

Barks and Tails

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The Betty we may not have known

Betty Page was a strong and dynamic woman. She and her husband came to Florida in 1953 and she worked for several space program support companies as a computer programmer, one of a very few women programmers at that time. Betty forged a stellar career that lasted more than 40 years. The space program contractors changed every few years but NASA always told the new contractors, “You ‘will’ hire Betty to continue her work on ‘her’ computer”. Along with her perfectionism and reliability, Betty was known for her creative solutions – and her sly wit. Uncompromising quality and ethics at work extended to all phases of her life.

She was a person of wide-ranging interests. In her lifetime she was a fancier of good food, orchids, cichlids, computers, native plants, fantasy role-playing games, wine, football, Antonio Banderas, opera, wookies, and especially pugs and cats.

She loved most animals, wild and domestic. She was especially fond of the gopher tortoises that lived on her property. She named them and bought many a head of romaine lettuce to feed them as a treat. She also purchased the wooded lot next to her original property to protect it from being cleared.

Betty became the de facto organizer and 'treasurer' of a group of friends that had Friday night supper together for more than 35 years. Fantasy roll playing games was a common thread among the “North Brevard Strange Persons Society”. Betty enjoyed both playing and moderating these games. Many good times were shared.

She liked wildflowers, even if they weren't very showy. She appreciated the value of native vegetation, including trees. After retiring, she belonged to the Sea Rocket branch of the Native Plant Society. Most mornings she could be found working in her yard early until it got too hot.

Into her 80s, she volunteered to do plant surveys on undeveloped properties being considered for inclusion in the environmentally endangered lands acquisition program. She was not averse to forcing her way through thickets of saw palmettos in search of possible rare native plants. When she wasn't planting or protecting native species, she was enjoying them. Together with friends, she hiked at Buck Lake Conservation Area, Proctor Lake Conservation Area, the Enchanted Forest, the Hammock Trail on the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, and Pine Island.

Betty learned accounting skills beginning at the age of 6. Her father asked her to account for spending of her allowance each week before getting the new amount. Thus, it was only natural that she became the treasurer for so many organizations.

Many of Betty's friends have known her for more than 40 years. She was a loyal friend. If you were Betty's friend, she was your friend forever and she would do anything for you. Betty did not suffer fools. If she thought you were wrong or foolish she did not hesitate to let you know her opinion.

She was a woman of great will and strength of convictions. She will be greatly missed.

MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting is *Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at Kay's Bar-B-Cue, 1552 King St. (SR 520), Cocoa, Florida, at 7:00 pm.* Members wanting dinner please arrive at 6:00.

Directions: From I95, take Exit201 (SR 520 toward Cocoa Beach. Travel to Clearlake Road and make a U-turn. Kay's is on the north side of 520.

Website: <http://www.kaysbarbque.com>.

2016-2017 CLUB OFFICERS

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| President | Edna Corney |
| Vice-President | Leslie Glaze Kovacs |
| Secretary | Maureen Finch |
| Acting Treasurer | Catherine Crampton |
| Directors | Catherine Crampton |
| | Marsha Dyal |
| | Donna Lee |

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

SAVE THE DATE June 23rd!

PLEASE PRINT OUT THE FLYERS FOR THE FAST CAT AND CAMP. If we each put up 2 or 3 flyers in places where we shop, vets offices, etc., we can get these 2 things out.

The eulogy for Betty was written by some of her non-dog friends. I thought it might be nice for you to read a little about Betty, her work, and her other activities.

Betty, we miss you more than you will ever know.

Maureen and I have been working on the possibility of a couple of seminars. One of which would be presented by well-known breeder and judge Dr. Carmen Battaglia. His seminar choices might be: breeding better dogs, choosing the best puppy, the making of a super dog, early neurological stimulation, structure, movement, and pedigree analysis. Please read over those titles and let Maureen and I know of your thoughts at the meeting.

Don't forget Meet the Breeds on April 15th and our Fast CAT the end of April. We will need participation and help at both events.

This month is nominations from the floor.

See everyone soon.

Edna

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee – Leslie Kovacs, Jewel McDonald and Mary Benell – put forward the following slate of officers:

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| President | Edna Corney |
| Vice-President | Leslie Kovacs |
| Treasurer | Maureen Finch |
| Secretary | Kristi Halkovic |
| Board Member | Catherine Crampton |
| Board Member | Donna Lee |
| Board Member | Marsha Dyal |

Nominations from the floor for any of the listed positions will be accepted at the April 2018 membership meeting.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Melody Gibson

2018 DUES NOTICE

BKC dues are to be paid yearly on or before April 1. They are \$2.50 for a junior member (under age 18), \$5 for an adult member and \$8 for a domestic partnership.

Dues may be paid at the General Membership Meeting or mailed to: Catherine Crampton, 3580 Belle Arbor Circle, Titusville, FL 32780.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 7, 2018

With notice having been given, and a quorum being present, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Brevard Kennel Club was called to order at 7:05pm by Club President, Edna Corney.

Attendance – on file with Secretary

Announcement

Edna Corney – informed the club members that our long-time friend and club Treasurer, Betty Page had passed away. At Edna's suggestion, the club will make the December show in honor of Betty.

Catherine Crampton is working with AKC to see if we can award a trophy in Betty's honor.

Pam Hinton made a motion, and Cassie Hinton seconded the motion, that BKC take up the Pug Club trophy recognition that Betty handled every other year in concert with Linda Rowel. After discussion it was decided to table the motion until Pam could speak with Linda Rowel.

It was also suggested that the club members get together to share memories we have of Betty.

Minutes

Maureen Finch – minutes approved as presented.

Membership

Maureen Finch – Melody Gibson was voted in to membership at the February meeting.

Treasurer Report

Catherine Crampton – Catherine is out of town tending to personal business so there is no report.

Match

Edna Corney – we are not going to host a match in 2018.

Publicity

Lyn Dowling – no report, but Lyn wanted to thank the club for the beautiful flowers we sent to wish her good luck in her new home.

Fast CAT

Edna Corney/Marsha Dyal – we have been approved to host a Fast CAT on April 28 and 29. The event will be held at the SR 524 location in Cocoa. We are going to need help with set up and

tear down, as well as help during the day, both days. Contact Marsha or Edna if you can help.

A Day with Your Dog

Pam Shaia – arrangements are moving along for this April 15th event in Cocoa Village. There will be vendors, games for children and activities for people and their dogs. A scavenger hunt is being put together to encourage event attendees to shop the stores in Cocoa Village.

Disaster Relief Trailer

Edna Corney – the paperwork for the trailer has been sent to AKC. The legal department at AKC will review the changes the Sheriff's department made to the agreement and with any luck no additional changes will be necessary.

Legislation

Brenda Warner – no report.

Property

Rip Dyal – we have provided the requested paperwork to the City Manager, for the city of Cocoa, regarding the use of the property at Bracco Pond in Cocoa.

By-Laws

Edna Corney – a by-laws review committee has been put together. Chairing the committee is George Halkovic, committee members include Val Davies and Marsh Dyal. The members of the committee have been given a copy of the Brevard Kennel Club By-Laws as well as a copy of the American Kennel Club Model By-Laws for clubs. The committee will compare the by-laws to make sure our by-laws are in concert with the AKC by-laws and see if there are any provisions for electronic voting.

Canine Ambassador

Diane Whitney – no report.

Paws and Pals

Edna Corney – this year's Paws and Pals will be held on July 9-13, 2018. A copy of the flyer for Paws and Pals was sent as an attachment to last month's newsletter; please print the flyer and place

at locations you visit during your day. The cost for the camp is \$75 but there are scholarships available for children that can't afford to attend. Please let Edna or Kristi Halkovic know if you can lend a hand at the camp.

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Show

Pam Hinton – John Rowel has gone to the Ocala dog show site and taken pictures of the set-up. Linda Rowel is working on a caterer.

New Business

Edna Corney – would the members of the club be interested in hosting a seminar with Carmen Bataglia? By a show of hands, the members agreed they would be interested in one of his seminars. In addition, the members asked if we would host a seminar on Barn Hunt. Maureen and Edna will

coordinate the Carmen Bataglia Seminar and look in to a Barn Hunt seminar.

There will be a Dog Walk at Bracco Pond on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 8:00am. Please come out with your dogs and stroll around the pond. The Canine Ambassadors will be on hand to teach the public about proper dog etiquette. Please wear your BKC shirt; this is a great opportunity for community involvement.

Brevard Kennel Club will no longer be providing club shirts to our members. Kristi and Edna have investigated a company that can set up an online store that would carry Brevard Kennel Club branded items. The name of the company is Queensboro. A motion was made by Brenda Warner that move forward with the creation of the online store, the motion was seconded by Lyn Dowling. With all in favor, the motion carries.

On Thursday, April 12, 2018, the city of Cocoa will be hosting Breakfast with the Chief. Tickets are \$25, and the money raised goes to Community First which is K9 Copper's sponsor. The breakfast will be held at the Cocoa Civic center. Contact Brenda Warner for tickets.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Guest in attendance: Barbara Becker, Paula & Alan Weber, Tamytha Jenkins, Brice Eck, Sherry Hatfield, Heather & Gary Bates



Some of Brevard Kennel Club members joined the mayor's walk.



Carter and Murphy earned their RATN titles in March.

Johann Goines



I'm pleased to announced that both Dare and Que have passed their Farm Dog Test. "What is the Farm Dog Test?" you may ask. Well, it's like a CGC with live farm animals such as ducks and sheep in a farm like environment. The whole test is done on lead and it's totally fun. Everyone should try it. What's next? Why, Ranch Dog Test of course!

Mary Thrasher

A Day With Your



Sunday, April 15, 2018

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Riverfront Park
Historic Cocoa Village**



ACTIVITIES

Tricks & Games for
Dogs and People

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**Saturday, April 28, 2018
Sunday, April 29, 2018**

**6071 Route 524
Cocoa, FL 32926**

Contact Kristin Halkovic (halk@cfl.rr.com) or visit our Website, www.brevardkc.org for the Premium List, and our Facebook Page for more information.

Pre-Entries: \$20

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for 8-12
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and
their
dogs

July 9-13

9:00 am-Noon

Cocoa Commercial Center, 3815 US 1, #119, Cocoa

\$75

*Partial scholarships may
be available
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to be on site with
kids and dogs.*

Bordetella
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recommended

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