



# The Golden Gait

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Board Meeting  
Valentine's Party  
Awards Banquet

Jan 9 - 7pm  
Feb 15  
TBD



HAPPY NEW YEAR

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*May your New Year be filled with Golden Blessings!*

## Member News and Happenings ...

Any brags, pictures or other information you would like to share with the club via the monthly newsletter, please email Sally Dines a week before the month ends. Her email is [sallydines4120@gmail.com](mailto:sallydines4120@gmail.com).



# from the **PRESIDENT**

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all the members of GREATER PITTSBURGH GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB.

We will start the year out with our Valentines Party at the Sisters of Holy Family of Nazareth. This is the facility where we have our monthly meetings when we have them. The party is scheduled for Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. You can bring your dog from 10:30-11:30 A.M. and greet the residents. Your dogs or puppies don't have to have a TDI (Therapy Dog Title). We are also invited for lunch at noon but the dogs need to go into crates or put into your cars. Reservations are needed so the cooks know how much to prepare. Darlene and Kaitlynn McGowan are in charge of this event and always do a great job especially with the gifts. Contact Darlene if you plan on staying for lunch. This is a yearly party for the residents and they look forward to it every year. Please try to attend and bring your dogs. It's good socialization for your puppies.

Your Board is thinking of having the annual awards banquet at the Sisters of Holy Family of Nazareth. You don't have to have put titles on your dogs to come. Everyone is invited and enjoy the hospitality and friendship of the Club. We will have a short general meeting followed by handing out the Awards. Anyone receiving an award should come and pick up your award. More on this later.

We have several new members this year and it's good to come out to Clubs functions and lend a hand. Don't worry if you don't know what to do. Someone is always there to lend you a helping hand. Don't be shy.

Our Specialty is coming together. There is still a lot to do and we are still looking for 1 more judge. Any suggestions would be appreciated. The dates for our Specialty will be June 18-19-20-21<sup>st</sup>. Mark down these dates. We have included Sunday and excluded Wednesday for this year's Specialty. Hope to see a lot of new faces there. More details later.

This winter so far has been mild. I hope it continues this way. Keep those furry friends comfortable this winter and don't forget to exercise them.

Sincerely,  
Pat Depp, GPGRC Pres



## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine's Day Party

When: February 15<sup>th</sup> 2020

10:30- 11:30 – Visiting

11:45 Lunch and Gifts!

Where: Holy Family Manor:  
301 Bellevue Road Pittsburgh PA

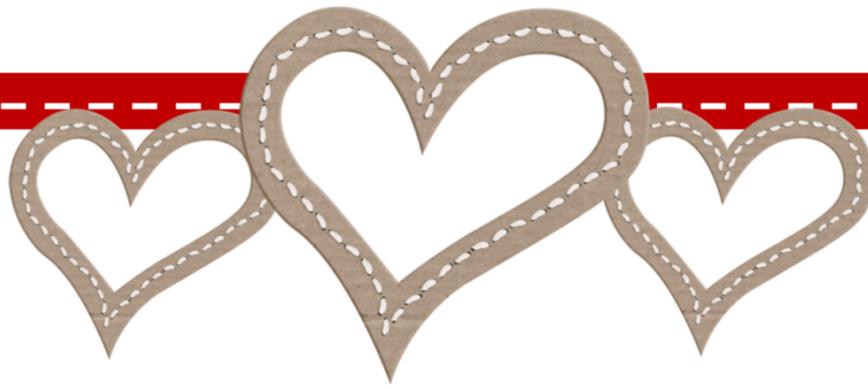
All are welcome at this event; dogs need to be friendly and controlled

RSVP by February 8<sup>th</sup> to Darlene McGowan  
Lunch reservations are required- payable in cash at the event (5 dollars per person)

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## Valentine's Day Party

At the 2020 annual Valentine's Day Party for the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, we will be presenting each resident with party favors, which will include candy and other snacks! This event is an opportunity to brighten the lives of the residents. If you have never had the opportunity to attend this event, we strongly encourage you to do so.

This event is also a way for the club to thank them for the use of their facility as our monthly meeting site.

Kaitlynn and I are so excited to plan this event and would appreciate any and all cash donations to make this event a success.

Donations can be sent to Darlene McGowan at 481 Eastview Drive, North Huntingdon, Pa 15642.

THANK YOU





## YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for a few members to volunteer to be on the nominating committee. These volunteers will have the important task of finding new board or officers for the upcoming year. If you are willing, please let any board member know. Board member emails can be found on the club website at [GPGRC.org](http://GPGRC.org).



## CHECK YOUR AWARDS INFORMATION!

**You will find the awards list for 2019 within this newsletter. Each person slated to receive an award is responsible to review their accomplishments/awards to ensure names, awards, titles, spelling and the like are correct on your dogs. This will be the content that appears on your plaque or certificate. You, and only you(!) are responsible for the way it will appear.**

**Any corrections should be sent to Kathy Fertal ([fertalkm@verizon.net](mailto:fertalkm@verizon.net)) no later than January 20<sup>th</sup>. She will make corrections to all input received by the deadline. A final blitz of this completed list will be sent out via email from Roseanna Frankowski for one final look before the plaques and certificates are made.**

**WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU WHO WORKED SO HARD THIS YEAR.**



# ***NEW TITLES AND AWARDS***

*Congratulations* 

AKC Star Puppy  
*Lycinan Indiana Jones*  
**INDY**  
Roseanna Frankowski

Grand Champion GCH  
*Ch Pendery's Worth the Wait at*  
*Infinite CGC*  
**CALEB**  
Sheri McCormick

Therapy Dog Novice THDN  
*Ch Pendery's Worth the Wait at*  
*Infinite CGC*  
**CALEB**  
Sheri McCormick  
Therapy Dog Novice THDN

Deck Junior DJ  
*Ch Pendery's Worth the Wait at*  
*Infinite CGC*  
**CALEB**  
Sheri McCormick

Champion CH  
*Infinite Spring Time Blossom*  
**BLOSSOM**  
Sheri McCormick

Canine Good Citizen CGC  
*Infinite Spring Time Blossom*  
**BLOSSOM**  
Sheri McCormick

Canine Good Citizen CGC  
*Brianne's Lovin' Life at Infinite*  
**BLISS**  
Sheri McCormick

Working Certificate WC  
*Brianne's Lovin' Life at Infinite*  
**BLISS**  
Sheri McCormick

Canine Good Citizen CGC  
*Infinite Miss Independence*  
**INDI**  
Sheri McCormick

Beginner Novice BN  
*Tanbark's Fountain of Youth CD*  
**BNJH**  
**PONCE**  
David and Peggy Bauman

Rally Novice RN  
*Nautilus Pamaandes Oni*  
**ONI**  
Pat Depp

Working Certificate WC  
*Nautilus Pamaandes Oni*  
**ONI**  
Pat Depp

Junior Hunter JH  
*Nautilus Pamaandes Oni*  
**ONI**  
Pat Depp

Trick Dog Performer  
*Heidrich's Gracie*  
**GRACIE**  
Pamela Jane Heidrich

Canine Good Citizen CGC  
*Heidrich's Gracie*  
**GRACIE**  
Pam Heidrich

Therapy Dog TDI  
*Heidrich's Gracie*  
**GRACIE**  
Pam Heidrich

Therapy Dog THD  
*Loyalhannah's Surprise Enrichment*  
**OLIVER**  
Melissa Voll-Stouffer and David Stouffer

Trick Dog Novice TKN  
*Loyalhannah's Surprise Enrichment*  
**OLIVER**  
Melissa Voll-Stouffer and David Stouffer

Therapy Dog Advanced THDA  
*Loyalhannah's Surprise Enrichment*  
**OLIVER**  
Melissa Voll-Stouffer and David Stouffer

Novice Agility NA  
*Ruffwater Ballroom Romance*  
**SAVANNAH**  
Melissa Voll-Stouffer and David Stouffer

Certificate of Conformation Assessment CCA  
*Ruffwater Ballroom Romance*  
**SAVANNAH**  
Melissa Voll-Stouffer and David Stouffer

Beginner Fast Cat BCAT  
*Ruffwater Ballroom Romance*  
**SAVANNAH**  
Melissa Voll-Stouffer and David Stouffer

Therapy Dog Advanced THDA  
*Damels Crazy In A Small Town*  
**MIRANDA**  
Melissa Voll-Stouffer and David Stouffer





The following is a list of the awards submitted in 2019. Please review and if any changes are needed please contact Kathy Fertal immediately at [fertalkm@verizon.net](mailto:fertalkm@verizon.net).

The deadline to make corrections is January 20<sup>th</sup>!

### 2019 GPGRC AWARDS LIST

Owner	Registered Name with Titles	Dog Call Name	New Title(s)	Plaque or Certificate
Arch, Gina and Steve	Brianne's Some Kind of Wonderful NAJ	Drifter	Open Agility Jumper (OAJ)	Plaque
Arch, Gina and Steve	Brianne's Some Kind of Wonderful OAJ	Drifter	Novice Standard Agility (NA)	Plaque
Bauman, David and Peggy	Tanbark's Fountain of Youth OD BN BN JH	Ponce	Obedience Novice (ON)	Plaque
Depp, Pat	Nautilus Pamaandes	Oni	Rally Novice (RN)	Certificate
Depp, Pat	Nautilus Pamaandes	Oni	Working Certificate (WC)	Certificate
Depp, Pat	Nautilus Pamaandes	Oni	Junior Hunter (JH)	Certificate
Frankowski, Roseanna	Tonya's Buccaneer's Girl AJP OAP THDA CGCA TDIAOV	Bonny	Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA)	Certificate
Frankowski, Roseanna	Tonya's Buccaneer's Girl AJP OAP THDA CGCA TDIAOV	Bonny	Achiever Dog Certificate	Certificate
Frankowski, Roseanna	Tonya's Buccaneer's Girl AJP OAP THDA CGCA TDIAOV	Bonny	Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA)	Certificate
Frankowski, Roseanna	Tonya's Buccaneer's Girl AJP OAP THDA CGCA TDIAOV	Bonny	TDI Active Outstanding Volunteer	Certificate
Frankowski, Roseanna	Lycinan Indiana Jones	Indy	AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy	Certificate
Heidrich, Pam	Heidrich's Gracie	Gracie	Canine Good Citizen (CGC)	Certificate
Heidrich, Pam	Heidrich's Gracie	Gracie	Trick Dog Performer	Certificate
Heidrich, Pam	Heidrich's Gracie	Gracie	Therapy Dog ( TDI)	Plaque
McCormick, Sheri	CH Pendery's Worth the Wait At Infinite CGC	Caleb	Grand Champion (GCH)	Certificate
McCormick, Sheri	CH Pendery's Worth the Wait At Infinite CGC	Caleb	THDN (Therapy Dog Novice)	Certificate
McCormick, Sheri	CH Pendery's Worth The Wait At Infinite	Caleb	Dock Junior (DJ)	Certificate

McCormick, Sheri	CH Infinite Spring -Time	Blossom	Champion (CH)	Certificate
McCormick, Sheri	CH Infinite Spring -Time	Blossom	Canine Good Citizen (CGC)	Certificate
McCormick, Sheri	Brianne's Lovin' Life At Infinite	Bliss	Canine Good Citizen (CGC)	Certificate
McCormick, Sheri	Brianne's Lovin' Life At Infinite	Bliss	Working Certificate (WC)	Certificate
McCormick, Sheri	Infinite Miss Independence	Indi	Canine Good Citizen (CGC)	Certificate
Osheka, John	CH Brianne's Total Eclipse Of The Sun CGC THD	Sunny	Air Scent Live Find Certification for Search and Rescue	Certificate
Tomlinson, Tammy	Hillock's Fendi	Fendi	Senior Hunter (SH)	Plaque
Tomlinson, Tammy	Hillock's Fendi	Fendi	AKC Community Canine (CGCA)	Plaque
Tomlinson, Tammy	Hillock's Fendi	Fendi	Rally Intermediate (RI)	Plaque
Tomlinson, Tammy	Hillock's Fendi	Fendi	Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA)	Plaque
Tomlinson, Tammy	Hillock's Tropical Rain Forest	Rain	Master Hunter(MH)	Plaque
Tomlinson, Tammy	Hillock's Coney Island Cyclone	Twister	Championship (CH)	Plaque
Tomlinson, Tammy	GCHP CH Hillock's Jack Daniel's RA JH CA RATN SDHF WCX CGC	Daniel	Grand Championship Platinum	Certificate
Tomlinson, Tammy	CH Mach 2 Hillock's Lil Firecracker MXS MJG OF DS	Bam	Mach 2	Plaque
Tomlinson, Tammy	Hillock's Landslide	Mac	Junior Hunter (JH)	Certificate
Tomlinson, Tammy	Hillock's Magic Dragon	Puf	Junior Hunter (JH)	Certificate
Voll- Stouffer, Melissa and David Stouffer	Loyalhannah's Surprise Enchantment	Oliver	Therapy Dog (THD)	Certificate
Voll- Stouffer, Melissa and David Stouffer	Loyalhannah's Surprise Enchantment	Oliver	Trick Dog Novice (TKN)	Certificate
Voll- Stouffer, Melissa and David Stouffer	Loyalhannah's Surprise Enchantment	Oliver	Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA)	Certificate
Voll- Stouffer, Melissa and David Stouffer	Loyalhannah's Surprise Enchantment	Oliver	Dock Novice (DN)	Certificate
Voll- Stouffer, Melissa and David Stouffer	Ruffwater Ballroom Romance	Savannah	Beginner Fast Cat (BCAT)	Certificate
Voll- Stouffer, Melissa and David Stouffer	Ruffwater Ballroom Romance	Savannah	Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA)	Certificate
Voll- Stouffer, Melissa and David Stouffer	Ruffwater Ballroom Romance	Savannah	Novice Agility (NA)	Certificate
Voll- Stouffer, Melissa and David Stouffer	Damels Crazy In A Small Town	Miranda	Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA)	Certificate



## Importance of allowing your dog to sniff

by [Martha Knowles](#) | May 14, 2018 | [Thoughts & Reads](#)

I peek out the front door to check on my dog, who is sunning himself in his favourite spot in the sun. He is lying on an old moving trolley, since repurposed to give him a boost up to the sunrays, which don't reach the ground at this time of morning. As I stick my head out the door, he lifts his nose, and I can see his nostrils gently flare in and out as he recognizes I am close. He does not see me with his eyes, as they are squinted shut due to the sun, but he sees me with his nose.

There are many more examples of my dog using his nose to see. When I return from the shops, and we greet enthusiastically, my human tendency is to reach out and touch to say hello, but he ducks away, preferring to sniff my hands first to see where I have been. (If you have not already read about the human as opposed to canine perspective of greeting, it is worth reading '[How do you greet a dog politely](#)'). When I return from volunteering at the dog shelter, he sniffs my shoes and clothes carefully. I get the full pat down with the nose. If

I offer him something, whether it is an object or food, he does not use his eyes to examine the item further; he sniffs it.

On one occasion, when out on a walk with my dog, he stopped, hesitant to go further. I surveyed the pavement ahead. It seemed clear. I thought he was being overly sensitive and encouraged him to continue. As we passed the parked cars ahead, hiding behind the wheel of the last car was a cat. I felt very foolish. My dog was right – there was something ahead! He had seen it with his nose. I should have listened. Being human, I had immediately dismissed what I could not see with my eyes. On another occasion, he started sniffing the ground very attentively, seemingly following a trail back and forth, as he narrowed in on the direction of the scent trail. Looking ahead to see what had taken his interest, it was easy for me to quickly spot a scattering of nacho chips that had been discarded on the pavement. This time my eyesight won out against my dog's nose, and I was able to divert him away.

Even with these simple observations, it is apparent how often my dog uses his nose and scent to make sense of and navigate his environment.

It is understandable why the use of olfaction may be the predominant sense for dogs. It is estimated that dogs have 300 million olfactory receptor cells; in comparison humans have about 5 million. Dogs have the ability of smelling with each nostril on an individual basis, allowing them to distinguish the direction of the scent. The slits on the side of the nose allow for the old air to exit at the same time as the dog is breathing in new air through the nostrils, allowing the dog to take in scent continuously. The air is separated and passes through an area at the back of the nose that has a labyrinth of scroll-like bony structures called turbinates. The air is filtered through the turbinates for olfaction, while some of the air follows a separate route down the pharynx for respiration. The air that humans take in for respiration and scent is not separated, going in and out with the air that we smell. Additionally, dogs have a secondary olfactory organ called the [vomeronasal organ](#) that allows dogs to detect pheromones and non-volatile chemicals. There are times where you can spot the dog using his vomeronasal organ, as he will display a [tonguing response](#). The dog may chatter his teeth or drool a bit at the mouth as he deciphers the components of the scent. To interpret all this information, a larger percentage of the dog's brain is used to process scent, with the olfactory bulb taking up more area of the brain than it does in humans. The dog can detect smells at concentrations of 100 million times less than our noses can detect.

In Alexandra Horowitz's book, '[Being a Dog: Following the Dog Into a World of Smell](#)', she gives an example of scientific research to test scent thresholds of detection dogs. One of the tests was how diluted an odour could become before the dog would struggle to detect the odour. The scent of amyl acetate (smell of banana) had to be

distinguished from non amyl acetate canisters. The dog kept finding the scent until it was diluted to the equivalent of a couple of drops of amyl acetate to one trillion drops of water.

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The following [Ted-Ed video](#) lesson by Alexandra Horowitz gives a good summary of the dog's sense of smell and why dogs are physically able to process scent so efficiently. For an in-depth look at how dogs perceive the world with their noses, it is well worth reading [Alexandra Horowitz's book, 'Being a Dog: Following the Dog Into a World of Smell'](#).

Imagine visiting an art gallery if every time you attempted to look at a painting, you were forced to move along and had your eyes covered, missing the chance to get a glimpse of the painting. How frustrating an experience would that be? As humans, we do not have the same level of perception and therefore discount dogs' levels of sensory perception far too many times, especially when giving them opportunities to interact with the environment. Too often I have seen guardians impatiently yanking their dogs away if the dog stops to sniff even for a moment. I have observed dogs that are walked obediently to heel and not permitted to stray to sniff, dogs walked with equipment that does not allow them to dip their noses down or move their heads or bodies with ease, or walks that are carefully curated from a human perspective, where the walk is a quick march for exercise purposes and stopping is not tolerated. The mental stimulation from sniffing and exploring can be just as tiring as physical exercise.

If my dog responds to an environment in a manner in which he is comfortable to investigate it – in an in-depth manner with calm sniffing – this indicates that the walk is going well and the environment is suitable for him. If my dog is pulling, moving erratically and choosing not to engage with the environment by sniffing, this is a telltale sign that he is not coping for some reason. So sniffing calmly and engaging with the environment can give clues as to the internal state of your dog. A good walk for my dog would be one in which he meanders with a calm, loose, slow-moving body, taking his time to stop at various spots to sniff and investigate. To do so, the leash needs to be long enough for him to move comfortably, and the equipment he is wearing should not hinder him from being able to reach the ground with his nose easily. The choice of walk should be individual for each dog; certain environments or times or the duration of a walk can be too stimulating for some dogs. A dog may not have the appropriate skill level or coping skills for a particular environment, or the dog's stress level may be too high to cope with a particular walk.

How your dog engages with the environment by sniffing, and in which context he does so, can give vital clues as to how comfortable your dog is feeling and if he is coping within an environment.

There is another important reason to pay attention to your dog's sniffing. On certain occasions, [sniffing](#) plays a part in how dogs communicate. If you have not already read the dog body language article about [sniffing](#), you can read about it [here](#).

The dog may stop to sniff as a [calming signal](#) or negotiation. For example, a dog may use [sniffing](#) the ground at a distance in the beginning stages of approaching another dog. A slow non-direct approach is polite, and it gives each party the opportunity to negotiate at a distance. In another context, sniffing could be used as a way to defuse a situation; one dog may walk away sniffing the ground, encouraging the other dog to mirror him, defusing the interaction.

Depending on context, sniffing the ground could also be [displacement behaviour or a stress response](#). If the dog is unsure of something ahead, he may slow and start sniffing the ground, showing he may be feeling conflicted. It is vital to allow your dog to express himself and to observe your dog's body language so you can offer support in such situations.

I mentioned an example of when my dog chooses to sniff the ground as [displacement](#) when he feels uncomfortable, in this article: '[Considering the effects of walking or running straight towards a dog](#)'.

The body language that occurs when a dog starts [sniffing](#) due to [displacement](#) can be subtle. It is crucial to observe changes in the environment, noting the dog's whole body and body posture, as well as movement and body language signals. For instance, a dog may see something ahead, pause, and then subtly curve his body away from the object that is causing discomfort. He may then do some displacement sniffing. It is worth observing how he sniffs; some displacement sniffing may seem less focused than when a dog is actively investigating a scent. In other instances, it can seem out of place, as the dog suddenly finds a spot to sniff intently. The dog may use the moment of sniffing as a surreptitious way of surveying the environment, so it is important to observe where the gaze of the eyes falls. The dog may also move his ears, perhaps to the side slightly, in order to use his other senses to gather further information. One should pay attention to the subtleties.

Scent is the predominant way in which dogs make sense of their world. Sniffing is vital to the way dogs gather information and interact with their environment. At times, depending on the context, a dog is not just sniffing a

scent; he is communicating. What he is communicating can vary according to the circumstances, so it is worth paying attention in order to be a supportive partner. Allowing your dog to interact fully with his environment and express himself with ease ensures a stronger, mutually connected relationship between dog guardian and dog.



## Drug Approved by FDA for Canine Lymphoma

TANOVEA-CA1 – the first FDA conditionally approved drug for the treatment of lymphoma in dogs – has demonstrated a 77 percent overall response and a 45 percent complete response rate, supporting a reasonable expectation of efficacy in both naïve and relapsed/refractory lymphoma.

Available in all 50 states, TANOVEA-CA1 is an exciting new cancer treatment for dogs that is specifically designed to target and kill canine lymphoma cells. TANOVEA-CA1 is easy to administer, with only five doses for a full treatment, and is generally well-tolerated in clinical studies.

This canine lymphoma treatment is a convenient option for pet owners and clinics. Veterinarians administer TANOVEA-CA1 every three weeks with a simple, 30-minute intravenous infusion.

# Key Information for Pet Owners on TANOVEA-CA1

TANOVEA®-CA1 is designed to target lymphoma cells and attack them

- Accumulates in rapidly dividing lymphoma cells and causes those cells to die

TANOVEA-CA1 demonstrated a reasonable expectation of effectiveness in clinical studies

- Studied in clinical trials in 22 dogs receiving TANOVEA-CA1 once every three weeks
- 77% of dogs with lymphoma responded to treatment
- Responses seen in dogs new to treatment and in dogs who stopped responding to conventional chemotherapy

TANOVEA-CA1 is generally well tolerated

- Common side effects include decreased white blood cell count, diarrhea, vomiting, decreased or loss of appetite, weight loss, decreased activity level, and skin problems
- Other more serious side effects may occur – consult your veterinarian for additional information

TANOVEA-CA1 is convenient for you and your dog

- One dose every three weeks
- Only five visits for a full treatment

How much does TANOVEA-CA1 cost?

TANOVEA-CA1 requires a prescription from a licensed veterinarian. Pet owners should consult their veterinarian for information about TANOVEA-CA1 pricing.



## *Golden Retriever Club of America*®

### **Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA)**

All Golden lovers are encouraged to join our Parent Club, GRCA. The *GR News* is published bi-monthly by the GRCA and contains educational articles, provides a forum for issues of interest to Golden owners, highlights Golden accomplishments and contains correspondent columns from the Member Clubs across the country. Contact the Editor for more information.

### **GREATER PITTSBURGH GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB (GPGRC)**

- Member club of the Golden retriever Club of America, Inc. (GRCA)  
Master National Retriever Club (MNRC)  
Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs, Inc. (PFDC)
- Licensed by the American Kennel Club (AKC) for Conformation Shows and Obedience, Rally and Agility Trials and Hunt Tests.

General Membership Meeting is held the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Membership applications are available from the Membership Chairperson. Attendance at two Club functions (one being a General Membership Meeting) and endorsement of two Club Members is required before an application can be accepted. Dues are: Regular Membership (individual) - \$25.00, a second adult – an additional \$13.00. Associate Membership (individual) - \$15.00, a second adult – an additional \$8.00. Junior Membership - \$1.00. Completed applications and dues are to be submitted to the Membership Chair.

Newsletter is posted monthly on the Club's Website at [www.gpgrc.org](http://www.gpgrc.org). Club members may request printed, mailed copies of the *Golden Gait* for a fee of \$20 per year.

Litter advertisements are accepted from Club Members only on a space available basis. (Fees are full page - \$10; half page - \$5; quarter page - \$2.50.) Refer to the Puppy Referral Policy and Breeder Code of Ethics for required clearances.

In summary, puppy referral is a service provided to GPGRC Members only. (1) Both sire and dam must be two years of age or older at the time of breeding; (2) copies of eye clearances within one year of breeding must be supplied; and (3) an OFA numbers for hips and elbows must be submitted. Also hearts must be evaluated by an approved veterinary cardiologist.

Acceptance and use of the information provided by GPGRC constitutes an acknowledgment that the user hereby releases and indemnifies the GPGRC and its Officers, Directors, Members and Agents from any and all liability and damages sustained by the user as a result of any information obtained from this organization.

Title/Award Record Form should be filled out and sent to the Accomplishments Recorder for all Conformation, Obedience, Tracking, Agility, Rally, Field Events or Community Service Events before they can be reported in the Newsletter.

## General Meeting

We periodically have meetings at the Sisters of Holy Family of Nazareth, 301 Bellevue Rd 15229. The meetings are announced in the newsletter, website and via email. Guests are Welcome! Meeting begins at 7:30 P.M.

Directions from I-279: Take exit 12 toward US 19/Perrysville Ave. At Perrysville Avenue, turn left. Go approximately .8 mile and turn left onto Bellevue Road (Sunoco Station on corner). Go approximately .5 mile and turn right to stay on Bellevue Road. End at 301 Bellevue Road. Entrance to complex is one way. Sign will direct you to building. Yellow brick building behind large red brick building is the meeting place. There is an open parking lot or 2 deck parking garage available.

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