

REPORT OF THE 2010 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dear Members of the GRCA and GRCA Board,

The 2010 GRCA Nominating Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the members who submitted their names and resumes for consideration for nomination to the GRCA Board of Directors – each of these individuals had outstanding qualifications. If future nominating committees have such choices, the GRCA has a bright future indeed! We hope that those not selected will contribute to the success of the GRCA by volunteering in other capacities in the coming year. Additionally, the Committee further hopes that the members not chosen for 2010 will consider submitting their resumes in future years.

The 2010 GRCA Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following slate for the 2010 election to the Board of the GRCA:

President: John Cotter
Secretary: Janet Peacock
Eastern Region Vice President: Kathy Pickering
Western Region Vice President: Bev Brown
Eastern Region Director: Megan Baker
Central Region Director: Lesley Albin
Western Region Director: Richard Caldwell

Sincerely,
Leslie Blythe, Chair (Western Region)
Karen Arbuthnot (Central Region)
David Brown (Western Region)
Jeanetta Gulden (Western Region)
Chris Miele (Eastern Region)
Cindy Partridge (Eastern Region)
Cheri Stager (Central Region)
Vickie Vincent (Central Region)
Joy Viola (Eastern Region)
Janine Fiorito (Eastern Region, Alternate)
Jane Rubisch (Central Region, Alternate)
Judy Slayton-Bachofner (Western Region, Alternate)

RUNNING BY PETITION

For members wishing to run for a GRCA Board position by petition, the deadline is July 1, 2010. The Bylaws state the following:

Article VI, Section 2

B. ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS: Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary and received at his/her regular address no later than 90 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. The petition must be signed by 25 members and accompanied by the written acceptance and a resume of experience from each such additional nominee signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person shall be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee. Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or in any manner other than as provided herein.

C. If no valid additional nominations are received by the Secretary, the Board of Directors shall direct the Secretary to cast a ballot for the slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee, and further, the balloting procedures provided for in Article VI, Sections 3 & 4, shall not be required for elections and the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected at the time of the Annual Meeting.

The address of the GRCA Secretary is:

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Please allow plenty of time for petitions and resumes to be received. If material is sent via overnight delivery, please waive the signature requirement. If you have questions, please contact the Secretary at jepgr@aol.com

DEADLINE FOR RUNNING BY PETITION IS 90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING. THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 29, 2010, THEREFORE, THE DEADLINE FOR PETITIONS IS JULY 1, 2010.

RESUMES OF CANDIDATES FOR 2010 ELECTION

CANDIDATE – PRESIDENT

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A few years ago, while doing some introspection, I concluded that one of my passions is Golden Retriever dogs – living with them, training together as a team, being received by them, etc. – you know what I mean. Although my wife, Carolyn, and I always lived with dogs, we didn't get our first Golden, Annie, until rather late. Annie truly made an impact on us, our friends and many of the handicapped patients my wife treated. Annie's only title was "'Honey Bunny'" but she changed our lives. Through the years, we have shared

our lives with nine wonderful Golden Retrievers, all different, but all wonderful.

About 20 years ago, we joined the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) and a few years later I was asked to help obtain items for a silent art auction to help rescued Golden Retrievers. I did help and that led to serving the GRCA in several different assignments as noted below:

President, GRCA; 2009-2010

I began my first term as President at the 2009 National Specialty in Oklahoma. As I view the future of GRCA, I believe we have the opportunity to make some major impacts on our organization and our environment. One of the most pressing issues is how we collectively plan to organize and manage our premier event, the National

Specialty. We must work through the recommendations of the National Specialty Task Force and implement actions for successful future events. One thing is clear; much more involvement from members outside of a host club is needed.

Another major issue that confronts the GRCA, and the entire dog world, is the increasing pressure third party activists are placing on legislators across the country to pass very restrictive laws on dog breeders, exhibitors and owners. Members who have been active in this fight know what restrictive laws could be placed upon us if a more reasoned approach is not presented.

And there are a number of other items that deserve attention. I believe we need to increase GRCA membership with active exhibitors by defining the value we provide.

Currently we are considering a "members only" section of the web page to make GRCA membership more valuable. As always, health concerns of our dogs is of primary importance and support of the Golden Retriever Foundation and the research programs they fund is always needed. And the wonderful work of our associated Golden Retriever rescue organizations that provide new homes to 10,000 Golden Retrievers a year needs to be encouraged. In addition, there are always the issues of organizational efficiency, fiscal responsibility, dispute resolutions, etc. that happen with any sizeable organization.

Eastern Director, GRCA; 2007-2009

During this term, I tried to bring a fact-based, business approach to the issues presented to the Board. I was the liaison to the Golden Retriever Foundation and the National Rescue Committee. A few of my accomplishments were the development of good relationships with my liaisons, the successful resolution of a member club dispute and an improved format for the GRCA annual meeting.

President and Director, Golden Retriever Foundation; 1997-2005

Along with fellow Directors Steve Bolton, Judy Rasmuson and later Barbara Zelechowski and Mike Lappin and Director of Development Joy Viola, created the GRF from concept to a major sponsor of veterinary health studies, supporter Golden Retriever rescue organizations and educator of responsible dog ownership.

Member, Rescue Study Task Force; 1999

Served on five-member task force to review and improve Golden Retriever rescue organizations' interactions and efficiencies. A key recommendation led to the establishment of the current National Rescue Committee.

Assistant Chairman, 1996 GRCA National Specialty Lums Pond, DE

Served with Melissa Goodman, Chairman, to organize and conduct a successful National Specialty. This event hosted the first agility and rescue parade at a National trial and held all field events within a few miles of the show site.

Chairman, Silent Art Auction for Rescue; 1994-1995

Solicited artwork for auction at two National Specialties (OK and CA) to benefit the Committee to Assist Rescue, the precursor to the Golden Retriever Foundation.

During these assignments, I had the opportunity to work with many talented and dedicated people on several diverse tasks. I believe these assignments were successfully completed and made the Golden Retriever world better. As a result, I gained a great deal of job satisfaction and am proud to have served alongside many wonderful and knowledgeable members.

I am committed to maintaining and/or improving characteristics of the Golden Retriever, namely beauty and structure; performance, drive and stamina; temperament and solving health issues. A dream of mine is to eliminate puppy mills.

I enjoy and successfully compete in performance activities: obedience, agility and field and have titled dogs in each of these areas. My OTCH competition with my 7 year old (59 points, utility and open wins, 6 high in trials) has stopped as we battle hemangiosarcoma that developed on his right hip. Our new goal is one more good day. Needless to say, health of our dogs is very important to me. I am a member of Potomac Valley GRC, Chesapeake GRC, Tail Blazers Agility Club and Del Bay Retriever Club.

I am a Midwesterner by birth (Chicago) and education (U of Iowa, mechanical engineering) but have lived most of my adult life in Delaware except for a four-year period in West Virginia. I took early

retirement from E.I. DuPont after a 35-year career. The first third of my career was in engineering and technical assignments while the last two thirds were spent in Human Resources consulting and management assignments. For the last few years, I have been providing safety management consulting with a nationwide tree cutting company and the Washington DC transportation system.

I would consider it an honor and privilege to again serve the Golden Retriever Club of America as President.

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CANDIDATE – SECRETARY

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I have enjoyed the companionship of Golden Retrievers for the last 34 years. My first Golden Retriever introduced me to the world of obedience. He was a great dog for a complete novice handler and we earned a CDX and trained through utility but he started coming up lame so he was retired. I have put a CDX on two of my dogs, a CD and CGC on all of my dogs except the first one and a RN on Ian. I have also tried conformation and have 14 points but no majors. Maybe the next dog will be the champion. Presently I have 2 dogs, Buck who is 14 ¾ and Ian who is 7 ½.

My current position is that of Accounts Payable Manager for Herman Christensen & Sons, a property management company. I have been employed by them for 14+ years. Prior to this I was Accounts Payable Manager for 28 ½ years at Photo & Sound Company.

I was born, raised and attended school in San Francisco, CA and now reside 15 miles south of San Francisco in Pacifica.

Club Memberships:

GRCA – I am currently the secretary.

NORCAL GRC – I have been on their board as secretary and treasurer several times, chaired the Specialty twice, Conformation Chair for the 1995 National Specialty, chaired the annual workshop several years, stewarded at specialties and workshops, helped out at hunt tests, laid TD tracks, laid TDX cross tracks and worked at the agility trials.

San Francisco DTC- I am presently the president and I have held every position on the board except treasurer over the years. I have chaired the annual Obedience/Rally trial several years and stewarded, did hospitality and set up and take down of the trial and workshops.

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CANDIDATE – EASTERN REGION VICE PRESIDENT

KATHY PICKERING

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OBJECTIVE:

I seek election for the position of the Eastern Vice-President of the GRCA.

RELATED EXPERIENCE:

Current Board Member since October 2009 when I was elected by the current Board to replace Ann Strathern as Eastern Vice-Presi-

dent. I have been a member of the GRCA since 1993 and was, in the past, a member of the Greater Houston Golden Retriever Club.

My husband and I acquired our first Golden Retriever in 1992, shortly after becoming empty nesters. Jim wanted to buy me a unique birthday gift and he had heard me say my next dog would be a Golden Retriever. My affiliation to the breed was nothing more than a childhood next door neighbor owned one and I remembered what a great family pet it was. Indeed, we thought we were just looking for a pet. This "birthday gift" was truly the best one I ever received. Through the Greater Houston Golden Retriever Club, we were introduced to the world of AKC competition and initially we were involved in obedience, hunt tests, and tracking. When Jake exhibited talents beyond our expectations and lack of knowledge, we began to learn more about this versatile and intelligent breed. Within two years, we had acquired two more puppies and Jim had been introduced to the field trial sport. Jake, our backyard bred pet, became AFC Adair Jake Pickering CDX TD MH. We were hooked on Golden Retrievers and the competitive nature of field trials!

We have done limited breeding under the kennel name of Ida Red, and have owned or bred four AFC's, including Jake, one OTCH, and multiple qualified All-Age and MH's.

Over the years and, for the many Goldens we owned or bred, my role was limited to puppy raiser and cheerleader as my job required many hours at work, including travel. While Jim has been the official trainer, handler and competitor, I have certainly been an active participant in training, whelping, and competing.

I am now, for the first time, able to devote more time to causes that are important to me. Supporting our breed, promoting their welfare, and educating the public are passions of mine. It is truly amazing what these spectacular animals can learn and how much enjoyment they bring to our lives. I have often wondered what our lives would be like today had Jim not brought home that puppy for my birthday 18 years ago!

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

I have spent over 30 years in retail management for various divisions of Federated Department Stores, May Co., Macy's, and currently for Walmart. I began my career as a buyer, and traveled extensively both domestically and internationally. I held several mid level management positions and became a SR VP for Macy's in Atlanta where I managed a team of 60+ executives and was responsible for developing and executing the overall merchandise strategy for all of feminine apparel. Over the years, I learned that being a successful manager requires building strong relationships, effective communication, and trusting others to do their jobs. These are skills that I bring to the position of Vice-President of the GRCA.

SUMMARY:

I have enjoyed my time on the board and have much more to learn. I will work diligently in promoting the breed and to enhance the effectiveness of the GRCA.

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CANDIDATE – VICE PRESIDENT WESTERN REGION

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The world of purebred dogs continues to evolve and present new challenges to dog fanciers. GRCA has been a role model among parent clubs in meeting these challenges, and I would like to contribute to furthering that endeavor.

My professional life has involved a variety of fields, including accounting, veterinary technician, government document preparation, and office management.

My life with Golden Retrievers began in 1970, and we bred our first litter in 1976. Our breeding activities have been limited, breeding six litters and co-breeding three others. I've been active in dog clubs since 1974, and am still active in the Evergreen GRC. My husband and I currently share our home with four Goldens. I enjoy participating in conformation, obedience, and field training. My biggest concerns about purebred dogs are health and behavior issues. A list of my dog club experience follows.

DOG CLUB SERVICE:

Golden Retriever Club of America (member 1974 – present)

President (1990 – 1992)

Secretary (1987 – 1988)

Western Region Director (1982 – 1987, 2009 – present))

GRCA/AKC Breed Video Committee

GRCA/AKC Breed Slide Show Committee

Breed Standard Committee (Chairman)

Nominating Committee (Chairman)

Executive Committee (Chairman)

Judges Education Committee

Education Committee

Public Education Coordinator

Task Force to Revise Nominating Committee Procedures

Task Force to Revise Educational Programs Committee

Delegate Chairman

Evergreen GRC (member 1974 – 1979 and 1995 – present)

National Specialty Committees (1998 and 2007)

Independent Specialty Chair (2003)

Independent Specialty Committees (1995 – 2006)

Recording Secretary (2006)

Newsletter Editor

Board Member

WC Test Committees

GRCA Delegate

Richland Kennel Club (member 1979 to 1995)

Vice President (1981-82)

Chairman, Spring All-Breed Shows (1983 & 1989)

Chairman, Spring Show Hospitality

Chief Ring Steward (multiple shows)

Chairman, multiple Eye & Blood Clinics

Novice Obedience Instructor

Tracking Test Secretary

Ring Steward

Columbia Basin Dog Training Club (member 1982 to 1990)

President (1987)

Recording Secretary (1985, 1986)

Newsletter Editor (1982 – 1985)

Novice Obedience Instructor
Chairman, Obedience Trial Judge Selection
Chairman, two Behavior Seminars

RECOGNITION & AWARDS

Golden Retriever Club of America:

Service Award – 1988
Elected to Life Membership – 1989

Richland Kennel Club:

President's Award for Outstanding Service – 1984

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CANDIDATE – DIRECTOR EASTERN REGION

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Objective

To help GRCA via a board position as Eastern Director.

Current Dog Clubs

GRCA / PVGRC / OTCH / KRC

Chaired Events, Secretary of Events, membership committees, fundraising committees, serving on boards, teaching, holding seminars as well as chairing 2005 GRCA Field Trial and Hunt Test Chairs.

History

I have been in dogs my whole life starting with West Highland Terriers and All Americans (Mutts). I have been showing and competing since the mid 80's. I love supporting all aspects of dog events. I am currently a AKC Hunt Test / Field Trial judge. I work full time as a IS Manager for Keen Transport. Computers have been part of my life for well over 20 years. I am able to enjoy my dogs as a stress reliever from a busy work schedule. I have had dogs with Titles on both ends of there names from CH/MH/MX/MXJ/CDX/RAE/CCA/WCX/**/SDD/TDI just to name a few. I always have fun competing as I strive to keep it Fun! I enjoy traveling to the different areas of the country to meeting as many people and dogs as possible. Sometimes my Vacation time is all planned out before the year even starts. Field events are my first love however I believe is any attention you are giving your dog is great. As each dog has so much to give back. – All their Love!

Current Dogs

Our home is currently shared with seven dogs.

Raggedy Raging Typhoon CD, RE, MH, WCX, CCA – 'Tye'
Weebe OneTooMany CDX, RAE, MH, MX, MXJ, NAP, NJP, NFP,
WCX – 'Extra'

Topbrass Weebe A Little Rascal RA, MH, NA, NAJ, WCX, ** –
'Spanky'

TealOak's Weebe A Pistol RA, MH, WCX – 'Pete'
Ctrl Alt Del CD, RE, MH, NA, NAJ, NF, WCX – 'Reboot'
CH. Anticipations Weebe A Hurricane RN – 'Spin'

And the latest addition to our pack is

Adirondac's Weebe Put'n A Hex On You – 'Voodoo'

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DIRECTOR – CENTRAL REGION

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Education:

Truman University, Kirksville, MO
Two-year certificate Animal Health Technology, 1983
Webster University, Webster Groves, MO
Bachelor of Arts in Biology, 1997
Certificate in Interdisciplinary Ethics, 2007

Employment:

Licensed veterinary technician in predominately small animal practice, 1983-1990
Pfizer; Research technician, 1990-1997
Research biologist, 1997 to present

Club Experience:

Member of GRCA 1987 to present
Yearbook assistant editor/diva 2000 to present
Member of the Golden Retriever Club of Greater St Louis 1987 to present
Multiple terms as club secretary and treasurer
Past show chair, show committee member, field volunteer, annual awards co-chair
Member of Gateway Agility Club of Suburban St Louis
Multiple terms as club secretary, past vice-president and agility trial chair
Current member of the board of directors

I purchased my first Golden Retriever in February, 1986. She was ultimately diagnosed as borderline dysplastic, and was spayed. But she had a perfect temperament, and introduced me to obedience and some of my closest friends in the dog world. I purchased my first show prospect in the fall of 1987, and she went on to become CH. Sun Dance's Heather J P Bottom CDX WC VC. Since then I have bred a few litters and have shown dogs in multiple venues. My current competition dog has finished his championship, several agility titles, qualified for the Show Dog Hall of Fame in 2009, and is currently working on rally and obedience titles while I try to find time to get him into field work.

Shortly after my daughter was born I returned to college to complete my bachelors degree while juggling a full-time job as a research technician. Working in a team-based environment to complete complex experiments and long-term projects has strengthened my abilities in team building, time management, negotiation, and change control. My current role as a document specialist requires that I interact on a daily basis with colleagues from California to Connecticut, to Sandwich in the UK, all while managing personalities, work patterns, and varied management styles. This position requires patience, diplomacy, and the ability to see a problem from varied points of view regardless of my own opinion. To me, these are all attributes required of anyone seeking a position as an officer or director of the GRCA.

I believe that if the club is to grow and continue as a resource for its members, we must continue to address issues such as health concerns, legislation, and other matters as they arise. I am personally committed to making sure that Golden Retrievers continue to be a true sporting dog, capable of working in the field and being suitable companions in other venues, while working for the membership to attain the broader goals of the club.

CANDIDATE – DIRECTOR WESTERN REGION

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The first purebred dog I obtained was in 1991. The first golden retriever was in 1993, when I was 52. My first wife and I had enjoyed our mixed-breeds and our back-yard-bred Labrador, and in 1994 we decided that breeding and showing golden retrievers (under the kennel name Glengowan) would be our activity in retirement. We began showing our dogs in conformation and I began training in field in the late nineties. My first wife died in 2004, by which time we had bred one champion and I had trained one dog to a JH and WC.

Since then, five more Glengowan dogs have finished, others are getting close, and several have performance titles. I remarried in 2007, to another Golden breeder (Patti Branch Caldwell, Schoolhouse Goldens), whom I met at the Gettysburg National Specialty in 2005. We have joined forces in the sport, but retain our separate kennel names.

I was educated at MIT, UC-Berkeley, and Caltech, taught at Cornell at the start of my academic career, and spent the bulk of my faculty life at The University of Texas at Dallas. During my time at UT-Dallas, I served five years as Department Head, one year as Associate Dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and subsequently two terms (1980-84 and 1997-2003) as Dean of that School. I obtained several million dollars in research grants and published almost 100 scientific papers as a Professor. I retired as a Professor in 2005 and was awarded Emeritus status in 2006.

I enjoyed serving the GRCA on its Nominating Committee (2006) and also enjoy serving as a current Western Regional Director. I have been a member of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metro Golden Retriever Club since 1993, serving it as an at-large Board member, Field Committee chair, Hunt Test chair (twice), Specialty Co-chair (2009), and Nominating Committee chair (twice). I will be DFWM-GRC President in 2010. When my academic career took me to the Washington, DC area in 1995-97, as a Program Officer at the National Science Foundation and as a Guest Researcher at the

National Cancer Institute, I joined the Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club, and I am still a member (in exile).

I believe I am well qualified for GRCA Western Regional Director. While my University experience does not translate directly into the dog fancy, it provides great indirect assets. The attributes for success in almost any venue are similar. Mine include analytic skills, leadership experience, a lifetime of “seeing the big picture,” habitual attention to detail, and successful personnel management. Professors are by their nature communicators and I am no exception. Being a dean with about 100 faculty and 200 classified personnel reporting to/through me, I could not have done the job successfully without these skills – and I was successful enough to be asked to do it twice, a rarity.

Serving as a Dean is often compared to herding cats: one can lead, but it takes all one’s wits to get them moving in the same direction. Patience, listening skills, close collaboration with ones’ peers (in Universities, faculty members and fellow administrators; in GRCA, the membership and Board), communication, and leading to a consensus work best, and this is a style I will bring to a leadership position in GRCA. Accessibility to the membership is especially important: as much as possible I intend to respond to e-mail correspondence sent to me in the capacity of Director.

One absolutely critical issue is dealing with the Animal Rights movement. The Board has been outspoken in protection of the fancy and of responsible breeders’ practices. This must continue. In Texas, I support the Responsible Pet Owners’ Alliance and the Endangered Breeds Association.

Breed clubs and all-breed clubs often seem to have few goals and activities in common, but in my opinion they do. The GRCA can encourage its local clubs to develop even more activities in partnership with all breed clubs, I believe to the betterment of the entire fancy.

One such is the development of public relations activities. Meet the Breed days, activity introductions for the public (agility and obedience, for example), and visits to local politicians to explain what is wrong with Animal Rights are possibilities.

Continuing to help the Board define goals and work with our membership to attain them will be a thoroughly satisfying experience. My life has provided the relevant expertise, and my retirement the time, to make such a contribution. ❖