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From the President**by Aimee Busse**

This past year was truly a remarkable journey for LTDTC with many reasons to rejoice. Your dedication, support and generosity have made LTDTC a success. Thank you all for your continuous support as we embark on another new year of pawstive opportunities. I am grateful and proud to be a part of Lyons Township Dog Training Club. I hope you all share in the same pride ~ to be a member of a pack of great dog people.

With spring upon us, the next few months will be extremely busy and we're counting on everyone to lend a hand. Experience isn't necessary and we'd love to see some new faces! The season kicks off with the LTDTC AKC Tracking test scheduled for Sunday, April 26. The agility, obedience and

rally correction clinics are scheduled for Monday, April 27. Finally, the combined AKC agility, obedience and rally trials will be held May 9-10. It's amazing all the peo-



ple it takes to put on successful LTDTC trials. If you can help and aren't sure who to contact, just let me know and I will get you in touch. The trials are a great way to learn about various dog sports as

well as a time for fun and meeting new people.

Special applaws goes out to the all LTDTC members for your commitment to community service and generous contributions which enabled the club to purchase five sets of animal oxygen masks. Club registrar Debbie Sibrava and her daughter Samantha presented the oxygen masks to the Western Springs and Villa Park fire departments at the annual holiday party on December 16.

Debbie thanked the fire rescuers for the job they do every day and the risks they take to save human and animal lives. It was only one year ago, February 11, when the Sibrava family home was destroyed in a tragic fire along with most of their family pets. Now that the family home has been rebuilt, Deb-

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**LTDTC Annual elections
by Andy Ansenberger**

On January 20, 2009, the annual election was held at the club's annual open meeting to all members.

The results:

Aimee Busse, President;
Chris Zielinski, Vice
President;

Mel Tomeczko, Secretary;

Dallas Ingold, Treasurer.

Amy Hanrahan, Board
Member;

Ronald McGrath, Board
Member.

The outgoing board
members were Gail
Meyers and Anne Baker.

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Director of Training Report

by Bill Casey

In an attempt to stay abreast of the latest AKC regulations you will notice a change in the structure of our advanced obedience classes. This will begin with our February 10th session. Please connect with your current instructor as to which class you belong in and why. You can go to AKC.org to review the latest rules and regulations in Rally, Agility and Obedience. While some changes will be rolled out over time others will start in the coming year. The specific links are; <http://www.akc.org/rules/obedience.cfm> http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=3633

The Novice and Open levels will be most impacted as simply put the Novice 2 and 3 classes will merge into the new Competition Novice class, which will remain at 7:30. The Novice 1/Beginner class will remain unchanged. We will add a Beginner Open class at 8:30 to introduce and to begin perfecting skills for Open/Utility competition. The current Open class will now be called Competition Open and students enrolled in Utility and actively competing in Open will be allowed to continue working in this Open ring while they train and or exhibit in Utility. This will offer those

looking to compete for an OTCh or other degrees a place to continue working with their dogs. The Utility level will remain unchanged.

The other new developments in regards to these changes are as follows. You will now be encouraged to move up into the Beginner Open class once you receive one leg towards your Novice title. Bottom line is that we want to introduce all competition obedience exercises to your dog ASAP.

The purpose of all of these changes is to speed pass our students through the various levels of competition in hopes of ultimately increasing future success. It is a known fact that the earlier in a dogs life the advanced competition exercises are introduced the easier, more positive, more productive and more enjoyable for dog and trainer the experience can be. Who wouldn't want that! Our competition classes are reserved for the purpose of preparing dog and trainer as serious competitors not as social clubs. Don't hesitate to connect with me if you have any questions or concerns with these changes.

We will also offer training seminars, which are open to all Lyons members. Assistant Director Dallas Ingold is underway arranging for some of these seminars, which will be scheduled throughout the year in an attempt to broaden the knowledge of students and staff on various training techniques. These will be scheduled to fit into some passing periods so that many of you will not even have to miss much or any of your current class. Please connect with Dallas if you have any topic suggestions in any of our three avenues of competition.

Anyone interested in stewarding for our annual obedience trial on May 9th & 10th can see me at club or email me at directoroftraining@ltdtc.org as I am currently setting up the rings. Typically you will be needed for most of the morning maybe into early afternoon depending upon the class. While this is a two day event I will take whatever time you can offer. Experience is not a necessity as I will typically pair up those with more experience.



LTDTC recently donated an oxygen mask for use on animals to the Western Springs Fire Department. This picture depicts the presentation ceremony. LTDTC has done much charitable work over the years such as oxygen mask donations, vest-a-dog donations for police dogs, and Ben's Friends which is a group of Delta Therapy certified dogs which visit nursing homes.

Club's Annual Holiday Party Held on December 16th by Deborah Sazma

Well, every Tuesday in December was an adventure. We all trekked through snow, ice and blizzards to spend valuable time with our beloved dogs. The Tuesday of our holiday party was no different. It took some people over two hours to get to the Odeum that night, but make it people did, and to all those who braved the awful weather to join in the fun, we want to say a big thank you. The food was great, thank you Gus Pusateri for the deli-

cious sausage, beef and peppers, and to all who brought a tasty dish. The Secret Santa was fun, thank you Cher Herlache, hopefully we can do it again in 2009. The raffle was entertaining, thank you Laura Plasketes and Ron Gignac for organizing and MC'ing. Thanks to all the elves who helped deliver the winnings. The 60th anniversary history quiz went well, congratulations to our first place winner, that great obedience judge Fred Buroff.. We hope you all had fun, lets

hope next year the weather is on our side.

I would like to give big thank to Sue Sobyra who donated all the table decorations and tableware, she did a fantastic job keeping with the winter theme and the clubs 60th anniversary. Also, I would like to thank Sue for putting together the clubs history quiz, and a thank you to her husband George and son Tom for all their help.

From the President

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bie said, "we're so happy now that with LTDTTC we can start to repay our gratitude forward."

Additionally, in January, on behalf of LTDTTC, Gail Meyers presented the Berkeley fire department with a set of oxygen masks. The Hillside fire department has also been chosen as a recipient.

On December 16 at the annual holiday party, I had the honor of presenting retired *Doggie Doings* editors

Sherry and Ron Gignac with a framed *Doggie Doings* editorial and LTDTTC member signatures in recognition for their journalistic contributions over the past six years.

LTDTTC also sent Sally Davis, now a Washington resident, a special signed frame from all the members in honor of her dedication and service to the club. Sally said, "There is no way I can thank you and Lyons Township Dog Training Club for the wonderful picture with all your signatures. I am so touched and miss you all. There's nothing like LTDTTC out

here."

This year's Annual Awards dinner held Saturday, February 28 was highlighted by the special induction of *Lifetime* members Sherry and Ron Gignac. This award is the highest achievement of the Club and requires special LTDTTC Board of Directors approval. This award is an honor Sherry and Ron have earned several times over. Please take a moment to congratulate them.

Rover Reporter by anonymous

I'm still running around looking for that perfect companion, but my four legged friends at LTDTTC keep me informed of all that goes on. And I'm hearing words that don't make sense to me. Maybe you can help.

I understand now that we have a Webmaster. I thought we had rings, but then I'm just a dog. And you'll never guess what the Webmaster does. He masters the web. So to me, he must have eight legs and a

LOT of eyes! I mean, when I was a puppy, those are the things my mom told me to stay away from, because they could bite you... between the toes, or under your arm, or even worse, in your ears!!!! And their web was something they caught their food in, and they were messy and my mom's people keep them away by using a broom with a towel on it to sweep them out of the kitchen ceiling corners.

But that's not what the Webmaster does. I heard tell that he keeps everything in order on the club's web site. I guess that's NOT a ceiling corner. If things are happening in the club, you can find it on the web. Next class schedule, find it on the web, when's the picnic? You got it; it's on the web site. And best of all, if we can play hooky from class because there is no class, you find

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LTDTTC 2008 Title Winners by Andrew Ansenberger & Amy Hanrahan

Companion Dog

Andrew Ansenberger, Cocker Spaniel, Oliver

Amy Hanrahan, Chinese Shar-Pei, Peanut

Marilyn Manning, Papillon, Flash

Pat Mauney, Shetland Sheepdog, Toby

Aaron Pace, N S Duck Toll Retriever, Nadia

Nancy Pritz, Belgian Malinois, Kimo



Amy Hanrahan, Chinese Shar-Pei, Peanut

Julie Kilner, Basset Hound, Max

Marilyn Lada, Golden Retriever, Belle

Loretta Marchese, Shetland Sheepdog, Brandy

Loretta Marchese, Shetland Sheepdog, Maggie

John & Elaine McDowell, Basset Hound, Ike

Erin Rezmer, Boxer, Kahlua

Debbie Sazma, Cocker Spaniel, Bridgette

Debbie Sazma, Cocker Spaniel, Becky

Debbie Sazma, Cocker Spaniel, Brandy

Debbie Sazma, Cocker Spaniel, Brittany



Companion Dog Excellent

Helen Baloun, Doberman Pinscher, Phoenix

Pam & Dave Crawford, Basset Hound, Holly

Nancy Pritz, Belgian Malinois, Kimo

Betty Smith, Golden Retriever, Mattie



Rally Advanced

Amy Hanrahan, Chinese Shar-Pei, Peanut

Loretta Marchese, Shetland Sheepdog, Maggie

Erin Rezmer, Boxer, Kahlua



Rally Excellent

Pam & Dave Crawford, Basset Hound, Holly

Erin Rezmer, Boxer, Kahlua

Erin Rezmer, Boxer, Killian

Utility Dog

Sally Davis, Border Collie, Tyke

Marilyn Manning, Papillon, Ricky

Donna Nuger, Beagle, Daisy

UDX2

Thalia Puncocar, Miniature Schnauzer, Twister

Rally Novice

Sally Davis, Border Collie, Torch

Paul Garrett, Dalmatian, Ivy



LTDTTC 2008 Title Winners

by Andrew Ansenberger & Amy Hanrahan

Novice Agility

Jim Wierdak, Golden Retriever, Marley

Novice Agility Jumper

Jim Wierdak, Golden Retriever, Marley



Master Agility Excellent

Carol Ely, Toy Poodle, Abby

Tracking

Synoma Hays, Long Haired Dachshund, Saffron



Novice Fast

Debbie Sazma, Cocker Spaniel, Brandy
Betty Smith, Golden Retriever, Mattie

Novice Fast Preferred

Debbie Sazma, Cocker Spaniel, Becky

Open Agility

Betty Smith, Golden Retriever, Mattie

Marie Starsiak, Brittany, Delta



Open Agility Jumper

Betty Smith, Golden Retriever, Mattie

Marie Starsiak, Brittany, Delta

HONORABLE MENTIONS



Aimee Busse, Leonberger, Mikki, APDT Rally Level 1

Aimee Busse, Siberian Husky, Java, APDT Rally Level 1

Sally Davis, Border Collie, Torch, NADAC - NATCH

Carol Ely, Toy Poodle, Magique, TDAA Games Teacup TG2 TG1 TBAD

Carol Ely, Toy Poodle, Abby, TDAA Games Teacup TG3 TSAD TDAA

Marilyn Lada, Golden Retriever, Wood E, AKC JH - Junior Hunter

Loretta Marchese, Shetland Sheepdog, Brandy, UKC UAG1

Carolyn Kurt, Goscha, SchH BH

Nancy Pritz, Malinois, Kimo, SchH BH

Nancy Pritz, Malinois, Kimo, SchH AD



Open Agility Preferred

Virginia Sensenbrenner, Cocker Spaniel, Basil

Open Jumpers with Weaves Preferred

Debbie Sazma, Cocker Spaniel, Bridgette

Excellent Agility Jumper

Helen Baloun, Doberman Pinscher, Phoenix

Carol Ely, Toy Poodle, Magique

Betty Smith, Golden Retriever, Mattie

Pawsitively in the News by Aimee Busse

In 2008, there seemed to be something about Mother Nature and Tuesday nights! On Tuesday, December 16 in the midst of a typical Chicago snow storm outside, LTDTTC was lively and warm inside the Odeum and well attended. The highlights of the evening included Debbie and Samantha Sibrava presenting the Western Springs and Villa Park fire departments with the LTDTTC donated pet oxygen masks. Also Sherry and Ron Gignac were presented with an LTDTTC club autographed frame in appreciation for their dedication producing the *Doggie Doings* newsletter.

LTDTTC owes a very special thank you to holiday party hostesses Debbie Sazma and Sue Sobrya with the assistance of Gus Pusateri and George Sobrya. Debbie and Gus generously donated the Italian Beef and Sausage, and Sue and George donated the all accessories and party decorations. Thanks to all the LTDTTC party goers who donated their delectable dishes as well. In addition to the great food, Sue and Debbie held a 60th Anniversary LTDTTC trivia game for party goers. Special appreciation is also extended to Laura Plasketes



and her mother Rita for organizing all the individual donations for the club raffle; and to Ron Gignac and his "Ronettes" for raffle ticket sales and keeping the raffle moving!

The Annual Awards Banquet held February 28 spotlight shined on long-time LTDTTC member Gene Justic (picture down and to the left) for his dedication and continued support for over the years. Frank Punchochar thanked Gene for all his various positions held in the club from president, board member, instructor to selling the training items each week.

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of the prestigious LTDTTC Lifetime Member Award to Sherry and Ron Gignac (picture at right) for their service and devotion to the club for over 30 years.

LTDTTC expresses a special thank you to Annual Awards Banquet Chairperson Gail Meyers and her assistants for organizing another stellar event and to Andy Ansenberger for managing the award plaques for all title winners.

In the *Volunteers Spotlight* ~ We salute past registrar *Debbie Sibrava* as well as outgoing LTDTTC Board members *Anne Baker* and *Gail Meyers*. All three women have been pinnacles of strength within the club. Each one deserves their own special recognition for their talents, dedication and contributions to the club, especially over the past two years.

In consolation, we offer our deepest sympathies to Julia Havey for the recent loss of her Golden Retriever *Linus*, CGC, TDI. *Linus* was big brother to many of the Canine Com-

panions for Independence dogs Julia trains. We also extend our condolences to Donna and Joe Angeleri for the loss of their Rottweiler *Gracie*, CDX, CGC, TDIAOV, DPP. *Gracie* was a true Ben's Friends ambassador and will be missed.



New Puppy Breath: Welcome Chris, Colleen and Ramsey Zielinski's latest addition *Remi*, a AM Staff terrier mix. Welcome also to Donna, Joe and *Lily* Angeleri's Rottweiler *Beary*.

The Doggy Lama says: *Grasshopper...Spring* is a time of new beginnings both spiritually and physically. It is truly an energizing time. Now is the time to leave all worries behind and live in the moment with our dogs. As Ben Franklin once said, "Do not anticipate trouble or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight."



Volunteer Opportunities by Nancy Pritz

In the coming months there are many opportunities for every club member to help out. Many, many hours of devoted help is received from club members each year to make our many events work and without your help these events would simply not be possible. Take a look at this list of opportunities and please call the chairperson listed and volunteer your services to as many of these events as possible. Don't worry if you don't know how to help, you will be trained on-the-job & your reward will be new and renewed friendships and the warm feeling that you helped make something wonderful happen. Here are the upcoming opportunities:

An Obedience, Agility & Rally match (practice trials) is to be held on Monday night, April 27th at the Odeum in Villa Park. Volunteer stewards & judges receive a free run-through! Please call or e-mail Dave Crawford at tinibubbles1@hotmail.com for obedience, Roxanne Dwyer at roxannedwyer@yahoo.com for rally and

Debbie Sazma at prettyeyes913@sbcglobal.net for agility.

Our club's annual tracking test will be held on April 25th & 26th at Greene Valley Forest Preserve in Naperville. Track layers and cross-track layers are needed. Experience is not necessary, we will gladly pair you up with a more experienced person and make this a learning experience for you that you will not soon forget. Please call Dallas or Meb Ingold to volunteer at 708-246-8975.

And speaking of volunteer opportunities, the grand-doggie of them all is our upcoming Obedience, Rally & Agility trials to be held on May 9th & 10th at the Odeum in Villa Park. This huge event requires many, many helpful volunteers. Here is what Thalia & Frank Puncochar have to say about these trials, "KNOCK! KNOCK! Who's there? It's Frank and Thal telling you our annual Obedience, Rally and Agility

Trials are fast approaching. The dates are May 9th and 10th at the Odeum. Many club members are involved with the workings of these Trials. We have a great team in charge of the events, but we need workers to help out. We sure could use your help volunteering for stewarding and anywhere else we need your help. All is voluntary of course, but so rewarding in the huge success of these Trials. Obedience volunteers should contact Bill Casey at directoroftraining@ltdtc.org, agility should be Chris Zielinski at col_chris@sbcglobal.net or Tom Rezmer at rezmer@yahoo.com. There will also be signup sheets at



LTDTTC Welcomes... by Amy Hanrahan

Please extend a Warm LTDTTC Welcome to the Newest Members of the LTDTTC Family:

- Charles & Marcia Baxa from Addison and their Old English Mastif
- David and Karrin Burns from Oak Park with their Border Collie Mix "Marcusantoniuss" and their Border Collie "Jack"
- Tracey Callahan Molnar from Downers Grove and her Golden Retriever "Tulsa"
- Jacqueline Ceres from Woodridge and her two Brittany Spaniels "Tucker" and "Jack"
- Bruce Horek from Elmhurst and his Labrador Retriever Mix
- Cathy Jurewicz from Carol Stream and her Rottie
- Sandy Prorok from Willowbrook and her dog "Boo"
- Robert Wojtowicz from Elmwood Park and his English Spring Spaniel

Braggs

by Andrew Ansenberger & Amy Hanrahan

Even with the passing Holidays and the horrible weather this winter we have had a number of teams getting titles and legs toward titles since November 2008. We want to give the following teams TWO PAWS up for their hard work.

OBEDIENCE BRAGS

Marilyn Manning and her Papillon "Ricky" have earned their 4th leg toward a Utility Dog Excellent (UDX) title

Thalia Puncocher and her Miniature Schnauzer "Twister" have earned their UDX2 title

Andrew Asenberger and his Cocker Spaniel "Oliver" have earned their 1st leg toward the Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title

Judy Morganti and her Labrador Retriever "Jersey" have earned 2 legs toward their CDX

RALLY BRAGS

Paul Garrett and his Dalmatian "Ivy" have earned their Rally Novice (RN) title

Pam Crawford and her Bassett Hound "Holly" have earned their 7th leg toward a Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) title

Karen Wierdak and her Golden Retrievers "Glory" and Marley have earned their 2nd legs toward a RN title

Loretta Marchese and her Shetland Sheepdogs "Maggie" and

"Brandy" have earned their 1st legs toward a United Kennel Club (UKC) URO1 title

AGILITY BRAGS

Jim Wierdak and his Golden Retriever "Marley" have earned their Novice Agility (NA) and Novice Jumpers with Weaves (NAJ) titles

Aaron Pace and his Noviscotia Duck Tolling Retriever "Nadia" have earned their 1st leg toward a NA title

Kevin Blair and his Australian Shepherd "Toby" have earned their 1st leg toward a NA title and a 2nd leg toward a NAJ title

Judy Morganti and her Labrador Retriever "Jersey" have earned their NAJ title and their 1st leg toward a NA title

Virginia Sensenbrenner and her Cocker Spaniel "Basil" have earned their 1st leg toward a CPE Level 3 title

Please enter your legs and titles in the Brag Book on the Registrar's table as soon as possible. I have posted a copy of the 2009 Brag Book entries as I've decoded them at: [2009 BRAG BOOK](#)

Please click on the above to check your entries for accuracy. Contact me for corrections at andy@doginstructors.com



2008 High Scoring Obedience Members,
(left to right)

Top Utility Dog
Marilyn Manning
Ricky UD, 186.83;

Top Open Dog
Betty Smith
Mattie, CDX, 192.50;

Top Novice Dog
Pat Mauney
Toby, CD, 194.67



An Early Morning Emergency by Dallas & Meb Ingold

Our pups Baron and Jettah have livened up our lives greatly! After Golden's of 15 & 16 years of age we had forgotten how FAST young pups can MOVE!

Early one morning Meb dropped one of her small prescription pills and a dog moved at light speed and snarfed it off the floor. Which dog? Which pill? What kind of problem do we have? How serious? Our vet's office was not open.....

We identified the medication and the probable suspect dog, called the Lisle emergency vet for assistance. We wanted the best way to induce vomiting to get the medication out of the dog! No guidance over the phone, bring the dog in. We have been at that vet before, good vet, just expensive.

Thought we should be able to get some kind of poison control information. Did a quick internet search for animal poison control, came to a toll free phone number for ASPCA Poison Control; never worked with them before..... Called and was told the consulting fee is \$60.00.

Had to think, do we travel to Lisle and take time away from work or go with the ASPCA consulting. Knew we would pay at least twice for the Lisle vet. We know time is of the essence!!



Called ASPCA Poison control back, gave the credit card number and proceeded to get absolutely clear, concise, useful guidance over the phone. They assigned a case number to our situation and requested we call back with progress so they could give additional guidance.

We used their formula to induce vomiting that produced very fast

results. The pink mass of the pill was found; hurray we picked the correct dog!!

We called ASPCA back, gave our case number and spent more time reviewing what we had done, how the dog reacted and the condition of the dog. We received good guidance on next steps and to follow-up with our vet regarding blood work and an exam.

Called our vet when they opened and reviewed what had happened and what we had done. The vet asked us to set a follow-up appointment for blood work and an exam.

Our vet also said he really likes working with ASPCA, as that case number they gave us is his source to find out their recommendation and follow-up information, doctor to doctor.

This was an exact repeat of what ASPCA recommended! If you have a problem we highly recommend using ASPCA.

Keep this number handy 800-548-2423 ASPCA Animal Poison Control

Rover Reporter, continued

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that out too, on the web. There is link on the web, and photos on the web, and just about anything you want to know about LTDTC, you'll find on the web. And I thought it was just for catching food.

And now I'll bet you want to know who this Webmaster is? OK, well, he used to be an instructor, and he has the cutest little mixed breed named Frodo, and his name is Jason Sheldon. You won't see him much at class, but I know you can find him on the web... www.ltdtc.org Funny address for a web, but then I'm just....

~ Rover Reporter



LTDTTC Award Banquet Celebration by Gail Meyers & Erin Rezmer

Members of LTDTTC gathered at the Willowbrook Holiday Inn on February 28th to celebrate another wonderful year of training. Beautiful award plaques were presented to owners/handlers who earned titles in 2008. Congratulations to all of you. LTDTTC is proud of you and honored that you represent our club in your chosen events. For a complete list of award recipients, see the 2008 Titles section of this newsletter (page 4 & 5).

As always the dinner was wonderful, but the special surprise of the evening was the presenting of the lifetime achievement award to Sherry and Ron Gignac. Sherry and Ron have been involved with LTDTTC for more than 30 years serving in many capacities including registrar, instructor, editors of DD, trophy fund and community fundraising programs such as Vest-a-Dog.

The raffle was a huge success. Thank you to all who donated items. It is very much appreciated. Although we were without "RaffleMaster" Ron Gignac, our large raffle prize was a Garmin NUVI 750 and was won by Judy Morganti. Hopefully, you will never need to ask for driving directions again!

Good luck to all our members in 2009. We'll see you in the ring!



2008 Obedience title winners at the banquet



2008 Rally title winners at the banquet



2008 Agility title winners at the banquet

Meet The Trainers - Marilyn Manning

by Amy Hanrahan

Meet Marilyn Manning, one of our distinguished trainers here at Lyons Township Dog Training Club (LTDTTC). Marilyn has been training dogs for over 22 years, and 20 of those years shared here with us at LTDTTC. She has owned and loved Westies and Papillions – I'm sure everyone has seen Ricky in the Sears Catalog (who more than helped their sales improve). Over the course of training her Dogs, Marilyn has earned 6 CDX titles, 5 UD titles, 1 UDX title and 1 Dog World Award. The Dog World Award is for going from Novice through Utility in 7 months. However, Marilyn admits the hardest title she has ever earned was a UDX with a Westie, and now she is working toward a UDX with her Papillon and claims it is much easier. I think we would all have to guess at what her defi-



nition of easier is, it's a great accomplishment to be at the point where you can work toward the UDX. When asked "Why Lyons?", Marilyn replied "I am a pet person, and got caught up with seeing how much my dog could learn and was encouraged to show my dogs in Obedience (here at

LTDTTC)". She describes her style of training as Positive reinforcement with food, toys and play while also requiring accuracy from the dogs and her students. One of the things Marilyn most enjoys about being an instructor is the thrill of having her students go on and obtain titles with their own four legged friends. If Marilyn could pass on one thing to her students it would be "listen carefully to your instructors and incorporate their proven techniques into your own training. I was able to train with two outstanding outside trainers and I developed my own techniques for different issues." In her spare time away from dog training Marilyn also enjoys Ballroom Dancing, Gardening, and being an Organist.

Ben's Friends by Gail Meyers

April 7th is a Delta Test date at Lyons. Those of you that need to retest your dogs, you need to sign up. Those of you that want to become Delta certified, that's the day to do it. I need volunteers to help run the test, so if you are interested in doing that, please let me know.

To be truthful, I'm worried about Ben's Friends. We have a lot of certified teams, but very few come out to visit. Two teams, while greatly appreciated, are not enough. We only ask for one

week day a month, for an hour at most. I know life comes along when you are planning to visit, but the people we visit really look forward to us being there. Second Thursdays of the month, except December. Please, Ben's Friends, those of you who do not have a job, please come out and help us brighten up some otherwise lonely lives.

March, May, July, September, November - Concorde Place in Northlake

April, June, August, October - Lex-

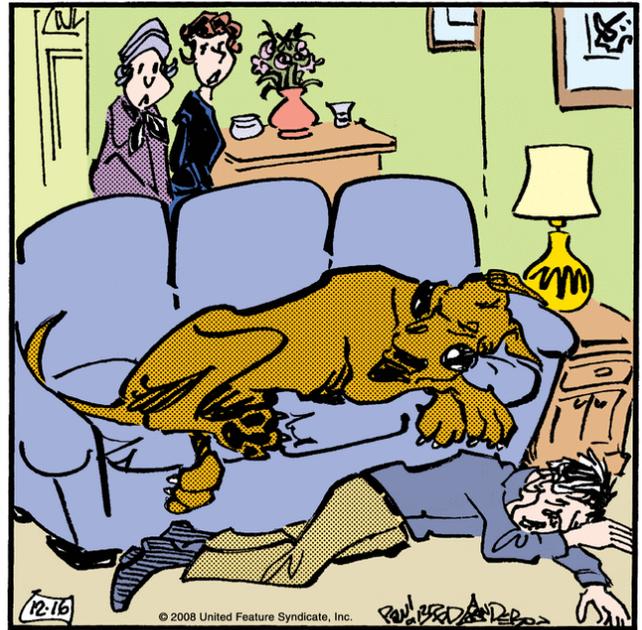
ington Square in Lombard

We meet at 2:00 PM for an hour, or less, or more, depending on the people at come to see us. Twenty minutes or an hour and a half, it is the best time you'll spend during the month. If you need directions, call me, see me at class, or email me. I can't wait to see you there.

Gail Meyers
708 449 5066

Calendar of Events

March 3	No class
March 10	Training Night
March 17	Training Night
March 24	Training Night
March 31	Training Night
April 7	Novice run throughs & Delta Testing
April 14	Training Night
April 21	Training Night
April 25, 26	Tracking Test
April 27	Obedience, Rally & Agility Match
April 28	Training Night
May 5	Training Night
May 9, 10	Club Obedience, Rally & Agility Trial
May 12	Training Night
May 15	Deadline for Submissions to Next Doggie Doings
May 19	Training Night
May 26	Training Night



"Guess who sent whom to obedience school."

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training at the Odeum
in Villa Park.*