



# Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

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**Training Director**

**We need a volunteer!**



**Happy New Year!**

This Shep-O-Gram will be dedicated to the annual awards banquet. It was held at the Lake Elmo Inn Event Center again this year. Rhonda Meath was our banquet chair and had a theme of Back to the 50's in honor of our clubs founding in 1950.

There were a few large prizes this year, including a very large stuffed German Shepherd which was won by David Lower. David named him Rufus and he got his own place and bowl at the table. Another surprise was a visit by an Elvis impersonator who sang many golden oldies. You can see Rufus enjoyed that.



Mike Metz gave out 79 new title awards and the special awards for members who contributed a lot of time and effort to making our club successful.

**New officers were announced:**

**President** Mike Metz

**Vice President** Julie Swinland

**Secretary** Kim Morris

**Treasurer** Laura Meyer

**Board members**

Ann Jeddelloh

Jenniver Johnson

Laura Herweyer-Newland

We would like to thank Steve Bloom for taking on the role as Vice President and Rhonda Meath and Verna Kubik for their work as board members last year.

We have a new Membership Chair Holly Fitzenberger.

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**March 15 Membership meeting Animal Inn 8:00 PM**

# Banquet Highlights

## **Mike announced four President's Awards for their contributions:**

- Laura Meyer –Treasurer
- Sarah Falk –Secretary and Scent Work Chair, Club Facebook administrator and generally keeping everything moving.
- Taylor Schnichels – Obedience and Rally chair as a stand-alone event
- Rhona Meath - Agility chair and banquet

## **Honorable Mention for their work:**

- Kim Morris and Laura Herweyer Newland for the training front desk
- Ron and Ann Halling for the monthly training workshops
- Amber Eisfeld and Kelly McDuff for training
- Julie Swinland for Fun Day, Rally trainer, Herding trial, Farm Dog judge, and Shep-O-Gram
- Steve Bloom for his service as Vice President
- Sheila Metz for all her support
- Martha Simonett and Bo Vujovich for chairing the fall match, and Zoa for judging the match
- Peggy Simerson for Show Chair and State Fair
- Melissa McIntyre for co--chairing Obedience and Rally
- Cindy Muehlbauer for her many years as our membership chair
- Linda Koestler for our web site
- Myra Shear for her contributions helping manage the club Facebook page
- Mada Skare for managing the annual awards

## **New Honorary Lifetime Members**

- Sharon Todoroff
- Ann and Ken Jeddelloh
- Laurie and Volker Schray

## **2019 Officers and Board:**



Left to Right: Mike Metz - President, Laura Herweyer-Newland -Board, Laura Meyer - Treasurer, Kim Morris - Secretary, Ann Jeddeloh - Board, Julie Swinland -Vice President.  
Not pictured, Jennifer Johnston - Board.

**Get ready for the  
2019 German Shepherd Fun Day  
and GSDCA Temperament Test  
June 8 at the Animal Inn!**

**We will need a lot of volunteers  
Contact Julie Swinland  
[blackforestgsd@msn.com](mailto:blackforestgsd@msn.com)**

# The Theme of our 2019 Banquet Was Back to the 50's

## Members from the early days



Chell and Ch. Patchell's Ruffian 1977

Chell Peterson written by Paul Johnson

Chell Peterson passed away in 2008. Chell Peterson, Honorary Member of our club passed away January 24, 2008, His funeral was Jan 29th at Webster MN, attended by many of his friends from his varied passions of Dogs, Horses, Vintage Cars, Antique Clocks, Schutzhund Protection work and Rescue. he was one of the nicest , most pleasant, generous, true gentleman that I have had the pleasure to be associated with. His trade mark, I think, was the mischievous twinkle in his eye, and his playful teasing. Chell and his wife Pat, had served the club in past years in many ways , from holding offices, to training Obedience Classes, As I was reminded by Marlie Whiting at the funeral, Chell, to her knowledge, still holds the record,for the quickest finish of CD thru UD with his dog FRITZ. Chell & Pat, during the last few years had not been very active in our club, concentrating most of their efforts toward Rescue,. They both shall be long remembered, by those who knew them- as kind, good spirited, healing people

Reprinted from Shep-O-Gram March 2008



Helen Miller-Fisher, and Meadowmill Legend

Helen passed away in 2015. She was the last living founding member of our club. Helen was a driving force in the history of the GSDCMSP as well as the GSDCA, having served in so many vital roles during her longstanding career as a competitor, breeder, owner-handler, GSD judge, and All-Breed Judge. She held many offices in her time with us, including President of the GSDCMSP and the first Madam President of the GSDCA. She passionately gave her time to the GSDCA and GSDCMSP in many roles, including trainer, mentor, and a Director Emeritus for providing longstanding service with the American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation Inc. Helen's mentorship reached not only into the GSD Community, but also into the All-Breed Show Community, with affiliations with many All-Breed Clubs and her work with the Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders' Association.

Helen wrote a History of our club which is on the club website and there is an article on her in the February 2015 issue of the Shep-O-Gram which is also on our website.



# Back to the 50's



Jack Sinykin Training one of his "Master's Eyes" German Shepherds

Jack Sinykin founded LaSalle Kennels in Wayzata, Minnesota and began training guide dogs, importing his first German Shepherd from Germany. He was said to have trained more than 3,000 dogs personally. Sinykin trained the very first guide dog in the United States in 1926 for Senator Thomas D. Schall, named Lux of La Salle. Sinykin worked to bring Lambert Kreimer to the United States for a period of two years; Kreimer was in charge of the German government school for training dogs at Munich after the first World War. Together they developed a training routine for guide dogs. Sinykin also began breeding a special strain of dogs, called the La Salle strain, building up attributes required for guide dog work.

Sinykin founded Master Eye Foundation, a charity that paid for training guide dogs as well as for teaching blind owners how to use guide dogs. Dogs were never sold to blind persons, but were financed through fundraising and charity, and Sinykin trained dogs for people regardless of race, religion, or age. He pioneered teaching blind youth to use guide dogs, as well as those who were blind and deaf.



1964 Joan and Pam High Scoring also shown in Breed at the GSDCMSP specialty.



Paul Johnson with Dusty, their first Golden Retriever got the Dog World Award in Novice and Open and 4 or 5 High In Trial awards.

Joan and Paul Johnson, Early members of our club. They started out with Golden Retrievers and obedience and moved on to German Shepherds and conformation. They started Circle High Kennel and then Saxony. Joan went to the Rainbow Bridge in March 2011 and she is waiting there for us to come help put on a show. Joan and Paul are the proud parents of Liz Oster, nationally known handler and breeder.. You can read more about Paul and Joan in the April 2011 Shep-O-Gram.



# The Banquet

Lots of fun with a best 50's costume contest, hula hoop contest and Elvis singing with everyone. Poodle skirts and even GSD skirts!















## Greetings from FaerieLand Rescue by Kathy DuVall & Anne Carter

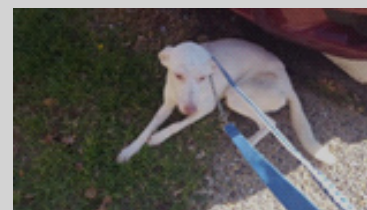
As we say goodbye to 2018 we reflect on a remarkable year where we doubled our intake of dogs from 49 in 2017 to 93 in 2018! The majority of the dogs we brought into rescue were German Shepherds with only 10 being Corgis. 40 were puppies and, unfortunately we endured our first ever parvo outbreak in a litter of 5. Three survived and have been adopted into loving homes.



We added 40 new foster homes in MN, ND, TX, and KY. Fosters are the foundation to help us save any, and now more, dogs. So many have volunteered time to help us continue this important work; without all of you we could not accomplish this. Thank you.

2018 was a year to stabilize with 7 board members who worked very hard to help us reach our goals. Kassy Symanietz, our newest board member, has taken on the role of Foster Coordinator. With 5 years of foster and volunteer experience she has the knowledge and expertise to take on this position. Working with our Director of Intake she will set up foster homes as well as provide training and support. To put this into Kassy's words "I know what challenges there are (with fostering) and it is so helpful to know where to go, how to handle it and, sometimes, just to have someone to vent to." We are excited to have Kassy as part of our organization.

Grande comes to rescue as a captured stray Shepherd mix from the Rio Grande Valley in TX. To anyone who is not familiar with that part of the USA, it is similar to a reservation where hundreds of dogs run loose, breed whenever they want, and are not cared for or loved. Rescue folks drive through this area daily to capture as many dogs as organizations can take in. Watching 1 ½ -year-old Grande limp around on 3 legs tugged at the heartstrings of our Director of Intake



who agreed to rescue this handsome boy. He has been vaccinated, neutered, and after 2 months in rescue is putting weight on the leg and interacting with other dogs in his TX foster home. He is not shying away from a hand, rather searching for that loving pet on his head. He is scheduled to be transported to MN by the end of January.

We are planning to attend the Ron Halling workshops in February & March with a couple of rescue dogs. Stop by our booth at the Doggie Depot on Feb 2nd during the St Paul Winter Carnival.



How we watch a herding lesson in the winter

**If you are looking for events to watch or participate in you can find all AKC events on the [www.AKC.org](http://www.AKC.org) page. Select Events and pick the state or states you are looking for and the event type you want.**

## **SHEP-O-GRAM** **DEADLINES and** **ADVERTISING RATES**

**Deadline for inclusions/ads and articles.**  
**20<sup>th</sup> day of previous month**

**Advertising rates\***

**Advertising available for members only and for dog related items.**

**Business card size .....\$10.00**

**¼ page (8 ½ in X 11 in page) ..... 35.00**

**½ page ..... 50.00**

**full page ..... 75.00**

**\*Call or email for special rates for multiple issues.**

**Make checks out to GSDCMSP**

Soggy and his son, Soggy Jr.

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



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## 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: ☐ Conformation: ☐ Agility: ☐ Herding: ☐ Breeding: ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in helping with the following activities:

Specialty Shows & Trials: ☐ Fun Matches: ☐ Programs: ☐ Sheep-O-Gram: ☐ Training: ☐  
Hospitality: ☐ Fundraising: ☐ Fun Day: ☐ State Fair: ☐

### PLEASE INDICATE HOW YOU HEARD ABOUT THE CLUB:

Breeder: ☐ Club Member: ☐ Facebook: ☐ Training: ☐ Rescue: ☐ State Fair: ☐ Friend: ☐  
Show/Trial: ☐ Fun Day: ☐ Socialization/Obedience Workshop: ☐ Vet: ☐

I HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION TO THE ABOVE CLUB AND AGREE TO BE GOVERNED BY ITS 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:

**Please Note:** At the next Membership Meeting following the date applied, the applicant will be announced in the Minutes, whereas any Club members that may object to membership have 30 days to raise their concern. If no concerns are raised, the applicant receives Membership status as stated in the Bylaws which are on the website at [www.gsdcmpls.org](http://www.gsdcmpls.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.

Please direct any questions to \_\_\_\_\_

### To be completed by Membership Chair:

Date Dues Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check: ☐ Cash: ☐ Club cash box: ☐ Online: ☐ Mailed with Application: ☐

Applicant's name added to membership list: ☐



## German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. Application for Membership

There are two types of membership. **Regular Members:** Minimum age of 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. Applicant (and renewing members) agrees to abide by the GSDCA By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club. Two endorsements by current members must be provided by new applicants. Applicant's name will be published in the *German Shepherd Dog Review*. Provided no objections have been filed within 30 days of publication in the *Review*, applicant will be notified that he/she is eligible for all privileges including the right to vote. **Junior Members:** Must be 10 years of age and not more than 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.

To apply and pay **ONLINE** with a credit card, please go to [gsdca.org/join-the-gsdcaapply-online](http://gsdca.org/join-the-gsdcaapply-online).  
You can **MAIL** this form to Laura Gilbert, 557 Dunning Lane, Chesapeake, VA 23322

### Circle Your Desired Membership Type:

Membership Review Category	Delivery	One year	Three year	Five year
Single	Online only	\$45	\$130	\$215
Single	Print & online	\$75	\$215	\$355
Family	Online only	\$70	\$200	\$335
Family	Print & online	\$115	\$325	\$545
Additional delivery charges				
Delivery in poly wrap: \$5.00				
1st Class delivery: \$36.00				
Outside United States: \$24.00				

### Membership Information (please print)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (Juniors Only)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**What activities do you enjoy with your GSD?** (Circle all that apply) Agility ☐ Conformation ☐ Herding ☐

House Pet ☐ Obedience ☐ Rally ☐ Schutzhund/Working Dog Sport ☐ Tracking ☐ Other ☐

**Endorser 1 Printed Name & Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Endorser 2 Printed Name & Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant/Member Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Club Events

Feb 17 Obedience Workshop

March 8 No training

March 23 Membership Meeting

March 29, 30, 31 Spring Agility Trial

June 8 GSD Fun Day & Temperament Test

Spring GSDCMSP Agility Trial Entries open Wed Feb 6th (random draw ) German Shepherd Dogs entries received at the time of the draw on Feb 21st will be accepted into the trial. But GSD entries MUST be received before the draw closes on Wed Feb 20th. Soooooo, get your entries sent in!!!

It's going to be a Fun Filled Agility weekend with our local judge Tom Slattery

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## GSDC MSP Class Schedule

### Ring 1 and 2

Amber Eisfeld & Kelly McDuff

Puppy 1 & 2 .....6:00-6:45

Beginning Obedience .....7:00-8:00

Intermediate/Novice..... 8:00-9:00

### Ring 3

Rally Julie Swinland 6:00-7:30

Conformation Ginny Altman 7:30-

Training Director:

We need a volunteer to take over the Training Director duties. Talk to Mike Metz about the duties.