

Candidates who have expressed a willingness to run

Those on the ballot meet the July 1 deadline, but all are available as candidates for your nomination.
Bios provided for your convenience.

For President - Mike Van Tassell

I'm writing to you to ask for your vote to be the next President of the CCA. I believe that every member of CCA should have a voice: the novice and the veteran, the judge and the exhibitor, the person with a passion for conformation, performance, herding as well as obedience or Therapy dogs. **No part will ever be greater than the whole or common good of the club or the Collie with me at the helm as your President.**

I have served the CCA & local clubs in many positions, including CCA 1st VP, 2nd VP, DD, 2002 Assistant Show Chairman, 2006 National Show Treasurer and Assistant National Show Chairman. I've also been President and Show Chairman of the Intermountain Kennel Club in SLC, Utah for the last 13 years; Utah Beehive Cluster Chairman; and President & Show Chairman of the Utah Collie Club. I am also an AKC Judge for Collies, Shelties and juniors, Provisional for Aussies, Alaskan Malamutes, I am currently the AKC Delegate for my all-breed club.

Many of you have ideas to improve the CCA, and we need to listen and explore these ideas. I will welcome all input on how we can strengthen and improve our Club. I feel we need to elect people that have you the MEMBER, the COLLIE, and the CCA in mind at all times. They need to put their personal agendas on the back burner and have the welfare of the CCA and the Collie in the forefront at all times.

I started in Collies in the early 70s under the kennel name of Cobblecreek. I'm married and have 4 children and 7 grandchildren. "Collies" is something Debbie and I do together, she grooms and I do the showing, feeding, picking up poop, etc. Over the years we've had some great wins, have bred 15 to 20 Champions, co-bred the BOB winner at the 2000 National, and bred the WB and RWD at the 2002 National. As much as the wins mean to us, none of them can compare to the many great friendships we have made over the years.

In closing, **I want you to know that I want to be your next President.** CCA officers should work to support the entire membership and the constitution of the CCA. If elected to be your next President, I promise that your voice as a member will be heard. The President and the District Directors are elected to work for **you**. In the CCA every member should count - the novice's vote is just as important as the veterans'. The membership as a whole, supported by me as your President, will decide the direction our Club will take

For President – Lori Montero

I was 'born' into the world of Collies. I am the daughter of Tom and Lorraine, who have bred, owned and exhibited Collies under the kennel name of Thom's Collies. Thom's Collies were founded on the Tel's Collies bloodlines - Leila and Louis Wachtel of New Orleans, Louisiana.

I began my handling career at the tender age of 4 with my first sable bitch, Thom's Cinnamon Pride. After graduating from college, I bred my first litter in 1990 by Ch. Tartanside Larkspur Premier x Jubilee's Tenacious Tiffany. In 1992, I purchased my first SHOW dog, Maji Added Attraction, who would become my first owner/handled champion.

Over the years I have bred, handled and/or owned over 15 champions (both varieties – under the LoriMar, reg. prefix) and currently have 4 on the cusp of finishing their conformation titles. I have also bred several Collies who have herding and performance titles.

I have volunteered my time to the following organizations and have held numerous offices:

Collie Health Foundation – Secretary (6 years), Newsletter Editor (9 years), Corporator, Board of Director, recipient of the President's Award

Collie Club of America – current Membership Chairman; former District Director for North Carolina; Merchandise Chairman for 2007, 2010, 2012 National Specialty shows; announcer for the National Specialty shows in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014; Chairman of the proposed Realignment Committee

Palmetto Corgi Club – steward for annual specialty show held in Concord, NC

AKC judge – regular status for Collies and provisional status for “limited” juniors

I am currently employed with Keffer Automotive Group as its CRM Director where I oversee the utilization of our customer relationship software at six dealerships - 4 in NC, 1 in SC, and 1 in GA. My duties include managing and analyzing customer communications along with recruiting and training salespeople, managers and senior management staff. I also hold a NC Real Estate Broker’s license with status as a Broker in Charge, and am a Notary Public in Union County, NC.

For First Vice-President - Gayle Kaye

I have been breeding Collies for 40+ years using the “Chelsea” prefix. Finished my first Collie champion in 1976 and all current dogs trace to that bitch. Currently working on 13th generation of specialty winning champions!!

Currently a member:

Collie Health Foundation, The Quarter Century Club, Dog Writer’s Association of America

I Joined Collie Club of America in 1969 - I have served the Club in many positions:

- * previously held office of First and Second Vice President
- * Co-edited the Steve Field "Parader" Book
- * Edited the 1994 & 1995 CCA Yearbooks - the 95 Yearbook won a Dog Writer's Award
- * Initiated and developed the Register of Merit system
- * Gazette Columnist for 12 years
- * Edited Volume 4 of the Library of Champions
- * Past Editor/Assistant Editor of the Bulletin.
- * Previously on many committees including Chair of Ethics, CCA Written-Revisions, Internet, Ethics Revision Committee and others
- * Current Chair of Judges Education Committee and Archives. Also on current Bulletin Committee

Collie Health Foundation

- * Foundation Corporator for 18 years
- * Secretary from 1998 to 2002
- * Currently on the Board of Directors

Personal

- * Author of two Award winning books, "A Century of Collies" & “The Collie in America”
- * AKC licensed judge for Collies
- * Authored and published countless articles for all-breed and Collie publications
- * Very computer literate and proficient in most computer programs
- * Developed my own website. <http://www.chelsea-collies.com/>

For First Vice-President - Harry H. “Butch” Schulman

I grew up in a different era. I handled my parents’ Collies in the 1960s and early 1970s. I sat around the table at Collie Club meetings, picnics, and various events during a time when children were to be seen but not heard. I was a sponge for information. I competed against professional handlers in regular classes who then judged me in junior showmanship competition. I observed breeder judges in the ring like Ada Shirley, Noel Denton, Jane Youngsjohn, George Horn, Bobbie Roos, and Roy Ayers, Sr. as they went over my dogs. It was an educational experience beyond compare. Through this exposure, playing with the dogs in my parents’ kennel, sleeping with the puppies in the whelping box, and reading everything in print about our wonderful breed, my love for the Collie evolved. I handled my parents’ Smooth bitch, Ch. Merriacre Blue Pinafore to Best of Opposite Sex at the 1972 CCA National Specialty when I was just 12 years old. My mom was my Collie mentor. She also bred multiple Doberman Pinscher and Lhasa Apso champions and taught me about those breeds as well.

When I was a kid, I perused through CCA Yearbooks, Collie Cues magazines and dreamed of breeding beautiful Collies one day (Ch. Wickmere Rapunzel is still my vision of perfection), but life took me down another path that I do not regret.

I graduated from the University of Louisville with a Bachelor degree in History and Economics. I studied abroad in Israel. I completed my MBA at George Washington University and a post-Graduate Certificate in Health Care Management at the University of Pennsylvania. I accepted a Commission as an officer in the United States Air Force, spent six years on active duty, and retired in the Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel after 23 years of service to my country. My wife Robin and I have four children: Benjamin (age 25), Halle (age 20), Matthew (age 17) and Emily (age 15). I have been employed as the Executive Director for the Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences at the University of Louisville School of Medicine as well as CEO of University of Louisville Physicians-Eye Specialists for the past ten years. Over the years, I remained extremely connected to the sport of purebred dogs. While in college, I handled my parents' top winning Doberman Pinscher bitch, Ch. Jan-Har's Rose Croix. While in Graduate School, I handled multiple breeds from Old English Sheepdogs to West Highland White Terriers. While in the military, I finished, campaigned, and ranked the top winning Bullmastiff, Ch. Mr. U's Music Man, who went Group 1 at Westminster Kennel Club while I was deployed for Operation Desert Storm. My passion for the Collie never went away.

I finally fulfilled my dream and bred multiple Collie champions later in life once my career and family took root. These dogs include Ch. Strathmoor Sir William Wallace (BOS to BOB at the 2011 CCA National), Ch. Strathmoor A Fantasy Shared, Ch. Strathmoor Braeton Triple Crown, Ch. Strathmoor Dixieland Band, Ch. Strathmoor Sacred Ground (2nd AOAC 6-9 at the 2005 CCA National), and her offspring Ch. Overland Frozen In Time (1st AOAC 6-9 at the 2007 CCA National) and Ch. Overland Smoke on the Water (AOM at the 2012 CCA National), and my beloved Madame Butterfly (whose oil painting by Mike Cheatham still hangs in my dining room) just to name a few. I also owned, finished, and ranked my bitch, the incomparable Ch. Tartanside Attitude, as well as co-own and finished my bitch, Ch. Cobblecreek Sunrise Sunset, with my best friend Mike Van Tassell. Over the years, I have served as Vice President for the Collie Club of Kentucky and served a number of years as the CCA District Director for Kentucky as well. Additionally, I served as the Treasurer for the 2001 CCA National Specialty. I have written several published articles on the Collie. I am a licensed AKC Judge approved to judge Collies and 13 Herding breeds, 5 Working breeds, one Sporting breed, and Juniors. I am running for First Vice President of the Collie Club of America because I care about the Collie. I care about the future of our club. I care about the next generation of Collie fanciers and leaving our breed in good hands. I want to bring fresh ideas to the table, give our members a voice, and put words into actions so that I can make a difference for our entire Collie community. I have served on multiple university-wide committees via my place of employment, taught management courses at the USAF School of Healthcare Sciences, and served on national joint services committees with the United States Air Force. I have many years of experience in business management and organizational development. I believe I am uniquely qualified to fill this position with an open mind and as an advocate of fairness for all CCA members

For Second Vice-President – Lenell Nix

I would like to take this time to submit my name to serve as my intent and for your consideration for the office of the 2nd Vice President of the Collie Club of America. Below you will find a biography of activities involving collies and my service to the CCA to date.

I have owned collies since 2000 and have been a member of the Collie Club of America and Piedmont Collie Club since 2002. In that time I have served the PCC in various positions as president, vice president, treasurer, and board member, in addition to serving as show chair for 2 yrs. I also worked closely with the 2007 host show chair in the detail and planning of the 2007 CCA National Specialty. I have had the fortunate privilege to serve as the district director for NC since 2010.

Additionally, I have served on the Constitution Committee since 2010 and have thoroughly have enjoyed that opportunity as it has given me insight in to the governing document of our club in a more in depth manner. At the 2011 Nationals I had the opportunity to work with Lynn Meyers, and assist as needed with our National Trophies, and shortly thereafter have served as a committee member on the Trophy committee.

I have spent most of my adult life being self-employed. Within our company, I am responsible for the filing of annual corporate reports with the Secretary of State, as well as other documents with the state and federal governments. Additionally I am required to maintain extensive employee files to ensure that federal and state laws are met. Accuracy, attention to detail, and organization are of the utmost importance in these areas.

I have served almost two complete terms as the DD for North Carolina and have enjoyed every moment. That said, I feel that after four years, the time has come for another in our state to take the reins and take on this position. I am a firm believer that changes of people and moving into new or out of positions fosters great opportunities. While serving as DD as a

board member, I have been afforded the opportunity to not only represent my constituents concerns in NC, but I have seen how decisions as a whole impact our club. I am familiar with how the board works and the process goes into these decisions. I feel that this opportunity has prepared me to step into, if elected by the membership, the role of 2nd Vice President with ease and confidence in that I am up to speed on the current issues of the club. This will afford an easy transition.
Lenell Nix, NC

For Second Vice-President – Martha Ramer

I would like announce my intent to run for the office of 2nd Vice President of the CCA. I have been a CCA member for approximately 35 years. I have bred and owned Collies since 1971 under the Society Prefix.

I have bred and owned several CCA National Specialty winners beginning with winner dog in 1993 (Ch. Society Daytime Hero) as well as Best Opposite Sex Smooth in 2005 (Ch. Society There's Your Trouble ROM). I have also bred BOV Smooth/BOS/BOB in 2007 (Ch. Edenrock the Mask of Society ROM) and several other Award of Merit winners through out the years, all while having no more than 6 to 7 adult dogs at one time and one litter a year to year and a half.

I have been National Host Show Chair for the National Specialty in 2002 and 2010. I was co- Chair in 1985 and 1991. I was District Director in Southern California from 1990 – 1996. I have been president and most other offices in 2 local Collie clubs in Southern California. I currently co-chair the CCA National Show Committee with Darci Brown.

The CCA needs to move forward. There are many areas that need modernizing and I would like to be a part of that process. The Show rules need revising and updating. The Constitution also is in of updating. The AKC has been after us to reduce the size of the Board. No other Parent Club has the amount of voting Board members we do. There is a way to do this that will be advantageous to all.

I'm retired from working and from breeding Collies, therefore I have the time to devote to the CCA. I feel I have a lot offer. I enjoy working with others and look forward to helping in any way I can. The CCA is one of the largest and oldest Parent Clubs. We need to be a leader in the canine community. These times are difficult for dog fanciers with animal rights people fighting us every step of the way.

I hope you will consider me when making your choice this year for 2nd Vice President. Please feel free to email or call me with any ideas or questions you might have. I'll be happy to listen to and consider any of your suggestions or thoughts on any topic that is important to you.

For Treasurer – Mike Esch

I have been a Collie Club of America member since 1978. I was President for the CCA from 2000-2004 and have been Club Treasurer for the last nine years.

I work for Church & Dwight, Inc., a mid-cap consumer product company. Our brand names include Arm & Hammer, Trojan, Nair, Oxiclean, Close Up, Pepsodent, Simply Saline, Orajel, First Response, Trojan, Spinbrush and Xtra among others. I am responsible for the world-wide supply chain. I manage a \$1.2 billion dollar budget with a headcount of 3,520 people across 12 plants and 7 countries. I am responsible for setting budgets, managing assets and working to provide excellent service for our customers.

I have been show chair for three CCA Nationals and show treasurer for three other CCA Nationals. I am licensed to judge Collie and Shelties and am a lifetime member of the Central States Collie Club. I judged Bitches at the 2013 CCA National.

I would love to be your Treasurer for another 2 years.

For Secretary - Jane Clymer

I joined the CCA in 1976 after obtaining my first collie, Scotty, a Ch. Parader's Reflection grandson. Scotty was a great example of the collie breed and was a wonderful dog to help Tom and I raise our children. We moved many times over the years which allowed me to meet many collie friends and collies from various families to include in my breeding program.

While traveling this road in dogs, I joined all breed clubs working every job to help put on shows from President to Show Chairs from SEMO KC to Jefferson City/Sedalia All-breed Clubs, but upon moving to Kansas in 1987, joined the two specialty collie clubs available: Central Kansas Collie Club and Kansas City Collie Club, deciding to give my knowledge and business skills to work for the breed I loved. Working for these clubs in the capacities of President to Show Chair to Show Secretary. I joined the CCA Board in 1994 as District Director, then the Membership Committee in 1995, Herding Chair for the CCA 2000 National Specialty in Wichita and continued served the CCA upon becoming your Secretary in 2006 till now. My second breed is Keeshonden and belong to the local specialty club, HOAKC, based out of Kansas City and the National Keeshond Club of America. I have served as treasurer for the Heart of America Keeshond Club since 1991 and as treasurer for our hosting the KCA National specialty in 2001, 2004, 2007, and 2013.

I have served as your secretary for since 2006 and have enjoyed meeting all the wonderful members of the CCA in their various positions as volunteers at Nationals, via email, and phone. I've answered many, many questions regarding Collies while calling for help from our hard-working committee chairs and Board, when needed. Thank you all for always being there for me to count on for your knowledge and assistance. I wish to take this opportunity to say thank you for allowing me to serve as your secretary. If you wish, I will be willing to run for another term.

For Secretary – Kathy Moll

My name is Kathy Moll, and I am asking for your support to become Secretary of the Collie Club of America. This position is an important, time sensitive position that impacts the entire CCA membership. I pledge to keep the Board, committee chairs and the general membership informed by distributing the communiqué in a timely manner and will send any additional correspondence in between as you require. I promise to stay in communication with the Board in all matters. I will welcome their thoughts and discussion in order to best serve the members regardless of my personal views.

There is a growing need for open discussion from all CCA members on a variety of subjects. We must respect our members and support inclusion for every collie lover regardless of personal interests, opinions and goals. I have the utmost regard for the membership-at-large and support your right to vote and have your votes count. Our constitution and by-laws must never be ignored, I promise to uphold them faithfully.

My collie activities in conformation and obedience began in 1975. My first CD (companion dog) collie was a rough dog in 1978, followed by my first champion, also a rough dog, in 1980. Since then I am very proud to have bred and/or owned multiple Top 10 collies in both varieties, champions in both varieties in the upper double digits and many performance titled collies in obedience, rally, herding, agility and more. The wonderful owners of Deep River collies deserve most of the credit for our success! All of our CCA national wins make me proud but particularly these two: BOS to BOB from the 11 and older veteran's class and Most Versatile Collie in show.

I have been a CCA district director at least 10 times, starting in the early 80s, when there was a small combined NC/SC district, up to more recent times when NC alone has had a membership of 50 plus. I have been a Director at Large for two years now and have sent the communiqué to members in 7 states and 3 countries as well as information as needed between communiqués. I worked diligently for nearly two years on the 2007 CCA national in almost every capacity. I have been a supporter of Collie Rescue of the Carolinas (CRC) since its inception. CRC was one of the first Collie Rescue Foundation affiliates.

I have written numerous collie related articles over the past 35 years for the CCA Bulletin, COL, Collie Expressions, Collie Cues, Collie Review and the Cassette. These articles have covered a variety of subjects including health issues, breeding, showing, structure, performance and genetics.

My goal as your Secretary will be to provide prompt club-related information. Together we can rekindle enthusiasm in the Board and with members who feel they have no say in how the CCA is run. Together we can support and motivate our entire membership. We can make a difference! For all of these reasons, I would very much appreciate your vote.

For Director At Large (2014 – 2020) - Hildegard S. Morgan

I would like to submit my name as a candidate for the position of Director-at-Large for the 2013 election. I have loved and been “owned by” collies for over 60 years as my first collie came as a birthday present from my parents when I was 12. After purchasing my first show collie from Mary Hutchinson in 1972, I joined CCA and have lived with collies ever since. As a brand new club member of the Mason-Dixon Collie Club I was drafted into serving as show chairman when the chairman had to resign. I well remember the “good old days” of the ‘70s when we had time to visit, tailgate at shows, and go out to see litters. The Collie Club of Maryland summer picnics are amongst my fondest memories.

Though my first love is conformation, I have also titled in obedience, rally, herding and tracking. I have had the honor of judging collies and junior showmanship since 2000. I now judge 12 herding breeds and 5 non-sporting breeds.

Over the years I have served CCA on the Working Collie Committee and as trial secretary for two herding regionals. I was editor of two yearbooks, 1974 and 1975. In the formative years of the Collie Health Foundation I was drafted by Sandy Draper to serve as treasurer, and recently I was secretary of CHF. Early on I was an officer of the Charleston Kennel Club. For the past 30+ years I have served in many capacities for the Collie Club of Colorado and Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club.

For Director At Large (2014 – 2020) - Barbara Schwartz

My name is Barbara Schwartz and I am running for re-election as Director At Large for the CC of A. I am a 50 year member of the Club as of this year. I fell in love with the collie when I was 5 years old and started showing them in the early 60's. I have been totally dedicated to the breed (emotionally, physically, intellectually and financially) ever since. I am presently an AKC Delegate representing the St. Louis Collie Club. I am active in the Legislative Problems facing all animal lovers, breeders and owners. This interest started when NH breeders ran into problems with legislative proposed by PETA and HSUS in the early 1970's. Members of all the dog clubs and all of the organizations that were involved with animals formed DOGS (Dog Owners Of the Granite State) which is the first state to have such an organization. To date we have never lost a battle with the AR and have been able to pass legislation that is beneficial to all animals.

I received my AKC License to judge collies in 1970 and have been fortunate to have judged specialties in all parts of the US and Canada. I have had the honor to judge the CC of A National twice. I am now licensed to judge Shetland Sheepdogs, Doberman Pinschers, Great Danes and Junior Showmanship.

Because of the wonderful mentors who took the time to help me when I started, I felt that I had to carry on the tradition of giving back to the Collie. Thus I have worked for the club in many different ways over the years. Some of these are:

1. Written several articles for the Yearbook that include a history of the CC of LI for the 1965 Yearbook and THE UNPARDONABLE FAULT which first appeared in the 1975 BULLETIN and was republished in the 1980 Yearbook. I was the writer for the Collie Column for the AKC Gazette.
2. New Hampshire District Director for many years.
3. Speaker for the first Collie Judges Education presentation at the Tampa National chaired by Bobbee Roos and was one of the panel speakers at the Breeders Education Seminar for the 2013 CCA National.
4. Helped produce the first breed study of gait that is now on CD: A STUDY OF COLLIE GAIT that was done for the CC of A by Rachel Page Elliott.
5. Created the CC of A Health Committee when we were first faced with the Corona and Parvovirus out breaks in 1978 and served as Chairman from 1979 until 2000. I was one of the founding members of the CC of A Health Foundation.
6. Served as Chairman for 2 of the TOP 10 Competitions at Nationals in Ohio and Virginia Beach.
7. Re-introduced the CC of A Legislative Committee and have served as co-chairman, a position I still hold today.

I have tried to do the best for the club (never having missed a vote) and ask for the honor of serving you for another term as Director At Large.