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October Meeting celebrates Old Gold

The October General Membership will be held on Thursday, October 28, at 7:30 p.m. at club member's Positive Dog Training facility. The address is 20612 Northeast Woodinville-Duvall Road in Woodinville. Sharon Colvin will be "Teaching An Old Dog New Tricks," so brush up your older dogs and bring them to the meeting for what promises to be a very special night!



Meg, owned by Susan Babich

Also on the agenda will be discussion of the new Code of Ethics. This is an important document for the club as it sets the tone for the ethical behavior of us all. There are several significant changes. Please review the document (on Pages 2-3) and come with your questions, comments and concerns.

EVERGREEN GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

Code of Ethics

The Evergreen Golden Retriever Club (EGRC) endorses the following Code of Ethics for its members. It is the purpose of EGRC to encourage its members to perfect; through selection, breeding, and training; the type of dog most suitable in all respects for work as a companion gun dog; and to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of Golden Retrievers in every endeavor.

I. RESPONSIBILITIES AS A DOG OWNER:

Members must ensure that their dogs are kept safe and under control at all times. Members should properly train their dogs so that they are an asset to the community and not a nuisance. Dogs must be maintained with their safety and good health in mind at all times, including adequate and appropriate socialization, feeding, grooming, personal attention, veterinary care, housing, exercise, and training.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES AS A MEMBER OF EGRC:

Keeping in mind that Members and their dogs represent the breed, EGRC, and the sport of purebred dogs in general, Members are expected to:

A. (Breed Standard) Accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club (or the other applicable governing body of the country in which they reside or exhibit) as the only standard of excellence by which the Golden Retriever is to be judged.

B. (Behavior) Conduct themselves with integrity and good sportsmanship at all events and competitions, abiding by the applicable rules and regulations set forth by the governing bodies for such events and competitions. Their behavior should be in accord with the purposes and intent of the EGRC Constitution and By-Laws.

C. (Breed Knowledge) Educate themselves regarding all aspects of the Golden Retriever and to share that knowledge with one another and the general public.

D. (Co-Member Courtesy) Treat their fellow club members with courtesy and respect, acknowledging and accepting a diversity of goals and opinions, in a spirit of goodwill and friendship.

E. (Club Positions) Fulfill the obligations of any positions held within the Club, and do so without using that position to further their own interests.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES AS A BREEDER:

Breeding stock should be selected for the betterment of the breed. Breeders should aim to perfect, by careful selective breeding, Golden Retrievers that possess the appearance, soundness, temperament, natural ability and personality that is reflected in the standard of the breed, and to do all possible to advance and promote the perfection of these qualities.

Breeding is an art as well as a science. Delineating the principles of an art is not always easy, so some leeway must be given to knowledgeable and experienced breeders to assess the genetic potential of each dog and each breeding combination. It is recognized that, while there is no genetically perfect animal or breed, breeders should make every effort to reduce the problems recognized to exist in the Golden Retriever. The following are the accepted breeding practices for Golden Retrievers endorsed by EGRC, as established by the Golden Retriever Club of America.

EGRC members who breed Golden Retrievers are encouraged to maintain the purpose of the breed and are expected to:

A. (Honesty) Demonstrate honesty and fairness in dealing with other owners, breeders, purchasers of dogs, and the general public.

B. (Breeding Stock) Follow proper breeding procedures by carefully evaluating breeding stock. Animals selected for breeding should:

1. (Temperament) Be of the temperament typical of the Golden Retriever breed, i.e., stable, confident, friendly, trainable, and willing to work. Temperament is of the utmost importance to the breed and must never be neglected;

2. (Health) Be in good health and be free from communicable disease;

3. (Genetic Screening) Possess the following examination reports in order to verify status concerning possible hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia, hereditary eye or cardiovascular disease:

a. Hips – for U.S. dogs, a report from the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) or PennHIP, at 24 months of age or older. For dogs outside the U.S., a report from a health registry approved by the Golden

Retriever club of that country (e.g., Canada - Ontario Veterinary College; Great Britain - BVA/KC Hip Score) A report from the accepted health registry of another country may be used for U.S. dogs that are 24 months of age or older when x-rayed.

b. Elbows – for U.S. dogs, a report from Orthopedic Foundation for Animals at 24 months of age or older. For dogs outside the U.S., report from a health registry approved by the Golden Retriever club of that country at 24 months of age or older. A report from the accepted health registry of another country may be used for U.S. dogs that are 24 months of age or older when x-rayed.

c. Eyes – appropriate report from a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology (ACVO) or from a BVA/KC approved ophthalmologist (Great Britain), or a report from the Canine Eye Registry Foundation. For dogs outside the U.S., a report from an ophthalmologist as recommended by the Golden Retriever club of that country after 1 year of age. Examinations must be done within 12 months of a breeding.

d. Hearts – appropriate report from a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Medicine, Cardiology Specialty or a certification by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals by a cardiologist (the number will be followed by a C) at 12 months of age or older. Breeders of Golden Retrievers in the U.S. who use health registries from other countries should fully reveal their reasons for doing so.

4. (Other Disorders) Give consideration to other disorders or problems that may contain a genetic component, including but not limited to allergies, hypothyroidism, epilepsy, panosteitis, osteochondritis desicans (OCD), bleeding disorders, swallowing disorders such as cricopharyngeal dysfunction (CD), and cancer.

5. (Age) Give consideration to the age of dogs used for breeding. Generally, a Golden Retriever is not physically and mentally mature until the age of 2 years; an individual dog's suitability as a breeding animal is difficult to assess until that time.

C. (Record Keeping) Follow AKC requirements for record keeping, identification of animals, and registration procedures.

D. (Provide Documentation) Provide appropriate documentation to all concerned regarding the health of dogs involved in a breeding or sale, including examination reports screening for disorders of the hips, elbows, eyes, and heart. If any such examinations have not been performed on a dog, this should be stated.

E. (Screening Buyers) Carefully screen prospective buyers in order to place puppies and dogs into proper homes. Breeders should sell puppies, permit stud service, and/or lease any stud dogs or brood bitches only to individuals who give satisfactory evidence that they will give proper care and attention to the animals concerned, and who may be expected generally to act within the intent of the statements of this Code of Ethics.

F. (Third Parties) Not sell dogs at auction, or to brokers or commercial dealers.

G. (Releasing Puppies) Not release puppies prior to seven (7) weeks of age, and preferably not before eight (8) weeks of age.

H. (Contracts) Use clear, concise written contracts to document the sale of animals, use of stud dogs, and lease arrangements, including the use, when appropriate, of non-breeding agreements and/or Limited Registration.

I. (Return of Dogs) Understand and acknowledge that they may need to take back, or assist in finding a new home for, any dog they produce at any time in its lifetime, if requested to do so.

J. (Materials for Buyers) Provide buyers with AKC registration papers, a pedigree of three (3) or more generations, feeding schedule, vaccination and worming information, written instructions on housetraining, their assurance that they will be available to answer future questions, and a signed contract which includes a statement of their expectation that they will be contacted if the buyer is ever unable to keep the dog.

IV. ENFORCEMENT:

Members with repeated and/or flagrant violations of this Code of Ethics may be subject to suspension or expulsion from the Club, as provided for in the Club By-Laws (Article VI, Discipline).

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Proposed by the EGRC Board of Directors September 2010. To be reviewed every two (2) years.

The Rescue Report

It is so predictable. No sooner do we utter the words "Intake has been slow" then we experience an influx of dogs. In the past 2 weeks, we have taken in 5 dogs. Two year old "Green Eggs and Ham" (no – I am not kidding) came from the Olympia shelter where he was relinquished by his family. He has had surgery for Cherry Eye twice and both failed. He is now with Angie and Nick Thain and will be scheduled to see Dr. Sullivan. Jafo, who is a 1 year old nearly Golden boy, came from a military family. The husband is being deployed and Mom really could not manage him, the other dogs and the children. Jafo was immediately neutered and was fostered by June and David Akizuki and has already been adopted. Treva, a 4 year old spayed female, is another innocent victim of the economy. Her Mom lost her job and home and had to relocate where she could not take Treva. She is being fostered by Debi Hawkins. Jack and Stella, 7 yr old littermates, need a new home because their family is just too busy to give them what they need. We already have an adopter going to meet them in their current family. We are also expecting to receive the listing agreement on a 7-year-old "nearly Golden" spayed female and a 14-year-old spayed female.



"Jafo"



On a positive note, Leo has been placed in his forever home and enjoys being big brother to a 7 pound Pomeranian! Polo and Milo both passed their 8 week post-op x-rays and exams with flying colors and Polo will be going to a new home Oct 21st. Milo continues his rehab at our house and a family is considering him. Foster Mom, Cathy Green, reports that 9 yr old Cooper is ready to be adopted.

Last month I wrote about an effort underway to move senior dogs from the southeast to the west coast where there are more adopters. Already four seniors have arrived at Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue and Sanctuary in northern California and more will arrive as time goes on. Additionally, due to the communication that has occurred with these transports, three younger dogs have also been relocated to California. The initial efforts have been funded by a grant from the Golden Retriever Foundation but donations will be necessary to keep the program going. The program now has a name, Save Our Seniors, and a website: www.saveourseniorgoldens.org. To help raise funds for this program a beautiful handmade quilt is being raffled. You can see the quilt and purchase raffle tickets at www.saveourseniorgoldens.org/quilt.html. This program needs and deserves our support and you might win a beautiful quilt in the process.

Nancy Kiesler
President, EGRR

Braggin' Time!

My daughter, **Kady**, and Timer (**CH Pulali's Best of Times at Parkwood**) qualified to compete at State Fair this year. Which in itself was quite a feat, as Timer was a last minute substitution for Kady's 4H dog, Evey. We substituted him in at the last minute and Kady taught him the basics in obedience in two weeks! Kady and Timer qualified for state by winning "Hi Combined" (in 4H, that is your showmanship score added to your obedience score) and his obedience score was actually higher than his showmanship score.

Then at the state competition at the Puyallup Fair, Kady and Timer won RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION in showmanship (2nd place in the entire state of Washington) and missed Grand Champion by 1/2 point - it was very tough competition! She also competed on the State Dog Bowl team (a kind of Jeopardy game for Dog info) and her King County team won GRAND CHAMPION. And last but not least, Kady placed 5th place in the state (the only King County kid in her age group to place) in the Judging contest, which is made up of a number of written, as well as, oral exams given at the Fair.

And one more brag... my puppy, Fergie, **Pulali N Parkwood's Don't Want No Drama**, placed 4th at the National in the 12-18 month class of 39 bitches. She was handled by her breeder, Pam Sage, who's feet did not touch the ground the rest of the day!

I am so proud of Kady and her accomplishments in 4H with Timer and was so pleased to see Timer work so very hard for her - he is truly a wonderful dog! And what more can I say about my little Fergie puppy - she really is a Rock Star!

Respectfully submitted by one very proud Mom,
Angel Audette



Emberain Saint Elias MH, WCX *** (Elie) Earned a Judges Award of Merit (JAM) in the Qualifying State in the Treasure State Retriever Club July Field Trial. Elie was not able to compete in the GRCA National Specialty because of a ruptured cranial cruciate ligament requiring TPLO surgery.

Topbrass Liberty Belle III SH, WC *** (Libby) Earned First place in the Field Trail Bitches Conformation Class at the GRCA National Specialty.

Linda & Paul Johnson



Portia (**Goldtale's Drive In The Limelite, JH, WC, SHR, RA**) made her debut as a Veteran at the National. She was 3rd in a large class of Veteran Sweeps 8-10 Bitches. She had a blast being back in the ring again!!



Although we didn't make it to the National this year, my two have been busy in obedience. Splash (**Shyan's Wild Waves CDX, JH, WCX**) got her first UD leg with a first place from the Utility B class at the Wenatchee Kennel Club show. Never one to be upstaged, her older half-sister Frolic (Oryan's Just for Fun UD, JH, WCX) was High in Trial at the Gig Harbor Kennel Club show.

Liz Rudy

HO HO HO!

The EGRC Holiday Party is Dec 4th 2010 from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Kirkland Woman’s Club. We welcome your suggestions for the party – what you might like to do differently or what you would not want to change. Please send your thoughts to Connie Carroll at conniecarroll@comcast.net right away. This year, we will have a sign up for the various pot-luck items- (salads, side dishes, etc.), and at the party everyone can vote for their favorite item in each category...yes, there will be prizes so look up those favorite recipes!

We will be sending out e-mail invitations shortly. You can RSVP (if you are attending or not) and let us know what potluck item you are bringing via the email invitation. Those not on computer can reply to Connie Carroll (206) 369-5477.

For the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift valued at no more than \$20.

There will also be a ‘money’ tree for cash or check donations to be given to Rescue as well as a box to donate food or dog related equipment to be given to Rescue.

**This is your party, so please give this some thought and send any and all suggestions now to
Connie Carroll (conniecarroll@comcast.net)**

Agility Trial Rocks!

The Labor Day EGRC Agility trial was a huge success. We had a very large entry that included people and dogs from all over the West Coast. Diane Murphy put on a wonderful raffle to benefit EGRR. Thanks to all the EGRC members who came out to help over the 4 days. Bev Brown and her husband Doug moved their trailer to the lure coursing field and lived at Argus for the weekend. Joyce Palmer and Ginny Partridge were there all four days helping run the event. Also present were Gwen Sieben, Diane and Clay Murphy, Allan Keisler, Linda Kriegel, Ane Brusendorff, Peggy Vogt, Jean Whitehead's and Dale Worthington. Some of these members ran their Goldens in the trial and some just came to help with all the event details. Everyone worked hard to make the entire weekend run smoothly. Thanks to all for helping make this another great EGRC Agility Trial!

Marcia MacDonald



This year, the host club asked GRCA member clubs to donate a basket to raffle during the National, and EGRC members really stepped up to the plate! Under Claudia Shaw's direction, the basket became a beautiful representation of the Club's generosity.

The flyer below was included in the basket, crediting those club members who gave from the heart.

Thanks, Claudia and all, for making EGRC proud!

Evergreen Golden Retriever Club

Presents:



"The Best Of The Northwest"

Delille Doyenne 2006 Syrah \$40

2 Handpainted Wine Glasses \$40 -- Donated by Sherry Chevalier -- Klasiq Goldens

Beads On Leads Leash \$70 -- Donated by Joanne Johnson -- Shadowland Goldens

Handcarved Wood Pen \$50 -- Donated by Doug Billman -- Aspire Goldens

Golden Retriever Framed Painting \$75 -- Painted & Donated by Bev Brown

Kennel Combo Leads & Grooming Noose \$45 -- Donated by Stacia White -- Colorbook Goldens

Book About Seattle \$15 -- Donated by Carla & Phil Jurczyk -- Murlo Goldens

Starbucks Coffee \$10 -- Donated by Deb & Frank Pampiks -- Belmont Goldens

Seattle Coffee Mug & Trivet \$12 -- Donated by Claudia Shaw -- Limelite Goldens

Seattle Chocolates \$10 -- Donated by Claudia Shaw -- Limelite Goldens

Market Spice Tea \$10 -- Donated by Julie Chaykin -- Verano Goldens

Smoked Salmon \$12 -- Donated by Claudia Shaw -- Limelite Goldens

Beaded Grooming Noose \$20 -- Donated by Kathy Fisk -- Aspire Goldens

Pacific Northwest The Beautiful Cookbook \$40 -- Donated by Claudia Shaw -- Limelite Goldens

Umbrella \$15 -- Donated by Connie Carroll -- Wishkeeper Goldens

Aplets & Cotlets \$10 -- Donated by EGRC

Homemade Jalepeno Jelly \$5 -- Donated by Kathy Fisk -- Aspire Goldens

Wet Nose Dog Cookies \$7 -- Donated by Alan & Nancy Kiesler

Seattle Beer \$6 -- Donated by EGRC

Wild Salmon Treats \$7 -- Donated by Hach & Carole Hachtel -- Kiros Goldens

Boondoggle Pull Toy \$12 -- Donated by Hach & Carole Hachtel -- Kiros Goldens

Total Value: PRICELESS!!



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Pigmentary Uveitis and the Importance of CERF

Several years ago I bred a dog, Birnam Wood's No Trout About It, "Cody," that was later diagnosed with pigmentary uveitis (PU) at four years of age. <http://www.k9data.com/pedigree.asp?ID=186041>. Dr. Wendy Townsend was just beginning her research into PU and blood samples were sent from the affected dog, his dam and several clear littermates along with pedigrees and eye reports. I also notified the sire's owner and requested they submit blood and a DNA sample. The sire and dam were both re examined and were clear of PU. I thought those actions were what any responsible breeder would do.

Over the last two years I have read the advisories from the Health & Genetics Committee regarding pigmentary uveitis and thought other than this dog confirmed with PU, I was breeding healthy dogs for the last 40 years. Like other responsible breeders, I did the best I could with the information available regarding researching pedigrees for all known genetic issues. So, I was stunned to receive an e-mail from Laura Salvatore that at 8.5 years CH. Birnam Wood's Expedia.com, "Zoom," had just been diagnosed with PU. Thankfully it was found "early" and considered mild. <http://www.k9data.com/pedigree.asp?ID=72069>

Since Zoom and Cody share the same dam, that had my immediate attention. I contacted all of Zoom's littermates and advised them to have their dogs checked immediately. On Saturday, at an eye clinic in Santa Rosa, three of her littermates were checked. Webb and Jeeves were clear, Monty was diagnosed with a mild case. Another owner in North Carolina wrote back that her dog Tucker has it in one eye. Unfortunately, her local vet had misdiagnosed it as allergies for several years and by the time she was referred to an ophthalmologist a month ago, it had progressed to blindness in one eye and glaucoma. Webb's son, SugarRay, has a mild case in one eye. No breeder ever wants to hear this. And quite frankly no Golden Retriever should have to suffer this fate.

Zoom has produced several successful litters and is an Outstanding Dam. Several of her children have also been bred. I am advising the owners of her offspring to delay any breeding plans until we have had an opportunity to obtain more information on this disease. Hopefully a DNA test and other genetic information will be available soon to help us make informed breeding decisions.

PU can severely affect the quality of life for our dogs. It robs their owners of the enjoyment of their older dog because they are constantly medicating it and worried about its eyes. It is expensive to treat, painful to the dog and if surgery is required to remove the eye, the cost could easily escalate over a thousand dollars.

Early screening is no guarantee, because PU strikes later in life when dogs are at the end of their breeding careers. Unlucky males may have been used upwards of 100 times by the time of diagnosis. Unlucky females may have five litters on the ground when diagnosed. Many could be great grandparents by the time they are diagnosed. Do the math: hundreds, maybe thousands of dogs could be involved in just one extended family.

What can we do to help the breed we all love? For starters, annual eye examinations for the dog's lifetime and faithful submission of the results to CERF – regardless of findings. Post the results to whatever databases are out there that also collect information (k9data.com, offa.org). Stress to our puppy buyers the importance of annual CERF examinations. While an unbred pet diagnosed with PU will not have a genetic impact on the breed, it needs to be diagnosed early enough to begin treatment and the breeder needs the information for their program. Contact Dr. Wendy Townsend if a dog is diagnosed with PU and provide her with blood/DNA/pedigree/eye exam information. towsenw@purdue.edu I admit I was lax in the past about sending in annual examination forms to CERF on our older dogs. I didn't see the point if I wasn't breeding that dog anymore. But I will never do that again because I would only be contributing to the lack of information.

Before breeding our bitches we need to do more homework on all sides of the pedigree. People complain that it is frustrating when researching pedigrees to read "eyes normal" on k9data where a valid CERF number should reside. Or the owner removes the year and age from the number and when you check on the CERF site, the dog has vanished from the database. Simply put, stud dog owners should provide current CERF examination certificates. Years ago it was not unusual to pass around the actual eye examination when exchanging genetic information for a proposed breeding. Back then I rarely CERF'd my brood bitches; just included their exam form with all paperwork. Boy, was that shortsighted – I should have done both! The examination form contained more detailed info than the CERF certificate at that time. This isn't true anymore; the CERF certificate lists everything you may need to make an informed decision, including breeder options. If the dog or bitch's owner feels something fur-

ther is listed on the exam form that the other party needs to know, they can provide both. More information is better. But there simply is no reason not to submit an examination form to CERF, especially in the case of frequently used sires.

Many years ago when SAS came to our attention, responsible breeders took the disease very seriously and tested their breeding stock to avoid breeding affected dogs. They banded together to promote the health of the dogs. Recently when pred-PRA became known, responsible breeders began testing their dogs with the new DNA marker test and it appears they have gotten a quick handle on it. They shared information on their dogs both affected and carriers because they realized it's "us" as a breed that is going to suffer and not just one unlucky kennel here and there. This is progress and for the betterment of the breed. It is what we need to do to come to grips with PU – share information openly, take away the stigma of having produced a defect. We all produce defects no matter how hard we try not to. And for heaven's sake if a Golden has produced puppies (whether a stud dog or brood bitch) and then later diagnosed with PU, we have a moral and ethical obligation to notify everyone concerned so they can take appropriate action.

My personal philosophy regarding pigmentary uveitis and how widespread it may be in the breed is fairly simple. From looking at pedigrees in k9data it is pandemic. I know it is common belief but never confirmed that the early Gold-Rush dogs that many of us have in commonality were affected, but I have viewed other pedigrees without those bloodlines and they have produced it as well. Thank you to the owners/breeders who have listed a diagnosis of PU on your dog's page on k9data. I know how painful that was as I just listed my affected dogs.

Where to go from here? I'm not sure at the moment, and I know I'm preaching to the choir – but:

- if you are breeding your Golden Retrievers and not examining them annually for their lifetime, stop breeding; you are contributing to the problem.
- if you are breeding your dogs and not submitting the annual examination forms to CERF, stop breeding; you are contributing to the problem.
- if you are not encouraging all your buyers to have their dog's eyes examined annually and submitted to CERF, stop breeding; you are contributing to the problem.
- if your dog is diagnosed with PU and you continue to breed it, stop breeding; you are the problem.

Permission is granted to share this message with every Golden owner and breeder that you know. We are all in this together and should fully disclose and share information so that others may make candid and informed breeding decisions. It is all about the dogs. They deserve our very best effort.

Sylvia Donahey

Nominating Committee Report

There were no nominations from the floor at the last General meeting
The new board (upon approval at the next general meeting) will be:

President-Nancy Light

VP-Deb Pampiks

Treasurer-Angel Audette

Corresponding Sec.-Deb Bullard

Recording Secretary-Marcia McDonald

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2011 Agility	Marcia MacDonald	253-529-7862
2010 Hunt Test	Linda Johnson/ Julie Chaykin	425-391-8037 425-745-6599
2010 Obedience	Marilyn Gearhart	509-745-8139
2010 Rally	Marilyn Gearhart	509-745-8139
2011 Specialty	Kathy Anderson	360-871-9149
2011 Tracking Test	Nancy Light	206-324-3758
2010 Holiday Party	Connie Caroll	206-369-5477
2010 Awards	Joan Fetty/ Dale Worthington	425-788-6350 425-836-9152

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The Objectives of the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club

- a) To preserve the structure, soundness, temperament, natural abilities and personality of the Golden Retriever as described in the breed standard and to do all possible to bring their natural abilities and qualities to perfection.
- b) To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the AKC as the only standard of excellence by which the Golden Retriever shall be judged.
- c) To protect and advance the interest of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike conduct at dog shows, field events, obedience trials and all functions and events where EGRC is being represented.
- d) To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows, field events, obedience trials and tracking under the rules of AKC and
- e) To educate members and the public in all aspects of owning a Golden Retriever.

General Information

General Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Check the calendar on the back page for details or please go to our web site at www.egrc.org. The **Board of Directors** meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month and members wishing to attend must call the President to state their business.

Application for Membership: Prospective members must attend two meetings or functions before application of intent to join is accepted. Application forms may be obtained from Board members, the Membership Chair, or from the web site.

Change of Address. If you have moved, changed your phone number or your e-mail address, please e-mail or call Julie Chaykin, jjhchaykin@aol.com with this change. This is the only way we will be able to keep our membership rosters up to date.



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