PARADE OF PARTNERS MARCHES ON

2nd ANNUAL Parade of Partners HONORS FRIENDS OF GDA

Last fall we began a new tradition honoring our many volunteers and donors with a Parade of Partners. In this issue we have listed the individuals, families and organizations whose support during this past fiscal year (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006) has helped GDA in many ways. We are fortunate to have so many supporters to extend this special thank you for making it possible for GDA to carry out its mission.

“We are grateful and abundantly appreciative for every person and every organization that, when they think of giving of themselves, chooses to give to GDA,” said GDA President Jay Bormann. “It is this generosity that allows us to graduate between 40 and 50 guide dog teams every year without government support and at absolutely no cost to our graduates. The $38,000 dollars needed to graduate a guide dog team comes solely from donations of time, money, and resources given by every name and every organization on these lists.”

Volunteers and supporters of GDA — through their considerable commitment of time, talent,
“The camaraderie of Open House is the first thing I experienced,” said first-time puppy raiser Butch Reyburn along with his 9-month-old puppy-in-training “Coffee.” “Being new to GDA, it was a great way to meet everyone involved and learn more about the school.”

For Steven and Jackie Gettleman, the day gave them the opportunity to meet the puppy they are currently sponsoring, “Buddy,” and to spend time with his puppy raisers, Linda and Dale Barber. “It’s wonderful receiving our quarterly updates on Buddy’s progress, and it’s really special to be able to come and see for ourselves how well he is doing,” said Jackie as she watched Buddy navigate through the trials.

And for Sandy Steinblums, her Open House experience was continued later in June, when as one of the winners of the popular “Spend A Day With the Trainers” raffle, she did just that. “I was going to be turning in ‘Peri,’ my puppy-in-training just two months after Open House and I wanted to see first-hand the training she soon would begin,” said the first-time puppy raiser. “It was an amazing experience for me and I know it will be wonderful for Peri, too.”

Fittingly, Open House is featured in this special Parade of Partners issue because for us this day is a true celebration of the many wonderful partnerships we so appreciate.
We want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all of you whose regular contributions we receive by mail or payroll deduction. We also wish to extend a big “thank you” to those individuals and organizations who have organized fundraising events. Thanks and recognition also are extended to all those who have generously donated goods or services. Your contributions to the day-to-day operation of the school, the care and training of the dogs, and the comfort of the students who live at GDA during their training to become a confident, independent guide dog user are essential to our program.

SPECIAL EVENTS At GDA we believe any event that furthers our mission is “special” — as are the organizations and people behind those events. We are fortunate to have so many fun-loving and dedicated members of the IAM&AW and other puppy-loving friends. We are fortunate to have so many fun-loving and dedicated members of the IAM&AW and other puppy-loving friends. Their desire to support GDA has resulted in some great fundraising events that demonstrate their ability to combine fun and hard work to benefit GDA!

APRIL
- 3rd Annual Guide Dogs of America Bowling Tournament — Milwaukee, WI
- 17th Annual Spring Fun Car Show — California

MAY
- Pennsylvania State Machinists Council — Pennsylvania
- Superball Golf Tournament — Havelock, NC
- Flight for Sight Fun Run — Washington
- Joe Vogler Memorial Golf Tournament — Hazelwood, MI

JUNE
- Hawgs for Dogs Motorcycle Run — York, PA Chapter
- District Lodge 9 — Golf Tournament — St. Louis, MO
- Simi Boots & Slippers Benefit Square Dance — Simi Valley, CA
- District Lodge 751 — 4th Annual Puppy Putt — Seattle, WA
- Hawgs for Dogs Motorcycle Run — Iowa Chapter
- 15th Annual Ride for Guides — Ashland, OH

JULY
- Hawgs for Dogs Motorcycle Run — Cincinnati, OH Chapter
- 17th Annual Minnesota Hawgs for Dogs Motorcycle Run — Minnesota Chapter
- Run for the Dogs — Tacoma, WA
- 15th Annual Local C Golf Tournament — Washington

AUGUST
- Local Lodge 743 — Golf Tournament — Connecticut
- Local E Horseshoe Tournament — Washington
- John Massetti Memorial Golf Tournament — Minnesota
- Great Northern Lakes Motorcycle Ride — Minnesota
- Local Lodge 701 — Guide Dogs Motorcycle Run — Chicago, IL
- District Lodge 190 — Mike Day Memorial Golf Tournament — Oakland, CA
- Hawgs for Dogs Motorcycle Run — Cleveland, OH Chapter
- Dave Ritchie Invitational Golf Tournament — Toronto, Canada
- Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Western Massachusetts Chapters of GDA 3rd Annual Poker Run/Benefit Party — Connecticut
- District 15 — Local Lodge 447 — Charles W. Foley Memorial Golf Tournament — Northborough, MA

SEPTEMBER
- District Lodge 24 — 18th Annual Golf Tournament — Portland, OR
- Guiding Eyes of Wisconsin Poker Run — Wisconsin
- Kentucky State Council Guide Dogs of America - Golf Scramble — Calvert City, KY
- Kentucky State Council Guide Dogs of America — 2nd Annual R. Thomas Buffenbarger Skeet Shoot — Calvert City, KY
- District Lodge 15 — Penauille Servisair Golf Tournament — New York

NEW EMPLOYEES
Two new employees recently joined GDA, and have begun their three-year apprenticeship with the training department.
Ashley Hermans
Apprentice Trainer
Patty Elizondo
Apprentice Trainer

IN MEMORY
We recently lost two graduates of our GDA family
Darla Hungerford
Patty Arocho
We note with sadness the passing of the following members of the GDA family
Guide Dog Zelda — Class #328
Guide Dog Backer — Class #329

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEND A PAW...

We are indebted to our “Partners” for their support that allows us to continue in our mission to provide loyal and loving guide dogs free of charge to blind and visually impaired individuals. Without the benefit of government funding, your gifts are truly essential to the fulfillment of our mission to help others live more independently with the loving partnership of a guide dog.

For more information about how you can assist our mission, please visit the “How to Help” and “Puppy Raising” sections of the Guide Dogs of America homepage, www.guidedogsofamerica.org, or contact us via email, mail@guidedogsofamerica.org, or by phone (818) 362-5834.
GDA PUPPY RAISERS
Praising the Puppy Raisers

The time, energy, patience, love, dedication, and selflessness required to turn a puppy from an eight-week-old bundle of paws and jaws into a well-socialized and trainable dog of 16-18 months is an incredible commitment. Our Puppy Raisers share their homes and their lives spending the better (rather, the best) part of everyday with our guide-dogs-in-training. Even more remarkable is their acceptance that the puppy they have raised for the past year-and-a-half has reached a milestone. This milestone requires they give up the dog they have grown to love and return it to GDA to begin formal training for the job it was bred and born to do. We sincerely thank our many puppy raisers who provide an excellent foundation for our puppies before sending them “off to school.”

Please note: The names that appear on this list include only those puppy raisers with whom a puppy-in-training was placed in their home during this past GDA fiscal year (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006).

A SPECIAL TREAT

This issue of Partners is dedicated to our “partners.” It is their incredible generosity that has allowed us to continue our mission for nearly 60 years. Recently, we received a “special treat” that we felt was in the spirit of this issue and presented a tremendous opportunity to share what your support of GDA means to our graduates.

The email below was received from GDA graduate, Kim Pomatto, and has been reprinted here with her permission. Kim graduated GDA just over a year ago with her new guide and constant companion, Voyager.

“This is to all the trainers and staff at Guide Dogs of Americã. I’d like to give a big thank you to you all for your kindness and time. On April 1, Voyager and I will have been together a year. It’s been a year of both joy and difficulty. He is such an amazing dog. I look after him, give him love and attention, and in turn he gives me love, companionship, and protection. When I’ve had a bad day, I know that he’ll always be there for me. Some days I just feel like wrapping my arms around him and shedding a few tears of thanks and love for my best friend. Whenever I’m out...
in the community, I can’t help but think of you all. You have enriched my life so much. Voyager has given me a lot of strength to do things I thought I hadn’t thought possible. I’m attending three classes at the local college, and am enjoying it immensely. Voyager and I are so closely bonded together, that I couldn’t imagine my life without him. He’s one of the best things that’s happened to me in a long time. Even though we have our rough times, I know that at the end of the day, no matter what, Voyager is there for me. Once again, thank you so very much for all you’ve done. Keep up the good work, and when you’re having a tough day, just think of all the graduates out there whose lives are enriched because of you.”

— Kim (Frampton) and Voyager

GDA graduates
**GDA PUPPY SPONSORS**

*Puppy Patrons*

Each of the following families and individuals has generously donated $4,000 as a Puppy Sponsor. Their donations provide the funds from breeding until approximately 18 months of age. Puppy Sponsors receive quarterly updates on their sponsored dog’s progress. We extend our most sincere gratitude for their role in providing the resources to support these puppies on their journey toward their life’s work as guide dogs.

*Please note: The names that appear on this list indicate those individuals, families, and organizations who became Puppy Sponsors during this past GDA fiscal year (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006).*

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**NEWBORN PUPPY SPONSOR - $1,000.00**

- Sandy Bennett
- Jackie & Richard Hollander
- Carol Settimo
- Guide Dogs of America “South Bay Puppy Raiser Group”—(2 puppies)
- Victoria Lippman
- Judith A. Kaplan
- Nancy Feldman for World Savings
- Plus one “Anonymous” Newborn Puppy Sponsor

**NEWBORN LITTER SPONSOR - $2,500.00**

- Crane Aerospace & Electronics

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**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING CLASS #351**

**GRADUATES**

*from LEFT to RIGHT* (Puppy Raiser in parenthesis):

Harold Shapiro & Mia (Cindy Valancius), Paula Loring & Koda (Bobbie Jo Dean), Paulita Jones & Sequoia (Deborah & David Prough), Wally Keihle & Vespa (Kristie & Ron Slane), Angie Carter & Hero (Karen & Jeff McKenzie), Chrissi Turner & Raleigh, Marie Hoesman & Patience (Jean & Bill Howard), Chiapas Griffin & Walden (The Jewell Family), Brooke Demaree & Roscoe (Nancy Ayres & Steve Gonsalves).

**INSTRUCTORS standing LEFT to RIGHT:** Dave Ponce, Wendy Roof, Steve Burkman

**IN-HOME GRADUATES (not shown)** Gerry Homer and L.J. (Melissa & Joe Hyams)
and resources – make it possible to bring safety, independence, mobility, and companionship to people who are visually-impaired. If you’ve ever wondered exactly how important that is to our graduates, you’ll find out what it has meant for one of our recent graduates as you read this special issue.

In this, the second annual Parade of Partners, we are honoring several new “Partners” as well as many returning honorees. We extend our deepest thanks and heartfelt gratitude to each of them. They are all as much a part of the GDA family as our staff and our dogs.

If we have left your name off the list or you would like to find out how to be included in next year’s list, contact Lorri Bernson at (818) 833-6431 or lberenson@guidedogsfoamerica.org.

Thank you from everyone at GDA and the dogs, whose appreciation extends from the tips of their wet noses to the wag in their tails!

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**BREEDING DOG FAMILIES**

**A Rare Breed: GDA’s Dog Breeding Families**

GDA’s breeding dogs are extraordinary and extremely valuable to the future of our school. Our Breeding Dog Families are committed to keeping our breeder dogs healthy, happy, and safe. We appreciate their contributions to our program by ensuring future generations of guides.

**BREEDING FAMILY**

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**PARTNERS IN TRUST SOCIETY**

**Putting Their “Trust” in GDA**

By thoughtfully naming GDA in their wills, trusts, and life insurance policies, the members of the **Partners in Trust Society** ensure that their support of GDA will continue for years to come. We are forever grateful to them for remembering GDA in their estate plans, in any amount, and we are honored be a part of their legacy.

Anonymous (4)
Lois Feller
Jerry Hager
Barbara Heacox
Pam Jones
Darlene Kaiser
Judith McCulloch
Peggy S. Mueller
Janice Raine
Carol Settimo
Gene Smith
Kathy Tallant

Please note: The names that appear on this list indicate those individuals who have included GDA in their estate plans during this past GDA fiscal year (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006).

The following friends have left us, and long into the future their intentions will be at work helping GDA to breed, raise, and train guide dogs:

Harriet F. Ellerbroek Trust
Jo Gilbert Living Trust
Elizabeth J. Haydon Trust
Freda Hoffman Estate
Marie A. Jackson Estate
Lauren Laughlin-Anderson
Sussman Family Trust
Joan S. Swor Living Trust
Ruby & Treston Werner Trust
Veta Q. Windsor Trust
Katie Marie Wood Trust

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**BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PARTNERS IN TRUST SOCIETY**

Just as blind men and women partner with GDA’s remarkable dogs for more independence and mobility, generous friends and supporters partner with GDA to help us carry our work. Become a member of the **Partners in Trust Society** by naming GDA in your will or trust and receive this beautiful, crystal biscuit jar.

Call Rhonda Bissell for more information at (818) 833-6432
You know what your pet means to you, now imagine what this future guide dog will mean to a blind person.

**PLEASE DESIGNATE #1807 ON YOUR CFC PLEDGE CARD.**

Your CFC contribution helps us breed, raise and train extraordinary guide dogs. These intelligent dogs are provided free-of-charge and offer trustworthy assistance and companionship to visually-impaired men and women as they strive to live their lives to the fullest.

### RENEW YOUR RALPH'S CLUB CARD RETAIL PARTNERSHIP BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2006!

NEW THIS YEAR! For all our supporters that have designated GDA as the recipient of a percentage of their Ralph’s Market purchases, there has been a minor change. Effective September 1, 2006, your commitment to the program needs to be renewed each year. It’s very easy and will take just a few minutes. Simply call GDA on a special line that has been solely dedicated to the Ralph’s Market program. The number is (818) 833-6438. Leave your name, telephone number, address, and Ralph’s Club Card number located on the back of your Club Card, under the barcode. That’s it! Thank you for your support.

### HOLIDAY SHOPPING

3 GREAT GIFT IDEAS TO SUPPORT GDA

Our specially-designed Labrador-able cards are packaged in sets of 25 cards with envelopes. All proceeds directly support GDA. Message inside: “Paws to enjoy this heavenly time of year.”

#### 2006 HOLIDAY CARDS ORDER FORM

Questions? (818) 833-6474

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- Check enclosed

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QTY @ $20/package = $

ADD SHIPPING & HANDLING $

1 package add $3
2-4 packages add $6
5-10 packages add $8
10 or more packages please call for custom rate.

TOTAL $

**Please allow 3-5 weeks for delivery.**

***GIVE YOUR “PEOPLE PAWS” A REST AND LET GDA HELP WITH YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING.***

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND GIFT IDEAS VISIT WWW.GUIDEDOGOFAMERICA.ORG.