30???

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mykidsmomma@yahoo.com

BREEDS: Dachsunds, Dalmatians, Miniature Pinschers

SPONSORS: Jerry Cerasini, Lynn Tyler



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Send any brags or articles of interest to Ginger. Mail Address: P.O. Box 242, Murrayville, GA 30564.



WEBMASTER:

JIM MACKE - JIMMACKE@COMCAST.NET OR

MARY ELLEN MACKE - MARYELLEN.MACKE@HARRYNORMAN.COM

404-310-5933. Call or email either Mary Ellen or Jim for website questions or help.



CARDS AND FLOWERS:

MARY SECHLER, CHAIRPERSON - 770-446-8889 OR 678-371-9226

If you know of someone needing a little extra cheer, contact Mary at 770-446-8889 (Home) or 678-371-9226



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OUR WONDERFUL PROGRAM CHAIR, SUSAN PENNINGTON...is stepping down after many years of doing an outstanding job of arranging for our programs each month (since Carl was President). We will really miss her and want to extend our sincere appreciation for her commitment over the past years to this important job. Hers will be hard shoes to fill. You can extend a special personal thanks to Susan at ksarborzoi@yahoo.com

If any of you would like to volunteer and have a special interest in our programs at the meetings please contact President, Jerry Cerasini, at ponyguru@aol.com. We do have programs lined up through June at this time. Additionally if anyone has any ideas for a program that you would have special interest in also let Jerry know.

PLEASE SEND YOUR INFORMATION FOR THE ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR YOUR DOGS ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR... to Ginger - Snofire@aol.com ASAP. (Dogs can be included that you own as well as those you have bred but are owned by others).

Time frame for titles earned - from April 2011 through April 2012. By using the following format it will really help with the data transfer and is very much appreciated so we do not have to totally rewrite the info for each dog. Please do not send the info in a "story format" as it takes me too long to glean the info needed and rewrite it. Thanks!

Submit in this order please:

Name of dog with titles

- Breed
- Owners
- Breeders
- Title or titles earned - performance or conformation
- Special awards like Best in Show, National ranking, Specialty win

SAMPLE:

- BISS Grand Champion CAS Cobo Haul Eudora AOM
- Akita
- Owners: Cindy Smith, Robert and Chris Ann Moore
- Breeders: Cindy Smith & Kim Nisbet
- Grand Champion, BISS
- #2 Akita USA for 2010



BRAGS:

Please send any brags to Ginger Aldrich for the Digest – Snofire@aol.com, 770-380-9404, P.O. Box 42, Murrayville, GA 30564 (usually to be received prior to the 1st of each month)

**Note a Georgia winner in the 8" preferred class - a Corgi from Chamblee
If you know someone from our club that competed please let us know – send a brag
Just being able to compete is an honor in itself**

AKC Programs & Exhibitor News

Congratulations to the winners crowned at the recent Companion Events Extravaganza.

AKC National Agility Championship AKC National Agility Champions

Placing first in their height division (8", 12", 16", 20", 24" and 26" respectively) were:

- 8" — MACH4 Livewire Its All Gravy MXB2 MJG2 XF T2B (Masher), a Papillon handled by Daneen Fox of Acton, CA
- 12" — MACH2 Jahdo Skechers At Strathspey MXS MJS XF (Skecher), a Shetland Sheepdog handled by Barb Davis of Newman Lake, WA
- 16" — MACH Instant Karma MXS MJS XF (Karma), a Border Collie handled by Cheryl Morris of Ames, IA
- 20" — MACH4 Super Sweet HSAs HSBs MXC MJC MXF (Sweet), a Border Collie handled by Dudley Fontaine of Clemmons, NC
- 24" — MACH Roo! CD MXS MJS (Roo), an All-American Dog handled by Stacey Campbell of San Francisco, CA
- 26" — MACH Tempo In Motion MXB MJS MXF T2B (Pace), a Border Collie handled by Desiree Snelleman of Bonney Lake, WA



AKC Preferred National Agility Champions

Placing first in their height divisions (4", 8", 12", 16" and 20" respectively) were:

- 4" – MACH5 PACH2 Juliette's Butterfly Kisses UD RE MXB2 MJS2 MXP5 MXPS MJPB PAX2 XF T2BP (Juliette), a Toy Fox Terrier handled by Kathy Marble-Brown of Mulberry, FL
- 8" – PNAC MACH2 Willowbend Enchanted Evening MXS MJS MXP2 MJP2 NF (Eve), a Pembroke Welsh Corgi handled by Janelle Julyan of Chamblee, GA
- 12" – HC MACH Kit Kat HXAds HXBd MXS MJS MXP MJP2 NF (Kat), a Border Collie handled by Loretta Vojtech of Kenosha, WI
- 16" – MACH3 PACH Brasstax Lyrical Skylar MXC MJG MXP2 MJP2 MXF MFB TQX (Skylar), a Border Collie handled by Ann Zarr of Leawood, KS
- 20" – MACH American Revved Up Ford MXB MJB MXP MJP (Henry), a Labrador Retriever handled by Dennis Butler of Norman, OK

AKC National Obedience Championship

The 2013 AKC National Obedience Champion is:

NOC OTCH High Times Ris'N Above The Tide UDX16 OGM RE (Golden Retriever)

Owned by Kathleen Rasinowich-Platt of Papillon, NE

1st Runner-Up:

OTCH Webshire's X-Pecta Freeze UDX5 OM8 VER RE JH NA NAJ THD (Golden Retriever)
Owned by Sharon Colvin of Snohomish, WA

2nd Runner-Up:

OTCH Companion's He Reigns In Victory UDX4 OM5 (Border Collie)
Owned by Victory Hulett & Renea Windley of Molino, FL

3rd Runner-Up:

OTCH Goldenloch Makin' A Statement UDX8 OGM (Golden Retriever)
Owned by Gary J Platt of Papillion, NE

AKC Rally® National Competition

The class winners are:

Rally Novice: CH Holther's Racin' Bye Ewe RN OA NAJ, a Border Collie owned by Lara Avery of Somers, CT

Rally Advanced: That'LI Do Gunpowder N Led CD RE, a Border Collie owned by Rochelle Fugate of Montgomery, OH

Rally Excellent: Bailey Black Bear CD BN RE, a Poodle owned by Ronda Murphy of Galena, KS

Rally Advanced Excellent: OTCH Clitheroe R Commander N Chief UDX5 OM7 VER RAE12, a Golden Retriever owned by Charles P MacMillan and Joan M MacMillan of Essex, ON Canada

For complete results and photo coverage, visit the [AKC website](http://www.akc.com).

JUNIORS:



KIMBERLY BENKISER MODELING THE JACKET SHE WON AT THE 1ST REGIONAL JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION HELD AT OUR FALL SHOW. CONGRATULATIONS TO KIM AGAIN AND ALL THE OTHER WINNERS!!



Kimberly Benkiser modeling the Jacket she won at the 1st Regional Junior Showmanship Competition held at our fall show. Congratulations to Kim again and all the other winners.

Watch for more plans for Juniors events with the Atlanta KC. Anyone with suggestions of things the committee can consider as educational and other types of events you would like to see considered please send the info to the Committee members...

- Sue Rekuc - chairman - salr98@aol.com
Vicki Allenbrand - blackjackdogs@earthlink.net
Bud Hiday - budhidlay@comcast.net

The Atlanta KC will be sponsoring a 2nd regional event with our Fall show - stay tuned for more details.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

-- Defending Our Rights --

New York, NY For years, animal rights extremists have focused on attacking the health of purebred dogs based on what they determined were improper breeding programs, and have indiscriminately discredited dog breeders with unsupported anecdotal stories as opposed to facts. We all know the unsubstantiated accusations all too well.

Unfortunately, the rather gullible media simply accepted these allegations without objective investigation. A case in point is the untruthful story about Bulldogs published in the New York Times Magazine. Interestingly, while we supplied significant factual information about the health of Bulldogs, as did the Bulldog Club of America, the article was selective which is just a nice word for biased - in the utilization of those facts. In the end, the story was simply propaganda, not journalism.

But starting last year, there was a subtle, yet very noticeable shift in the communication tactics of the two largest animal rights organizations. Previously, for the most part, they had practiced a strategy of either ignoring or dismissing the AKC. Simply put, they did not see us as an organization of any concern to them in their quest to eliminate dog ownership through the elimination of breeders. As they have made very clear, their stated goal is no new puppies a goal they intend to accomplish through legislation and ballot initiatives to mandate spay/neuter and restrict breeders to the point of oblivion.

So, what changed? We did. In the past few years all of us - you, your clubs, and the AKC - have become more aggressive, more organized, more vocal, and more visible in legislative matters.

The tipping point last year appears to have been our proactive approach to the proposed APHIS rule changes, which included both a well-documented, reasonable, and thorough review of all the issues with suggestions to make the intent of the regulatory changes achievable without unnecessarily damaging hobby breeders, and a petition of support signed by over 75,000 concerned dog owners. Our response to APHIS caught the extremists completely by surprise and sent them into a whirlwind of activity that amounted to nothing. Most likely, their evaluation after the storm was that the AKC needed much greater attention from them.

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But the proactive plan around the APHIS rule changes was just the tip of the spear the AR extremists have been feeling of late. The AKC Legislative Department, led by the pleasantly indomitable Sheila Goffe, has made our presence, knowledge, and commitment felt on a myriad of legislative issues around the country. Last year, Sheila's department monitored more than 1,500 pieces of legislation. Contrary to what the AR extremists would have people believe, we are a respected resource in dog legislation for legislators and governmental organizations charged with animal care oversight. Our Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy is accepted as an intelligent and fair standard. Our careful analysis of proposed legislation helps reveal unreasonable requirements buried in a bill that would make it virtually impossible for a legislator's constituents to be in compliance. Our individual financial support of legislators' campaigns has made new and strong friends for the AKC and our mission. And your clubs, and the hard-working AKC legislative liaisons at both the state and local levels, have made significant inroads in protecting our rights to own and breed our dogs responsibly.

Today, the AKC is neither being ignored nor dismissed by the AR extremists. Instead, those organizations are now attacking us using the same propaganda tactics of lies and innuendo. I believe our position as squarely in the sights of the AR extremists is a status and a challenge we should accept with resolve and great pride.

As a former ad guy, I am reminded of a 1915 magazine ad for Cadillac considered one of the greatest print ads of all time. It only ran once - in the *Saturday Evening Post*. I believe that ad, titled "The Penalty of Leadership," captures the essence of the American Kennel Club and the challenges we face from AR extremists. The ad explains why companies that honor "standards of excellence" become "targets of the envious."

Here are a few pertinent sentences:

In every field of human endeavor, he that is first must perpetually live in the white light of publicity. The reward is widespread recognition; the punishment, fierce denial and detraction. When a man's work becomes a standard for the whole world, it also becomes a target for the shafts of the envious few. If his work be merely mediocre, he will be left severely alone. If he achieves a masterpiece, it will set a million tongues a-wagging.

The leader is assailed because he is the leader. The follower seeks to depreciate and to destroy. If the leader truly leads, he remains - the leader.

How are we leading in this fight for our rights?

First, we are proactively taking our messages of the Good Things We Do (the Parent Club rescue network, AKC kennel inspections, AKC CAR, and our collective commitment to improving the health of dogs) to the public; we are telling the facts about purpose-bred dogs and the desirability of owning a well-bred purebred as the family dog; and we are telling the stories of the passionate commitment of our breeders to protect, preserve, and improve purebred dogs. We are doing that through a combination of an aggressive public relations strategy utilizing every media opportunity imaginable to get our story told

correctly and in its entirety. In addition, we now have an expert in social media, which gives us the ability to tell the narrative of the AKC throughout the world of social media. For the first time, we will have a constant and consistent platform to reach the general public every day.

Second, we will always be aggressive in responding to AR propaganda posing as media stories. The difference in our response to the Bulldog story and the response to the *New York Times* attack on the AKC is a demonstration of our new commitment to act quickly, broadly and emphatically.

While the cost to have a day-in and day-out public outreach program and an immediate response program is significant, we can afford it. In fact, we can't afford not to have it.

With Churchill as inspiration, our mantra now is this: we will fight with growing confidence and growing strength; we will defend our rights, whatever the cost may be; and we will never stop fighting.

Your comments and suggestion are most welcome atk@akc.org.



Alan Kalter, Chairman

AKC ANNOUNCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

-- Lee Arnold, Carl C. Ashby III, Alan Kalter & Harvey Wooding Elected --

New York, NY At the Annual Meeting of the American Kennel Club on March 12, 2013, the AKC Board of Directors Class of 2017 was elected. The four Directors elected were: Lee Arnold, Delegate for the Southern Colorado Kennel Club; Carl C. Ashby III, Delegate for the United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.; Alan Kalter, Delegate for the American Bullmastiff Association; and Harvey Wooding, Delegate for the Westminster Kennel Club. In addition, Alan Kalter (American Bullmastiff Association) was elected as Chairman of the Board and Dr. William R. Newman (Mastiff Club of America) was elected as the Vice Chairman of the Board at a meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, convened after the Delegates Meeting.

❖ **Alan Kalter**, of Ann Arbor, MI, brings a unique combination of experience in the world of purebred dogs, business, and marketing to the AKC Board. As an active breeder/exhibitor of Bullmastiffs for over 20 years, he has produced 160 champions including BIS, BISS, and five generations of Group winners under the HappyLegs registered prefix.

He is the past President of the American Bullmastiff Association and currently serves as a director and Delegate. Alan was also one of the original Board members of the AKC PAC and still serves.

Professionally, Alan was the CEO and owner of a multinational, multibillion dollar advertising agency employing 1000 people throughout 11 offices in three countries. The company developed Morris Animal Foundation's communications including the Canine Cancer Campaign, as well as AKC pro bono marketing, and originating "We're more than champion dogs. We're the dog's champion."

❖ **Dr. William R. Newman**, of Bedford, Pennsylvania, has been a member of the Mastiff Club of America for 45 years. He has served the club as president, vice president, secretary, AKC Delegate, show chairman, and newsletter founding editor. Dr. Newman has produced numerous Mastiff champions and is the co-breeder of a three-time national-specialty winner. He has judged numerous Mastiff regional specialties and the national specialty show. Deeply committed to canine health, Dr. Newman has served the AKC Canine Health Foundation as a director and Millennium Founder. Dr. Newman is a board-certified radiologist and former hospital chief of staff. Newman holds a B.A. from Hofstra University, in New York, and an M.D. from the Downstate University and Medical College.

AKC Board of Directors Class of 2017

❖ **Alan Kalter**, of Ann Arbor, MI.

❖ **Lee Arnold** of Saddle River, NJ entered the dog world in 1985. He and his wife breed and exhibit Chinese Shar-Pei and have produced champions and Best in Show winners. He is currently the AKC Delegate for the Southern Colorado Kennel Club. He has served as treasurer and board member for the Ramapo Kennel Club, as a board member of the Somerset Hills Kennel Club, and was a founding member and President of the Non-Sporting Group of the Garden State. He is also active in the Stewards Club of America.

The chairman of the Chinese Shar-Pei Charitable Trust since 1995, Mr. Arnold has raised over \$300,000 for health research. He also joined the Board of the AKC Canine Health Foundation in 1997, and currently serves as the organizations Chairman.

A graduate of Emerson College and a recipient of a Masters Degree in Communication Arts from Boston University, Mr. Arnold has worked in broadcasting as an on-air personality, music director, program director and news anchor. For the past ten years, he has commentated on ESPN and Animal Planet dog shows.

❖ **Carl C. Ashby III** of Greensboro, NC became involved in the sport of dogs in 1971 through the obedience ring. He and his wife quickly developed an interest in the conformation ring and bought their first Kerry Blue Terrier in 1972. Since then, they have bred and exhibited Best in Show winners, specialty winners and 25 champions.

Mr. Ashby joined the Forsyth Kennel Club in 1973 and has served as board member, show chairperson and treasurer. He has also been active in the Virginia Kennel Club and Carolina Kennel Club. He was a founding member of the Carolina Terrier Association and has been Delegate for the United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc. since the late 1980s. As a Delegate, he has served on the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee,

the All-Breed Club Committee and the Perspectives Committee. As past chairperson of the United States Kerry Blue Terrier Charitable Fund, Mr. Ashby helped to raise \$50,000 dedicated to the health and future of the breed.

Mr. Ashby worked for AT&T for 27 years, ultimately becoming President of Custom Manufacturing Services, one of only 23 business units in the company. He grew the unit from sales of \$15 million to sales of over \$200 million with 900 employees, two factories and nationally known customers. He is currently employed as president and majority owner of Ann Crittenden, Inc., which owns and operates a chain of Hallmark Gold Crown Card stores.

❖ **Harvey Wooding** of Redding, CT got his first dog in 1972 and entered the obedience and conformation show world in 1974. He has been a breeder-owner exhibitor ever since. Mr. Wooding is Delegate for the Westminster Kennel Club (WKC).

A member of the English Setter Association of America (ESAA) since 1976, he has served as President, National Specialty show chairman, chairman of Judges Selection Committee and on the Board of Directors. He proposed the first ESAA Agility Trial in 2002 and was instrumental in securing AKC permission to hold an annual National Championship Field Trial.

Mr. Wooding is also a current member of the English Setter Club of New England, Newtown Kennel Club and Westchester Kennel Club. In addition to his Delegate duties for Westminster Kennel Club, he is on WKC's Show Committee, the club's Chief Ring Steward and hunt test secretary for WKC's annual AKC-licensed hunt test.

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