

**May 19, 2014**

**Included:** New Members & Reinstates  
Treasurer's Reports – March and April  
Annual and Board Meeting Minutes  
Proposal for Jr. Showmanship  
Bid Notice – Herding Regional 2015  
Note from Les Canavan  
Co-Chairs 2017 National Specialty  
New Committee Chairs and Members  
Committee Report – Public Relations  
New Challenge Trophy – S. Lingenfelter



**Vote:** New Members & Reinstates  
Treasurer's Report – March and April  
Ratification of the EC decision to approve printing and mailing of the Calendar

**Discussion** Motion – cease publication of the Newsletter  
-- keep the publication of the Newsletter  
Volunteer to work with Mary Kummer  
Nomination for a new AKC Delegate  
From SR – change to SR (Non-reg Herding Titled Classes)  
Presentation of the New Committee Chairs, Members, and Committee  
Co-Chairs 2017 National Specialty  
New Challenge Trophy – S. Lingenfelter  
Wish List from Marge Tuff, Jr. Showmanship Committee

***Collie Club of America, Inc.***  
***2015 National Specialty***  
***“Follow That Dream”***  
***March 11 – March 14, 2015***  
**Cox Convention Center Exhibit Hall, Oklahoma City OK**

## **President's Message**

As I start my term as your President I would like to thank each of you for your support and welcome the new DDs and Officers. At the DD meeting at the National I presented my Committee Chairs and their Committees; they are included in this Communiqué. I ask for your support on these Chairs and Committee members. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me to discuss them.

I know there are a few things that are still up in the air from the last year. We need to address the newsletter: I feel we need to keep it in place until such time that we have a way to get the news to club members other than the Bulletin. I have created some new committees and my hope is we all will benefit from them and be able to keep the membership informed of the business of the CCA. We also need to move forward on the recommendation of the Realignment Committee. I am of the understanding the vote was to pursue realignment so we need to continue to fine tune how we are going to proceed.

Also included in this Communiqué is the resignation of our Delegate to AKC, Hal Sundstrom. I have talked to him personally and thanked him for his service for the CCA. He has been our Delegate for 28 years. He is a true gentleman and has served our club with great respect of the AKC and in turn we are a better club because of him and his service. If you have a chance, please drop him a note and thank him for his to service to the CCA. Now this brings us to replacing him. The constitution states “Filling of the vacant position shall be done by the President naming a successor, after which the Board of Directors will ask for additional nomination of candidates, with a subsequent Board of Directors preliminary vote” so if you could survey your members and ask them to send me a note stating their willingness to run, I will make a nomination and we can proceed. Hal will continue to serve us until he is replaced. I have had two members contact me already with their willingness to serve.

As you all know we had a problem with getting the calendar out this year, Mikki had some very personal problems and lost her sister. I thank her for all the time and effort she has given our club over the years.

I would like to thank Mike Esch for taking the time to drive many hours to Mikki's home and get all the materials so we could get the Calendar done by the National.

I would like to propose that we look to an outside source to do our calendar; I have talked to a few people and they are interested in doing the calendar.

I would like to thank Nancy for stepping up and getting the calendar done and ready to be handed out at National.

Last but not least I would like to thank Pati and Les for their service to our club, and all the other DDs that have served in the last term. They have done us a great service; please take time to thank them for their service to the CCA and the members.

Mike Van Tassell  
President, CCA

## Secretary's Message

Welcome to the new Board of the CCA. If you have questions, please contact me at [ccasec@tctelco.net](mailto:ccasec@tctelco.net). Hope you have taken the time to familiarize yourselves with the Constitution, Code of Ethics, Show Rules, and the Director's Guide. If you are a new district director, please work with the previous district director for information or contact myself, but don't hesitate to ask questions because we can guarantee you others will always benefit from your questions.

We wish to thank Laura LaBounty and her wonderful committee for all their efforts and wonderful presentation for the Collie Club of America and the Collie. We had a great time, visited with old friends and made new ones, the weather was a little chilly but the dogs loved it, but most of the entire Club extends our appreciation for all of your hard work.

The Bulletin is preparing the National issue of the Bulletin and we know you will enjoy all the pictures and articles that serve as a reminder of the wonderful week in Massachusetts. Thanks for the invite.

During the National we hope you stopped by the CCA table and picked up your 2013 Yearbook again a superb job done by the Yearbook Staff and Editor, Michelle Esch-Brooks. At the table, we also distributed the CCA Calendar to those in attendance. Thank you to all that pick up your materials and saved us so much on postage and mailing expenses.

In the month of May, the request for bids for CCA 2018 will be going out to Zone 2. They will be asked to respond if they will be submitting a bid by August 1, 2014. Please work closely with our National Show Chairs, Martha Ramer, [societycol@earthlink.net](mailto:societycol@earthlink.net), and Darci Brown, [dbhappyhr@hotmail.com](mailto:dbhappyhr@hotmail.com), which are there to help you with questions regarding your bids submission and needed informational details.

Hope your summer is wonderful,  
Janie

From Les Canavan

To Janie Clymer, Secretary CCA,

I, Leslie Canavan, am requesting that you remove my name from the list of potential judges for the National Specialties. I have judged it three times and feel that at this point I would rather enjoy the show as a spectator and be able to see all dogs and friends both old and new, without restrictions. I will, however, continue to accept other judging assignments.

Thanks to the CCA for having selected me in the past for this honor and to the great dogs that I had the privilege of judging.

Les Canavan

**Collie Club of America, Inc.**  
**Tuesday, April 8, 2014 W. Springfield MA**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting for the Collie Club of America was convened on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 in W. Springfield, MA, at 5:30 PM. The Secretary passed out sign-up sheets to the members. During this time, the President congratulated Laura LaBounty and her committee for their hard work on behalf of the CCA. The President acknowledged the officers, and district directors. The President asked if there was a quorum and the secretary stated no. The President announced that all officer and committee reports will be published in the 2014 Yearbook and asked the members to support the efforts of editor, Michelle Brooks.

The President called for a minute of silence and the secretary to read the names of those deceased in 2013. She noted that their names have also been included in the show catalog.

**2013**

**Lisa Ale, CAS**  
**Florence Beck, NYS**  
**Marcia Berg, KS**  
**Elizabeth DeArment, VA**  
**Helen Denton, GA**  
**Marjoirie Kirsch, PA**  
**Sylvie Lingenfelter, OK**  
**Judi Parks, CO**  
**Jerri Poncey, CA**  
**Helen A. Reich, NJ**  
**Rosemary Roberts, MA**  
**Eunice A. Safford, VA**  
**Glen Twiford, CAS**  
**Candance Wisnieski, NJ**  
**Helen Zavalney, MI**

The President called for the reading of the new 50 year members in the CCA. Congratulations to all.

**John G. Buddie, PA**  
**Thomas W. Coen, MA**  
**Joyce Houser, IN**  
**Helga Kane, CA**  
**Margaret B. Mathis, NY**  
**Louise K. Russell, NJ**  
**Rosaline Sanders, CA**  
**Lily Sayre, FL**  
**Barbara Schwartz, NH**  
**Gloria L. Thorson, IL**

The secretary was asked to read the names of all of the above and the certificates were presented to those in attendance: John Buddie, Tom Coen, Louise K. Russell, and Barbara Schwartz. All those not attending will be mailed their letters of congratulations after the National. The President then asked that all 50 year members in attendance to please stand.

The President announced the awarding of the Elisabeth Browning Memorial trophy awarded to the top winning Blue Merle during the previous year, formerly known by many as the Ch. ToKalan's Blue Banner, CD bowl to Ch. Provenhill Devilious owned by Kris Provenzano and Leigh Cohen.

Michelle Esch Brooks was asked to come forward and show the 2013 Yearbook – she announced it has 640 pages and over 125 ads – everyone cheered. Michelle has agreed to do it again next year – everyone CHEERED again. Thanks Michelle!

The President thanked all of our show judges if any were in attendance – and if so asked them to stand and we thanked them

The President called for Roxann Heit to say a few words about the invite to CCA 2015 in Oklahoma City. Roxann said that everything is on track and information will soon be up on the CCA website. Roxann said there would be a flyer at every set up and on the reserved seats.

President then called for the decision to break the tie for the districts of NE and VA.

NE – between Alisa Pesek - Carolyn Foreman.....selected Carolyn Foreman

VA – between Shelley Roos - Kathy Drabik.....selected Kathy Drabik

President calls for a motion to adjourn. Mike Esch made the motion, the group seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Clymer

Secretary

**PS.** New 50 year member Margaret Mathis, NY, managed to attend later in the week and was presented her letter of recognition by President Merrill and a picture was taken with Ms. Mathis, President Merrill and Jane Clymer courtesy of timely photographer, Mary Cox, WA. Thank you, Mary, for assisting us with this presentation to our deserving member.

### **Minutes Board Meeting – W. Springfield, MA – Wednesday, April 9, 2014**

**Attendance:** Pati Merrill, President; Pam Eddy, Isabel Ososki, Barbara Schwartz, Kathy Moll, Jane Clymer, Nadine Beckwith-Olson, Kris Provenzano, Martha Skilton, Mike Esch, Larry Willeford, En Harriet Chang, John Buddie, Sue Kuechenmeister, Jackie Caruso, Suzanne Benchoff,

**Guests:** Michelle Brooks, Marjorie Tuff, Jr. Showmanship; Mike Van Tassell, Sally Futh, Robert Futh, Jeffery Tallackson, Katie Skilton, Nancy Hehre, Kathy Drabik, Carrie Lenhart, Martha Ramer

The secretary passed out sign-up sheets for those in attendance. The President called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM after the day's judging. She welcomed all directors and guests and asked all to introduce themselves to the group. The President asked if there was a quorum present and the answer was no.

She asked if there were any reports from the secretary and the answer was no. Then she asked Mike Esch to go over his treasurer's report as he passed out copies to all. He pointed out financial concerns from the publication of the Calendar, but stated that it had been completed and was available. All of those not picked up during the National would be mailed by Saturday, April 12, 2014. The President said that the expense of the Calendar would be published and ratified by the Board in the next Communique'.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Marge Tuff, Jr. Showmanship Chairman asked for a few minutes to tell us about her "Wish List" for the Junior Showmanship program and asked for the help of the CCA.

#### **Ideals from Marjorie Tuff at 2014 CCA National**

"This is my wish list:

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Wish II: I would like to offer our juniors the opportunity of attending National seminars free of charge.

Wish III: I would like Show Rules to establish a yearly protocol to have a room set aside on Thursday evening 1 hour after judging for Junior education, and on Friday to have the main ring available 1 hour after judging for the Junior clinic.

Wish IV: I would like the Show Rules to set the fee for the Top Twenty Juniors at \$10.”

We thanked her and said that this would be included in the next Communique’ presented to the Board.

Then the floor was turned over to Mike Van Tassell incoming President, to read his list of incoming Committee Chairs. This too will be presented in the next communique’.

A motion to adjournment was called by Mike Esch and seconded by Jackie Caruso. Meeting closed at 6:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Clymer

Secretary

### **Proposal from Marjorie Tuff Presented at the Board Meeting at 2014 CCA National**

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### **Resignation of American Kennel Club Delegate**

April 11, 2014

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To the Board of Directors  
The Collie Club of America, Inc.  
Office of the Secretary  
3385 Upland Road  
Lost Springs, KS 66859-9654

Subject: Resignation of American Kennel Club Delegate

Acting within the scope of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Collie Club of America., Inc., Article III, Section 9, Delegate, the undersigned herewith resigns as the American Kennel Club Delegate effective upon the election of his successor by the Board of Directors and subsequent approval of the American Kennel Club Board of Directors.

This process may take several months. Accordingly, your Delegate will continue to fulfill the duties of office until the successor election procedures are completed.

Thank you for your continued confidence, with assurance that the pleasure to serve our breed, our members and club as Delegate for 28 years, as always, has been yours truly.

Fondly,

Harold W. “Hal” Sundstrom, Delegate

The Collie Club of America., Inc.  
Castle Rock  
1 Wadsworth Court  
Greer, SC 29651

cc: President Van Tassell  
Board of Directors

### **Herding Regional Bids 2015**

Just a reminder that Regional Bids for 2015 are still being > accepted by the WCC.

Completed Bids can be sent to Jeanine Blaner j\_9b@hotmail.com and Linda Holloway, contact information below.

Please email or call if you have any questions or ideas about hosting a Herding Regional . You will find the Bid Form on the CCA website....herding page....<http://collieclubofamerica.org/herding.html> and here's a link to the document itself (it will open in Word): <http://www.collieclubofamerica.org/herding/2015-Regionals/2015%20Regionals%20Bid%20Form.doc>

Linda Holloway  
bccowgirl3@poncacity.net  
580 716 9002

### **Bio for 2017 CCA Show Chairman, Cindy Weiner-Robinson (Edenrock Collies)**

I have been a member of Collie Club of America for over 25 years. I was born and raised into the collie world. I have bred and owned over 90 champions under the “Edenrock” prefix including National winners. I was Best Junior Handler at the CCA in 1981 and was the handler of Ch. Blossom Hill Full Circle, the top winning collie in the history of our breed.

I have been the chairperson for several committees associated with the Collie Club of America National Specialty, as well as been co-chair of the Top 20 Invitational at CCA. I have been a member of the Sacramento Valley Collie Club for over 20 years and currently have been the VP for the last 7 years. I have also been a member of the Nor Cal Collie Club for over 15 years. I have held different officer roles in each club. I was a member of the San Joaquin Kennel Club all breed club for 10 years.

I am very excited for the opportunity to be the 2017 CCA Show Chairman!

### **CCA 2017 National Co-Chairman, Marian Darrow – Heatherlyn Collies**

In November of 1985 I bought, then finished my first “show” collie from Edenrock Collies. In the spring of 1986 I attended my first dog show and joined the Sacramento Valley Collie Club, Inc. Later that same year I joined the CCA.. During 1987 I was voted in as the Show Chairman and Treasurer of Sacramento Valley Collie Club, Inc. and still have those same positions to this day. I am also a member of the CCA Collie Health Foundation. For the National that was held in Reno, I took on the duty of being the Ribbon Chairman.

I have put championships on numerous dogs that I have bred and/or owned since getting that first show dog 1987 under the prefix of “Heatherlyn.” One thing I am very proud of is many of those dogs were finished from the bred-by class.

Over the last 27 years there have been very few Nationals that I have not attended and I am so looking forward to being able to help put on this National that is being held in Sacramento in 2017!

## Meet the COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2014 -2016

### AKC Gazette Columnist

#### **Marianne Sullivan, Chair**

Millknock Collies  
CCA member for 40 years  
Writer/Contributor AKC Gazette Magazine Breed Column  
DWAA 2014 prize for Best Online Column AKC Gazette  
Served as CCA Virginia District Director for 10 years  
Served on Board and past President of Collie Rescue Foundation, Inc  
Quarter Century Collie Group Member  
Member of Chesapeake Collie Club  
Member (past Board Member) of Charlottesville-Albemarle Kennel Club  
Staff member of CCA Bulletin  
Past Writer/Photographer/Contributor of *Collie Expressions Magazine*

### AKC Legislative Liaison

#### **Barbara Schwartz, Co-chair**

I first became aware of the Animal Rights true goals in 1978. HSUS and PETA came to New Hampshire to introduce mandatory kenneling rules based on one rule for all breeds of dogs. This caused the breed clubs, all breed clubs, training clubs to form DOGS organization (Dog Owners of the Granite State). We won our first battle and have not lost a fight with them.

I have been chairman of the CC of A Legislative since it was proposed. I have tried to keep our members informed about dangerous local, state, and federal laws that our ability to own and raise our dogs.

Since all government is essentially local, we need to be vigilant so that a very rabid Animal Rights movement is met is met with strong opposition. To meet this end, the committee has been sending out notices to all the Directors when there is a National problem looming. We send out notices to the Directors of states that have some legislation pending, so that they can rally their members in a timely manner

All members must take responsibility for contacting their legislators (national, state and local) to actively protect our rights to breed, show , work and even own dogs. If we do not act, we are only one generation from extinction

#### **Vicki Loucks, Co-chair**

I became interested in legislative issues and how they effect dogs and dog owners in the 1980's after reading Patti Strand's book *Hijacking of the Humane Movement* A MUST READ FOR ANY DOG OWNER. I started paying attention and became active in trying to help have good enforceable laws for Animal Control. Good laws or legislation is minimal wording with good definitions and enforceable language that does not impede on personal property rights.

Everyone needs to pay attention to what is going on locally and be willing to try and make good changes. One way to impress people is to be responsible in your breeding, help with rescue in some capacity and educate the pet owning public.

### Archives

#### **Gayle Kaye, Chair**

I am a 45 year member of CCA. Breeder of Chelsea Collies. Current CCA Officer (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) and soon to be 1<sup>st</sup> VP. Over the years I have edited or co-edited just about every CCA publication there is and I am the author of two award winning books including the 2009 DWAA 'Best in Show' winner, "The Collie in America". I am the current Chair of Archives and Co-Chair of the Judge's Education Committee. I was the AKC Gazette Columnist for 12 years; I developed the "Register of Merit" system; a past Chair of Ethics, and a past member of numerous other committees.

I am an AKC licensed judge for Collies and was given the honor of judging "Breed" at the 2013 National. I am a member of the Quarter Century Collie Club, Collie Health Foundation and Dog Writer's Association of America. Currently I serve on the Collie Health Foundation Board of Directors.

## **Assist Secretary (Show Materials)**

### **LouAnn Young, Chair**

This committee was formed to distribute the hard copy items from storage to our members. They store and distribute the Yearbooks and the Library of Champion books that are left after they have been distributed to members. Also in storage are copies of the Illustrated Standard, the Versatile Collie, and among other items the Collie Handbook. Louann herself takes in the order forms which are included in the Newsletter, the website, and in the new member packets, then contacts her committee members to mail the item to the member as requested. She collects the checks, records, and mail to the treasurer. Her committee workers to manage the mailing are **Buddy Morris, Larry Willeford, and Debbie Van Tassell.**

## **Assistant Secretary (Show Permissions/Trophies)**

### **Judy B. Guthrie, Chair**

Since 2005 I have served as the Collie Club of America's Assistant Secretary of Show Permissions & Trophies. During my 9 year tenure in this position I have achieved 100% of CCA clubs sending in their Applications for Parent Club Consent (as required by AKC). Most clubs are still presenting the beautiful pewter loving cup. I have worked very closely with our supplier to continue to provide the membership with a quality product at a reasonable cost. Also, to have this beautiful cup delivered to the clubs in a timely manner free of defects.

I live in the Richmond, Virginia area. In 1979, my husband and I purchased our first collie. Our search for a stud dog took us to our first Dog Show at which we met some of the local club members and the rest is history. We joined the Central Virginia Collie Club in 1984 in which I have held the offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer and at present hold the office of Vice President. Also, for the CVCC I have been co-chairperson, show secretary & trophy chairperson for our yearly specialty. In 1986, Joe and I became members of the Collie Club of America. My first CCA National Specialty was in Chicago in 1986 and I have attended all but 4 Nationals since that year. When the Nationals came to Virginia Beach I was co-chairperson of the Reserve Seating Committee. Our kennel name is Kelsie Collies under which we do a limited amount of breeding.

I hope the above tells you a little bit about me so that you will feel comfortable in approving me to continue as the Collie Club of America's Assistant Secretary of Show Permissions & Trophies.

## **Audio& Visual Librarian**

### **Kathy Peters, Chair**

In the late 1950's the CCA Film Library audio-visual began with a vision by Robert O. Smith's slide set Collie Standard Right and Wrong and followed by Virginia Benderly with her 16mm movie films under rent-return programs for Club meetings around the country.

In 1974, then C.C.A. President, Ada Shirley appointed me as Chairman of the Film Library and I still remain in this office today. With the coming age of digital, the Board of Directors approved "save the films project" in 2007-2008 and accordingly the film library is slowly being transferred to DVD discs which will insure the preservation of archival footage and also allow members and fanciers to purchase rather than the old system of rent-return program. Many new films have been added in the past few years and the Library is always open for old and new to be safely stored in one location.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

## **Audit Committee**

### **Lynn Arneson, Co-chair**

I graduated in 1988 with a BS in Accounting and Fiancé from University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. I have worked in manufacturing and service industries, responsible for accounts receivable, accounts payable, general ledger, and payroll. I am currently employed by New Media Training Arts Centers, DBA Madison Media Institute as the sole accountant. Madison Media Institute is a technical school, with approximately 300 students. I am responsible for accounts receivable, accounts payable, general ledger, and payroll.

### **Cheryl Sulewski, Co-chair**

I have been in collies since 2001. My family and I show dogs under the kennel name Jereco. We started with a performance dog and titled dogs in obedience and rally. My other hobby is photography which makes dog shows a great way to join the two. I also have degrees in accounting and agriculture and have worked as an accountant for over twenty years. I am co chair of the audit committee and have been also a part of the yearbook committee. I enjoy giving back to the club that has given me so much.

## **Board Realignment**

### **Lori Montero, Chair**

CCA member since 1992. Past District Director for North Carolina and currently serving as the Membership Chair. Merchandise Chair for 2007, 2010, and 2012 CCA National Specialty shows. Announcer for the 2010, 2011 and 2012 CCA National Specialty shows.

President's Award recipient for Collie Health Foundation; served CHF as Newsletter Editor, Secretary and Corporator.

Showed my first Collie at the age of 4; have been breeding Collies under the "LoriMar" registered kennel prefix. AKC judge.

### **Kris Provenzano**

CCA member for 20+ yrs. I am District Director for NJ currently serving my third term. I am a past member of the Breed Education committee and I am the Secretary/Treasurer for the Tuff Quest. I have been breeding and showing in conformation since 1987 under the "Provenhill" kennel name.

### **Adria Weiner**

My love of the collie began when, as a youngster, I read the books of Terhune and his wonderful collies. As a teenager I made up the name Edenrock and along with my family (sisters, daughters and nieces) I have shown and bred collies for well over 50 years. Edenrock has enjoyed much success in the breed ring by producing National and Specialty winners, along with collies who have excelled in the all breed and performance arena.

In 1993 I obtained my AKC judging license and in 2005 I was honored to judge our National Specialty. I currently am licensed to judge Collies, Shetland Sheepdogs, and Junior Showmanship.

I have been a long time member of the Collie Club of America and local breed clubs. During this time, I have acted as a CCA District Director for Northern CA, served as a member of our Breeder Education Committee, and participated in numerous breed seminars. As an official breed mentor for the collie I have chaired presentations of the collie to various all breed judges groups, and helped many newcomers to the breed.

My hobbies include various recreational activities with my family and trail riding the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains on my trusty TWH horse, DOM.

### **Helga Kane**

I have been a member of the Collie Club of America since 1963. I have served on the Health Committee, Ethics Committee, Education Committee, National Trophy Committee, and Show Rules Committee. I have Chaired the Constitution Committee and National Trophy Committee and co-chaired the production of the film "Collie Presentation" for CCA Film Library. Also worked with Stamp Advisory Comm. to get the Collie on the 1984 U.S. postage stamp and coordinated the 1991 CCA Judge's Seminar.

I have served as vice-president of the Collie Club of America Foundation (CHF) since its inception in 1986, served as Chair of its Grants Committee for several years, I was twice President of CHF, the most recent term being for four years.

I have served as Treasurer of the So. California CCA District for 14 years. Served as Treasurer for the 2010 CCA National Show. Have held membership in a local All Breed Club for over 33 years and was a founding member of the South Bay Collie Fanciers, Inc. for which I have held several offices and am presently serving as Club President.

I have been an exhibitor and breeder of collies for over 48 years and have been licensed to judge collies since 1983. I have been privileged to officiate at the CCA National Specialty three times. I am also licensed to judge Shetland Sheepdogs, Australian Shepherds, Cardigan and Pembroke Welsh Corgis and Junior Handling.

### **Nadine Beckwith-Olson**

I have been a member of the CCA since 1986. I am currently serving my second consecutive term as District Director for Iowa. I am a charter member of the Central Iowa Collie Club. I have served as President 2000-2006, Secretary 2006-2007 and Show Chair 2006-2009. I belong to an all-breed club, the Cyclone Country Kennel Club of Ames. I was a member from 1985 -1989 and 1992 to the present. I have been secretary, a board member, show chairman, chief ring steward and served on other committees and capacities.

I am currently employed full time at the USDA National Veterinary Services Laboratory. I work in the Pathobiology Laboratory running molecular diagnostics. I have a Master's degree in Sociology with a concentration in research methods and statistics. I have worked on both experimental design studies and survey research studies. I feel that I can look at numbers of members and determine fair and equal representation without bias.

## **Breed Education**

### **Patt Caldwell, Chair – Alaric Collies**

The President has me asked to continue serving as the Chairperson for the Breed Education Committee. I held this position in 2006-2008 and again in 2010-14. I have worked with a group of extremely dedicated members whose passion was evident in the quality of their planning. I am honored to have been asked to return to this position and will do my best to give the best back to our membership.

I am a teacher of 38 years; teaching 8.5 years in inner city Kansas City, Missouri and then in the Chicagoland area in both special education and regular education at the middle school level and elementary special education level. I currently teach in a K-1 class for developmentally delayed children.

I have held membership with CCA since 1976 when I also became a member of the Kansas City Collie Club where I held the office of vice president and education, and assisted with putting on several shows. I mentored under Jo and Kenneth Fox of Tel Star Collies. Together Jo Fox and I created and sewed an autographed collie quilt donating the proceeds, a bit over \$2000, to the Centennial show. My move to Chicagoland placed me with Central States Collie Club where I have served several terms as president, vice president, secretary, and Board Member. I am also a member of the Collie Health Foundation and Quarter Century Group. I have worked with Marjorie Tuff as her assistant for Junior Showmanship since 2008 and have an all-breed provisional AKC license for junior showmanship.

I served seven very active terms as one of two DDs for Illinois, one two term as the first CCA Scheduler, and have also served as election coordinator for CCA. I have written several articles for both the *Bulletin* and *Collie Expressions* and had two articles published in the *Collie Annual*. As a feature writer for Groom 'N Gait magazine, published way back by Pat Beier, I amused readers with the "Tara the Tarable" stories. Writing is a passion.

On the local breed education front, I have given three presentations on structure and gait to local collie clubs, one on the importance of communication, several on coat conditioning, another on stages of puppy development, and have created Collie Bingo, used by area clubs and at a junior's seminar in Connecticut. I co-presented the structure segment of the Breed Education seminar with Candy Wisnieski at the 2011 National in Oklahoma. Jean Framke and I were/are the driving force behind Midwest Collie Connection, a joint effort of both Illiana Collie Fanciers and Central States Collie Club, to bring educational seminars into our clubs' area. Together, we produced 6 successful seminars.

On the home front, I do volunteer Church work and both wrote and directed my local Church's Vacation Bible School for five years. I have served on numerous standing school committees and with my team piloted block scheduling at our Middle School. I have formally mentored 16 new teachers for my current District including three new teachers this year. Academically, I obtained a Master's in Educational Leadership in 2003 and a second Master's as a Reading Specialist in 2010.

As my children were growing up and as a working mom, show activities and breeding were curtailed. We have owned and bred some lovely collies. While showing limitedly and as a small kennel, we have placed: in the rough bred by class at the National three times (2006, 2008, 2013), in American Bred (2001), in the rough open tri bitch class (2006), in the open

smooth bitch class (1994), received an AOM (2012) , have been awarded BOB, BOS to BOB, BOV, WD, WB, RWD and RWB at numerous collie specialties in addition to placing in the all-breed group several times. In May 2014, I will have judged my 10<sup>th</sup> sweepstakes and have judged 5 matches including the Lad Match at Sunnybank in 2010. I have helped ring steward 10 times including at last year's National.

I believe that the purpose of our Club is to safeguard the health and well-being of our collie while promoting quality education for its membership. As Breed Education chair, I will continue to work ardently with a well- defined and passionate committee to enhance the welfare of our breed through the education of our members.

### **Barbara Cleek – Lochlaren Collies**

I purchased my first collie in 1965 and joined the Collie Club of America in March of 1967. Lochlaren officially came into being with my first litter 46 years ago, January 16, 1968, sired by Ch Parader's Reflection, the dam being my second collie, a Ch Parader PZ Pawnee daughter. Over the years, I have tried to keep our number of dogs between 6 and 10, so I chose to concentrate on bitches and line breeding. This has resulted in several generations of quality girls that have taken every major award available to bitches at the National level, thanks to Ch Lochlaren Monkishines (RW 1985), Ch Lochlaren Look At Me (Am Bred 1986), Ch Lochlaren's Theme Song (Best BBX 1991), Ch Rosebank Lochlaren Keep It A Secret (WB/BW 2006, BOV/BOB 2007, BOS/BOB 2008, Select 2012), Ch Marleste Lochlaren Hey There! HC (AOMs in 2010 and 2011), and Ch Lochlaren's Becoming Jane (WB/BOW 2011).

In 2003 Jackie Morfitt and I decided to invest in a beautiful Barksdale bred male puppy, Ch Barksdale Lochlaren Liaison, ROM, who has exceeded our expectations, producing 60 Champions to date, along with Select Dog 2012, AOMs in 2006/2010,2013 and Best Stud Dog 2008, 2012'2013.

I served on our Breed education committee from 2005-2008 and then again 2010-14, have been a member of our Quarter Century Group since 1992, have been active and have held just about every office in our local Pacific NW Collie Club, and CCA District Director for Oregon off and on throughout the years. I am currently Assistant Treasurer for the Collie Health Foundation and am starting a term on the Board of Directors. Breeding and conformation is my first love, but I also participate in herding events and have an interest in all performance events.

I am very pleased to have been asked to serve on this CCA educational committee again, and I look forward to our projects and the future CCA seminars.

### **Debbie Holland – Fantasy Collies**

Accomplishments of Debbie Holland and Fantasy Collies:

- Acquired first collie in 1970
- Participated in 3 breed education presentations
- Gave educational presentations for Central States Collie Club, CCA Northern California Members, Collie Fanciers of Japan (three times)
- Grooming seminar: Midwest Collie Connection (IL), Getting to Know You gathering (Alabama )
- Former member of CCA Breed Education
- CCA: BOB 2010
- CCA: WB 1996, 1997, handled 1999, 2002
- CCA: handled BOS to BOV 1994, 1995, 2001, 2002; 2003, 2006 WB,BW 2004, RWD 2006
- RWD 2007, handled WD- smooth, WB/BW smooth
- 2009 WD smooth, WB smooth
- CCA:WD 1998, 1993 handled BOV Smooth
- BOV handled Westminster 2000.
- Champion Fantasy's Bronze Talisman, Brandon, has produced 167 champions
- Produced numerous ROMs

### **Nancy McDonald - Barksdale Collies**

I bred my first Collie litter while still in high school from a wonderful pet shop bitch in the late 60s. Since then, there have been over 50 homebred Barksdale champions, including CCA winners Ch. Barksdale Early Light, Multi-BIS Ch. Barksdale Blush, ROM, Ch. Barksdale Beneficiary, ROM, ROM-P and Ch. Barksdale Beauregard of Belleville. Only

breeder/owner/handler of Hawkins #1 Collies – Blush 1994 and Beneficiary, 2004.

Other homebred ROMs are Ch. Barksdale Luminary, and Barbara Cleek's Ch. Barksdale Lochlaren Liaison, ROM, top sire in the breed and herding group for 2012, and top sire in the breed for 2013. Numerous other CCA Select, Merit Award, and stud dog and brood bitch class wins. I'm proud to show my own dogs in the BBE class and have 20 AKC medallions for finishing titles exclusively in that class. Retired Dot Gerth trophy for winning Best BBE at CCA 1997, 2002, 2003.

Collies from the Barksdale family have excelled in the performance arena, also - Barksdale Regimental Colors was High in Trial at both obedience trials at CCA 2006, his kennelmate, Barksdale Expressly Yours VCD1 UD HT AXJ AJP is multi-titled and was been nationally ranked for several years. CH Barksdale On 'Er Guard CD HSAd OAP and Ch. Barksdale Fantasia, CD, HT are also CCA Versatility titlists.

I have published Collie Expressions since 1992, have been President, VP, and Treasurer of the Collie Health Foundation since 2002, am a Quarter Century member. I have served on breed Education committee 2005-present, served on CCA Standard Review Committee 2009, and have devoted most of my life to learning about and sharing knowledge of Collies.

### **Larry Parsons - Cheviot**

My spouse Nancy Parsons (the original Collie person of the family) got our first Collie in 1975. We had our first litter in 1987 and have been very fortunate to win WD twice and WB once at the CCA National Specialty. Our latest WD at the National Specialty received his ROM in 2012—our first and only. Nancy is the show person of the family, but I've managed to put a couple majors on our dogs along the way. I have an honorary master's degree in chain link fence construction, maintenance grooming, and puppy training.

I have been a CCA member for about 30 years and am a Quarter Century Club member. I attended my first CCA National Specialty in 1984 and try to attend each year. Nancy and I were active NE Collie Club members (our nearest CC) when Steve Fields was alive. I was their show chairmen once, but we are no longer active members because of the six hour round trip drive.

I was president of the Sioux Empire Kennel Club, SD, for 2 years in 1980 and show chairmen twice. Nancy and I are currently doing the club's conformation classes and developed a 6 week course that is a work in progress. The course gets continuously revised after a new seminar or book.

### **Mary Robischon - Galatean**

My experience with Collies came from happenstance. While visiting our Grandmother in New Hampshire, my sister and I were escorted (herded) back to our Grandmother's home by a tri-color collie. Never being exposed to anything but a sable collie, we told our Grandmother and Mother that a dyed collie followed us home. That was our first meeting with Rex whom we adopted later that year. It was through Rex that I first learned of the intuitiveness & the undying love that Collies bestow on their people. Unfortunately, Rex's time with us was short; he died from heartworm treatment. Earlier that year we lost our silver poodle, so our family decided to find a companion to fill the void.

That summer we acquired 2 Collies--a tri female (Lisa) & blue merle male (David) from Carl & Ruth Holton, CarlRuth Collies. These two dogs spurred us into the show world.

Our nom-de-plume, Galatean, comes from reading Greek mythology as a teenager. Pygmalion created an ivory statute of his ideal woman that he named Galatea. Since the goal of every Collie breeder is to attempt to produce the perfect Collie, we could not think of a better name to strive toward this goal.

We have been fortunate to have some success in the world of Collies. Our goal is to constantly learn & continue to improve our dogs. Galatean Collies is a joint venture comprised of my Mother, Rose, and myself.

During the last few years, we have been privileged to join with Mary, Dan, & Jillian Jackson of Riverrun Collies. This partnership has brought exciting dimensions into our lives.

Thank you to the CCA and the Breed Education members for allowing me to be part of this committee. I love the work we do!

## **Breed Education Ringside Mentoring Liaison**

*At the 2013 National Candy Wisnieski became ill and one week before the National she asked Leigh Cohen to help manage the ringside mentoring for Breed Ed. Candy had imparted all of her know how to Leigh who stepped in and did a fine job in Candy's absence not only with the mentors/mentees but also in assisting us at the check in table; we were grateful. Because of the busyness of all our schedules this year, it became apparent that we again needed assistance for this much needed program to be a success. Late winter, we asked Leigh to help us once again facilitate its course. As such, we would like to have Leigh continue on in the capacity of Ring-side Mentoring Liaison as part of our committee. Seeing the scope of this job and keeping our work load balanced, we would like to add a work specific job to our committee and thus add a member whose job is to help us facilitate ringside mentoring. Patt Caldwell, Chair*

### **Leigh Cohen – Atelier Collies**

I grew up in Woodbury, CT. My family's first collie was a little tri bitch from Starberry kennels purchased in the mid 60's. Collies that followed got me involved in obedience and then conformation. The late Pat Jimitas of Jaye's Collies was a mentor to me. I read anything that was written on collies and still have my 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Evolution of the Collie. I remember meeting Joe Koehler, Jil-Cris, at an early dog show in Hartford, CT. who gave me handling advice. I also was privileged to meet the elegant couple, Jean & Ken deGruchy, Glen East, who talked to me about grooming. In the 70's, my 1<sup>st</sup> attempt at breeding was with my sable & white bitch Lochinwood's Lady Lynn to young dog living in Queens named "Buster" aka CH Tartanside The Gladiator. However, the union never produced any puppies. High school and college came and dreams of building a line of breed-worthy dogs was packed away in the attic with old issues of Collie Cues, and my page worn collie books. Fast forward 25-30 years, and I am living in New Jersey with my husband and 2 children. While we had a sheltie, and with the passing of my father, my yearning to start up where I had left off years before almost became an obsession so...

1999 Attended 1<sup>st</sup> National.

- Collie Health Foundation: Became member & volunteer; 2013 Recipient of 1<sup>st</sup> CHF NOAH Award for Outstanding Service & Dedication to the Collie.
- Collie Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.: Became member; show secretary 2003, 2004 & 2014. In 2005, I organized and co-chaired Breeding Seminar: speaker Mary Wells. I am on the trophy committee, the education committee and design the ads for the specialty catalog. I have stewarded at specialties and matches. Current board member.

2003 - Collie Club of America: Became member; 2009 designed banner/space & volunteered for AKC Meet the Breeds, NYC.

2004 – Collie Rescue Foundation: Organized the 1<sup>st</sup> "Rescue Me" Ball & Auction.

2005 – Purchased 2<sup>nd</sup> collie from Twin Acre Collies.

2006 - Tuff Quest: Co-Organized & Raised \$5,000.00 for Tuff Quest. 2013 - Became Board Member.

2008 – Finished 1<sup>st</sup> Champion. Wrote article for *Collie Expressions* Feb/March 2008 issue.

2010 & 2013 - CCA #1 Smooth: Co-Owner.

2011 – CCA Smooth Bitch AOM CCA & Winner Stud Dog Class: Co-Owner.

2012 - Established Atelier Collies. CCA AOM/Smooth Bitch, Winner - Smooth Stud Dog Class: Co-Owner.

2013 CCA Smooth RWD/ Best Smooth Puppy Dog & Smooth 2<sup>nd</sup> Place/Bred-By-Exhibitor: Breeder/Owner. BOS/BV Rough, Bitch: Co-Owner.

- Assisted with Breed Education seminar registration table and ringside mentoring organization.
- Solicited Stories and published "Candy, Her Life in Collies" – A Collection of Stories and Reflections in Memory of Candy Wisnieski. Proceeds benefited various collie charities in her memory.
- AKC Meet The Breeds, NYC – Volunteered with Ramapo Kennel Club.

## **Breeder of the Year Committee**

### **Kathy Moll**

I worked diligently for nearly two years on the 2007 CCA national in almost every capacity, including securing a \$20,000 grant for the CCA. 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 am a member of the CHF and have been a member of the Quarter Century Group for the past 10 years.

I have written numerous articles for the Bulletin, COL, Collie Expressions, Collie Cues, Collie Review and the Cassette. These articles have covered a variety of subjects including health, breeding, showing, structure,

performance and genetics. I enjoy writing and have a BA and an MA. I taught college level English year-round for 30+ years and am now retired.

### **Emily Berkley**

I obtained my first Collie in 1982 and joined both the local Collie club and the CCA in the mid-1990s when I settled in Kansas just outside Kansas City.

My first Collies were companions and trained for obedience competition; the very first won a Veteran's obedience class at the CCA National in Kansas City. I purchased my first smooth in 1994; she was my first conformation champion.

I bred my first litter in 1999 and my five generations have included multiple CHs, specialty winners, group winners and CCA Top 10 participants, a BIS winner, a CCA AOM winner and the smooth WD at the 2013 CCA. Others have performance titles, are therapy dogs and/or keep watch over children and the best spot on the couch.

I have been an officer and/or board member of the Kansas City Collie Club for years and am currently the Secretary. I was elected Kansas DD for the CCA a number of terms ago and have served as the chair of the Tax Set Aside Committee and as a member of the Constitution Committee and the Breeder Of The Year Committee.

I am a CHF member and a supporter of several Collie rescue groups. I have mentored a Junior in the past and at present am teaching a dog showmanship class for a local 4-H group and co-owning a smooth with one of the Juniors I teach.

### **Isabel N. Ososki**

I have been a member of the St. Louis Collie Club since 1976 and joined the CCA the following year.

I have shown and trained collies for obedience and conformation. During my early CCA years I was primarily an owner/exhibitor as I completed my education and established my career as a university professor. I married my husband Ed in the early 90s and we began breeding in the late 90s under the kennel name Silver Thread Collies. All of the Silver Thread owned/co-bred champions have been owner-handled to their championships/grand championships and I am especially proud of our BBE champions.

I serve Illinois as CCA district director and have had one article published in the bulletin (March 2000). I have served my local all-breed club and the St. Louis Collie Club in many capacities over the years including treasurer, vice president, cluster committee member, and board member. Most currently I serve as the show chairperson for the St. Louis Collie Club. I also served as chair of the constitution and bylaws revision committee and worked closely with the AKC to secure a document that was readily approved (the St. Louis Collie Club is an AKC member club).

I bring a strong sense of process to the table of any committee on which I serve and I appreciate the BOY committee is working diligently to re-establish a way to honor our successful breeders and honor the wishes of the CCA membership.

### **Ellen Russell**

I have been a CCA member since 1974. I've worked on catalog advertising for our national a few times, and have served as co-chairman of the annual Invitational. I've done collie and sheltie rescue on my own for many years, and have assisted other rescue organizations. I've bred, in addition to many champions, dogs who have excelled in performance venues.

During my years of membership in the local all-breed club, Mispillion KC, I served as chairman of the all-breed show, and have handled advertising for the show catalog. I've been show secretary for the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Greater Baltimore, and am a member of South Jersey Collie Club, serving as trophy chairman for our annual specialty show.

Let me know if you need anything else!

### **Leslie Rappaport**

I was raised with a Collie "Angel" since I was 2 years old; so my introduction to collies was very early indeed! Angel was a great teacher and friend. It was not until much later in my life that I began raising collies with my Mother, Eva. Together we created Kings Valley Collies and began with a smooth blue merle bitch we purchased from Erin Ethridge, and a sable smooth

bitch purchased from Marion Durholz of Jancada Collies. These girls were Ch. Kings Valley Halellujah, CD and Jancada Tender O' Kings Valley, ROM. It was about 1972. Our first litter was born in 1974.

After our first 10 years of so in collies, we branched out to roughs and raised both smooths and roughs together for the past 35 years until Eva's death on 11/11/07. In addition to conformation, our focus was always on the versatility, intelligence, physical soundness and temperament of the breed. Together Eva and I earned 5 Breeder Of The Year awards for Smooths and bred 4 ROM producers, over 100 champions, including a CCofA WD, BOW, Best Smooth Puppy in 1977 and a CCofA AOM winner in 2006 & 2008 and CCofA BOV Smooth and Best Smooth Stud Dog in 2010 and CCofA BOS Smooth in 2011, obedience titlists to numerous to count as well as Agility dogs, Herding dogs, Tracking dogs and more recently Rally-0 dogs a Wilderness Search and Rescue dog and an Obedience Trial Champion.

Gradually our focus expanded to how collies interact with people in service capacities and we placed smooths with 2 different Guide Dog schools for pilot programs with collies, as well as a smooth sent to Israel to work as an Alzheimers Aid dog followed by breeding stock to support this program. Then a smooth to Holland, roughs to Germany and now to Japan as breeding and show dogs! For the past 20 years in this country I have also bred, raised and trained my collies for my service dog program Collies for Mobility and Support and what started slowly has now produced over 25 teams of talented collies and their independent Partners! This broad focus has instilled in me, the importance of physical and mental soundness in our breed – the many blessings of dogs with functional correctness!

Over the years I have been active in the American Smooth Collie Association, The American Working Collie Association (I chaired the Committees to develop the AWCA Carting program and Backpacking program), The Collie Club of America (developing the program and serving on the Shining Star committee and before that, serving as liaison on the Draft Dog Committee to develop a unified Drafting program for the AKC) For all my years in collies I have also been a member of the Collie Club of America and the Pacific Northwest Collie Club.

I look forward to working with everyone on this committee to develop a Breeder of the Year program that recognizes the tremendous dedication of breeders whose dogs consistently reflect the beauty, soundness, intelligence, and versatility of our beloved collie breed.

## **Bulletin Committee**

### **Donna Walle, Editor**

I joined the Collie Club of America in 1982 and am a member of the Quarter Century Club. I served as Chairman of the Tellers Committee from 2000 - 2002. I have assisted with proofreading of past CCA yearbooks and the CCA Newsletter. I've been Editor of the Bulletin for the past 2 years. I chaired the District Directors Guide committee and am starting my fourth term as District Director. I'm a member of the Collie Health Foundation and Collie Rescue Foundation, and am Secretary of the Indiana Purebred Dog Alliance, the AKC federated club for Indiana. Since joining the Indiana Collie Club in 1981, I have held the offices of President, Treasurer, and Director. I'm currently the Recording Secretary and produce our newsletter, and have been Show Secretary for our Conformation and Obedience/Rally shows for a number of years.

### **Karen Soeder, Co-Editor**

My pre "raising Collies" time was spent raising four children and serving in many organizations as president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, plus numerous committee heads and on boards of directors. I also worked in special education for our local high school.

I have been a member of Central States Collie Club and the CCA for 22 years. I have served for Central States two 2-year terms as president, one term as vice president, several years as secretary, show chairman, and for 12 years as the corresponding secretary.

For the CCA I have served as election coordinator and 2 years on the tellers committee. I was treasurer of the 2008 National specialty show in La Crosse, and am currently serving as Scheduler assisting with CCA scheduling reminders and Newsletter and Bulletin deadlines. I have served on the Bulletin Committee as Co-Editor for the past two years.

### **Laura DeLaurentis, Photo Editor**

I joined CCA in 2008 and was eager to get started on publishing projects. I have worked on five yearbooks: the 2007 as a production assistant doing page assembly for the Parade of Stars and Obedience Sections, and as a proofreader; the 2008 yearbook - prepared Advertising and Parade of Stars photos for printing; Parade of Stars Manager for the 2010-2012 yearbooks, processing incoming ads and payments, image preparation, page assembly, and proofreading. I have been

working with the Bulletin since the 2012 National on photography, editorial photo content, proofing and writing. My professional experience includes six years in commercial and retail photo labs, five years in prepress (scanning and page assembly) at the Chicago Tribune, and 12 years of prepress workflow consultation, training and troubleshooting printing and publishing customers across North America and Mexico. My formal graphic arts training includes a 2-year program at the Graphic Arts Institute, numerous vendor classes, and several classes at Triton College. My technical skills include Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, and Acrobat. Over the past 19 years, I have been designing training programs which utilize desktop publishing and web design skills. I recently and officially launched a photography and design business and established two websites. I have an M.A. in Training and Development.

**Pati Merrill:**

The Bulletin is our magazine and it will be great to be on the committee. I was on the Bulletin committee in 2011 and started the "real winners stories" feature from the winners at the National. I joined the CCA in 1973. I belong to the Greater Jacksonville Collie Club, Collie Health Foundation and Collie Rescue Foundation.

I am the immediate Past President of the CCA, a judge, I volunteer at a children's hospital and I am training my first Collie for Therapy.

I have a Mac Book Air, Office in the clouds and CS5. Hope to have time to use it all.

**Helga Kane:**

I have been a member of the Collie Club of America since 1963. I have served on the Health Committee, Ethics Committee, Education Committee, National Trophy Committee, and Show Rules Committee. I have Chaired the Constitution Committee and National Trophy Committee and co-chaired the production of the film "Collie Presentation" for CCA Film Library. Also worked with Stamp Advisory Committee to get the Collie on the 1984 U.S. postage stamp and coordinated the 1991 CCA Judge's Seminar.

I served as vice-president of the Collie Club of America Health Foundation (CHF) from its inception in 1986 until the past year, served as Chair of its Grants Committee for several years, I was also twice President of CHF, the most recent term being for four years.

I have served as Treasurer of the So. California CCA District for 14 years. Served as Treasurer for the 2010 CCA National Show. Have held membership in a local All Breed Club for over 43 years and was a founding member of the South Bay Collie Fanciers, Inc. for which I have held several offices and am presently serving as Club President.

I have been an exhibitor and breeder of Collies for over 45 years and have been licensed to judge Collies since 1983. I have been privileged to judge the CCA National Specialty three times. I am also licensed to judge Shetland Sheepdogs, Australian Shepherds, Cardigan and Pembroke Welsh Corgis and Junior Handling.

**Sue Kuechenmeister:**

I'm Sue Kuechenmeister and live in Trussville, AL. I've been a member of the Collie Club of America since 1981 as well as the Collie Health Foundation when it was established. This year I became a member of The Quarter Century Group. During this same period, I've been active in the Collie Club of Alabama and have been Treasurer for more years than I care to remember. I am starting my sixth term as DD for the state of AL. Our kennel name is Happy Talk Collies and we have owned and loved many Collies over the years.

**Marianne Sullivan:**

Millknock Collies

CCA member for 40 years

Writer/Contributor AKC Gazette Magazine Breed Column

DWAA 2014 prize for Best Online Column AKC Gazette

Served as CCA Virginia District Director for 10 years

Served on Board and past President of Collie Rescue Foundation, Inc

Quarter Century Collie Group Member

Member of Chesapeake Collie Club

Member (past Board Member) of Charlottesville-Albemarle Kennel Club

Staff member of CCA Bulletin

Past Writer/Photographer/Contributor of *Collie Expressions Magazine*

## Collie Welfare/Rescue

### Vickie VonSeggern

"I joined the CCA in 1970 and am a Quarter Centruy Club member. I have raised and shown collies under the prefix of Thorndale since my first litter born in 1972 and sired by Ch. BayMars Coming Attraction.

I have finished a dozen or so Champions, all of whom I also bred, and pointed many others. I am an ACK Breeder of Merit.

I helped to found the Lincoln Co. Humane Society and WI Collie Rescue and then the MN/WI Collie Rescue. I am currently serving my 3<sup>rd</sup> term on the Board for the Collie Rescue Foundation.

I have also been a member of the Paper Cities KC for some 35 plus years, and have chaired and/or co-chaired its all breed show about a dozen times over the years, and served as President and Board member. I also handled our show publicity for a number of years. I have organized several large all breed seminars for that club. I am also a member of the Northern WI Collie Club.

I own a small boarding/grooming/training kennel. In my business I deal with the pet owning public daily which gives me some insight into their wants and needs, experience that will assist me on the committees I am proposed for. Thank-you for your consideration."

## Bi – Monthly Committee Reports

### Marion Johnson, Chair

The CCA Board has approved a motion that requires bi monthly committee reports. In order to implement this directive, I am asking for your support in tracking and reporting status from every pertinent committee.

I have held several club positions that require reporting, including past Secretary- St Louis Collie Club and South Texas Collie Club, and currently am Treasurer for Missouri Rhineland KC.

As a longtime member of the CCA, the St. Louis Collie Club, and the Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, I understand the importance of keeping both the board and the members current on the status of committees empowered to move our club forward.

Thank you for your support,

## Communications

*I created this committee with the hopes of keeping the membership informed on all club affairs. I see this committee as the right arm of all the other committees, the DD's, the officers, etc. If the board does decided to do away with the newsletter which I feel would be a mistake this committee could help keep everyone informed of club affairs. If there was an urgent need for help in a rescue this committee would be there to get the word out as well as many other circumstances that could arise in the club that the membership would need to be informed in a quick manner. I hope you see my reasoning behind creating the committee. Mike.....*

### Lenell Nix –Chair

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. On the CCA national level I have had the fortunate privilege to serve as the district director for NC from 2010 until 2014. I have served on the Constitution Committee from 2010 to 2014 and thoroughly have enjoyed the opportunity and insight this has brought. At the 2011 Nationals I had the opportunity to work with Lynn Meyers, and assist as needed with our National Trophies, shortly thereafter have served as a committee member on the Trophy committee until 2014.

I have spent the majority of my adult life 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. Previous I am a current student finishing my AA in May. I have also worked in the field of satellite communications dealing with the technology sided as well as customer service. I also hold a real estate brokers license in the state of North Carolina. I have just finished a public speaking class focusing on the latest public speaking techniques as well as communication processes. I plan to continue my education in the fall at the University of North Carolina Asheville pursuing a BA and then plan on attending law school. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the CCA in this capacity if approved.

### **Liza Dunkle**

I have been involved in collies since my parents started Pembroke Collies when I was about 5. I have been a member of the CCA since 1998, when I turned 18. During my time in collies, I have bred several litters, and am the breeder of about 20 champions. While I am not currently showing or breeding, I am the proud owner of several collies, and look forward to re-entering the show world in the future.

With the CCA, I have been a District Director several times, and have served on several committees. I was the Secretary for the 2006 CCA National, and was actively involved in all stages of the planning and execution of the show.

### **Erin Gorney-Aidan Collies**

In 2001, I purchased my first Collie, who got me hooked to the breed and later went on to become my first rough champion. My first smooth champion was purchased in 2002 and it was through him that I started training and competing in performance events. Over the years, I competed in and titled dogs in herding, agility, rally, and flyball and have started training my current performance dog in tracking and obedience. I have also successfully owner handled three Collies to their breed Championships, one of those from my first litter, and campaigned a smooth to multiple group placements, wins, and an all-breed Best in Show. In 2004, I joined CCA and since then I have served on the Teller's Committee, was the Assistant to the National Show Chair for Performance, and have been a member of the Working Collie Committee for the last four years. In addition to this, I am the current President of the South Texas Collie Club. I look forward to using my experiences on this committee if approved.

### **Katie Skilton**

I am from Cleveland Ohio and I have been in collies for 15 years. I started out by being active in junior showmanship at ten years old. From there, I had ranked in juniors and went on to finish multiple top ranked champions. I have stayed active in collies with my mom, Martha Skilton (Alexy Collies). Together we have bred many successful collies with beautiful virtues and wonderful personality's. I stay active in my local club the Cleveland Collie Club. The past years three years I have worked on the theme section of the yearbook. I am very excited to see where this road will take me. Currently I work in Dermatology as a surgical assistant. I look forward to continue to work for the CCA.

### **Cody Sulewski**

I started showing dogs in 2005 with my first time in the show ring actually being juniors at the collie national in Oklahoma. Ever since then I have been hooked on dog shows and showing dogs. Currently I have degrees in Information Technology and Computer security but my goal is to become a professional handler full time and travel the United States showing all types of breeds of dogs. Currently I work in the IT department and a local school district but I believe I am getting closer to my goals of full time dog handling.

## **Constitution Committee**

### **Jeffrey S. Tallackson, Chair**

I am a lawyer (a graduate of Yale and Columbia Law School with honors and a member of the New York bar) with over 40 years' experience. After law school I was a law clerk to a New York City federal district judge. Following that I was in private practice for 17 years as an associate and then partner at a major New York Wall Street law firm and then Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of a \$4 billion+ asset New York bank. After that I returned to private practice with two smaller New York City law firms and I am now a sole practitioner. My practice has been devoted primarily to corporate, bank regulatory and securities matters and most recently, and of most relevance to CCA, has focused

on organizing and advising not-for-profit corporations and small businesses with regard to corporate governance matters. I have already spent a substantial amount of time reviewing the significant legal issues regarding CCA's corporate governance matters.

I grew up in East Tennessee where my parents bred English Setters for conformation and field trials and as gun dogs, and my mother served on the board of directors of the Oak Ridge Humane Society. Lassie, the Terhune books, a neighbor's Collie and seeing them at shows inspired my love of the breed. My first, right after graduation from college, was a wonderful rough blue merle of Parader bloodlines and I have been blessed with three delightful rough blue merle successors. My fourth and current Collie, of Clarion bloodlines, has earned his Canine Good Citizenship Certificate, RN, RA, 1 leg on his RE and 2 legs on his CD. He has also worked extensively as a therapy dog in school "Reading to Dogs" programs with two not-for-profit therapy dog organizations, one of which I incorporated and for which I obtained its 501(c)(3) tax exemption. A bit arthritic now, he's retired and living the life of a spoiled house dog.

### **Jacqueline Caruso**

I have served as a CCA District Director for eight terms, three terms for New York South and currently will be serving my fifth term as CCA District Director for Connecticut. I am a very active director who is familiar with the structure of the CCA and the history of issues facing the CCA. I was former chair of the Breeders Education Committee and as such I spearheaded the "Collie as a Family Dog" project which has been hailed by the American KC as one of the most comprehensive profiles of a breed published by a parent club and which resides on our CCA website. I initiated the yearly ringside mentoring program for breeders at the National Specialty. I represent the Collie and the Collie Club of America at the Meet the Breeds every year in NYC. I am an active breeder and exhibitor and AKC licensed judge. I also serve as the Secretary to both the Collie Club of Connecticut and Tri County Collie Breeders of Southeastern NY. I am a marketing analyst by profession. I analyze sales and marketing trends for the food industry.

### **Gayle Kaye**

I am a 45 year member of CCA. Breeder of Chelsea Collies. Current CCA Officer (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) and soon to be 1<sup>st</sup> VP. Over the years I have edited or co-edited just about every CCA publication there is and I am the author of two award winning books including the 2009 DWAA 'Best in Show' winner, "The Collie in America". I am the current Chair of Archives and Co-Chair of the Judge's Education Committee. I was the AKC Gazette Columnist for 12 years; I developed the "Register of Merit" system; a past Chair of Ethics, and a past member of numerous other committees.

I am an AKC licensed judge for Collies and was given the honor of judging "Breed" at the 2013 National. I am a member of the Quarter Century Collie Club, Collie Health Foundation and Dog Writer's Association of America. Currently I serve on the Collie Health Foundation Board of Directors.

### **Jennifer Weiner**

My name is Jennifer Weiner of Edenrock Collies. I am a second generation breeder, owner and exhibitor. I had the pleasure of owning Ch. Edenrock The Mask Of Society, the number one smooth in 2005 and CCA Best of Variety winner in 2007. I have also owned several top ranked dogs and have loved collies my entire life. I am an attorney, licensed in California, with thirteen years experience. My primary focus is as a general liability litigation defense counsel. My practice is primarily made up of cases involving business litigation, catastrophic injury, custom home construction defect matters and a little bit of everything else. I previously served on the Constitution Committee under President Pati Merrill and Chairperson Helga Kane. I am familiar with the operation and procedures of the Collie Club of America and am looking forward to serving on the Constitution Committee once again.

### **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.

## **Election Committee**

### **Russ Dyke and Julie Hinrichsen - CoChairs**

Russell Dyke and Julie Hinrichsen have been members of the CCA and Kansas City Collie Club since 2001. We have held various leadership positions within the KCCC. Currently Russell is serving as the President of the Kansas City Collie Club.

Outside of collies, Julie serves as Chief Information Officer of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas and Russell is Research and Technology in Information Technology at Westar Energy. Both of these positions require advanced knowledge of computers and their operations. Combined, they have over 60 years of experience in the computer field. Russell's skills range from management to technical. His skills include FileMaker Pro which is used by the CCA to maintain the membership list.

One of the projects Russell and Julie would like to work toward is centralizing the membership database. By hosting it on a secure Internet accessible location, commonly referred to as a cloud, the membership list could be remotely managed and shared, thus removing the challenge of transferring responsibility and also making it much more accessible.

## **Ethics Committee**

**The Ethics Committee unanimously agreed to submit their bios in the same format.**

My name is **Harry "Butch" Schulman**. I have been involved in Collies since 1967 and a member of CCA for 23 years. I have actively bred and shown my dogs under the Strathmoor prefix. I have been a licensed AKC Judge for 8 years and currently judge the Herding Group, and Working and Sporting breeds. I am employed as the Executive Director for the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the University of Louisville-School of Medicine. I am also a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the United States Air Force. Additionally, I am a member of the Doberman Pinscher Club of America. I have previously served the CCA as the Kentucky District Director and Treasurer for the 2001 National Specialty. I reside in Louisville, Kentucky with my wife Robin and our two geriatric Collies. We have four grown children; Benjamin, Halle, Matthew, and Emily. I look forward to working with Bob, Dr. Cindi, Carl, Trish, and Larry on the CCA Ethics Committee.

My name is **Dr. Cindi Bossart**. I have been involved in Collies for almost 30 years and a member of CCA for 23 years. I have actively bred and shown my dogs in conformation, obedience, and rally under the Argent and Sylvan-Arget prefixes. I am a board certified veterinarian and the owner and managing partner of the Animal Hospital of Fort Lauderdale. I have practiced veterinary medicine for 36 years. I am the current President of the Fort Lauderdale Dog Club and previously served in the capacity of Show Chairman as well. I am also a member and the former President of the Collie Club of Greater Miami and serve on the Collie Health Foundation. I reside in Fort Lauderdale, Florida with my three Collies, Beagle, and Smooth Fox Terrier. I look forward to working with Butch, Bob, Carl, Trish, and Larry on the CCA Ethics Committee.

My name is **Trish Blakely**. I have been involved in Collies and a member of CCA for over 30 years. I have actively bred and shown my dogs under the Larkspur prefix. I am employed as a Medical Technologist with the North Mississippi Medical Center. I have previously served the CCA on the Membership Committee and was President of the South Texas Collie Club. I reside in Booneville, Mississippi with my husband Bob and our Collies. We have one grown son, Rob who is a physician currently completing his residency training. I look forward to working with Butch, Bob, Dr. Cindi, Carl, and Larry on the CCA Ethics Committee.

My name is **Carl Williford**. I have been involved in Collies and a member of CCA for 35 years. I have actively bred and shown my dogs under the Twin City prefix. I have been a licensed AKC Judge for 14 years. I am employed as an Engineering Consultant with Duke Energy. I am a member of the Piedmont Collie Club. I have previously served the CCA in many offices and on numerous committees. I reside in Fuquay-Varina, N.C. with my Collies. I look forward to working with Butch, Bob, Dr. Cindi, Trish, and Larry on the CCA Ethics Committee.

My name is **Bob Mondillo**. I have been involved in Collies and a member of CCA for 40 years. I have actively bred and shown my dogs under the Oxford prefix. I am employed as a Financial Advisor with Morgan Stanley. I have previously

served the CCA as a corporator of the Collie Health Foundation. I reside in Delaware, Ohio with my wife, Carol, and our Collies. I look forward to working with Butch, Dr. Cindi, Carl, Trish, and Larry on the CCA Ethics Committee.

My name is **Larry Willeford**. I have been involved in Collies and a member of the CCA for 45 years. I have actively bred and shown my dogs under the Windcrest prefix. I have been a licensed AKC Judge for 25 years. I am self-employed as the manager of Windcrest Pet Resort. I have previously served the CCA as Bulletin Editor and currently serve the CCA as the District Director for Texas and on the Judges' Education Committee. I am a member of the Quarter Century Collie Group, Collie Health Foundation, and President of the North Texas Collie Club. I reside in Denton, Texas with my Collies. I look forward to working with Butch, Bob, Dr. Cindi, Carl, and Trish, on the CCA Ethics Committee.

## **Good Sportsmanship Committee**

### **Joan Kirkland, Chair**

It has been over 40 years since I got my first Collie, who was definitely not a show dog, but a lovely and loyal pet and, I believe, a good beginning. Perseverance and good people have helped me through the years to improve my dogs. I have met so many people and developed friendships that have lasted throughout my dog career. I am truly blessed. My family has been most supportive of my obsession and I could not have achieved what I have without them and my many friends. I hope when people see the kennel name *Kirkhaven* on a dog it reminds them of what I have tried to achieve; a sweet eye and expression, correct head properties, and the temperament that goes with a good dog.

### **Susan Abraham**

I started in showing Collies in the late 1980's and have a small kennel with 8 collies. I have finished 5 –Home Bred Champions and finished another 2 champions that I purchased. I have also shown and finished a few Champions for some friends in our Club. In 2008, I was approved to Judge Collies and in 2011, I am provisional for Shetland Sheepdog and Jr. Showmanship. Computer skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and various other web bases programs.

### **Carrie Lenhart**

I was born into Collies, as the daughter of Ron and Marcia Keller. My parents taught me how to exhibit and the meaning of good sportsmanship, in the ring and on the sidelines. I began exhibiting as a teenager, as needed, but really became involved after college and marriage. I have twice earned AOM at the national and recently BOS to BOB in 2012. Dad and I now are partners in the Marnus breeding program and looking forward to continuing the legacy. Computer skills: Has some knowledge in Publisher.

### **Joan Hamilton:**

I've had dogs all my life but fell in love with the collie breed for life 24 years ago when I obtained my first collie. Since then 8 collies have shared my life. The collie journey led me to Lassie and since 1996 I have produced Lassie's online presence, appeared on many TV shows about Lassie or Lassie collectibles and recently assisted with the full AKC Registration of Lassie. I am the Treasurer of the Collie Club of Maryland, member of The Collie Health Foundation, the American Working Collie Association, member and past Board member of Northeastern MD Kennel Club.

## **Hawkins System**

### **Les Hutchins, Chair**

No point in spending a lot of time with past history since this is only one committee comprised of a single person.

As related to the Hawkins System - In 2004 I assumed the role of sole proprietorship of the independently owned and operated Hawkins System. Because I have most of the data and information anyway, since 2008 I also have been providing the show stats and results in the format that has been restored to the yearbook.

## **Health Policy Committee**

### **David E. Hansen, DVM, CoChair**

Became a veterinarian in 1987. Married Krista in 1989 and they started Camloch Collies. David became board certified in veterinary dentistry in 2006. His practice, Town and Country Animal Clinic and the Animal Dental Center of Western NY, is in the Buffalo, NY area.

### **Sue Floyd, VDM, CoChair**

I am a small animal veterinarian, currently practicing in the town of Needham, MA. I graduated from the University of Pennsylvania school of veterinary medicine in 1992.

I purchased my first collie, a smooth, from Krista and David Hansen DVM in 2003. I was looking for a dog that I could show both in conformation and obedience. This puppy ended up being Ch Camloch Celebrity CDX RE. I was hooked!

My husband and I currently own three smooth collies and a german shepherd dog. I enjoy obedience training and competing in AKC Obedience and Rally, conformation, and most recently herding! I am a member of the CCA and the CHF. In my spare time I enjoy gardening.

## **Judges Education Committee**

### **Gayle Kave, Co-Chair**

I am a 45 year member CCA. Breeder/owner of Chelsea Collies. Previous Judge's Ed Co-Chair, and Chair and/or member of numerous Committees currently and in the past. Editor of numerous projects (Yearbook, Bulletin, LCC and Parader book). Award winning author. Was given the honor of judging Breed and Intersex at the 2013 National.

### **John Buddie, Co-Chair**

A 50 year member of CCA, Breeder of TARTANSIDE Collies, worked on both Breed Ed. and Judges Ed. Committee on several occasions, author of "Best Buddies" and co-author of "The Magnificent Collie".

### **Tom Coen**

Macdega, 50 year member of CCA. Served as Judges Ed. chair for eight years, had the honor of judging Intersex at CCA 2008, and approved to judge the Herding Group.

### **Larry Willeford**

I have been breeding and showing my Collies under the kennel name of Windcrest for the last 45 years. I was approved to judge Collies and Junior Showmanship in 1989 and have been honored to judge at the CCA National in 1998 and the 125 Anniversary show in 2011. I was approved to judge Shelties in 2005. I have been a member of the CCA since 1970 and currently District Director for Texas and have been President of the North Texas CC for the last 10 years.

### **Pat Jung**

I have been involved with collies since 1960, when I acquired my first pet collie, a granddaughter of Int'l. Ch. Emeral's Rapture O'Gold, C.D. who in turn was a product of Ch. The Duke of Silver Ho, C.D. ex Wooley's Lane Bronze Wing. In the mid-70's I started in earnest to produce a nice line of collies (including 17 or so champions) under the Palary prefix, starting out with a bitch by Ch. BayMar's Coming Attraction ex a bitch primarily of San Lori background. I have been a member of the Collie Club of Minnesota since that time (holding various positions over the years), and a member of CCA since 1983 (currently serving as District Director, Director for the Collie Health Foundation, a member of the Ethics Committee and Secretary for the Quarter Century Group). I am also an AKC judge approved for 15 herding breeds and have had the honor of judging bitches at CCA in 2008.

I believe that education is extremely important in order to provide guidance and information to both breeders and judges.

### **Darci Brown**

I obtained my first collie in 1983 and have been a member of the CCA since 1988. I am also a member of The Collie Club of New Hampshire, American Fox Terrier Club, The Fox Terrier Club (UK) and the Pioneer Valley Kennel Club. I have held most offices in PVKC and CCNH, served as the Legislative Liason for AFTC as well as a District Director for CCA and Show Chair for the 2009 National. I am currently a National Show Committee Co-Chair.

I have assisted the previous Judges Education Committee in setting up seminars, AKC paperwork, dealing with venues as well as coordinating ringside mentoring at the National, serving as a breed mentor and distributing education material to

prospective judges. I have bred and finished numerous dogs in both breeds and am looking forward to the opportunity to serve on this committee.

## **Junior Showmanship Committee**

### **Marjorie Tuff, Chair**

I have been the chairperson and CCA advocate for Collie Club of America Junior showmanship since 1994. Since then our program has become a model program throughout the country. I have been responsible for providing an annual showmanship seminar each Thursday proceeding Breed judging at the National. Additionally, a handling clinic is offered to our children, ages 5 through 18, in the breed ring on Friday after breed judging. Both events are free. Under my guidance the programs for the children is tailored to be educational while nurturing good sportsmanship and a sense of camaraderie. I have held my collie and all breed showmanship judge license since 1990 and was approved as a best in show judge since 1999.

### **Patt Caldwell, Assistant to Marjorie Tuff**

I have worked in the capacity of assistant to Marjorie Tuff since 2006. Under Marjorie's direction, I secure meeting rooms and make provisions for the junior handling seminar and clinic, keep our junior's data base, provide the show club with names of our top juniors, and make sure that reports and articles are filed. As the mother of a former top junior, I have attended over 210 showmanship shows. While my daughter was in showmanship, I attended all of the National Friday night handling clinics giving assistance to Marjorie as needed. In 2006, Marjorie formally asked me to become part of the showmanship committee. I am currently a provisional junior showmanship judge.

### **Laura Bergstraser, Junior Showmanship Intern**

I was born into a Collie Family, growing up and learning to walk with a loving dog. I was exhibiting in fun matches by the time I was 5 or 6 years old and began my Junior Handling career at age 10. I began competing in juniors from the time I was 10 years old and was in the CCA Top 10 juniors for the last 6 years of my showmanship career. I met Ms Marjorie Tuff when I was 11 at my first CCA in Reno, NV. As I grew and matured, Marjorie invited me to assist in the annual national junior's programs. Although I have trained in and experienced competing in many venues, conformation and especially Junior Handling have always been my heart and soul.

Since I was a young teenager I have been a big part of my Mom's and my Wild Wind Collie kennel. Together my Mom and I have bred 57 champions to date, many group winning collies and countless top obedience, herding and agility collies across the country and in Finland and Israel. I have trained in both conformation and obedience. By the time I was 17, I was teaching Junior Handling classes and have, over the years, tutored many top juniors in various breeds in AKC, ASCA and 4-H with many of my kids consistently winning Best Junior Handler awards and Champion and Grand Champion awards at the county and state fairs in our area.

I have always taken time at our shows all over our area to work with kids-especially our Collie kids who do not live near us- to better handling skills and have always reveled in watching them bloom in the ring. By the time I was 18, I was in charge of the Conformation Handling Program in our training center, Canine Solutions, in Colorado Springs, and continue to help to manage and teach as my busy travel schedule allows.

Notable Collies I have handled include: CH Wild Wind's Dressed To Kill CD,HT,AX,AXJ,RA,VX a multiple Top 10 - All Breed Rankings and RBIS/MULTIPLE BISS Gold GCH Bit O'Heaven's Sorceress CD,PT,RN,VA, "Tegan," who I piloted to the #5 in Hawkins 2010, then on to #2 Hawkins in 2011. In 2012 she was semi retired yet remained #8. By April 2014 and as a Veteran, Tegan is already ranked in the top 10, all systems. I trained, conditioned and handled Tegan to all of her wins.

## **Library of Champions**

### **Karen Anderson, Chair**

I began working on the Library of Champions in June 2002. Tess Esch vetted me for the job. Gayle Kaye taught me about the publishing software and answered thousands of questions. Ruthann Beeler handled all the advertising and taught me how it worked. With the help of Roz Tolliver and Pam Phillips we gathered missing information and over a thousand photos. Together we produced Vol 5 of the American Collie Champions in January 2003. It was a very busy 6 months. Since then I have worked with many people to produce 3 more volumes.

Working on the Library of Champions is perfect for me. Where else can a person so detail oriented and driven to exactness put together a book that is dedicated to beauty and versatility? It is a great way for an accountant to volunteer. My job on the Library of Champions is to collect photos of our champions and information about the titles achieved by our Collies and put those things into book format. Being self-employed gives me flexibility to conduct some of the work during "business" hours.

## **Membership Committee**

### **Judie Guthrie, Chair**

Most of you already know me by having served for the past 9 years as Asst. Secretary of Show Permissions & Trophies. I now am asking you to approve me as the next CCA Membership Chairperson.

I believe that to advance to upper management of the CCA a person should have held this position. It truly is the heartbeat of our club. Without positive interaction with existing members and showing our best foot forward to new ones, the future of our club will not be one that our founding breeders so loved and protected with every breath.

I have the business skills that are necessary for chairing this committee. My computer knowledge comes from years of working with Microsoft Office Word, Microsoft Office Excel, and Microsoft Publisher. I have also run several companies and had up to 10 employees work with me. As you see, I said "working with me" as I feel that is most important when taking on a huge job as Membership Chairperson.

I hope that with this computer experience and business background information coupled with already serving the CCA as Asst. Secretary of Show Permissions & Trophies that you will feel comfortable in approving me for this most important CCA position.

Thanking you in advance. . .

### **Susan Houser – managing new applications**

I joined the St. Louis Collie Club in 1978 and then CCA in 1979. Although I am not a breeder, I have been active with my collies in Conformation, Herding and Obedience. With the St. Louis Collie Club, I was Secretary for several years, as well as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President. For the last several years I have been part of the Trophy Committee. In the early 2000s I was encouraged to volunteer for the CCA Membership Committee and have been there ever since, first doing address changes and now new members. I have used MicroSoft Excel and Word for many years and although not an expert, I am proficient in both and always learning new things about them (a requirement of this job.)

### **Sue Kuechenmeister – changes of address**

I have been a member of CC of America for 29 years. I belong to the Quarter Century Club, Collie Health Foundation and the Collie Rescue Foundation. I am serving my 7th term as DD for AI and have been Treasurer for the CC of AI for more years than I want to remember. I helped type and proof for the Yearbooks and the Bulletin for a number of years. I'm also responsible for address changes for the membership committee. I am also responsible for parent club permission for our shows and request the Loving Cup. We have owned and loved many collies over the years.

### **Shelley Bogenhagen – managing the new member packet mailings**

I never had a collie growing up, but a 2 year old pet quality, tri rough bitch came into my life in 1987, and there was an immediate connection. A few years later Kim Wood of Glen Mor Collies, and I both worked at the same place in Colorado Springs, and she also had a pet collie. The next thing I knew we both joined the local collie club and the CCA in the mid 1990's. I also met Janie in the mid 1990's and received a beautiful smooth boy from her, who finished after a few months of campaigning.

My husband and I currently live in beautiful Park County, Colorado, located west of Colorado Springs, my kennel name is Wyndrush Collies. I'm self-employed and all aspects of my business are managed using my computer, mainly MS Excel. In my spare time, I'm out taking photographs and have several software programs I use for editing. It would be hard to live in the mountains of Colorado and not be out capturing the awesome beauty.

### **Kathy Drabik – managing mailing of the Bulletins**

My name is Kathy Drabik and I reside with my husband George in Virginia. We have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. I am an Entrepreneur. I am a member of the East TN Collie Club. We began in collies in the early 1980's as Westwood collies earning our first AKC title in 1986. Looking forward to being a helping hand for the Collie Club of America.

### **Lori Montero – managing the PayPal accounts**

LoriMar Collie, Reg.

AKC judge

Member CCA since 1992

CCA Membership Chair

CCA Merchandise Chair – 2007, 2010, 2012

Announcer for CCA National – 2010, 2011, 2012

Collie Health Foundation – director, incorporator, served as Newsletter Editor for 9 years and Secretary for 6 years, recipient of President's Award

CRM Manager and Corporate Trainer - Sheehy Auto Stores (18 locations in Va and Md)

## **National Show Trophies**

### **Heather Newcomb, Chair – Keepsake**

I have been a member of the Collie Club of America, Inc. for over 23 years. I finished my first champion at age 13, and have bred and/or owned over 30 champions under the "Keepsake" prefix including multiple national winners.

I was the 2010 CCA Co-Host Show Chair in Pomona, CA. I have also been the CCA Top Twenty Chairperson in 2002 & 2011. I have been a member of South Bay Collie Fanciers, Inc. for over 27 years. For the past 10 years, I have serviced as the club Treasurer & Trophy Chairperson. I have fond memories as a teen assisting, Helga Kane, with the national trophies at many nationals. I am very excited about this opportunity to service the CCA as National Trophy Chair.

### **Kelly Neeley, Cochair – Cyndella**

I bought my first Collie in early 1996, Cynder, and completed her championship in February of 1999. My first litter arrived in December of 2000 and when Indy finished in June of 2002, CH. Cyndella's Forbidden Treasure, this made him the first Cyndella champion. To date I've bred (and co-bred) a total of 29 champions, including Best In Show winner Bronze GCH. Cyndella's Yes I'm Charmed.

I joined the local club, the Collie Club of Colorado, in 2002 and have held the office of President as well as co-show chairman. I joined the CCA in April of 1999 and attended my first National in Wichita Kansas in 2000. Since then I've attended eleven Nationals. I was the CCA yearbook editor for 2002 and 2003 and the trophy chair for the 2010 CCA in Pomona, California.

## **National Show Rules Committee**

### **Nancy McCue – Show Rules Chair**

I have been involved in the all-breed and Collie world since the early seventies. We (husband Jim and I) are Life Members of **Cincinnati Kennel Club**, having both chaired and been Chief Ring Steward for that all-breed show several times, as well as being on the Board of Directors for years. Being administrator of the **Kem Memorial Sweepstakes** in the nineties, President and Treasurer of the **Tri State Symposium** and president of the **Collie Club of Southern Ohio** for ten years kept me involved on the local level. I was District Director for the **Collie Club of America** for twelve years, and have been on the **CCA Constitution committee**, and well as on the National **Show Rules committee** since its inception and have Chaired it now for several years. For CCA National Specialties, I have been Chief Ring Steward for five shows and on the committee for four other Nationals.

### **Joe Reno**

I have been involved with breeding and showing collies since 1971 and have bred many champions under the Hi-Crest prefix. In 1996 I became licensed to judge collies and have judged many specialties throughout the country including bitches at our 2003 national. Presently, I am licensed in 7 other herding breeds. I have been a member of the CCA since 1973.

I have served on the CCA Health Committee and presently am on the National Show Rules Committee. On a local level, I have been treasurer and board member for 7 years for the Somerset Hills Kennel Club. I am also a member of the Hunterdon Hills Collie Club of which I have held numerous offices over the years and presently I am show chairman. I have been a manager at an animal hospital for over 30 years and also manage a boarding kennel.

### **Helga Kane**

I have been a member of the Collie Club of America since 1963. I have served on the Health Committee, Education Committee, National Trophy Committee, Constitution and Show Rules Committees. I have Chaired the Constitution Committee and National Trophy Committee and co-chaired the production of the film "Collie Presentation" for CCA Film Library. Also worked with Stamp Advisory Comm. to get the Collie on the 1984 U.S. postage stamp and coordinated the 1991 CCA Judge's Seminar.

I served as vice-president of the Collie Club of America Health Foundation (CHF) from its inception in 1986 until this past year, served as Chair of its Grants Committee for several years, I also served twice as President of CHF, the most recent term being for four years. I have served as Treasurer for the So. California CCA District for 14 years. I also served as Treasurer for the 2010 CCA National Show. Have held membership in a local All Breed Club for over 42 years and was a founding member of the South Bay Collie Fanciers, Inc. for which I have held several offices and am presently serving as club president.

I have been an exhibitor and breeder of collies for over 45 years and have been licensed to judge collies since 1983. I have been privileged to officiate at the CCA National Specialty three times. I am also licensed to judge Shetland Sheepdogs, Australian Shepherds, Cardigan and Pembroke Welsh Corgis and Junior Handling.

### **Laurie Jeff Greer**

Laurie Jeff Greer is a third generation Collie breeder, having started showing as a young child and mentored by three great Collie ladies, Florence Cummings (Arrowhill), Ada Shirley (Shirhaven) and her grandmother, Nina Campbell. She has bred over 25 rough Collie champions, and as a professional handler piloted numerous rough and smooths to their championships, including #1 Specialty and All Breed Best In Show winners. She attended her first CCA in Oklahoma in the 60's and has never missed a National Specialty since. She has participated in many aspects of exhibiting including conformation, obedience, and herding, and at one time was a licensed Jr. Showmanship judge. She is presently a Corporator of the Collie Health Foundation, and volunteer of the 2015 CCA Show Committee. She presently breeds Collies under the AKC Reg. prefix of Arrowhill.

### **Sue Larson**

I've been in collies since I bought my first one in 1965. I started in obedience and was very successful there for many years before branching out into conformation too. I then began competing in agility, tracking, and herding, and still compete in all venues to this day. I've done some successful breeding on a very limited scale, producing several champions (including 2 group winners and an all breed BIS winner). I've been obedience co-chair and agility chair for three CCA's over the years, and I'm a member now of the Show Rules Committee and am the performance liaison to the National Show Chair.

### **Roxann Heit**

I have been involved in the Collie breed twenty five years and through this time I and my husband, Dale Heit have created a successful breeding program while producing several National winners and ROM producers with the Timeless Name. We are members of the Collie Club of America, the Central Kansas Collie Club, the Central Oklahoma Collie Club and the Wichita Kennel Club. I began judging in 2011 to further commit to the benefit of the Collie breed as a judge, breeder and mentor.

In chairing many committees we realize the importance of staying within a budget through planning and implementation. As a Co-Chair and Committee Chair I am dedicated to responsibly plan and organize every aspect in relation to the committee I serve on. To always work towards common goals in the best interest of the Collie Club of America and the Collie in general.

I am involved in each of our local clubs participating in planning the annual specialty shows. Within the local Central Kansas Collie Club I have served in every office and aspect of the club. I have been the Show Chair since 1999 organizing and coordinating the annual specialty shows. I have served as Committee Chair and on Committees for the National Specialty show chairing the Grooming in 2005 and 2010 in Oklahoma while serving as Trophy Chair and assisting my sister as Show

Chair at CCA 2000 in Wichita, Kansas. I have chaired and organized the Top Twenty Invitational a number of years. I am currently serving as a liaison on the National Specialty Committee. With the loss of Sylvie Lingenfelter, I have taken on the roll of Co-Chair for CCA 2015 with Rick Lingenfelter to be held In Oklahoma City.

I am employed at a small airplane manufacturing company as the HR and Payroll Manager while also overseeing the accounts receivable and payables for the company. I feel every day and every opportunity is a learning experience and the choices we make dictate our lives. We all have the choice to better ourselves and to move forward by having an open mind to learn. To benefit from those that came before us while we leave a path to follow for those that choose to have the same outlook.

### **National Show Committee**

#### **Martha Ramer - Co-Chair**

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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. Darci and I began our positions on this committee 2 years ago. Both of us feel that the National Show Chair position needed to be expanded, thus both of us accepted the position to work together. We also added Sue Larson for her expertise in performance events and Roxann Heit was added just last year to oversea the Invitational and the hospitality area of the National Specialties.

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. With the collective experience on this committee we feel that more responsibility should fall on our shoulders rather than the Host Chair who basically does their job once ever 7 years. We also feel several areas should be standardized so the attendees of the National know what to expect each year.

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#### **Darci L. Brown – Co-Chair**

I obtained my first Collie in 1983 and have been a CCA member since 1988.

I am currently a member of CCA, Collie Club of New Hampshire, American Fox Terrier Club, The Fox Terrier Club in the UK and Pioneer Valley Kennel Club.

I have held most offices in CCNH and PVKC and been a legislative liaison for AFTC.

I have also served as a District Director for CCA and assisted the CCA Judges Education Committee.

I have chaired numerous shows for The Collie Club of New Hampshire as well as serving as it's Show Secretary. I have chaired all breeds for Pioneer Valley Kennel Club and have served on both obedience and agility committees. I was also the Show Chair for the CCA 2009 National.

I participate in an online group for dog show chairpersons and have found it a great asset. National Show Chairs should be able to provide practical support and advice as well as being a sounding board for the host chairs.

#### **Roxann Heit – Invitational & Hospitality Liaison**

I have been involved in the Collie breed twenty five years and through this time I and my husband, Dale Heit have created a successful breeding program while producing several National winners and ROM producers with the Timeless Name. We are members of the Collie Club of America, the Central Kansas Collie Club, the Central Oklahoma Collie Club and the Wichita Kennel Club. I began judging in 2011 to further commit to the benefit of the Collie breed as a judge, breeder and mentor.

In chairing many committees we realize the importance of staying within a budget through planning and implementation. As a Co-Chair and Committee Chair I am dedicated to responsibly plan and organize every aspect in relation to the committee I serve on. To always work towards common goals in the best interest of the Collie Club of America and the Collie in general.

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### **Sue Larson - Performance Liaison**

I've been in collies since I bought my first one in 1965. I started in obedience and was very successful there for many years before branching out into conformation too. I then began competing in agility, tracking, and herding, and still compete in all venues to this day. I've done some successful breeding on a very limited scale, producing several champions ( including 2 group winners and an all-breed BIS winner). I've been obedience co-chair and agility chair for three CCA's over the years, and I'm a member now of the Show Rules Committee and am the performance liaison to the National Show Chair.

## **Newsletter**

### **Kathie DelGrosso, Editor**

Katherine (Katie) DelGrosso fell in love with pure bred dogs reading Joyce Stranger books as a lonely, American child in a British boarding school. In 1996, she fought hard to find a rental house in a college town that would let her bring home her first Irish Wolfhound. Four Wolfhounds, one Masters' in Literature, one Associate's in Veterinary Science and one fiancé later, she brought home her first smooth collie. It was a life changing event. Now with 7 Collies, 2 children and back in school yet again, she enjoys the versatility of this amazing breed. In between biochemistry tests, potty training and being the preschool snack mom, she can be found ringside in New England.

### **Karen Weber, Asst. Editor**

My professional career spanned 30+ years as an Administrative Assistant in various capacities. I was also a Vet Assistant for 1 ½ yrs. I have been a member of Indiana Collie Club for 25 years and a member of CCA for 23 years. I have served the past 5 years as CCA Newsletter Editor, currently am 2nd Vice President of Indiana Collie Club, and also served as President, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor for Indiana Collie Club. Brian and I also served one term on the CCA Tellers' Committee. We have bred and shown Braeton Collies since the mid-80s, producing and/or finishing 20+ champions, and also enjoy other aspects of the dog world, including obedience, agility, and herding.

## **Online Storage**

### **Laura DeLaurentis, Chair**

I have been a CCA member since 2008 and have worked on the 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011 and 2012 yearbooks. I also actively support the Bulletin as Photo Editor since 2012.

I have 11+ years of experience working in high tech printing software and hardware manufacturers as an instructor, instructional designer, and advanced technical workflow support specialist serving customers in North America and Mexico. I regularly met with customers to understand their business needs, make recommendations, and implement workflow processes. I managed the development of training deliverables and documentation for the North American distribution channels. My software experience ranges from desktop publishing to high-end printing, web design, MS Office, Adobe products, and various databases.

As an independent consultant, I have worked with various businesses to research new equipment, procure, install, migrate systems, and provide customized training.

I also worked for a company that provides wi-fi Internet access on aircraft. In that role, I helped to build a training department from the ground up, identified areas for performance and process improvement, designed and delivered training, researched and procured vendors, negotiated contracts and managed the vendor relationship.

I have been an active member on this committee since its inception in 2010-2011, identifying our needs, setting up user access and training, working with the vendor on support issues and continually researching new storage solutions that meet our needs to ensure we are benefitting from the best price. I am passionate about protecting club assets for years to come.

### **Lenell Nix**

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. On the CCA national level I have had the fortunate privilege to serve as the district director for NC from 2010 until 2014. I have served on the Constitution Committee from 2010 to 2014 and thoroughly have enjoyed the opportunity and insight this has brought. At the 2011 Nationals I had the opportunity to work with Lynn Meyers, and assist as needed with our National Trophies, shortly thereafter have served as a committee member on the Trophy committee until 2014.

I have spent the majority of my adult life 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. Previously I am a current student finishing my AA in May. I have also worked in the field of satellite communications dealing with the technology side as well as customer service. I also hold a real estate brokers license in the state of North Carolina. I have just finished a public speaking class focusing on the latest public speaking techniques as well as communication processes. I plan to continue my education in the fall at the University of North Carolina Asheville pursuing a BA and then plan on attending law school. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the CCA in this capacity if approved.

## **Public Relations Committee**

### **Linda Mabus, Chair**

My work life consists of a variety of areas, but primarily a nurse educator. I currently teach community health nursing and serve as a Faith Community (Parish) Nurse Coordinator. I plan, coordinate, implement, and evaluate educational activities for nurses and student nurses in central Illinois.

I have had Collies for a lifetime as companions—obedience, conformation, and as a breeder. I have been a member of CCA since the early 1970s and now the Quarter Century Collie Group. Currently, I represent Illinois as a District Director and am serving as the Chairperson for the newly formed Public Relations Committee. I feel the whole Collie should be promoted. I believe that the promotion of the Collie in today's climate will be very important for the Collie's future.

### **Melinda Sunnarborg**

**Background:** I have owned, trained, exhibited and bred Collie champions and performance titleholders for more than 30 years under the Burlywood prefix.

**Club Affiliations:** I am a member of the Quarter Century Collie Group, the Collie Health Foundation, and the American Working Collie Association. I am a District Director for California (north).

**Experience:** I have had a strong interest in the promotion of the Collie for many years. Prior to the wide expansion of Internet usage, I ran a yearly kennel listing ad in Dogs USA with an additional line offering breed information and breeder referrals. As a result of the listing, I mailed out an average of 30 informational packets per year to inquirers who called me for puppies or for information. The packets included various educational materials from the CCA, CCAF, AKC, and local collie rescue as well as a publisher's order form for Bobbee Roos' book, The Collie Concept,

In the mid-1990's during Peggy Darington's and my first two terms as Co-Directors for the northern California CCA District, we organized collie booths at local pet expos as well as at the largest annual Scottish gathering and games in the state. On occasion, we also coordinated support for the collie entry at the Golden Gate KC's annual benched all-breed dog show in Daly City (San Francisco), which has a huge number of paying spectators.

Each of these efforts was very rewarding and was SO well-received by the public. They seemed to be starving to see collies! I believe the work to be done by a Public Relations Committee is very important for the future prosperity of our breed. I hope volunteering my time and experience will be an asset to the CCA.

### **Kathy Moll**

My collie activities in conformation and performance began in 1975, and my first performance titled Collie and my first Collie champion happened over 35 years ago. I am very proud to have bred and/or owned multiple Top 10 Collies in both varieties, many champions in both varieties, a dual champion and performance titled collies in multiple venues. All our national wins make me proud but particularly BOS to BOB from 11 years and older veterans and a Most Versatile Collie award.

I have been a CCA district director many times, starting in the early 80s. I have been a Director at Large for two years and send the communique' and information as needed to members in 7 states and 3 countries. I am currently a member of the CCA Public Relations Committee and am the chair of the Breeder of the Year Committee.

I worked diligently for nearly two years on the 2007 national in almost every capacity, including securing a \$20,000 grant for the CCA. I have been a supporter of the Collie Rescue of the Carolinas (CRC) since its inception. CRC was one of the first Collie Rescue Foundation affiliates. I am a member of the CHF and have been a member of the Quarter Century Group for the past 10 years.

I have written numerous articles for the *Bulletin*, *COL*, *Collie Expressions*, *Collie Cues*, *Collie Review* and the *Cassette*. These articles have covered a variety of subjects including health, breeding, showing, structure, performance, and genetics. I enjoy writing and have a BA and an MA. I taught college level English year-round for 30+ years and am now retired.

### **Chandra L Flaim**

#### Objective

I wish to work to better the future of the collie in a variety of areas including breeding, showing, performance events, and volunteer work.

#### Abilities

I am capable of managing large projects, supervising people, independent work and event planning. I have experience in web design, Microsoft programs, social media, and monthly newsletter publishing and graphic design.

#### Collie History

I got my first collie in 1994 and proceeded to earn multiple performance titles on her in 2 registries while spending time learning the collie standard in order to acquire a show quality collie. I purchased my first show quality puppy in 1997 who became my first conformation champion. Over the past 19 years I have dedicated myself to learning the breed and producing the best collies possible. I have bred 6 litters and produced 6 home bred champions, 1 grand champion.

#### Employment History

Admin Assistant / Marketing & Membership Director

08/2004 - 09/2009      Cheyenne Family YMCA      Cheyenne, WY

I was the personal assistant to the Vice President, the Director of Membership and the Director of Marketing. This position required me to be extremely flexible and a team player. I supervised 15 staff members at the Membership Desk and took care of customer service issues. I designed, printed and distributed all marketing and advertising materials for all departments. I assisted in both planning and running major and minor events and analyzing the success of each.

#### Education

05/1993      Adams State College      Associates and Bachelor's      Major in English Minor in Art  
Degrees

### Additional Information

Member of the Collie Club of Colorado: Current Corresponding Secretary, Judges Committee Member, past newsletter editor, Web Designer and Social Media Manager [www.collieclubofcolorado.org](http://www.collieclubofcolorado.org) Facebook page-Collie Club of Colorado  
Member of the Collie Club of America  
Member and Corporator Collie Health Foundation: Current Promotions Chairperson  
Manage my personal web site [www.qualtericollies.com](http://www.qualtericollies.com)

### Vickie VonSeggern

"I joined the CCA in 1970 and am a Quarter Centruy Club member. I have raised and shown collies under the prefix of Thorndale since my first litter born in 1972 and sired by Ch. BayMars Coming Attraction.

I have finished a dozen or so Champions, all of whom I also bred, and pointed many others. I am an ACK Breeder of Merit.

I helped to found the Lincoln Co. Humane Society and WI Collie Rescue and then the MN/WI Collie Rescue. I am currently serving my 3<sup>rd</sup> term on the Board for the Collie Rescue Foundation.

I have also been a member of the Paper Cities KC for some 35 plus years, and have chaired and/or co-chaired its all breed show about a dozen times over the years, and served as President and Board member. I also handled our show publicity for a number of years. I have organized several large all breed seminars for that club. I am also a member of the Northern WI Collie Club.

I own a small boarding/grooming/training kennel. In my business I deal with the pet owning public daily which gives me some insight into their wants and needs, experience that will assist me on the committees I am proposed for. Thank-you for your consideration."

## **Performance Ranking - ROMP**

### Suzanne Schwab

I've been competing in AKC conformation, obedience, agility, tracking, and herding with collies since 1987. I am an AKC tracking judge and AHBA herding judge, and teach obedience, tracking and herding classes through my local dog training club. I've been involved in every aspect of putting on AKC performance events from being in charge of clean up to chairing or judging events. I maintain a data base of sires, dams, breeders and owners of performance titled collies dating back to 1990, and a data base of all qualifying scores earned by collies in AKC herding events dating back to 2002.

## **Register of Merit**

### Mary Jo Hearn, Chair

I have owned collies since 1971. I joined the AWCA in 1986 and the CCA in 2003.

I enjoy showing my collies in conformation and a number of performance events, including herding, obedience, rally, and agility. I look forward to maintaining the ROM statistics for our wonderful breed.

### Gayle Kaye

I am a 45 year member of CCA. Breeder of Chelsea Collies. Current CCA Officer (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) and soon to be 1<sup>st</sup> VP.

Over the years I have edited or co-edited just about every CCA publication there is and I am the author of two award winning books including the 2009 DWAA 'Best in Show' winner, "The Collie in America". I am the current Chair of Archives and Co-Chair of the Judge's Education Committee. I was the AKC Gazette Columnist for 12 years; I developed the "Register of Merit" system; a past Chair of Ethics, and a past member of numerous other committees.

I am an AKC licensed judge for Collies and was given the honor of judging "Breed" at the 2013 National. I am a member of the Quarter Century Collie Club, Collie Health Foundation and Dog Writer's Association of America. Currently I serve on the Collie Health Foundation Board of Directors.

## **Scheduler**

### **Karen Soeder, Chair**

My pre “raising collies” time was spent raising four children and serving in many organizations as president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, plus numerous committee heads and on boards of directors. I also worked in special education for our local high school.

I have been a member of Central States Collie Club and the CCA for 22 years. I have served for Central States two 2-year terms as president, one term as vice president, several years as secretary, show chairman, and for 12 years as the corresponding secretary.

For the CCA I have served as election coordinator and 2 years on the tellers committee. I was treasurer of the 2008 National specialty show in La Crosse, and am currently serving as Scheduler assisting with CCA scheduling reminders and Newsletter and Bulletin deadlines. I have served on the Bulletin Committee as Co-Editor for the past two years.

## **Shining Star Committee**

### **Leslie Rappaport, Chair**

My life with collies began as a toddler when as a 2 year old, I fell in love with our family collie, Angel. This early influence led to a lifetime passion and love for collies. As an 11 year old I had my first personal dog, Inca who was a genetically shy German Shepherd. From Inca I learned a LOT about temperament.

In 1972 My mother and I fell in love with smooth collies and purchased our foundation bitches and in 1974 we produced our first collie litters. Now, 40 years, 122 litters, and 14 generations later, my passion and love for Collies has only grown! I am passionate about the versatility of our breed: About the love, talent and wisdom they bring to their Partners as Service Dogs; about the many ways they have found become integral and essential to our lives. I remain animated and committed to breeding sound, healthy, resilient collies that can share their lives with us for as long as possible as companion dogs, working dogs or show dogs.

I am passionate too about the CC of A's wonderful Shining Star program that brings the stories of amazing collies and their generous and dedicated owners to the attention of people around the world! I have a wonderful committee: Ann Boles, Leslie Rugg and Susie DeLorenzo, talented all, and dedicated to this program! We are all looking forward to an exciting year working together to bring you new real life stories of amazing collies....

### **Ann Boles**

My name is Ann Boles, I am a member of the Shining Star Committee. I have worked at Harlingen Veterinary Clinic as office manager for the past 17 years. My love for animals has lead me this position.  
and my involment in the collie world.

We have shown collies for the past 10 years on a limited base.

I started a pet therapy program at Robert Wood Johnson's Children Hospital 18 yrs ago. My collie Ch Riverrun's Jump for Joy and I visit the hospital every Thursday for several hours. We are also on call for any of the kids that need a special visit during the week. Jump has a special bond with many of the children on the oncology floor, many of these children have become and important part of my life and think of Jump as their dog. We also do a program at a local nursery school in Princeton, NJ.

I am a active member of the Collies Club of Northern New Jersey. My husband and I volunteer to run Boles Bistro at Sunnybank each year with the help of our wonderful members .We have been very successful with 100% of all proceeds going to the Collie Health Foundation. I held the position as Grant Secretary to Dr. Nancy Kelso for several years. I am hoping to retire is a year and become more active with the Collie Health Foundation and devote more time doing therapy work with my collies.

### **Susie DeLorenzo**

I am Susie DeLorenzo, lifelong collie owner and Membership Chair of Collie Club of Northern New Jersey. I have done pet therapy at the hospital where I work as a Labor and Delivery nurse. I currently own 4 collies, and am fortunate to work with wonderful breeders, who allow me to take some of their puppies to socialize. I became involved with the Shining Star Committee, to help continue the wonderful work of my friend and fellow club member, Candy Wisnieski . I have great admiration and appreciation that these special collies and their owners and for their wonderful work.

### **Leslie Rugg**

I was imprinted to Collies at the age of 5, when my parents obtained our first collie from Trudy Mansure (Merry Oaks). "Bruce" was my brother until my human brother was born. Then Bruce became my canine mentor. Except for a few years, I have had collies just about my entire life. If breathing is not only natural but a requisite of life, that is what the collie is to me. So far, a dozen collies have graced my life, and each one has taught me so much. As a hobbyist, I've done a little bit of everything - a little conformation, a little obedience, a little agility, a little herding, a little whelping assistance. As a professional, I've edited two dog magazines including one about collies and I've written almost two hundred articles on dog topics including some specializing in the collie. I'm not a breeder, but I am well-versed in genetics, health, and nutrition. Nothing is more important than preserving what is good, solid, and healthy about the breed. I was so pleased to be asked to join the Shining Star Committee because of its emphasis on the versatility of the human/animal bond. In my eyes, the extraordinarily empathetic nature of the collie makes this breed the ideal of all canines. What Terhune and Knight wrote about in their great collie stories we all know to be true. I hope that all of us in the breed will continue to contribute in a meaningful way to the heritage of the collie and the legacy of each collie we have loved. Surely every collie deserves to be a Shining Star. It is this committee's and my good fortune to bring a few of the brightest stars to your attention.

## **Tellers Committee**

### **Connie DuBois - Chair**

I have been in collies since the early 1980's and have finished 66 rough champions to date. I became a member of the CCA in 1986 and have owned and bred the BOB 2005 CCA winner, CH. Sylvan's Above and Beyond and owned the same year BOS to Breed, Ch. Seneca's In The Arms of an Angel as well as numerous CCA class winners. I have the honor of being a co/breeder/owner of the top winning rough collie in the history of the breed, the blue bitch and ultimate princess, GCH. Sylvan Argent Simply Irresistible (SAX). She holds the record with 17 All Breed Best In Shows, over 100 group Ones, multiple Best In Specialty wins and in her spare time became the dam of five champions. Having set the bar pretty high for myself for future endeavors, I see in my future, me relaxing a little bit, working as CCA Teller Chairperson, playing with puppies and enjoying the shows and dogs with my friends. I love this breed and the experiences being involved with them has given me. I have worked for Publix Super Markets (a Fortune 500 company,) for over twenty years where I am a Food Safety manager. This job supports my collie habit! I have had the pleasure of judging numerous sweeps and matches for both collies and shelties, and have my sights set on eventually becoming a licensed AKC judge.

### **Gail Currie - Co-Chair**

I was first introduced to our wonderful breed in the early 70s in Canada under the guidance of a wonderful mentor, Beatrice Patterson of Taplow Collies. We tried our hand at showing for a short period of time, however, our children came first before shows and breeding. We were the typical family that always had a couple collies living with us and our children. It wasn't until we moved to Florida in 2003 that we were able to get back into the wonderful world of showing and breeding after meeting Connie & Shirley DuBois. Since then we have finished nine champions, two of which we proudly report were out of the Bred By class. We co-own, GCH Am/Cdn Sylvan Argent It's All About Me (Gucci) who is sister to GCH Sylvan Argent Simply Irresistible (Sax). Gucci carried on the family tradition and became a multi BIS and BISS like her sister, as well as producing two champions and a third near champion out of her first litter. We were very proud of her accomplishments both in the ring and whelping box. I am retired from the corporate world, having worked as an Executive Assistant to the President of K\*USA-TV and President of NBC Affiliates. I have been a CCA member since 2003 and President of the Greater Tampa Bay Collie Club for the past eight years. In my spare time, when not working with the collies, I am a fitness instructor and have a specialty pet products business.

### **Kathleen Thomas**

My name is Kathleen Thomas. I have been owned by collies since I was a child. Currently, I am blessed with three fun-loving rough collies. I started actively showing in the conformation and performance arenas in 2008. My first Champion was finished in 2011 followed by his Grand Championship in 2012 (GCH Cheviot Blue Bandit HT CGC). I also compete with my collies in agility, herding, and lure coursing. By accident, I discovered that one of my collies has a passion (obsession!) for lure coursing. This led to him being one of the first collies to achieve AKC's Coursing Ability Advanced

(CAA) title (Sylvan Argent The Life of Riley CAA).

I am a member of the Collie Club of America and The Greater Tampa Bay Collie Club. This is my third year as the treasurer for The Greater Tampa Bay Collie Club. Professionally, I hold a Master of Science degree in Accounting. Currently, I am employed as a Senior Budget/Financial Analyst for the United States Special Operations Command headquartered at MacDill AFB in Tampa, FL.

### **Rene Coutu**

As a child, I grew up with horses, dogs, cats and rabbits. My first collie was a sable/white female I named Lucy. We did some showing in obedience. But mostly we traveled between Miami and LA. We even lived in Europe for a couple of years. When Lucy passed on at 14 ½ years old, Dr. Cindi Bossart offered me one of the Bam Bam puppies (CH Argent Big Bang). She told me that I would have fun showing my new collie puppy in 'Breed'. And boy was she ever right!! I was looking for a way to give back to the collie breed since I had enjoyed so much the years with my collie. In 2001 we created the website for the Collie Club of Greater Miami. During the first 9 months that the website was launched, we as a Collie Club were able to successfully save and place 45 collies in loving forever homes.

I have been a CCA member since 2002. I am now working on my 5<sup>th</sup> generation of Collies. It warms my heart and makes me smile when I see one of my collies give me a look or a gesture that reminds me of their great grandmother. Those moments are priceless.

### **Shirley DuBois**

I have been in collies since the early 80's with my daughter, Connie DuBois, and a CCA member for almost 25 years. Together we have bred over 66 champions including a National Specialty winner. I have also been corresponding secretary for the Greater Tampa Bay Collie Club for the past 10 years. My daughter and I have enjoyed our collies and being members of the CCA for all these years and feel we have been Blessed with the friendships we have developed because of the love of the breed. I am ready to fulfill whatever is necessary as a member of the CCA Tellers Committee ..

## **Versatility & HIC**

### **Jim and Judy Smotrel – Co-Chairs**

The Smotrels have been members of the CCA since 1984. Both have served as a member of the Working Collie Committee. In 1991, Jim and Judy developed the CCA Versatility Program. Jim has served as the chairman of the CCA Herding Instinct and Versatility Committee since it was created in 1992. They have shown Collies in breed, and have competed with Collies in obedience, agility, herding, tracking and flyball.

Jim and Judy are licensed agility judges with both the AKC and UKC. Jim serves as a member of the board of directors of our local obedience club, while Judy is the Treasurer of the club. They regularly teach advanced obedience classes and summer agility classes. Both have been an Evaluator for Therapy Dogs International since 1991 and they also evaluate dogs for AKC Canine Good Citizen tests. Jim and Judy regularly do therapy dog visits with their Collies.

## **Working Collie Committee**

### **Jeanine Blaner, Chair**

I have been on the Working Collie Committee since 2009, becoming chair in 2012. I have had collies as pets since childhood and became actively involved in competition in 1999. My collies currently compete in conformation, agility, herding, obedience, and rally obedience. I am a member of the Helena Montana Kennel Club, where I offer agility and herding lessons and serve on the Financial Steering Committee. I have competed at six CCA Nationals and won Most Versatile Collie in 2013. I was recently interviewed for a feature about collies for *Dog News* magazine. I have been actively involved with the CCA herding regionals since their inception in 2008. I have a B.A. in Communications from Antioch College and a J.D. from the University of Montana. I work for the State of Montana as a law clerk and mediator for the Workers' Compensation Court. I previously worked as a journalist and graphic artist.

### **Marilyn Clayton:**

Bred under the Woodruff Collies <sup>Perm Reg.</sup> prefix. I live in Victoria, B.C.; have put over 130 titles (including advanced titles), on 8 collies in conformation, obedience, herding, agility, rally, drafting/carting and tracking; have earned National rankings in conformation, herding, obedience, agility, & rally; compete on both sides of the border at all-breed & specialty shows/trials; have won CCA's MVC and earned CCA VC & VX titles; earned numerous Herding & Obedience High In Trials - all performance owner trained & handled. For over 30 years, have taught all levels of obedience (puppy through competitive utility); am a life member of the Collie Club of Canada (CCC) and our local obedience club (NOSA); have served as President of the CCC and held most Executive positions at NOSA; have written articles for various magazines; have been a member of CCA for a total of 25 yrs; and a member of the WCC for 2 1/2 years focusing largely on the Carting program.

### **Yvonne Evans-Wynn:**

I have been in collies 16 wonderful years and enjoy training and competing with them in multiple events including advanced levels in herding, agility, obedience, rally and conformation. Together my collies and I have earned 6 CCA VA titles and 5 CCA Versatility Excellent Titles, earned multiple High in Trials, won the Most Versatile Collie in 2005, and were qualifiers in 2001, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2010 and 2011. I have also finished 6 Champions since 1999 and 2 Grand Champions. I have been a member of the Collie Club of GA since 1997, CCA since 1998, American Working Collie Assoc. since 2000, Collie Health Foundation since 2000 of which I am currently serving a second term as corporator, an instructor at Atlanta's Dogwood Obedience Group since 2003 and on the board of the North GA All Breed Herding Dog Assoc. since 2004. I have held a variety of positions including Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for CC of Georgia, CCA District Director for Georgia from 2010 to 2014, and Trial Chairman for the 2013 CCA Eastern Regional Herding Trial. My first love has always been performance with my collies. I look forward to the opportunity to help promote how versatile and wonderful our breed is.

### **Deanna Levenhagen:**

Although I grew up and have always had dogs all my life, it wasn't until I finished my doctorate degree that I started getting involved competing. I've owned collies for over 15 years. During that time, we've competed in obedience, agility, herding, rally, conformation and have earned advanced titles in all the performance venues. My dogs are also certified in pet therapy and we make regular visits to assisted living facilities. During the past 20+ years, I've held several board and club positions (including registrar, secretary, and instructor) for the local dog clubs. I am currently employed at Medtronic as a Principle Study Director responsible for designing, overseeing, and reporting on study results for cutting edge medical devices prior to approval for human use from various regulatory agencies. As part of my education and professional background, I have extensive computer application experience, technical writing, database design, and project management. I look forward to opportunity to use my skills to promote collies and further the mission of the CCA by showcasing this wonderful breed.

### **Erin Gorney:**

I purchased my first collie in 2001 which I began showing him in 2002, eventually finishing his CH and titling him in performance. Additionally I have finished 2 other conformation champions (including one from my own breeding), pointed others, campaigned another to multiple group placements, wins and a BIS, and have handled specialty winners. I became active in performance in 2004, titling dogs in herding, agility, rally, and flyball. Since joining the CCA in 2004, I have served as Asst. to the National Show Chair for Performance and on the Working Collie Committee. I've attended every national since 2003 but one. In addition, I am the current President of the South Texas Collie Club. I look forward to continuing to serve on the WCC if approved.

### **Nancy Hehre:**

I started in collies in 1991 when I obtained my first AKC Registered collie. We discovered obedience and began competing in 1992. That dog eventually earned a UD, OTCH points and an invitation to the 2000 National obedience invitational. I currently reside in Hattiesburg, MS and I've been a CCA member for 18 years. I am a current member of the WCC (Chair-obedience subcommittee), and I have just been elected to the position of District Director for MS. I compete regularly in performance events including obedience, rally obedience, herding, and agility as well as conformation. One of my collies has qualified to compete at the Inaugural Rally Obedience National Championship this March. I have taught obedience, rally and agility classes, and hope to apply for my Rally judging license in the near future.

### **Linda Holloway:**

I have been involved w/ herding since the 1980's, starting w/ collies, competing in Border Collie Trials,

until the advent of the AKC Herding program in 1989. I attained my AKC Herding Judge License in 1995, continuing to trial and train collies as well as other breeds. I am a long time member of CCA and the WCC, hosting 2 Herding Nationals and Herding Regionals.

**Charlotte Holzmann:**

I have had Collies for forty years. My involvement with performance started early on. I participated in obedience and had one Collie quickly earn her CD. Currently I am training in rally and herding with an avid herder -- who is from a conformation line. I am a member of the Mason Dixon Collie, was Trial Chair for the 2011 Eastern Herding Regional and committee chair for a local dog days event that we hope will become annual. Before retiring, I was involved in marketing, writing, and many communication projects. I created the draft for the Herding Trial Primer that the WCC is now putting into its final format. I also do some painting. All of those skills will serve me well in the work of the Working Collie Committee.

**Bob Olson:**

Robert Olson has had Collies since 1991. Together with his wife Deanne he has focused on training and showing their Collies in agility and flyball. He is a licensed AKC agility trial secretary and was the president of Collie Rescue of Greater Illinois from 1999 – 2009, and is still an active board member, volunteer, and webmaster for the organization. Bob is a software engineer by training and currently works in that capacity at Argonne National Laboratory. His current agility dog is a young Collie from Collie Rescue who arrived at his house in 2009 to spend the night and ended up staying for good.

**Working Collie Sub-Committee – Herding (above)**

**Linda Holloway, Chair**

**Yvonne Evans-Wynn**

**Deanna Levenhagen**

**Website**

**Gary Jordan, Co-Chair**

Candle Haven's Gary Jordan has been a Collie Club of America member since 1998 and the club's webmaster since 1999. He has held professional positions in profit and non-profit businesses in a variety of mediums, including wire services, newspapers, magazines and the web. He has bred both rough and smooth champions and is currently the owner of eight collies. He was the co-owner of the 2001 National Specialty Best of Breed winner, CH Caledonia By Candle Light. Gary is the co-editor and publisher of the weekly online magazine, colliesonline.com.

**Karen Jordan, Co-Chair**

Candle Haven's Karen Jordan is a second generation Collie fancier, who began exhibiting at local matches in 1975. In 1981 she won Best of Breed for the first time at a specialty and qualified and competed in Junior Showmanship at Westminster Kennel Club. She is a 1986 graduate of Southern Connecticut State University with a degree in Economics and a former professional handler. Karen was the owner-handler of the 2001 National Specialty Best of Breed winner, CH Caledonia By Candle Light. She has bred both rough and smooth champions and is currently the co-editor and publisher of the weekly online magazine, colliesonline.com.

**Deanna Levenhagen** has had dogs for more than 40 years. It wasn't until she finished her doctorate degree that she started getting involved in competition. She has competed in obedience, agility, herding, rally, and conformation with her collies, earning advanced titles in all performance venues. Deanna's dogs are certified in pet therapy and make regular visits to assisted living facilities and children's hospitals. She has held several board and club positions, including registrar, secretary, and instructor for the local AKC club. Deanna's professional experience includes research management in the medical device and testing industry. She has extensive experience working with computer applications, technical writing, database design, and project management. Deanna has produced and maintained much of the performance information on the CCA web site for several years.

**Melinda Sunnarborg** has owned, trained, exhibited and bred Collie champions and performance titleholders for more than 30 years under the Burlywood prefix. She is a member of the Quarter Century Collie Group, the Collie Health Foundation, and the American Working Collie Association. Melinda serves as the District Director for California (north) and has been the Board liaison to the web site committee since 2010. She has vast technical experience, including working with computer

applications, web site building and maintenance (she built and maintained the first CCA Foundation web site), and project management in the Geographic Information Systems industry.

## **Written Revisions**

### **Leslie Jeszewski - Chair**

Leslie Viken Jeszewski joined the Collie Club of America in 1963 as a youngster. Since that time, she has bred, raised, trained, and shown collies for all of her adult life. Situated on 22 rolling acres just 25 minutes west of downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota, Leslie and her husband Don have sought to provide a country club lifestyle for their collies, recognized under the "Highcroft" registered kennel prefix. Leslie has shown in obedience, as well as conformation events, appreciating the time, effort, and talent that go into training a happily working performance collie, as well as the conformation dog. After having had a 38 year career in the field of Education, Leslie has retired to devote herself full time toward the betterment of the Collie. Most recently, Leslie and Don have received the lifetime achievement award from the American Kennel Club for 2013 Breeder of the Year/Herding Group.

### **Sheela "Mike" Cheatman**

After thirty years of teaching I am happily retired to pursue some of the things I love most. At last I can dedicate more time to my beloved collies and painting. I think I was about ten when I received a set of oil paints for Christmas. My very first painting was of my collie. It seems I have always loved collies and expressing that love in my art.

For several years I contributed drawings to the Collie Expressions and also to our Yearbook. I have also created logos for several of the Collie Club of America National Specialties, various clubs, and individuals. Most of my time now is dedicated to oil portraits of children as well as canine and equine portraits.

## **CCA Yearbook**

### **Michelle Esch-Brooks, Editor**

I have been involved in Collies since birth, but I began showing at the age of 4 years old. I am the daughter of Mike and Tess Esch of Signet Collies, and started my own kennel, Heritage Collies, with my husband, in 2011. I was highly involved in Junior Showmanship from ages 10 to 18, while also competing in Conformation. I have been involved in the CCA Juniors program since I was 15 years old, helping at CCA Nationals with teaching the younger Juniors. I was Best Junior at the 2004 CCA, #1 Junior in 2005, #4 Owner-Handler Assoc. in 2005, Top Northeast Junior in 2005, and have placed or won each of my Juniors classes for every year I was in Juniors at CCA. In 2010 I completed my provisional Juniors judging license and received regular status, and in the Fall of 2013 I received my provisional Collies license for which I hope to receive regular status by the Fall of 2014.

At the 2010 CCA, I was approached about being the editor of the 2010 CCA Yearbook by the CCA President. I was a member of my high school's yearbook staff in MA, I was Editor of the high school yearbook in NJ, I was a member of my college's yearbook my freshman year, and was editor for the following three years of my undergraduate career. Seeing the need to get the CCA Yearbook back on track, I gathered the materials and had it available at the 2011 National. At the 2011 National, I was asked to aide in the completion of the 2008 and 2009 Yearbooks while also working on the 2011. By April 2012, the 2011, 2008, 2009 and 2012 Yearbooks were made available and sent to the membership, in that order. In four years, I have had four Yearbooks available at the following Nationals and have compiled two more in between.

I enjoy my work with CCA and do not plan on leaving my position soon. Therefore, in the summer of 2013, I asked that I be approved for the following five years (5 Yearbooks) as Editor of the CCA Yearbook. I was approved, and have completed one Yearbook so far. Toward the end of those 5 years, I will reassess my future and goals within CCA. During these 5 years, it is my goal to find and train someone who is equally as passionate about the Yearbook, and of course, to keep producing it for each CCA National.

### **Katie Skilton**

Hello to all committee members, my name is Katie Skilton from Cleveland Ohio. I have currently been in collies for 15 years. I started out by being active in junior showmanship at ten years old. From there, I had ranked in juniors and went on to finish multiple top ranked champions. I have stayed active in collies with my mom, Martha Skilton (Alexy Collies). Together we have bred many successful collies with beautiful virtues and wonderful personality's. I stay active in my local

club the Cleveland Collie Club. The past years three years I have worked on the theme section of the yearbook. I am very excited to see where this road will take me. Currently I work in Dermatology as a surgical assistant. I look forward to seeing you all this year at the upcoming national.

### **Judy Cummings – Obedience Statics**

I have been a CCA member since 1980, when I began competing with my collies. I have shown them in conformation, obedience, agility, tracking, and herding; participated with two of them in major competitions: 1998 Puperoni Western Regional Obedience Tournament & the 2006 AKC National Obedience Competition Invitational; in fact, my dogs have received 4 invitations to the NOC. I served on the CCA Obedience Committee when Carol Knock was Chairperson, and wrote the obedience chapter for the CCA publication, *The Many Faces of the Versatile Collie*. I wrote obedience articles for *Collie Expressions* from 1992 through 2008, have supplied the obedience statistics for that magazine since 1993 and continue to do so today; I have occasionally contributed articles to the *CCA Bulletin*. I have produced the annual obedience statistics for the *CCA Yearbook*, beginning with the 1994 publication; as far as I know, no one else compiles these figures for the collie. I am currently Secretary for the American Working Collie Association and have been newsletter editor for its publication, *Collie Connection*, since 1998, writing articles for it frequently. I have taught advanced obedience classes for my local obedience club for all breeds for the last 19 years, am a current board member, and help set policies for our training program. I continue to compete with my collies, earning titles in a variety of activities including 6

### **Jim and Judy Smotrel – Co-Chairs - CCA Versatility & HIC Program & Awards**

The Smotrels have been members of the CCA since 1984. Both have served as a member of the Working Collie Committee. In 1991, Jim and Judy developed the CCA Versatility Program. Jim has served as the chairman of the CCA Herding Instinct and Versatility Committee since it was created in 1992. They have shown Collies in breed, and have competed with Collies in obedience, agility, herding, tracking and flyball.

Jim and Judy are licensed agility judges with both the AKC and UKC. Jim serves as a member of the board of directors of our local obedience club, while Judy is the Treasurer of the club. They regularly teach advanced obedience classes and summer agility classes. Both have been an Evaluator for Therapy Dogs International since 1991 and they also evaluate dogs for AKC Canine Good Citizen tests. Jim and Judy regularly do therapy dog visits with their Collies.

### **Les Hutchins – Hawkins Ranking System**

No point in spending a lot of time with past history since this is only one committee comprised of a single person.

As related to the Hawkins System - In 2004 I assumed the role of sole proprietorship of the independently owned and operated Hawkins System. Because I have most of the data and information anyway, since 2008 I also have been providing the show stats and results in the format that has been restored to the yearbook.

### **Mary Jackson - Parade of Stars**

I have been a member of the CCA since 1995. I became involved in collies when my oldest daughter Julia became interested in Junior Handling. I was the Assistant Editor and produced the Parade of Stars for the Yearbook in 1996, 1997 & 1998 with Tess Esch. I tabulated the show results and statistics for the Yearbook for four years 1996 - 1999. I am a member of the Collie Health Foundation and the New England Collie Rescue League. We have bred 30+ AKC Champions and have multiple Herding, Agility and Obedience Champions. I'm excited to have the time again to help with the Yearbook. Working with Michelle Esch will be a real pleasure!

**Contributors to the Yearbook production: Nancy Anstruther, Pati Merrill, Patti Gordon, Lori Montero, Cheryl Sulewski, Les Hutchins, Mary Jo Hearn, Alice Holm, Janet Grimm, Jo Brady, Robin Isbell**

## Proposal for New CCA Challenge Trophy

### From Heather Newcomb, National Trophy Chair

We request for approval a memorial challenge trophy (description below) in memory of Sylvie Lingenfelter to be awarded at the Collie Club of America National Specialty Show beginning at CCA 2015.

Thank you,  
Roxann Heit  
Rick Lingenfelter  
Co-Chairs CCA 2015

### CCA CHALLENGE TROPHY (valued at \$3000.00)

**Best Bred By Exhibitor - THE SYLVIE LINGENFELTER MEMORIAL TROPHY**, a Rick Lingenfelter Original Bronze Statue on a Wooden Base donated by friends of Sylvie Lingenfelter through the Collie Club of America, Inc. This is a challenge trophy awarded for Best Bred By Exhibitor, to be offered at the National Specialty Show only, to be won three (3) times by the same breeder, not necessarily with the same dog nor at consecutive shows, for permanent possession.

Please include the original wording for discussion. Roxann and Rick know they must include additional funding to cover the case. They will begin fundraising as soon as approved by the board. They do not want to take funds now and have to return if for some reason the trophy was not approved. The national trophy committee will not allow for this trophy to be published in the 2015 premium list until it is confirmed the trophy is completed, the case made, and paid for. It is my understanding the first step in this process is for it to be approved by the board.

Thank you,  
Heather

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Public Relations Committee Report:

#### Mission Statement:

The Public Relations Committee will provide ideas and resources for the active promotion of the collie as a desirable family companion and working canine partner. The committee will explore avenues to help local groups put on events for the public in association with members and groups already experienced with public events.

Important possible avenues for featuring our breed would be a link on our CCA website page where the public can view articles, photos, and videos of collies in family settings and activities. Additionally, some media would show collies and their owners doing agility, carting flyball, freestyle, herding, obedience, service dog, therapy, tracking, and other performance and service activities.

#### Summary of 3/27/14 Meeting:

The Public Relations Committee is actively working on the design for the public CCA page for Facebook. It will be launched this spring. An article by Kathy Moll is ready for publication in the *Bulletin*. The committee is working on a promotion feature for the *Bulletin* with the focus of enlisting CCA members who would like to work on some of the projects that would allow them to use their talents, i.e., photo submission, artists, writers, videographers. Progress is being made for the Public Relations link to the CCA website. Media avenues are still being explored.

## New Members and Reinstates –March/April/May 2014

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*The reinstates listed below have been out less than a year...their inclusion is notification to the representative of returning as a member of the CCA.*

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#### Previous Ballot Results: due March 15, 2014

##### BALLOT - Results

This ballot must be received by the Secretary no later than **March 15, 2014**.

Total voting: 52

Not voting: Randy Smith, Judy Porter, Alisa Pesek, Kris Provenzano, Judie Evans, Barb Linder, Shirley Perry, and John Geddes

Not voting removed from Board: Liza Dunkle, Debbie Price

1. The President presents for approval the New Members and Reinstates from Lori Montero, Membership Chair.

A. Approve   50   B. Disapprove   1   C. (I) approve all except \_\_\_\_\_ C. Abstain   1  

2. The President presents for approval the following names for nomination of the Good Sportsmanship Award by the Good Sportsmanship Committee. Please select one.

A.  15  Francis Flaim

B.  37  Kathy Peters