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A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS:

Please advise our secretary, Lynne Conder, of any changes to your address, phone or e-mail address. We don't want you to miss any of the PrairieLand newsletters!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . . CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2020

- January 15, 2020
- March 18, 2020
- May 24, 2020 (in conjunction with annual dinner at Specialty)
- July – TBA - (annual picnic)
- September 16, 2020
- November 21, 2020 (in conjunction with the Festival of Trees)



NEXT MEETING

The next PSSC meeting will be Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Please see information elsewhere in the newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Everyone!

In a few weeks another year will be behind the club. This year Schnauzapalooza was our largest activity. Our club members put in hours and hours of work to make this combined specialty a success. We had another well attended regional specialty in May. In October we made 19 items for the Festival of Trees that took place in November. We made over a thousand dollars for a great cause. We can now look forward to 2020.

As president, I want to thank everyone for all your hard work in 2019. We are a small club, but we do awesome things with our hard working membership.

Your President,
Connie Reidner



PSSC MEETING MINUTES 11/23/19

The November Christmas party/meeting was held at Penny Duffee and Kathy Koehler's home in Bloomington, IL, Saturday, 11/23/19, at 1:00 pm.

- Attending were: Ron & Connie Reidner, Gwen Kirman, Sharon Talaga, Kathy Koehler, Penny Duffee, Lynne & Barry Conder, Don & Diane Kachur, and Marsha Landers.
- Following our holiday potluck, Connie presided over the business meeting and following that we had a Chinese gift exchange.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published in the last newsletter. (Sharon/Ron)

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Koehler stated she will have a full report at our next meeting.

PSSC 20th Specialty 2022

- Discussion of fundraising at our Specialty
 - To purchase pet oxygen masks for Fire department/Police, or police dog bulletproof vests, or AKC Disaster Recovery trailer replenishing.
 - Don and Diane will make inquiries about community needs.
- Grooming seminar at Specialty
 - Demo(s) should include info for both conformation and pet dogs.
 - Kathy is working on stripping stones pricing.

Other business

- Pet Estate Planning: Members need guidance on how best to provide instructions and funds for future pet care if the owner is incapacitated or deceased. Members will discuss info and ideas at the next meeting.
- Dues: Kathy reminded members they need to pay PSSC 2020 dues, as well as sending SSCA dues and judge selection (for 2022 in Oklahoma), before the end of 2019.
- Fest of Trees Info: Penny collected info at The Festival of Trees about how The Baby Fold uses profits to benefit 28 Illinois counties. She will ask Kathi Dvorak to include this info in our next newsletter.
- Kathy read off how some of our donated decorations were doing in bidding or selling.

Election of officers and board

- The slate of officers and board for 2020 was the same as 2019.
- Voting on proposed slate was unanimous.
- 2020 officers and board are:
 - President Connie Reidner
 - Vice President Marsha Landers
 - Secretary Lynne Conder
 - Treasurer Kathy Koehler
 - Board members Gwen Kirman, Don Kachur, Diane Kachur.
- There was unanimous appreciation for all officers and board member's time and efforts.

Braggs/Announcements

- Marsha said her Anna won breed at a recent show. Also her husband Joe is going to start tracking with Anna.

Adjournment

No further business was conducted after adjournment (Kathy/Gwen).

Next meeting is January 15, 2020. That meeting will be held at Kachur's home.

Submitted by Lynne Conder, PSSC Secretary



HAPPY NEW YEAR

NEXT MEETING

The first PSSC meeting of 2020 will be on January 15th at Don & Diane Kachur's home. Mark your calendars (get a new one if you haven't already – or ask Santa for one!) Watch your email for more details in January.

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Officers for 2020

The officers for the coming year will remain the same. A BIG thanks to those who have been serving the club so well!! And a special nod to our patient Newsletter editor, Kathi Dvorak! She always makes the newsletter look so good!!

Work Day

A group of PSSC members met at Penny & Kathy's on Saturday, October 26th for a work day to make decorations for the Festival of Trees auction. At the end of the day there were 19 items ready for the Festival. . . and a couple members made additional items before the delivery date.



Oh Christmas Tree!



Connie is our "bow person"!



Lots of good wine went into this wreath



All it takes is a good picture and some patience



Marsha had to 'hang it' to get right prospective for finishing touches

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, November 22nd we had our annual Christmas party at Penny & Kathy's. "Chef Kathy" prepared turkey, ham, gravy & dressing. Everyone brought a dish to share – LOTS of great food!! And, some good wine – shared in the Christmas wine glasses we had as table favors several years ago. After dinner everyone gathered in the 4 seasons room for the gift exchange. This year was one of the wildest!! Almost everyone stole a gift – which is an indication of how much everyone liked the gifts our members brought for the exchange! . . . some very pretty items and some very unique gifts too. Some of the members went to the Festival to enjoy the trees and other decorations on display – not sure if anyone bid on any of the items but there were a LOT of options this year!





Off to the Festival. . .

We took pictures of many of the items at the Festival – the yellow angel tags showed the minimum bid and the “Angel Price” (a “buy it now” price for those who wanted to be sure they got the item and not worry about putting in the winning bid). Three of our decorations were sponsored. Businesses or individuals could choose an item to sponsor – they paid the Angel Price to the Festival, but they did not take that decoration – it was left for open bidding so the Festival profited double (the sponsored Angel Price amount plus the winning bid for the item). Most of the wreaths and centerpieces made by PSSC sold for the Angel Price. . . and all items had bids. Our club raised over \$1,000 for the Baby Fold with our auction item donations. Our talented club members who made the wreaths, centerpieces and other decorations were Marsha Landers, Connie Reidner, Lynne Conder, Don & Diane Kachur, Gwen Kirman, Kathy Koehler, Penny Duffee – we all had a lot of fun and raised money for a very important program in our community





Editor's Note: I am always blown away with the talents of the PSSC members. Great job everyone!

May 2020 Specialty

Our annual specialty will be on **Sunday, May 24, 2020**, as part of the Heart of Illinois cluster here in Bloomington. We will support the entry the other 3 days. Put that weekend on your calendar (May 22 – 25, 2020) and watch for more information as the time gets closer. We may have some new activities this coming year for the specialty weekend.



G R E A T B I G HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES go out to



1-7 **Dick Houskeeper**
1-23 **Lynne Conder**

2-15 **Caren Rohlfing**
2-17 **Alexis Hubbard**

If you failed to include your birthday with your renewal, please drop an email to Kathy Koehler KatonSS1@fontier.com so she can add you to the list.



Happy New Year!



SCHNAUZER TALES



This is your chance to share “tales” about your Schnauzer – show ring wins, performance wins and titles, or any other accomplishments or news that you want everyone to know about. Send e-mails (pictures welcome too!) to our editor, Kathi, himeldad@aol.com for the upcoming issues!! Remember to e-mail things as they happen. . .don't wait for the deadline and then forget. We love reading about your Schnauzers!

What have you been up to??????????



Kathi and Roy Dvorak write. . .

Lindy – (GCH CH Himmlisch-Arjo's A Blast From The Past, NA, NAJ, NF, ACT2, TKA) completed her **OF** (Open FAST) title on November 3, 2019 at the Flatirons Kennel Club Agility Trial.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

From your newsletter editor Kathi (and Roy)
(left to right. . . Rita, Cassi, Merry, Liebe, Arnold, Lindy)