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MO-KAN PET PARTNERS

"Yes, you can. If you put your mind to it, you can do it"

Joan Kemp



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Summer 2011 NewsBLAST



If you have any input for the NewsBLAST, please send your information to Cathy Leschena at tzuhouse3@me.com .



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer Note from President, Sue Manning:

President's Report

ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 8, 2011

What a meeting! We had more than 2/3 of our membership attending this year's annual meeting. Thank you to all who attended. It was the biggest group since I have been a member.

Officer's were elected for a two-year term. President is Sue Manning and Corresponding Secretary is Joyce Maas.

Sue Manning reported on the Evaluator Practicum which was sponsored by MO-KAN and was held in April, 2011. Eight participants attended with four from MO-KAN. The new evaluators were introduced at the meeting. They are Laurie Barksdale, Patty Levine, Amy Wurst and Julie Goodman.

Sixteen new members attended the meeting and were also introduced.

Goals for 2010 were offered to the membership. The following have been added to the website:

Member's Responsibilities

Evaluator Policies

Delta's Policies and Procedures

Delta's Code of Ethics

Additionally, two new goals are planned for 2010:

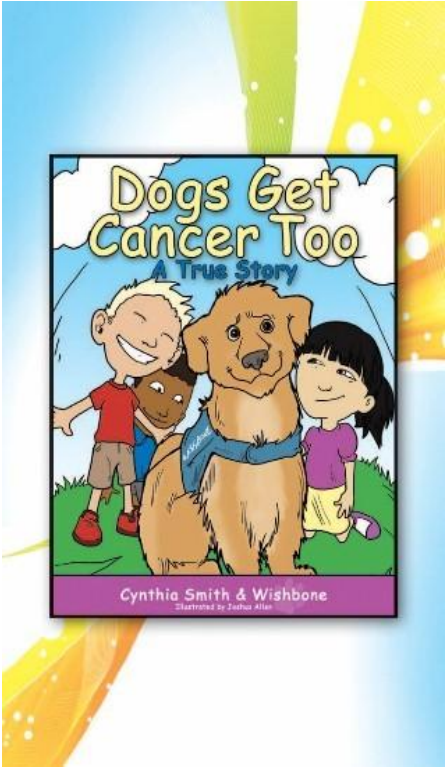
Establishment of a MO-Kan Budget

Review of the MO-KAN Constitution and By-Laws

Our special speaker for the evening was Cynthia Smith, President of Wayside Waifs. Cynthia gave us an overview of her book, "Dogs Get Cancer, Too" and other articles she is writing to be published in the Metro Pet magazine. She gave a wonderful talk and we all appreciated her efforts to help pet owners with a tough event of living with their beloved pets through a cancer diagnosis.

We gave 5 of her books as door prizes to members who attended the meeting.





1) Upcoming Evaluations



August 20, 2011 - Henry Wurst, Inc.

September 17, 2011 - VSEC

October 22, 2011 - Henry Wurst, Inc

November 12, 2011 - Henry Wurst, Inc.

For directions to either evaluation facility, directions are under "evaluations" on the website.

****Julie Goodman who is the evaluation coordinator can be reached at****

jajugoodman@gmail.com

PLEASE CHECK YOUR DELTA BADGE EXPIRATION DATE TO ENSURE THAT IT IS STILL VALID. EACH HANDLER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RENEWING WITH DELTA BEFORE THE BADGE EXPIRES.

2) Neutral Dogs Needed for Evaluations:

If you are interested in having your pet partner be a "neutral" dog for evaluations, please contact Julie Goodman at jajugoodman@gmail.com



3) Upcoming Events:

*Camp Carousel - September 23 - 25, 2011

*Blessing of the Animals - Community Christian Church -
October 2, 2011



4) AKC Therapy Dog Program:

This is a new program offered by the AKC, the purpose is to recognize AKC dogs and their owners who have given their time and helped people by volunteering as a therapy dog and owner team. To learn how to apply for the Title visit

<http://www.akc.org/akctherapydog> We have been told the application is pretty straight forward and easy to follow. Please let me know if you receive your designation so we can report it here in the NewsBLAST.



5) CONGRATULATIONS:

To Mackenzie and Jackson, Julie Yoders pet partners for receiving the designation of AKC Therapy Dog.



6) Website Updates:

Next time you visit the website, which hopefully you do often, you will notice a new category on the left side. It is "Recent Updates". As new items are added or changed, there will be a note with the date and the update listed in this category.

7) Team Opportunities:

TRUMAN MEDICAL CENTER, 2301 Charlotte

We are in need of 2 to 3 more teams to visit this facility from 2:00p to 3:00p on Thursday afternoons. We have just begun the program in this facility, but have the support from the CEO down the chain of command. Actually, Lily and Sue Manning were invited to visit the CEO's office last week. Lily didn't even know he was so important!!

We are visiting room to room and have one hospital volunteer who escorts us on our visits. We have two preferred parking spaces reserved for Pet Partner visits. We also have an escort into the building, if requested.

There is a limitation on the type of dog allowed. If you enjoy visiting in this type of environment please contact Sue for more information.

The hospital requires a back ground check and TB tests on site. The test may be performed at TMC Lakewood if that is more convenient.

****Truman Medical Centers** is a two-hospital, not-for-profit health system located in Kansas City, Mo. Our downtown location, **TMC Hospital Hill**, is the largest provider of outpatient specialty care in Kansas City, operates the busiest adult emergency department in the city and has one of the top Level 1 trauma centers in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Truman Medical Centers has received top clinical quality ratings from University Health System Consortium (UHC) in the areas of patient safety, performance improvement, and adult ICU care. TMC has also been named a top performer in heart attack and heart failure care by the Missouri Medical Quality Initiative program; one of "America's Best Hospitals" for asthma treatment by U.S. News and World Report; a "Top 100 Hospital" by Solucient for rating among the highest in improved patient outcomes and financial performance; a "Most Wired Hospital" by Hospitals and Health Networks; and along with the University of Missouri-Kansas City, received the designation

of National Center of Excellence in Women's Health by the Department of Health and Human Services. **

Visiting times are Thursday afternoons at 2:00pm. This facility is rated predictable. Contact Sue Manning at cmanning1@kc.rr.com if interested in this program.

~~ EXPRESSIONS ~~

On behalf of the Board of Mo-Kan Pet Partners

To any of our members who have been ill, experienced the loss of a family member or close friend or any other challenging situation, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. You spend so much of your time and energy giving to Mo-Kan and your Board Officers want to send you our happiest thoughts and blessings every month.

MEMBERS CORNER

A story about Maxine, pet partner of Kathy Waller



Last week when I (Cathy Leschena) was at Shawnee Mission Medical Center with Rudy, we passed a waiting room with a family and a young boy. I asked the volunteer if we could stop and say hello. I walked in seeing the boy was maybe 8-9 years old. Rudy ran right to him and when I leaned down to pick Rudy up, my Delta badge holder kinda swung out and the boy VERY excitedly pointed at it and said, "I know that, I know it, you come to TLC, don't you"? I said, yes, we (Delta) do...he said, oh, I LOVE Maxine, she is my favorite. I said oh, that is so nice. He said he didn't remember Rudy. I told him I had been there with Josie and Maddy but not Rudy. He did remember Josie. I named some other dogs, Fame, Dickens, Jonah, Keri and Kaycee and he remembered each one..but in the end he said at least two more times that Maxine was his favorite. I asked him what he loved about Maxine and he said he loved her eating carrots, then he quietly said, "I could tell her my secrets and she would cry" !!

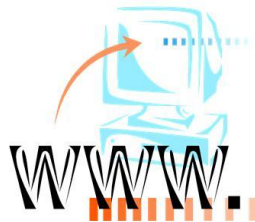
My heart skipped a beat and I almost lost a tear or two...what a sweet thing to say and what a profound impact Maxine had on this young boy. A lasting impression I am sure.

Later when we went on to other rooms we ran across the family again. He again spoke of Maxine and when I left he

hollered at me to tell Maxine hello. Not thinking, I said, well you may see her before I will. He spoke up and said, "Oh NO, I won't be going back there, I learned my lesson".

Way to go Maxine....you are an awesome girl, just ask this young boy!!!

If you have inspiring stories about your or others pet partner, PLEASE send me an email at tzuhouse3@me.com . Members LOVE hearing your stories and I would love to share at least one story in each NewsBLAST.



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