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Happy Winter, Happy New Year



Zeus, owned by Bobbi Smith, Maplewood, was the most festively-attired participant at the Winter Match and Holiday Potluck held at Animal Inn on Dec. 9. Bravo Zeus!!

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President's Message:

Season's Greetings to all from your 2016 President and Board of the GSDCMSP! As the year comes to a close, I am reminded that volunteerism is the driving force of a great club. I want to thank our 2016 Board, Committee Chairs, Trainers and everyone who participates in running our events throughout the year! The new year brings new opportunities to learn and grow with our club. Let us know what you are interested in and where you would like to be involved. We can always use more helpers, and what a great way to get involved with your GSD in an event that includes your dog! Our Club Banquet and Awards is scheduled for Saturday, January 21st! Come and join the fun!

*For the love of the breed,
Peggy Simerson
President, GSDCMSP*

Celebrating the Season . . .



Although Santa and club member Bo Vujovich exude holiday joy in this photo, the star is Vujovich's handsome "Gunner", Rosewood's Guns of Navarone.

**German Shepherd Dog Club**
of
Minneapolis & St. Paul
Membership Thank You and Awards Banquet

Date
Saturday, January 21, 2017

Time
11:00AM - Social Hour, 12:00Noon - Lunch Buffet, 1:00PM-3:00PM - Awards and Meeting

Location
Lake Elmo Inn Event Center
3712 Layton Ave. N
Lake Elmo, MN 55042

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Menu</u></p> <p>Roasted Pork Loin Panko Breaded Walleye Pike</p> <p>MN Wild Rice Roasted Baby Red Potato Cauliflower Au Gratin</p> <p>Marinated Vegetables/Tossed in Italian Vinaigrette Spinach Salad & Warm Goat Cheese Crouton</p> <p>Assorted Mini Desserts Fresh Fruit Rolls and Butter Coffee and Tea</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Banquet Entertainment</u></p> <p><u>Wall of Wine</u> Bring in a Bottle of Wine or Spirits and you are entered in a raffle to win the whole Wall of Wine.</p> <p><u>Jeopardy</u> <u>Scavenger Hunt</u> <u>Guessing Games</u> <u>Raffle</u></p> <p><u>Price</u> \$30.00 - Members \$35.00 - Non-Members \$14.95 - Children (12 & Under)</p>
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Contact: Rhonda Meath at gsgdsgpgriz@gmail.com

Reservation Form and payment are Due By: **January 7th, 2017**

Reservation Form

Name: _____

Email: _____

of People Attending: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail To: Rhonda Meath, 14508 St. Croix Trail N., Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047

Make Checks Payable to: GSDCMSP

2017 GSDCMSP Officers and Board

At the December pot-luck and meeting on Dec. 9, the following members announced their intention to stand for office in 2017; as all offices are unopposed, ballots will not be sent:

- President | Peggy Simerson (current President, will re-run)
- Vice-President | Sharon Todoroff
- Secretary | Sarah Falk (current Secretary, will re-run)
- Treasurer | Laura Meyer
- Board Member | Denise Gilbertson (one year of current term remaining)
- Board Member | Cristina McColl
- Board Member | Open If you are interested in this position, please contact a current officer or Board member.

These positions (with the exception of the open Board position) will take effect at the end of the Annual Meeting on Jan. 21, 2017.

Connie Karner, Memories . . .

By Julie Swinland

Connie Karner, 56, longtime member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul, died on July 1, 2016. Connie, of Rosemount, Minn., was a well-known figure on the show circuit for many years and was owner of Gold Grand Ch. Canadian Ch. Mythical Zeus of Black Forest, bred by GSDCMSP member Julie Swinland.

I first saw Connie at a banquet about 11 years ago when she was being talked into taking on the job of club secretary. My heart went out to her; she was new to the club, and being secretary was a big undertaking even if you were familiar with the club and the rules.

Later I got to know her when I was accidentally voted in as a board member (how many times do you have to say you are not running before you get off the ballot?) Anyway, we were commiserating over our lots in life, and I found that she was thinking about getting a male puppy to show. She had been very successful with her bitch Ch. Willaway Mount Shasta, sired by AOE SEL EX CH (US) Kismet's Sight For Sore Eyes HSCS ROM TC HIC. I was planning a litter with my Ch. Xena and told her I thought there would be a puppy in that litter that would meet her needs. Xena was bred to Bailey and produced three males. One was a stand out and became Connie's Gold Grand Ch. Canadian Ch. Mythical Zeus of Black Forest. He went Best Opposite at the Westminster in addition to going Best of Breed at over 100 shows.

Connie's dogs were her life. She worked and lived for her dogs, showing almost every weekend provided she could get off work. She was a pediatric nurse at United Hospital in St Paul. She hummed when she was grooming her dogs or cooking a meal.

I think it was two years ago when she called me and told me she had end stage renal failure. She fought this deadly diagnosis with the same determination that she had shown chasing grand champion points with Zeus.



Gold Grand Ch. Canadian Ch. Mythical Zeus of Black



Connie and her best friend, Nancy Winter.

I visited her several times in one of the facilities she was in over the last year and brought her some of her favorite treats. Then, miracle of miracles, she got to go home for a while. The last time I visited her, Zeus came to greet me. Connie couldn't walk on her own, but she was talking about bringing one of her dogs to my rally class. I thought she must be feeling that she could somehow beat the horrible diagnosis. When I tried to reach her a week later, she was back in the hospital on a downward spiral. Connie's friend Nancy Winter kept me informed of the status of Connie and Zeus as time passed. I saw Connie a day or two before she went to the Rainbow Bridge. She wasn't conscious, but she seemed to be trying to fight her way to consciousness when I spoke to her.

Connie had five dogs when she passed: Zeus, Diva, and their three offspring--Thor, Luna and Poseidon. Zeus stayed with Nancy and her husband, Mark, who adored him, but, unfortunately, he passed on about a month after Connie. The others all have homes, including Luna, who lives happily with club members Debby and Brent Jass.

'Til we meet again Connie, at the show ring beyond the Rainbow Bridge.

Leslie Maze and “Libby” --Airport Ambassadors

By Leslie Maze

After spending 40 years in education, mostly as a high school counselor and dean with a license in therapy, I decided the world--with its increasing demands--was enough, so on to retirement I went.

Since my husband had died a few years before, I was alone, which was not what I had planned. To fill the void, I began dressage horseback riding and bought a wonderful horse. But no one told me how unpredictable owning a horse could be, and, eventually, I sent the horse off to my trainer in California.

Back to square one, I read the then-latest book on RinTinTin, which referred me to web sites where I discovered I could actually have a Rinty puppy of my own. Knowing a puppy wouldn't go lame like my horse, I whipped off a wonderful letter NOT saying I would never let this puppy jump into my lake and get dirty or chase geese. Surprise, I was accepted as a new owner, in part because GSDCMSP member Rhonda Meath was at that time working with the national RinTinTin organization.

Rhon flew out and picked up little seven-week-old Liberty Rin Tin Tin (Libby). Libby and I were both scared, and the first year was a challenge, but Rhon was there when I needed help. After trying--and failing--at training classes, I decided to send Libby to Neuman K9 for obedience work. I needed a break after she had eaten my rug, ripped through all of the wrapping paper, eaten everything in my kitchen--for starters. Libby returned home a totally different dog, and I thoroughly enjoyed her. Soon we started classes with Amber Eisfeld at the Club so that I could get use to the commands. Ron Halling's workshops have also been invaluable for me in building my skill and confidence as a handler. As it turns out, in both training venues, I was usually the one who needed treats! Thanks to a program offered at a Fun Day organized by the GSDCMSP, Libby earned her Therapy Dog International designation and passed both her Temperament Test and Canine Good Citizen test.

My interest in volunteering was piqued while at the airport leaving for a trip one time. I saw a woman and her dog interacting with

travelers and asked how Libby and I could become involved. The rest is history. We have been volunteering for almost a year and love it each time we go.

Libby and I were both very nervous the first time going through security, but that was quickly forgotten since so many people wanted to shake her paw—a trick that has become her “signature”. Now she shakes her paw before being asked. She nuzzles babies, and those over five years old get to shake. Sometimes we hear sad stories from travelers, who tell us about their pets passing away, loss of relatives, fear of flying and everything imaginable. At the airport, Libby provides what I call “flash therapy”.

A few times we have met groups of college age kids from Japan who don't speak English and have never touched a dog. But by the time Libby finishes “shaking hands”, the nervous passengers are relaxed and crowding around taking selfies of themselves and my Libby. Another time a woman and her child were petting Libby when the woman suddenly looked at me and said, “This is a German Shepherd; I'm scared to death of them!” We both laughed. Libby will climb in the carts that take people to gates, and she is terrific with those in wheel chairs. We always get smiles.

The airport currently has 30 dogs in the animal ambassador program. We are proud the airport allows us to walk around and enjoy the variety of passengers, crew and employees for two hours twice a week.





Winter Match and Potluck--Dec. 9, 2016



RESCUE UPDATE: Saving Shepherds of Minnesota



Baby Hope

Saving Shepherds of MN just celebrated our one year anniversary in November! Since we rescued our first dog on December 14, 2015, we have taken 119 dogs into our rescue. We have adopted out 112 of them into their forever homes. We remain committed to rescuing and rehabilitating these wonderful dogs.

We were recently contacted about a 6-week-old puppy that was basically starving due to a medical condition. The owner couldn't afford medical treatment and reached out to us. We welcomed little "Hope" into our rescue but immediately realized how sick she was and brought her into the Emergency Vet. She was diagnosed with aspirated pneumonia. Hope spent the weekend being stabilized and had a CT scan, which confirmed she had Persistent Right Aortic Arch. Surgery was required to fix her condition. Thanks to many generous donors, we were able to give Hope her \$6000 surgery. She is doing great and is finally putting on weight and feeling well enough to act like a spunky little puppy.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us, adopted, volunteered, fostered and donated.

We look forward to 2017 and seeing what it has in store for us! Check out the Saving Shepherds of MN Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/savingshepherdsofmn/>

RESCUE UPDATE: Faerieland Rescue

FaerieLand Rescue would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year as 2016 winds down. We have had a busy first 10 months as a non-profit 501(c) (3) charity organization, starting on March 1, 2016. Recently we participated in Give To The Max Day, which was a huge success; thank you to everyone who made donations. In addition, we benefitted recently from donations from a corporation and a foundation.

Intake was busy with many dogs this year, including our two most recent adoptions: Jagger, a four-year-old male GSD mix, and Max, a one-year-old GSD mix.

In October 2016, we were asked to take in a seven-year-old German Shepherd female. FaerieLand founder Kathy DuVall received the call and was told, "You were the only person who came to mind to help this dog." GraceLynn, as we are calling her, had recently had a litter of puppies, all of whom her then-owner had strangled. That owner, now incarcerated, also abused GraceLynn, hitting her with a hammer. GraceLynn was brought to a safe place until taken into a FaerieLand foster home. Initially terrified of humans, GraceLynn still reacts to a stranger coming into the same room with her for the first time, but, gradually, she has learned to trust her caretakers. She gets along with cats, will interact with other dogs and has slept on the foster mom's bed. She is now with Kathy, who will continue to help her heal. Our mantra is love, patience and time---repeat. GraceLynn will be spayed and vaccinated within a month.

Currently we have a Schwan's Fundraiser, which started in December. During the first 30 days we receive 20% of the sales and 5% thereafter for 6 months. E-Cards of \$25.00 may be purchased, which each generate \$10.00 for FaerieLand Rescue. If you are interested in purchasing from and helping our rescue, please use Campaign ID 30868 <https://www.schwans-cares.com/c/30868>

We are looking for volunteers to join our growing efforts to save and care for German Shepherd dogs in need. We are especially in need of foster homes for German Shepherds. Contact Kathy DuVall at 612.414.4073 or faerielandrescue@gmail.com. Check out and like the FaerieLand rescue page on Facebook if you haven't already. We are looking forward to 2017 and all it has to offer.



GraceLynn relaxing with a friend.



The German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name (Please Print) _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate the name(s) of any other dog clubs you belong to: _____

Number of German Shepherds you own: _____ Number of Litters bred in the last two years: _____

PLEASE INDICATE (X) THE AREAS IN WHICH YOU MAY BE INTERESTED:

OBEDIENCE: RALLY OBEDIENCE: CONFIRMATION: TRACKING: AGILITY:
 HERDING: BREEDING: OTHER: Please specify: _____

I would be interested in helping with the following activities:

Specialty Shows & Trials Fun matches Programs Newsletter
 Training Center Hospitality Advertising Club Office

I HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION TO THE ABOVE CLUB AND AGREE TO BE GOVERNED BY ITS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

MEMBER PROPOSED BY: _____

This application must be accompanied by a check for one year's dues and signed by a current club member sponsor. Dues are \$25 for a single membership or \$30 for a couple. Please make checks payable to the GSDC of Mpls & St. Paul. Return this application at a training class or club meeting or mail with check to:

Cindy Muehbauer, GSDCMSP Membership, 18801 Watervest Street NW, Anoka, MN 55303

Please Note: All applicants must attend two sponsored events or meetings within one year of their application date. At the meeting following the second meeting attended, the applicant will be announced as a member, whether they are in attendance at that meeting or not. Membership meeting dates are listed in the club newsletter and published on the club website: www.gsdcmplsd.org. Dues shall be assessed on a yearly basis from October 1 through September 30. Membership dues for applicants that become members between July of a given year and the December membership meeting date of that year will be waived for the following year.

If you have any questions, please contact the membership chairperson (612) 219-9374 or cimuehb@gmail.com

To be completed by Membership Chair:

Date Dues Paid: _____ by check Cash: Placed in club cash box: Marked with Application:
 1st meeting date: _____ 2nd meeting date: _____ Applicant's name added to membership list:



German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.

Application for Membership & Renewal Form

There shall be two types of memberships:

- **Regular Membership:** Minimum age of (eighteen) 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. In addition, applicant (and all renewing members) agrees to abide by the GSDCA by-laws and the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club. Two endorsements of current members must be provided by new applicants. Applicant's name, along with their sponsors, will be published in the Review. Provided no objections have been filed within 30 days of publication in the Review, applicant will be notified in writing by the Corresponding Secretary or Membership Chairman that he/she is eligible for all privileges including the right to vote.
- **Junior:** At least (nine) 9 years of age and not more than (eighteen) 18 years of age and shall subscribe to the same criteria as Regular Membership with the exception of the requirement to pay dues. Junior members cannot vote, hold office, or serve on committees other than Junior committees.
- If sponsors (endorsees) are unavailable, applications may be submitted without signatures. Per GSDCA policy, they may be signed by the current GSDCA President & Membership Chair.

Mail form and dues to: **GSDCA Membership, Danja Karloff, 2136 Mt Pleasant Road, Chesapeake, VA 23332**
 Phone: 757-462-3966 Email: GSDCAmembers@aol.com

If you would like to apply and pay online & pay with a credit card, please go to <http://gsdca.org/join-the-gsdcaapply-online>.

Select Membership Type:

- NEW Single Membership** (includes a GSD Review Subscription) **(\$36.00) ****
- NEW Family Membership** (includes a GSD Review Subscription) **(\$66.00) ****
- Renewal Single Membership** (includes a GSD Review Subscription) **(\$66.00)**
- Renewal Family Membership** (includes a GSD Review Subscription) **(\$100.00)**
- Junior Membership** (no charge) (Does not include Review Subscription)

** This is a special offer for new members only. Offer expires 12/31/2014. Review delivery option prices still apply for all memberships.

Select GSD Review Delivery:

- Standard US Delivery with label on rear cover (no charge)
 - Standard US Delivery in a POLY wrapper (bag) (+ \$5.00)
 - 1st Class US Delivery (bag included) (+ \$36.00)
 - Delivery Outside the US (+ \$24.00) (*required for non-US)
- Membership \$ _____ + Delivery \$ _____ = Total \$ _____
- (NOTE: Former GSDCA members are eligible if their membership has lapsed for at least 12 months prior to application.)

Dues are NOT tax deductible. Please note that all administrative work for the GSDCA is done by volunteers and it may take up to 60 days to completely process your membership application. Enclose your dues payment for the amount shown with the membership type you have selected above with this application. Checks should be made out to: **German Shepherd Dog Club of America.**

Membership Information (please print)

What other regional/national dog organizations do you belong to?

Last Name: _____ Why are you interested in joining the GSDCA? _____

First Name: _____

Middle Initial: _____ ** Date of Birth: _____ (** REQUIRED for Juniors)

Address: _____

What Activities do you enjoy with your GSD? (you may choose multiple items) Agility Conformation Herding House Pet

City: _____ State: _____

Obedience Rally Schutzhund/Working Dog Sport

ZIP/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Tracking Other

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Endorser 1 Name/Address: _____

For **FAMILY Memberships**, provide **2nd member information**. (Family membership is defined as 2 people living in the same household (principal & one (1) other person).)

Endorser 2 Name/Address: _____

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: GSDCA members agree to abide by all AKC and GSDCA rules and policies

CLUB CALENDAR

New Winter Training classes begin on Jan. 6, 2017.

*Please see the GSDCMSP website for detailed descriptions of classes and prerequisites. Regular Classes are scheduled for the following times unless otherwise noted. Classes are sold in blocks of 10, \$90 for members and \$110 for non-members. Please remember that the calendar is subject to change **and the most current information can be found on our website. Classes and meetings are held at Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN***

- 6:00-6:45 **Puppy 1 and 2** (For puppies up to 6 months old. 10 classes)
- 6:00-7:30 **Rally Obedience** (Classes are ongoing)
- 7:00-8:00 **Basic Obedience**
- 8:00-9:00 **Intermediate Obedience**
- 9:00-10:00 **Novice Obedience**
- 7:30-9:00 **Conformation- All Ages**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 1: Ron Halling's Group GSD Walk, Old Cedar Bridge. Contact Ron for details.
hallings@frontiernet.net
- Saturday, January 21: Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet. See page 2 for flyer.

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