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The SaddleBarker



The SaddleBrooke Dog Park Newsletter



From Your President

A new President of the Dog Park will be elected at the Annual Meeting in February so this will be my last column. I have enjoyed my two years as President and have tried very hard to maintain and improve the park and to assure it continues to be a safe and fun place for dogs and their owners. I was very lucky and proud to work with a great Board who is very dedicated to the Dog Park. They handled the various activities of the Association including Safety, Membership, Publicity, Finances, the Newsletter, Special Events, Sponsors, Park Maintenance, and the Website.

During my tenure we made significant capital improvements to the park including: constructing an erosion control (wall and channels at the front of the park and along the north and west sides of the large dog side); replacing the main water line and installing a new water sprinkler control box and rain sensor; painting the pergolas and storage shed; installing a new walkway to the back gate; and we worked with HOA2 to construct the handicapped parking lot for golf carts near the entrance to the park.

I want to give a special thank you to two of our Board Members who are also leaving the Board after the Annual Meeting. The first one is **Karen Richey** who has worked

*Have you renewed your
Dog Park Membership?*

2017 Deadline

January 31st

Renew now -after

*Jan.31 keys will be
deactivated!!!*

Please put this on your calendar. We will say thank you to outgoing president Marlin Waller and Board Members Karen Richey and Kathy Major, Dan Stebbins, and Sharon Betts. Marlin will share a presentation on his tenure over the last two years. For many of us, the dog park is an important part of our lives. It's important to keep up to date on happenings in the park and know your Board.

All members **current on Membership Dues** are encouraged to come, vote, have the benefit of learning about all the dog park projects over the last two years, share your ideas, meet new and outgoing Board members, enjoy light refreshments and human interaction.

Remember: February 16th, 3:30, Sonoran Room. Put it on your calendar today!

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tirelessly over the past five to six years on the Safety Committee, as Chairperson of Membership, and in the past year as the Vice President. She has always volunteered to help whenever and wherever there was a need and has contributed greatly to the overall success of the Park.

Another valuable Board Member who is leaving is Kathy Majer. Kathy has handled Special Events such as the Halloween Party, the Recreation Activity Fair Booth for the Dog Park, and in the past the "I don't want it sale". Kathy also handles our Sponsors. If you don't know, each Sponsor pays \$300 per year and for that they receive publicity on our website, in the newsletter and at special events. They also get signs at the park. It's a very important part of our budget as the revenue amounts to over \$4,000 each year. Kathy has also volunteered for several years and has been very dedicated and has done a great job. Both Karen and Kathy will be greatly missed and they deserve a big thank you from everyone.

We will also say good-bye to Dan Stebbins who has served as publicity chair and Sharon Betts. Sharon has been on the Safety committee and recently stepped in to do Membership. Thank you for all your work.

One of the joys in serving on any Board is working with committed, phenomenal people who share a passion. I am happy to report the SaddleBrooke Dog Park has an abundance of dedicated people serving you daily. It has been my honor to be your president and I look forward to seeing you at the **Dog Park!**

*Respectfully Submitted,
Marlin Waller*

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*Until we meet again at the
Rainbow Bridge....*

Greta Dobson

Stuart Olson



SaddleBrooke Registered Therapy Dogs



Latke and Dianne Korn are a registered therapy team with *Pet Partners Inc.*. They are currently volunteering about 10 hours per week. They visit the pediatric patients at Diamond Children's Hospital along with the families in the out patient surgery center, and the hospital library. Latke not only provides much joy to the patients but to the stressed staff as well. Twice a month, we visit at Tu Nidito, a grief counseling center for children that have lost a loved one. On Tuesdays and Friday afternoons, they visit at the Sierra Tucson Rehabilitation Center, where Latke provides comfort to the residents struggling with addiction, depression or traumatic disorders. They also do a monthly visit with the female detainees at the Federal Correctional Institute. The prisoners look forward to having the dogs visit, relishing in the unconditional love that only an animal can provide. In the past, Latke has done Hospice work and visited at local nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Needless to say, Diane was deeply moved witnessing first hand the amazing work that therapy dogs provide to our community. With that in mind, she decided to train to become an evaluator for the Pet Partner organization. She is currently licensed to test and qualify new therapy teams whose passion is to bring joy and comfort to those in need. Our local chapter, Pet Partners of Southern Arizona provides the groundwork for our visits and helps host monthly evaluations at Tucson Medical Center.

For those interested in finding out more about the therapy dog program, please visit the website...

<http://www.therapyanimalsaz.org/> or the Pet Partners Website for information on how to support the program.



ElDiablo is a 7-year-old Italian Greyhound who is a *Pet Partners Inc. Registered Therapy Dog*. El and his team mate Susan Richards, visit Sierra Tucson weekly to greet the residents from around the country who are struggling with various behavioral and physical pain issues. Also they volunteer at Mt Vista school in Oracle where they work with the school psychologist along with the students she selects to spend time with ElDiablo.



Kramer, a 10 years old AKC Beagle has been a *Pet Partners Inc. Registered Therapy Dog* for 8 years. Kramer has worked at TMC and various hospice and nursing homes within the Tucson area with his team Paul and Kathy Nelepovitz. Since moving to Saddlebrooke, he and his human partners have worked at the Oro Valley Hospital.

Kramer's visits assist patients, who are over-focusing on their ailments, to come out of themselves and become more socially aware of their surroundings, resulting in a speedier recovery. While on the Eastside, Kramer was also performed in the "Read to a Dog" program, conducted at many public libraries.



Bree, and her teammate Kaye became a *Pet Partners Inc. Registered therapy team* in September and are just beginning to experience the joy and rewards of our team work. We see the faces light up and smiles spread when we visit the Splendido assisted living residents in Oro Valley each Sunday. Bree's sweet, loving manner brighten their day.

At Nanini branch of Pinal County Library, Bree encourages children to read to her in the after school Read to a Dog program. As ambassador for the Library and reading, Bree's silent encouragement gives new readers the confidence to read out loud.

We look forward to expanding our visits to other venues as we become more comfortable in our role as a therapy team. Bree has brought us great joy since she became part of our family six years ago and we are thrilled to have found **Pet Partners Inc.** so that we can share that joy with many others who need her unconditional love.

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News about SaddleBrooke Dog Park Members

Meeting Schedule

Thursday
February 16
Annual Meeting
3:30
Sonoran Room
Mountain View
Election of Officers

Thursday March 9
(the only meeting on a Thursday due to room availability)

1PM Saguaro Room

Wednesday April 12th
1Pm Saguaro Room

Everyone Welcome!

Meeting will all start with a 10 minute call to the audience for

the Board to listen to members concerns.



Kramer 11



Turbo 12

Please send me photos of your dog's birthday. We love to celebrate!!!

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Candidates for the Board:

President Kathleen Dunbar*
(Currently serves on the Board and Newsletter Editor)

Vice President Ken Wentz*

Secretary Open

Treasurer Don Richey

Membership Donna Bauman*

Sponsors Trudy Rossi*

Safety Committee Dan Grossman

* Designates new to the position



George Ray

Former Dog Park President

Long time member

SADDLEBROOKE Certified Therapy Dogs- cont.

Paco is a *Pet Partners, Inc.* Registered Therapy dog and his team includes Mary Richling. He has been a therapy dog since 2009 and earned his AKC title **Therapy Dog Distinguished** for having made over 400 visits. Paco is a 9 year old Havanese who loves meeting people, snuggling up for a cuddle and won't pass up the chance for a belly rub. They visit Brookdale Memory Care facility on Oracle every Friday, Sierra Tucson every Saturday and Oro Valley Hospital monthly. Therapy work is such a win/win! It is gratifying to see the joy and peace a therapy animal can bring to the scared and lonely and Paco thinks being fussed over is just great.



Meet Our New Sponsor—Jenny Rink



We have a new and improved website and owe it to Jenny Rink! She is going to help us with our forms so that everything will easily be available on the web page and you will be able to fill everything out from the comfort of your computer and email it to the appropriate person. Please be patient...we are a group of volunteers and with Jenny's help, it will be working properly by the end of February.

Jenny (our webmaster) downloaded Windows 10 about 4 months before its official launch on July 29, 2015. She became a "Windows Insider" giving feedback to Microsoft on ways to improve Windows 10. A few weeks later, Microsoft announced a contest in which "Windows 10 insiders" could win a 3-day all-expense paid trip to Microsoft headquarters in Redmond, Washington.

Winners were chosen based on a 2-3 minute video explaining what he/she liked about Windows 10 and the **insider program**. Out of about 1000 videos, ten were chosen and Jenny was announced as one of them! Two winners were chosen from the United States - from Tucson and Phoenix! Eight winners were from other countries including Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Spain, Brazil, The Netherlands, India, and Malaysia.

After a fabulous 3 days in Redmond, Jenny and her husband Joe were flown to New York City for 3 days in late July to attend the launch party of Windows 10 along with many Microsoft execs. In May of 2016, Microsoft flew Jenny to Los Angeles for a 3-day visit, along with Rod (the other US winner) from Phoenix. They and about 30 Windows Insiders from the LA area were videotaped on their experience with the Windows Insiders program. Needless to say, Jenny is a big fan of Microsoft and Windows 10! She enjoys helping others in the community about the neat features of Windows 10. Jenny has been a SaddleBrooke resident for 19 years and has helped many SaddleBrooke residents with their computers during that time. Personally your Newsletter editor can tell you with all honesty that Jenny Rink is a great trainer and can fix whatever your issues may be!!! We feel so fortunate to have Rink as a new Dog Park sponsor. Problems....call her. She will find the answer!!! **520 825 2211!!!**



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Just a friendly reminder— Vaccinations are important for your dogs health and safety. Please keep them current.

If you suspect your dog might be ill, please keep them out of the park. It was recently reported that a dog had kennel cough which is highly contagious to other dogs. Everything seems to be ok and the freeze will certainly kill the bacteria. (So all is good!)

*It is also a state law that all dogs **must** have **Rabies Vaccinations** and they **must be current** to use the park.*



THANK YOU...