



### Sunshine Themes

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| Ways N Means       | Lesley Hammar    |

### MEETING SCHEDULE

June annual meeting - June 19, 2021, Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL

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### COMING EVENTS

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#### Scholarships!

The PWCCA Scholarship Applications are due June 1, 2021. I have attached the scholarship information and application. This, also, can be found on the PWCCA website's homepage located in the Events and Awards drop-down menu.

Information is also at the end of this newsletter.



# President's Report

Proposed slate for 2021-2022, as presented by the nominating committee  
Dianne Tharp, Grace Carter, Deby Broussard

## Officers

President--Cindy Smith

VP--Lesley Hammar

Secy--Leslie Condoleo

Treas--Gail Steinmetz

Directors--Deby Broussard, Debbie Gapsch, Dianne Tharp

Dear Sunshine PWCC members,

Thank you to all the members who were able to join our Zoom meeting April 6th. It is nice to see so many faces and have your input with the club!

At the time of this writing, the board has put together a list of judges to be voted on by the membership for our annual regional specialty in 2023, please be on the lookout for the mailing.

We look forward to our specialty this winter December 17th in Orlando at the Orange County Convention Center judged by Vince Savioli "Aubrey". Gail Steinmetz is our show chair. She will be reaching out for trophy donations. Anyone able to volunteer please contact Gail.

Bonnie Hansen, our agility chair, and her committee will be hosting our annual agility trial August 14th and 15th in St Petersburg. This is a really fun time to see the dogs run, along with several of our members and their corgis. As many of you know this event is a huge fund raiser for Sunshine to host our annual specialty. We look forward volunteers attending to help the club. Bonnie will be able to help anyone with questions who would like to volunteer.

Our next meeting will be IN PERSON for the annual general meeting in Tampa at the fairgrounds in conjunction with the all breed shows June 19th. At that time the membership will vote in the new slate for 2021/22. Please be check the website or Facebook page for actual time.

To see all updates, premiums and information visit our website [www.sunshinepwcc.com](http://www.sunshinepwcc.com).

Corgi-aly,

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# SPWCC Meeting 4/7/2021

Meeting called to order @6:02pm

In attendance: (18) Deby Broussard, Patricia Calvert, Grace Carter, Leslie Condoleo, Paul Cope, Jeff Ford, Debbie Gapsch, Kathy Gilcrest, Lesley Hammar, Bonnie Hansen, Robin Jenkins, Sharon Lofley, Maggi Payne, Cindy Smith, Gail Steinmetz, Ann Ford Tyson, Deb Shindle, Marcelle Zanetti

Approval of previous board meeting minutes – approved 1<sup>st</sup>: Robin Jenkins 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sharon Lofley

## Reports

- President: Lesley Hammar – Next meeting in June in Tampa; Royal Canine in December in Orlando
- VP President: Cindy Smith – nothing to report
- Secretary: Leslie Condoleo – nothing to report
- Treasurer: Gail Steinmetz – bank account balance: \$23,117.21. Everything for show and agility accounted for.

## Committees

- Puppy Referral: Please let Sharon know if you have any puppies or adults to place
- Sunshine: Maggi Payne sent a card to Rebecca Beard. Rebecca hasn't been well and is in the hospital.

## New Business

- Nominating Committee for 2021/2022
  - Deby Broussard (chair)
  - Grace Carter
  - Dianne Tharp

Nominations from the floor – no nominations

### Slate of Officers for 2021/2022

President:	Cindy Smith	Directors:	Deby Broussard
Vice President:	Lesley Hammar		Debbie Gapsch
Secretary:	Leslie Condoleo		Dianne Tharp
Treasurer:	Gail Steinmetz		

Lesley approved the Slate of Officers for the 2021/2022 year and will be voted on at the June Meeting. Slate will be in the Newsletter and on the June Meeting agenda.



- Cindy (PWCCA liaison) - if you know of a young person who would like to apply for a scholarship the application is on the PWCAA website and needs to be in by June 1st.
- Gail will be soliciting donations soon for our Specialty in Orlando, Friday December 17, 2021.
- Cindy thanked Lesley and Gail for helping her with the inventory.
- Gail stated that we will need volunteers to help ringside at our Specialty December 17, 2021 in Orlando. Paul Cope has agreed to be Chief Ring Steward and Debbie Gapsch and Deby Broussard offered to help.
- Deb Shindle has received an offer of a corgi collection from an old corgi breeder and will be arranging to receive it. We may use some for our show or offer to PWCCA for their silent auction.
- Sharon Lofley stated that the PWCCA is asking regional clubs to support the silent auction. It will be a beach theme. Also, someone is donating their wife's collection in Sarasota. Will see if some items could be used as show gifts or perhaps a Corgi Club/rescue groups would benefit.
- Heather will be sending out the newsletter this Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Per Bonnie we have a judge for agility on August 14 & 15<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers always welcome.

### Next Meeting

Annual General Membership Meeting and Election of Officers, Saturday, June 19, 2021, Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL - Time TBA. The new Board will meet briefly following the general meeting.

### Braggs

- Marcelle Zanetti: – Cooper was in a Chewy ad.
- Deb Shindle: Maximus is: GChB Ch Riverside London Night CA BCAT

Adjourn @ 6:24pm. 1<sup>st</sup> Deb Shindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bonnie Hansen

### After the Call

- Kathy Gilchrest is having hip surgery on April 19th. Everyone wished her well.



# BRAGS!



Patricia Calvert and her Corgi Brecon had a stellar weekend in mid-March when they showed in Agility on Friday and qualified for another Master Standard leg, and then she showed in Bradenton and earned another Rally Master2 leg, and then back to St Pete where they qualified for another agility Master Jumper leg. Looking forward to the Sunshine Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club agility show in a few months!



Gail Steinmetz announces Whimsy "Kered Sua Mah on a Whim" was winners bitch 3 days in a row at West Palm shows. Daughter and son showed in 4-6 beginner puppy for 2 of those days. Daughter Nellie was best 4-6 puppy in show both days.



Silver Mae's Little Duce Coup owned by Marcelle Zanetti of Miami was in a Chewy Video. See the link below.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CLkERX6MQPt/?igshid=5cftpuetjfv9>



# Scientific Research

## Dear Corgi Breeders and Owners

We are studying a problem that is very common in Pembroke Welsh Corgis called Patent Ductus Arteriosus or PDA. A PDA is a connection between the two largest blood vessels in the body, the aorta and the pulmonary artery. This connection is normally present before birth, but when it remains open after birth it causes serious problems. This abnormal connection, the PDA, places an extra workload on the heart which can result in heart failure.

Unfortunately, Corgis are one of the breeds predisposed to PDAs. While PDAs can be fixed with surgery or with a catheter method, 40-70% of dogs with PDA will die by 1 year of age if they don't have it fixed.

Because PDAs are so common in Corgis (and because we love Corgis!), we have been working to identify the genetic mutation causing this problem. Once we identify the genetic mutation causing PDAs in Corgis, we can develop a test to identify dogs with this mutation. This will help breeders to make more informed decisions and reduce the number of Corgis being born with PDAs. It may also help to identify the cause of PDAs in other dog breeds that commonly get them, such as the Bichon Frise, Poodle, Pomeranian, Keeshond, Maltese, and Yorkshire Terrier (although any breed of dog – and cats too - can be born with a PDA).

We have found several promising genes but need your help to narrow down the cause of this serious heart defect in Corgis.

### How can you help?

We need DNA from **as many Corgis as possible** – Corgis with and without PDAs - to find the cause of the PDA mutation. DNA can be easily collected with cheek swabs that cause no harm to the dog (you just rub the inside of their cheek with a small swab). If you'd like to help this effort, please request a cheek swab kit at the link below to collect DNA at home. While we will not be able to provide results to individual owners, contributing your dog's DNA will help us to identify the cause of PDAs in Corgis!

We hope to also have representatives handing out cheek swab kits at the June Specialty in Boxboro but the sooner you submit DNA, the better!

You can request a cheek swab kit at this [link](#). Your information and the results are completely confidential. If you have trouble with the survey link, you can contact either one of us at the emails below to request a kit.

Thank you for your help in identifying the cause of PDAs in Corgis so we can enhance the health and quality of life for this wonderful breed!

Kate Meurs, DVM, PhD, DACVIM (Cardiology): [Kate\\_Meurs@ncsu.edu](mailto:Kate_Meurs@ncsu.edu)

Lisa Freeman, DVM, PhD, DACVN: [lisa.freeman@tufts.edu](mailto:lisa.freeman@tufts.edu)



# From the Editors

From the traveling corgi - Sir Cedric the Fluffy

## A Ghost Tour!

The other day, we went on a ghost tour in Galveston! Dogs were welcome, and I didn't even have to buy a ticket for myself! The tour was on the Strand, which is part of the historic district on the island, and the part with the best nightlife! So many people were there and excited to pet me! A couple of our friends were there to pet me too!

The tour started by learning about the great storm of 1900. This storm flooded all of the island, with waves so high it is hard to imagine. There was a sign that the guide pointed to that showed where the flooding from Hurricane Ike was, and he said that the flooding from the great storm was so much worse. I was shocked! The sign was above Morgan's head! I already don't like water, so that was scary to imagine.

We went to the front of the Railroad Museum and heard about the first few ghosts. One was said to wander along train tracks at night, while several haunted the entire sixth floor of the building. The guide said even the janitors that had to clean that floor were too scared to work there alone! He said that the floor was technically open to the public during the day if we wanted to go see, but all our friends looked scared. I, of course, was not scared, but if none of my friends were going to come, it probably wouldn't be a fun trip. Then again, making ghost friends would be cool. My Naples friends would never believe me!

At the next stop, they talked about a little boy ghost that lived in a glass elevator. Apparently, he would press his hands on the inside of the glass and leave little handprints where no one could possibly be. The guide also said that this building was haunted by a teacher, who managed to climb in through the second story window when she was caught in the flood of the great storm. This awesome lady then got a broom and spent the whole night catching people caught in the water and pulling them





in to safety! I'm pretty brave, but I don't know if I would be willing to do that. I'd probably check on the already rescued people instead, like a good therapy dog.

After the great storm, Galveston was covered in bodies, and had to figure out to get rid of them. They tried to dump them in the gulf, but they floated back. They tried to cremate them, but they wouldn't burn. Eventually, they just buried everyone, and then raised the island and created the seawall. That's why Galveston is one of the most haunted places ever! One of the places is near the Walmart, so everyone on the island believes the Walmart is haunted. There's even a story that says that the Walmart closes early because ghost kids come play in the toy aisle at night. I think that sounds nice. I wonder if they would like to play with dogs?

The last story was about a really cool lady named Betty Brown. She lived in the fancy mansion, Ashton Villa, and was very powerful. She had parties where everyone on the island, rich or poor, were invited. However, once, Betty Brown's sister was in a relationship with a mean guy, so Betty told him to leave the island and never come back. The mean guy did leave but decided to come back. He checked into his hotel and then disappeared. When police asked Betty if she knew what happened, she said that she had the mean guy killed! After that, the police decided they didn't need to find out what happened. This island is so wild!

After the tour, I was pretty exhausted. It was past my bedtime after all. It was lots of fun, but I love sleep, and it was hot and humid out, so we headed back. But I recommend that anyone visiting near Galveston, Texas, tries one of these tours out! We took the Ghost on the Strand tour, but there are bunches to try!

## **A Wild Winter Storm**

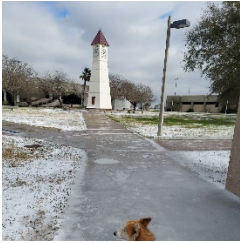
For those of you who don't know, I was born in Melbourne, Florida, and grew up in Naples, Florida. Recently, I've been living in Galveston, Texas, which is pretty similar to Naples, but recently something happened that would have never happened in Florida. It snowed overnight! I remember we stepped out to do our late night potty break, there were sprinkles of it on the ground, but I didn't really notice. The next morning, we stepped out and the ground was covered! Everything was iced over and slippery; it was so fun! Morgan and her Texas friend took me into the dog park to play ball and I didn't want to stop. When they called me to go in, I decided to run around







instead, because it was so cold and fun!

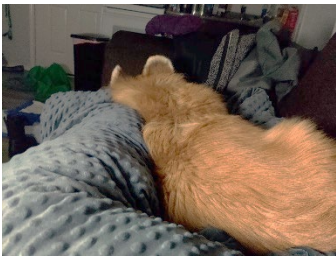


Later, we went for a walk on the Texas A&M University Galveston campus. I had never been, but because school was cancelled for the snow, I got a chance to see where Morgan goes every day! Morgan put my booties on, but they fell off after a few minutes.



I didn't mind because it let me bounce through the snow easier! We walked all the way to the fishing pier and I got to sniff around in the snow!

I had so much fun the first day, and it was so nice to be in the wind! Unfortunately, the snow and ice had cut the power, so our apartment got chilly at night.



I didn't mind of course, but Morgan was cold. She slept on the couch so I could cuddle with her and keep her warm.

The next day wasn't as fun, because it got extra icy. I skidded everywhere! But it was great in other ways, because we moved over to stay with Morgan's friend, to save batteries and combine resources. This meant I got three people to play with, and a kitty!

## Vaccine Drive Through

It had been a dull week for me, as Morgan had been busy with midterms. I had



fun helping her take down a cardboard box for recycling, and we got some bones for me to play with. I decided I didn't like Morgan opening cans, and told her so whenever she did so. I helped her do homework. But it was overall very boring. Luckily, we did have an adventure on Saturday!



We hopped in the car with our Texas friend and drove to a park, where we waited for a long time in a long car line. It was nice to get pets, but I would've preferred getting out and running around. We should've brought my favorite chuck-it ball! After a long wait in the line, we got to a big tent where a bunch of people were wearing masks. They started talking to Morgan and her friend, but then they noticed me! They all got so excited, so Morgan rolled down the windows so that everyone could come say hi and pet me! It was so great; I haven't done therapy work in a while so it was great to meet so many new friends.

Eventually they had to stop petting me, and they stuck Morgan and her friend with something they called a vaccine. Then we got to wait in a parking lot and both of them pet me while they waited to make sure they felt fine. We got to go to a store and get food after! Morgan says we get to do it again in two weeks! I think everyone should go drive through with their dogs and meet new friends with vaccines! There were other dogs there and I'm sure they liked to make new friends too!





Support our rescue group!

<https://www.sunshinecorgirescue.org/>

Sunshine Corgi Rescue is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization whose purpose is for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

**Sunshine Corgi Rescue**  
**4458 McIntosh Park Dr #1308**  
**Sarasota, FL 34242**

## Ways & Means

Please go to the website to see what is available!

<http://www.sunshinepwcc.com/merchandise.shtml>

## PWCCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America's Scholarship Program is established to recognize young people that are actively involved in the sport of dogs, with emphasis on Pembroke Welsh Corgis. Our goal is to support and reward those worthy individuals that have a dedication to the breed at a number of levels, demonstrated good sportsmanship and have educational aspirations.

The PWCCA will award up to \$2,000 in scholarship funding to one or more qualified students currently enrolled or plan to be enrolled in an institute of higher education. This includes high school seniors, high school graduates, and those already enrolled in higher education. This scholarship is open to all U.S citizens. Applicants are not required to be a member of the PWCCA or a Pembroke Welsh Corgi regional club.

PWCCA Scholarship Applications are available year round from the committee chair. Any application postmarked after June 1<sup>st</sup> will not be eligible for considered.

### **Application Instructions:**

- The legibly typed or printed complete application must be postmarked by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Application is to be completed by the applicant.
- Unofficial high school and/or college transcript should be included.
- Copy of SAT or ACT scores, if applicable.
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher or community member who is not a relative.

### **Application Considerations:**

- Years of active involvement in the sport of dogs.
- Years specifically involved with Pembroke Welsh Corgis.
- Number of activities with dogs. (Junior Showmanship, Therapy work, Training in performance events, rescue, etc.)
- Scholastic achievement. (GPA)
- Community involvement.

All applicants will be notified in writing by August 1<sup>st</sup>. A check will be sent to the award recipient's school of choice after providing verification of enrollment as a full-time student.

Scholarship recipient shall be announced at the PWCCA annual meeting.

Mail (USPS) completed PWCCA application and documentation to the committee chair:

Debra Castelanelli, P.O. Box 1656, Woodbridge, CA 95258  
209-608-9467      [marlmont@castelanelli.net](mailto:marlmont@castelanelli.net)

**PEMBROKE WELSH CORGI CLUB OF AMERICA  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Application is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ High School Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Expected College Grad. Date \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA \_\_\_\_\_ SAT or ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ College GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the college/university you attend or plan to attend.

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree planned:      \_\_\_ AA    \_\_\_ BA    \_\_\_ BS    \_\_\_ MS    \_\_\_ PhD

1. Number of years involved in the sport of dogs: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Number of years involved with Pembroke Welsh Corgis: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you, or a family member, currently belong to the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America or an Affiliate Club? Please list club and family member(s) name.
  
4. Please describe your history and activities as they relate to Pembroke Welsh Corgis:  
(Use additional paper as required, no more than 2 pages.)
  
5. Please describe your extra-curricular activities and/or community involvement:  
(Use additional paper as required, no more than 2 pages.)

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_