Because she has become such a great friend of Guide Dogs of America, we asked Sondra “Sandy” Bennett how GDA came to be her favorite charity.

“I saw a notice in the Doris Day Animal League newsletter about a golf event to support Guide Dogs of America, and I was intrigued. I have lived in Kentucky for 17 years, but before that, I was in California for 20 years, so I have a strong connection to the state. I was looking for a charity I could get close to, and everything I found out about GDA made me think it was an exceptional charity. So I decided to become a donor.”

Since she first contacted GDA five years ago, Sandy has become one of GDA’s most consistent supporters. She sends monetary donations. She sends gifts of beds, toys, and other dog supplies. And since she and her husband Otto have written GDA into their wills, they are members of the “Partners in Trust Society.” Not only that, but Sandy’s mother, Helen Barnes, has also joined her in supporting GDA, and also recently added GDA to her will.

“When I was a college student, I was a reader for a blind student. Seeing what GDA’s amaz-
is taking computer classes at the Braille Institute. She goes to church every Sunday.

And everywhere she goes, Maddy goes with her.

“She’s so good. When I go to line dancing, I just tell her to stay and she sits quietly, ignoring all the noise and activity. The first time I took her to church with me, the minister was amazed to discover after the service that there had been a dog in the building. Now, when we go, as soon as the organist plays the benediction, Maddy knows it’s time to leave. She’s so smart.

“My only problem is that everywhere I go, people want to pet her because she’s so cute. One woman who is legally blind came up to me and asked me where I got Maddy and how much it cost to get a guide dog. I told her I got her at Guide Dogs of America, and there’s no cost to the blind student!

“I’m so grateful to all the people who make that possible. The breeders, the puppy raisers, the trainers, and the cook at the school. I gained 5 pounds before we graduated. I’m also grateful to all those who donate to GDA to help give me a guide dog. You’ve done a great service to me.”

Maddy is Luella’s first guide dog. The two have so quickly become such an efficient team you would think they’d been together forever. And for this very active woman, that has made an enormous difference in her life.

“Losing my sight aged me. But Maddy has rejuvenated me. I feel like she gave me back 10 years. Thank you!”

Sandy Barnes with GDA employee Rhonda Bissell and Andre.
Parade of Partners

Our Fall 2005 issue of “Partners,” which featured lists of our sponsors, volunteers and puppy raisers, was met with enthusiastic remarks from one and all. We regret a small number of oversights and offer corrections below.

- The Hawes Family were the puppy raisers for Takoda.
- Bari & Erwin Laner were the puppy raisers for Fergi.
- Judi Gomez & Miguel Ola are puppy raisers.
- Alix and Judith Billson are puppy raisers.

Cozy Quilt Benefits GDA

This year’s quilt is the creative handiwork of the Santa Clarita Quilt Guild. They donated this masterpiece to GDA with the hope of raising $5,000 or more. Tickets are $2 each or 6 for $10 and are available by calling GDA at (818) 362-5834, ext. 310. The drawing will be held at the GDA December puppy meeting on December 10th and the winner does not need to be present. Good luck!

Raffle Deadline
December 10th
Call Today!
Because the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina was so widespread and so heartbreaking, GDA has tried to respond in some small way to help our two-footed and four-footed friends in need.

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM&AW) founded Guide Dogs of America more than 50 years ago. And though our two organizations are now separate, GDA has continued to be their favorite charity. In response to those decades of generosity and kindness, we helped the IAM&AW with supplies and support who, in turn, helped their fellow IAM&AW members, GDA graduates, and other friends who resided in the hurricane affected areas.

One of the great tragedies of the New Orleans disaster is that thousands of pets had to be abandoned when the city was evacuated. Many of these dogs won’t be able to be reunited with their owners and are being sent to adoption centers all over the country. We’re assisting Southern California Labrador Retriever Rescue by housing up to 18 dogs they have accepted. After medical and temperament check-ups, the dogs will be housed at our kennels until new homes can be found for them. If you are interested in adopting a dog rescued from New Orleans, please call (888) 554-2522, or visit www.sclrr.org.

Our hearts go out to all our friends, both human and canine, as they begin new lives after the terrible destruction of the hurricanes in early September. Please keep them in your prayers and thoughts.

Jay A. Bormann
GDA President

A Message of Good Will and Good Cheer

Everyday, I am struck by the generosity of caring Americans.

Here at GDA, I am grateful for the support that we have come to rely on over the years. Thoughtful friends care almost as much about the puppies and dogs we raise and train as they do their own dogs. And they care about the blind men and women we serve as though they were their own family members and friends.

Thank you for your good will, belief in our work and kind gestures. Best wishes for good cheer and many blessings to you and your loved ones in 2006.

Jay A. Bormann
GDA President

WISH LIST
For our Dormitory:
- Braille Games (available at www.braillesuperstore.com)
- Talking Alarm Clocks with large number display
- Portable AM/FM/Cassette/CD players

For our Kennels:
- Toys (always needed!): Kongs, hard rubber toys, sterilized bones, compressed rawhide bones, Nylabones. (All in LARGE sizes)
- Crates—#200 size
- Exercise Pens: 24” and 36” sizes needed
- Pet Mate small size crates: 19” x 12 1/2” x 10” for pets up to 10 lbs.

For our Grooming needs:
- Trimming Blades #10 and Attachment Combs 1/2”, 1/3”, 1/4” (to fit Oster clipper #A-5)
- 7.2 Volt 2-speed Multi Pro Cordless Rotary Dremmel Kit and an extra battery pack (for trimming dogs’ nails) Available at: www.dog.com

Special Wishes:
Please call us at (818) 362-5834, ext. 310 to make certain that another generous friend has not already donated one of these items.
- Industrial-size Coin Counter (for all the “Pennies for Puppies” we receive from school children)
- Portable Quilt Display Stand with carrying case (available at www.clotilde.com)
**IN MEMORY**
Guide Dogs of America has recently lost some wonderful guide dogs that we know will be missed.

- **Pearl** – Class #307
- **Rosie** – In-home training
- **Ursula** – In-home training
- **Yosemite** – In-home training

**GDA WELCOMES** its newest member of the kennel staff, Sarah Hamilton, who joins us as a Vet Tech.

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**Holiday Shopping at GDA**

2005 Holiday Cards
Inside message: Happy Holidays
Priced at $15.00 for 15 cards and envelopes. See chart below for shipping & handling charges.

**GDA 2006 Pin Lapel Pin**
This 1” x 1” lapel pin of a handsome German Shepherd is fun to collect and wear. The cost is only $8.00 and shipping & handling is free! (#4 in a series of 5. See order form for previous pins in the series.)

**GDA’s Official Cookbook**
“K-9s in the Kitchen”
Rave reviews from savvy cooks! 300 tasty recipes! $20 each or two for $35 - shipping & handling included!

**GDA T-shirt**
The perfect stocking stuffer for the dog lover in your life! This 100% cotton T-shirt is made in the U.S.A. Message under illustration of dogs: Support your local Guide Dog! See order form for sizes. Priced at $18 and shipping & handling is included.

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**GDA HOLIDAY SHOPPING FORM**

Mail this entire form with your payment in the enclosed envelope.

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**Shipping & Handling**

- 1 package Add $3
- 2-4 packages Add $6
- 5-10 packages Add $8
- 10 or more packages Call GDA at (818) 362-5834, ext. 310 for custom rate.

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**QUESTIONS? CALL (818) 362-5834, EXT. 310.**
Puppy Corner

We’re proud to announce that this fall brought some new yellow and black Lab puppies to the GDA family who will soon be going home with puppy raisers. If you’d like to be a puppy raiser for one of these future guide dogs and live on the west coast, please call Louise Henderson at (818) 362-5834, ext. 234.

9/13/05—2 yellow Labrador puppies
9/12/05—12 yellow & black Labrador puppies
9/23/05—7 yellow & black Labrador puppies

GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA
13445 Glenoaks Blvd.
Sylmar, CA 91342
Address Service Requested

2006 Events at GDA
Visit our campus during 2006 and enjoy these special events.

Open House
- Saturday, June 10

Graduations
Watch our new teams of blind students and guide dogs begin their lives together. Graduations are held outdoors and begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, February 5
- Sunday, April 30
- Sunday, July 22

Ride for Guides
- Sunday, May 21

TAKING A PAWS FOR THANKS

• Rita Marchi is using her talent with knitting needles to raise money for GDA. The adorable sweaters she knits are for sale at the Three Dog Bakery in Phoenix, AZ. The owner of the bakery, Sandra Caldwell, and Rita agreed to send all the proceeds to GDA. Some dogs are enjoying their snuggly sweaters and GDA is grateful to these two creative women.

• Erin Powley, of Girl Scout Troop #54 presented us with 4 “GDA Speaker Kits” to help GDA representatives with the talks they give to classes of school children. Each small rolling suitcase contains: 4 harnesses for kids trust walks, 4 blindfolds, 4 simulation glasses, 25 Braille cards, GDA brochures, GDA Video, contents list, harness walk instructions and other suggested activities. With her ‘good deed,’ Erin earned her Girl Scout Silver Award.

Special Events

Hundreds of members of the IAM&AW and other puppy-loving friends sponsored some fun and successful fund raising events for GDA this past fall. Many thanks for their efforts and commitment to GDA!

August
- IAM&AW District Lodge #55—Darian, IL—Charitable Summer Slam Golf Tournament

September
- IAM&AW Local Lodge #1747—Connecticut Chapter—Hawgs For Dogs Motorcycle Ride
- IAM&AW District Lodge #24—Portland, OR—Golf Tournament
- NC Chapter—Hawgs For Dogs Motorcycle Ride
- IAM&AW District Lodge #15—New York—Servisair/GlobeGround Golf Tournament
- IAM&AW Eastern Territory Bike Show—Ocean City, MD
- Kentucky State Council of Machinists Golf Tournament and 1st Annual Skeet Shoot

October
- New Horizons Retirees Club—Folsom, CA —Sacramento Classic Car Show
- IAM&AW District Lodge #837—St. Louis, MO—Golf Tournament
- West Coast Hawgs for Dogs Motorcycle Ride—Bay Area, CA
- Guide Dogs of America Foundation Bowl-A-Thon—Canoga Park, CA

In addition to the many friends who make regular contributions by mail and payroll deduction, GDA is grateful to those who conduct special events or donate goods or services to help us carry out our work.

Stay up-to-date with GDA www.guidedogsofamerica.org

Happy Holidays!
from GDA