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Lincolnwood Training Club for German Shepherd Dogs
2019 Outdoor Training Schedule -- Fall Session

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All handlers must bring a copy of a current vet record to the first class. If classes are cancelled, you will be contacted and there will be a message on the Club phone: 847-299-7273. Questions? Please call the Club’s Director of Training Cathy Stein at 847-217-0527.
ALE, A SON OF RUTH BLACK AND NEDA Tkalcevic’s champion dog Odin, is a Connecticut State Police K-9 with a message:

Ale is one of the three police dogs (photo above, dog on the right) depicted on a blue-colored T-shirt that is being sold to raise money to buy bullet- and stab-resistant vests for Connecticut state police and local K-9s.

“What a great idea,” Ruth says. “Neda and I are very proud of Odin’s progeny. K-9 Ale has been involved in two big captures.”

For info on how to order a T-shirt, send an e-mail to bluepawsmatter@gmail.com.

GREG HAYWARD RELATES A SINGULAR achievement in the Rally obedience ring with his German Shepherd, Uli:

“We succeeded at the 'Triple Crown' of outdoor specialty shows for German Shepherds by placing in Rally trials run by three different training clubs.

Uli earned Leg No. 1 and 2nd place in Rally Novice at the German Shepherd Dog Training Club of Chicago’s Aug. 25 trial; Leg No. 2 and 1st place in Rally Novice at the German Shepherd Dog Club of Wisconsin’s Sept. 7 trial; and Leg No. 3, 1st place, and his Rally Novice title at Lincolnwood Training Club’s Sept. 15 trial.

(Photo at left: Greg, Uli, and Rally Judge Sandy Gould at Lincolnwood’s trial)

THE GSDCA’S TEMPERAMENT TEST is meant to determine the mettle of our favorite breed. Judy Braginsky’s Kona (photo below), handled by friend Janet Contursi, figured a kiss is better than a bark at rattler Pat Speyer to pass the Sept. 21 test at Lincolnwood. (He did.)

“I HAD ENTERED MY GERMAN SHEPHERD, Nohea, in the Advanced Canine Good Citizen test, a bit concerned if we could do this as he had developed degenerative myelopathy,” says Patti Barra.

“He had not mastered the wheelchair yet; but with the help of the 'Help 'em Up Harness,' (Thank you Sandy Tristano for the use of Jack’s harness. We miss him.) I thought let’s give it a try.

“With encouragement from my therapy dog group we were able to complete the test and pass. This dog is such an inspiration to me with his strength and determination.

“God bless him.”
Lincolnwood Training Club President Bobby Stevens (photo above, left) congratulates Wendy Israel on titles and certificates that she and her GSD earned in 2018 at the Club’s annual awards banquet held in early April at the Wildwood Tavern in Niles, IL. Other Club members honored for their achievements in dog sports included Rosemary Lacey (photo at left, clockwise), Izabela Raczynski-Bell, the Rev. John McNalis, Pat Speyer, and Patti Barra. (Photos by Sylvia Olechno)
Lincolnwood Training Club members honored for titles and certifications earned by their GSDs in 2018 included Richard Lane (photo above), and Kathy Pairitz (photo at left, clockwise), Karen Johnson, Bobby Stevens, and Stan Piotrowski. (Photos by Sylvia Olechno)
"Zombie Raccoon" Alert

They may sound like some invention out of Hollywood, but “zombie raccoons” are real and local police say they are a threat to pets.

The Riverside Police Department is warning pet owners about raccoons carrying the distemper virus, which can cause the infected animals to walk on their hind legs, stagger and bare their teeth — the reason they’re referred to as “zombies.”

Distemper is one of the most serious diseases dogs can get and it’s also one of the easiest to prevent, according to the American Kennel Club.

The name likely sounds familiar if you’ve taken your dog to a veterinarian for routine care. It is among the core vaccinations your dog likely received, “along with parvovirus, canine adenovirus, and rabies vaccines,” the kennel club website states.

Animals who have not had this vaccine are at high risk in the Riverside area after three reports of “zombie raccoons” recently, according to Police Chief Tom Weitzel.

“We’ve had a number of cases concerning raccoons with distemper in our jurisdiction,” Weitzel said. “If you see a sick raccoon that may be a threat to public safety, call the police.”

The distemper virus affects the respiratory, gastrointestinal, and nervous system of dogs. Symptoms can include ocular and nasal discharge, sneezing, coughing, lethargy, loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, tremors, and seizures. Death can occur from secondary pneumonia or nonresponsive seizure activity, it said.

“It seems every year around this time we get a rise in calls about raccoons acting oddly and we respond to calls about raccoons that may be a danger to the public. Our policy allows us to put down animals that are suffering or pose a threat to public safety,” Weitzel said.

Police will put the animals down and public works crews have been disposing of the carcasses, he said.

The Police Department said dogs in back yards, even fenced-in, can be at particular risk to wild animals. It suggests direct supervision of dogs to prevent unwanted contact with wildlife.

The best way to prevent: distemper in dogs is to have them vaccinated.

Twice-yearly visits to a veterinarian are recommended, and pet owners who take their dogs out for socialization with other animals, such as to dog parks or training classes or for boarding, should check whether those places require proof of vaccination. (Source: www.chicagotribune.com/breaking/zombie)

New trial to Fight Hemangiosarcoma

The launch of a new clinical trial for hemangiosarcoma research on July 1 was announced by the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation. A year-long fundraising initiative by the CHF has allowed for advancing this research initiative, according to the AKC/CHF.

Canine hemangiosarcoma is a largely incurable cancer in dogs, and treatment approaches to improve outcomes have remained relatively stagnant over the past few decades, according to a research trial abstract.

Treatment remains a challenge partly because the cancer is frequently detected at an advanced stage and because these tumors are often resistant to chemotherapy.

Recently published reports showed that propranolol, a drug used to treat heart disease in humans and dogs, substantially increased the survival time of human angiosarcoma patients when used in combination with standard of care treatments.

Propranolol was also shown to sensitize hemangiosarcoma cells to doxorubicin, providing a more effective way to kill tumor cells. Because angiosarcoma is strikingly similar to canine hemangiosarcoma, this multi-institutional clinical trial has been designed to determine the efficacy of propranolol in dogs with hemangiosarcoma when used in combination with surgery and chemotherapy.

The main goal of the study is to establish whether propranolol in combination with doxorubicin following surgery improves outcomes for dogs when compared to the use of chemotherapy and surgery alone.

The investigators will also evaluate the plasma concentrations of propranolol achieved during dosing to assess whether the levels of propranolol correlate to survival times.

If successful, the findings from this approach will be rapidly conveyed to the veterinary community, and the guidelines provided to clinicians for the use of propranolol and doxorubicin for the treatment of canine hemangiosarcoma.

Starting October 1, 2019, the American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation will match donations to the AKC Canine Health Foundation’s Hemangiosarcoma Research Initiative dollar for dollar up to $33,500.

The match is offered as part of a three-year, $10,000 pledge by AGSDCF to fight this devastating canine cancer.

To learn more on how to support the ACSDCF hemangiosarcoma match, you can donate online at www.akcchf.org/donate2015/chf-donate-GSD.

Or, you can write a check to the AKC Canine Health Foundation and mail it to 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 300, Raleigh, NC 27617.

Please write “AGSDCF Hemangiosarcoma Match” on the memo line. (Source: www.AKCanine-HealthFoundation.org/research)
A Meeting of 2 Big Boys

By Greg Hayward

The “Big Boy” 4-14 Union Pacific Steam Engine was on display in late July in West Chicago as part of a tour commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Trans-Atlantic Railroad.

The steam engine was totally rebuilt for tour service after 60 years as a static display.

*It was the largest steam* engine ever in service (1 of 25 built) at 7000 horsepower and 1,250,000 pounds. The boiler was converted from coal to fuel oil which generates the steam to drive the engine.

My German Shepherd, Ulysses (Uli), me, the restored “Big Boy,” and a couple of my friends joined the hundreds of people that came to see the “Big Boy” Steam Locomotive and, as it turned out, many came up to say “Hello” to our Big Boy, Ulysses.

*Because it was HOT outside* and the blacktop was even HOTTER, I was mindful of Uli’s needs and took him regularly to the shady grass for lots of water and to cool him down and his paws.

Uli had over 50 impromptu admirers: people who own, have owned, or just plain admire German Shepherd Dogs!

Throughout the morning, kids, teenagers, and adults walked up to see or pet Uli.

*It was unexpected* attention.

I used my Lincolnwood Training Club for German Shepherds’ training and managed the group by putting Uli in a down for requested pictures. I gave Uli a “Job to Do” by showing basic exercises like the sit, down, stand, front, finish, heel, and shake. Focus exercises were a hit, too.

His eyes and attention were on me and admirers appreciated the training tips!

**Uli received compliments** from all his admirers for his training, obedience, and socialization. Uli appreciated the shade, treats, and water I gave him!

Lincolnwood Training Club’s training and basics are essential in everyday life and went a long way that day while promoting the Betterment of the Breed. Uli and all our GSDs are truly Ambassadors for the Breed!

Lickin’ Good therapy

It’s one thing to write about therapy dogs. How they are worth their weight in gold for the comfort they bring when visiting the sick, the lonely, the disabled, the anxious, the dying.

It’s another thing to be at the receiving end of these visits, highlighted by doggo kisses, licks, leans--- and the dogs’ simple, calming presence.

*Which was me in early* September, recovering from surgery for several long weeks at the dog-friendly Whitehall of Deerfield.

Lincolnwood Training Club for German Shepherds is blessed with having a rather large group of Club members with working therapy dogs.

*With the call put out* that I wouldn’t mind a visit, a parade of therapy dogs began to quietly pad its way to my patient room.

First up to visit was Wendy Israel’s Cassidy. Eleven years young. Cass is still sniffing out victory after victory in the sports of Barn Hunt and Scentwork.

**At this writing**, multi-titled Cass is the number one German Shepherd in Illinois in Barn Hunt success.

As a therapy dog, Cass is a leaner.

*Then came Cathy Stein’s* Danny Boy, also multi titled and celebrated in the therapy dog world for logging in more than 350 visits and honored by Therapy Dog International. Danny Boy is a kisser and a leaner, as well.

The next therapy dog visitor would have been Patti Barra’s Nohea.

But this sweet doggo was still getting used to his wheelchair before planning to get back into the therapy dog visit game.

**I am home now** and grateful for what comforting visits were able to come my way.

Thank you, therapy dogs.

I wish you all good health and long lives.

--- The Editor
**Welcome New Members, Dogs**


Also voted into membership were Margarita Gamba of Glenview, IL, and Lainey, bitch, 12/12/2018, sire: Dingo Vom Ragnar, dam: Bonna Vom Ragnar, breeder: Vom Ragnar German Shepherds; Kesenia Banes of Des Plaines, IL, and GSD Gus. 11/01/2018, sire: Blue Vom ParchimerLand, dam: Qiana Von Guarnille, breeder: Lindsay Chlopek; Michele and James Paparello of Skokie, IL, and Happy, 5/08/2019, sire: Logan of Royal Air German Shepherds, dam: Kiley of Glory Be German Shepherds, breeder: Glory Be German Shepherds; Frank Saez of Chicago, IL, and Sasha, bitch, 10/26/2018, breeder: Heritage Kennels.

Also, Mathew Cieplevicz of Des Plaines, IL, and GSD, Max, 7/14/2018; and Cammi Gibbons of Des Plaines, IL, and Roxy, bitch 12/25/2018; Deborah Broder of Highland Park, IL, and GSD, Link, 3/12/2019, sire: Odin vom Mittelwest, dam: Roma Dargyte vom Unger Haus, breeder: Stu Unger.


**All Dogs Go to Heaven**

Lincolnwood Training Club sends its condolences to the following Club members whose GSDs recently passed away:

- Margo Tsim’s Mica, 12/16/2006 – 7/21/2019

**K-9 Juri Vested by Club**

Proceeds from Lincolnwood Training Club’s Award Dinner raffle back in April have purchased a bullet- and stab-resistant protective vest for K-9 Juri of the Knox County Sheriff’s Office. Juri is a 23-month-old Dutch Shepherd certified in patrol, apprehension, and narcotics detection and assigned to Deputy Jack Harlan.

The vest was purchased through Vested Interest in K-9s. The vest was purchased through Vested Interest in K-9s. The vest was purchased through Vested Interest in K-9s.

**Want to Help Your Club?**

Lincolnwood Training Club is looking forward to another successful Obedience/Rally Trial in 2020. It is also your opportunity to participate in one of your Club’s major junctions.

We are looking for a volunteer to chair our trial next year. If you are interested, please let Club President Bobby Stevens know by calling him at 773-339-9239.

**Legs Up!**

Wendy Israel’s Cassidy, Michiana Scents Work Club results: Handler Discrimination Excellent, Leg #2, 1st Place, July 6, 2019, Judge Kimberly Hall; Handler Discrimination Excellent, Leg #3, 1st Place, Scents Work Handler Discrimination Excellent (SHDE) Title, July 6, 2019, Judge Kimberly Hall; Container Novice B, Leg #6, 4th Place, July 6, 2019, Judge Roger Lautt; Container Novice B, Leg #7, 1st Place, July 6, 2019, Judge Roger Lautt.

Izabela Raczynski-Bell’s Argos, Novice A Jumps with Weaves, 93, 1st Place, Leg #1, July 20, 2019, Weimaraner Club of Northern Illinois, Judge Ann Rudd.

Pat Behles’ Ki, Herding Instinct Certification, Passed, August 7, 2019, Wooden Ewe Ranch, Judges Dan De Legge & Debbie Ekstrom.

Wendy Israel’s Cassidy, Greater Chicago Area Scentwork Association results: Buried Novice B, Leg #6, August 17, 2019, Judge Tom Rezmer; Container Novice B, Leg #8, August 17, 2019, Judge Tom Rezmer; Buried Novice B, Leg #7, August 18, 2019, Judge Tom Rezmer; Container Novice B, Leg #9, August 18, 2019, Judge Tom Rezmer.


Kathy Pairitz’s Angel, Greater Chicago Area Scentwork Association results: Exterior Excellent, Leg #2, 3rd Place, August 17, 2019, Judge Joanne Soyske; Buried Advanced, Leg #3, Scent Work Buried Advanced (SBA) Title, August 18, 2019, Judge Tom Rezmer; Scent Work Advanced (SWA) Title, August 18, 2019, Judge Tom Rezmer; Container Excellent, Leg #1, August 18, 2019, Judge Jodine Briel.

Bobby Stevens’ Lili, Greater Chicago Area Scentwork Association results: Container Excellent, Leg #2, August 17, 2019, Judge Tom Rezmer; Container Excellent, Leg #3, Scent Work Container Excellent (SCE) Title, Judge Jodine Briel.

Leah Swanquist’s Lexi, Greater Chicago Area Scentwork Association results: Buried Novice B, Leg #1, August 17, 2019, Judge Tom Rezmer; Interior Novice B, Leg #1, August 17, 2019, Judge Jodine Briel; Buried Novice B, Leg #2, August 18, 2019, Judge Tom Rezmer; Container Novice B, Leg #1, August 18, 2019, Judge Tom Rezmer; Exterior Novice B, Leg #1, August 18, 2019, Judge Jodine Briel.

Pat Behles’ Ki, Trail Creek Dog Training Club UKC Show results: Novice Puppy Conformation, Novice Puppy Best of Breed, 1st Place, August 17, 2019, Judge Stan Matsumoto; Novice Puppy Conformation, Novice Puppy Best of Breed, 1st Place, August 17,
2019, Judge Jeanne Heger.

Stu Unger’s Phin, Therapy Dogs International, TDI Active Volunteer (TDIA), 50 therapy visits, July 12, 2019.

Stu Unger’s Phin, Therapy Dogs International, TDI Active Outstanding Volunteer (TDIAOV), 150 therapy visits, July 12, 2019.

Stu Unger’s Louise, Therapy Dogs International, TDI Active Volunteer (TDIA), 50 therapy visits, July 12, 2019.

Stu Unger’s Louise, Therapy Dogs International, TDI Active Outstanding Volunteer (TDIAOV), 150 therapy visits, July 12, 2019.


Stu Unger’s Phin, AKC Therapy Dog Excellent (THDX) Title, 200 visits, August 12, 2019.

Stu Unger’s Louise, AKC Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA) Title, 100 visits, August 12, 2019.


Patti Barra’s Nohea, AKC Community Canine (CGCA) Title, August 24, 2019, Evaluator Marilyn Putz.

Leah Swanquist’s Lexi, Beginner Novice, 1st Place, Leg #1, August 25, 2019, German Shepherd Dog TCC, Judge Loretta Lazzara.

Karen Melbinger’s Bruno, Novice A, 1st Place, Leg #2, August 25, 2019, German Shepherd Dog TCC, Judge James Communale.

Greg Hayward’s Uli, Rally Novice, 2nd Place, Leg #1, August 25, 2019, German Shepherd Dog TCC, Judge Loretta Lazzara.

Greg Hayward’s Uli, Rally Novice, 1st Place, Leg #2, September 7, 2019, German Shepherd Dog TCC, Judge Robert Burgin.

Bobby Stevens’ Lili, Vehicles and Exteriors, Passed, 2nd Place, Nosework 1 (NW1) Title, September 7, 2019, National Association of Canine Scent Work Trial hosted by Northwest Obedience Club, Judges Shirley Tipsword and Dale Swart.

Bobby Stevens’ Lili, Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) Title, Passed, September 8, 2019, Fox Valley Dog Training Club, Judges Lois Leidahl-Marsh and Eibhlin Glennon.

Karen Johnson’s Jon, PDC-SD, Protection Sports Association hosted by Midwest Misfits, September 14, 2019, Judge Kevin Goede.

Greg Hayward’s Uli, Rally Novice, 1st Place, Leg #3, Rally Novice (RN) Title, September 15, 2019, Lincolnwood Training Club GSDs, Judge Sandy Gould.

Izabela Raczyński-Bell’s Argos, Rally Advanced, 3rd Place, Leg #1, September 15, 2019, Lincolnwood Training Club GSDs, Judge Sandy Gould.

Stan Piotrowski’s Nora, Open A, 1st Place, Leg #1, September 15, 2019, Lincolnwood Training Club GSDs, Judge Joseph Caputa.

Karen Melbinger’s Bruno, Novice A, 3rd Place, Leg #3, Companion Dog (CD) Title, September 15, 2019, Lincolnwood Training Club GSDs, Judge Joseph Caputa.

Vader 7/4/2013 Jane & Colleen Eastman
Tessa 7/6/2017 David Vassallo
Gini 7/11/2008 Rosemary Minzghor
Saoirse /12/2013 James & Kathleen Callanan
Morgen 7/13/2008 Cathy Stein
Nora 7/19/2014 Stanislaw Piotrowski
Nara 7/19/2018 Attila & Agnes Hencz
Roma 7/26/2016 Stu Unger
April 7/28/2016 Shirley Laskowski

Hanz 8/6/2018 Saranjargal Verren
Bruno 8/7/2012 Michael & Karen Melbinger
Czar 8/14/2005 Louanne Howe
Elsa 8/15/2006 Elaine Vedder
Raya 8/15/2015 Barbara Ruckert
Lucas 8/25/2016 Mark & Pam Anichini
Abbie 8/26/2018 Michael & Laurie Kinney
Ace 8/29/2013 Linda Witt

Velcro 9/1/2016 Jane Eastman
Grimm 9/5/2013 Peter & Edna Mondlock
Flair 9/9/2010 Sue Czuchra
Fergie 9/9/2010 Pat Speyer
Foalan 9/9/2010 Janet Culotta
Fritzi 9/9/2010 Pat Behles
Ricco 9/11/2004 Rosemary Minzghor
Argos 9/15/2016 Jason Bell & Izabela Raczyński-Bell
Bella 9/17/2015 Jane Eastman
Brooklyn 9/19/2017 Donna Kroger
Mischief 9/20/2017 Samantha Bukowski
Cassidy 9/22/2008 Wendy. Israel
Tara 9/25/2018 Gale Metz
Remo 9/27/2017 David Dolan
Phineas 9/29/2010 Stu Unger
Defending Dog Ownership

(This is the second in an occasional series of articles updating Lincolnwood Training Club members on the efforts of dog ownership legislation in Illinois.)

By Greg Hayward and Sandy Tristano

All members of Lincolnwood Training Club have owned at least one German Shepherd Dog and want them to be protected and safe.

It’s fair to say we have all loved our GSDs and this is what unites us. German Shepherd Dogs are beloved members of our families; but in the eyes of the law, they are our property, and we are responsible for them.

Our Club’s bylaws spell out a fundamental mission to promote the “Betterment of the Breed.” Our training instructors and members all train dogs to be canine good citizens and all LTC members to be responsible dog owners.

The goal is to make each GSD team a model representative of the German Shepherd breed in our community.

But who represents the interests of our GSDs and their owners from legislation that targets our dogs or infringes upon our rights? The Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners (IFDCO) does, which is why Lincolnwood Training Club joined IFDCO in 2011.

Our Lincolnwood membership/yearly donation to IFDCO has helped to preserve our rights and ability to own and train our favorite four-legged friends. Dedicated IFDCO volunteers review Illinois House and Senate bills and provide us with information on legislation that can help or hurt our dog ownership rights.

In 2018, the IFDCO supported, opposed, or monitored over 38-plus pieces of legislation introduced that affect canine ownership rights in Illinois. Steve Hayden, President of IFDCO said: “We had a successful Spring Session with a piece of legislation which we initiated. It was passed and the Governor signed it into law [Public Act 100-0870].

“It will, among other provisions, provide essential data on exactly where and why animals are coming into Illinois shelters and animal control facilities, and what happens to them once they are there. This includes determining how many animals are coming from outside the state and country.”

This data can be used to more quickly track our GSDs if they get lost and track canine disease outbreaks that can affect our GSDs, such as canine influenza.

2019 EFFORTS TO DATE INCLUDE: New agendas came to Springfield in 2019 with the new Governor and many new lawmakers.

“We have not actively proposed any new legislation,” Hayden said. “It has been a year to build relationships with many new legislators. We knew that the State Budget would be a major emphasis for the new Governor and legislators. With that being said, there were still 32 bills introduced that directly affected canine ownership rights. From those 32 pieces of legislation, the Federation actively supported 9, opposed 11, and monitored the remaining 12.” Below are examples of each:

HB3556 ANIMALS – Police & Service [Rep Frances Hurley] [35th Dist] assigned to Rules **Support**

Synopsis as Introduced: Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that a person who kills or severely injures: (1) any animal used by a law enforcement department or agency in the performance of the functions or duties of the department or agency when placed off duty; (2) any service animal; (3) any search and rescue dog; (4) any law enforcement, service, or search and rescue animal in training; or (5) any accelerant detection canine used by a fire officer for arson investigations in the performance of his or her functions or while off duty, while he or she is in the commission of a felony, is guilty of a Class 2 felony. Provides that a person is not in violation if the animal used by a law enforcement department or agency was used against the person in violation of the law enforcement department or agency’s use of force continuum or policy. Provides that person may not recklessly permit a dog that is owned, harbored, or controlled by the person and off its owner’s property or at large to cause injury to or the death of a guide, hearing, or support dog. Makes other changes.

SB1312 ANIMALS-LOCKED CAR-LIABILITY [Sen Jason Plummer] [54th Dist] assigned to Senate Assignments **Support**

Synopsis as Introduced: Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that a person is immune from civil liability for property damage to a locked vehicle when the damage results from forcible entry of the vehicle to remove a dog or cat from the vehicle if certain circumstances occur. Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that it is an affirmative defense from criminal damage to property or criminal trespass to vehicles if the entry or damage to the locked vehicle results from removing a dog or cat from the vehicle if certain circumstances occur. Effective immediately.

HB3390 KENNEL OPERATION – Fire Alarms [Rep Diane Pappas] [45th Dist] Public Act 101-0210 **Support**

Synopsis as Introduced: Amends the Animal Welfare Act. Provides that a kennel operator shall install in the kennel a fire alarm monitoring system that triggers notification to local emergency responders when activated. Provides that the Department of Agriculture shall deny the initial licensure or license renewal of a kennel operator for the failure to comply with this provision.

This bill was amended at least twice, passed both houses and was signed by the Governor. As enacted, the law requires a fire alarm system or sprinkler system in every building of a kennel operation, unless the kennel is staffed on a full-time basis. Authorizes fire inspectors to inspect the premises and makes reports to the Department of Agriculture.

“We do have a very good track record under the dome and owe a lot of that to the many clubs and club members who do call their local legislators when we ask them to do so to voice their opinion,” Hayden explained.

“We also depend on a strong lobbyist to do much of the work behind the scenes to promote the IFDCO opinion. The work is not free. It costs the Federation $2,000 a month while the legislature is in session.”

As members of IFDCO, LTC members and delegates Sandy Tristano and Greg Hayward encourage LTC members to review the IFDCO e-mails/website, keep up to date, and register your opinion with your elected officials in Springfield, IL.

The IFDCO is online at [http://www.ifdco.org/](http://www.ifdco.org/) and action alerts are forwarded by Lincolnwood’s Corresponding Secretary Kathy Pairitz to our Club members.

All House and Senate Bills are online at [http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/default.asp](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/default.asp).

Find out how to contact your local representatives by entering your address information on the following website: [www.illinoispolicy.org](http://www.illinoispolicy.org).
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.
Application for Membership

Requirements: Minimum age of 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. Membership includes subscription to The German Shepherd Dog Review. Must be sponsored by two members in good standing of the GSDCA.

Membership Type: (check one)
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*Family is defined as same household or significant other. Dues are not tax deductible.

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* Per GSDCA policy, if no sponsors are available, membership applications may be signed by the GSDCA President and the Membership Chair.
Attendees at Lincolnwood Training Club’s annual awards banquet held in mid-April at the Willdwood Tavern in Niles, IL, included (photo above, from left) Pat Speyer, Nancy and Richard Lane, Karen Johnson, Ruth Black, and Neda Tkalcevik. Also attending were (photo at right, from left) Cathy Stein, the Rev. John McNalis, Stu Unger, Nancy and Richard Lane, Karen Johnson, Christopher Karney, Jane Eastman, and Kathy Pairitz. Steve Stembridge (top, right photo) was presented with the 2018 Ann Scarnavack Service Award. (Photos by Sylvia Olechno)