



# Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club, Inc.

## NEWSLETTER

November 2010

APOTC website [www.apotcerie.org](http://www.apotcerie.org).

Regular club meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Shriners Hospital, 1645 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA

### Club Officers:

President:	Lee Ann Czytuck
Vice-President:	Marilyn Flower
Treasurer:	Ann Gehrlein
Recording Secretary:	Amy Barney
Corresponding Secretary:	Kathy Croft
Board of Directors:	Trish Clark
	Melanie Shufran
	Jim Kwiatkowski
	Betsy Olson
	Sally Shilling
	Janet Norman

### *Club News*

The next meeting will be November 9, 2010 at the Shriners Hospital. There is no regular monthly meeting in December. The annual Awards Brunch will be at the Erie Yacht Club and is scheduled for December 26, 2010. Please rsvp Marilyn Flower by December 21, 2010 if you plan on attending.

Club membership dues (individual \$10 and family \$15) were payable by October 31, 2010. Please check in with Ann Gehrlein, Treasurer, to square away your dues if you are late.

An updated membership list has been completed and copies are available from Secretary, Amy Barney at the monthly meetings.

As the year ends, please remember to fill out a form for titles you and your dog/dogs have earned this year. See Mary Alice Piotrowski for the titles form at the November meeting. A copy of the form may also be found at the end of the newsletter. Please complete and return it to Mary Alice by December 15, 2010. If you wish to compete for the traveling trophy you must submit your scores.

The upcoming obedience classes will be as follows:

Winter session: January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 2011

Spring session: March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2011

### *Upcoming Events*

Mark your calendar for the APOTC Agility Trials which are scheduled for November 12, 13, and 14, 2010 and January 21, 22, and 23, 2011 at Countryside Agility in Edinboro, PA.

Dr. Ian Dunbar will hold a seminar in Pittsburgh, PA, on November 19-21, 2010 at the Ramada Inn – Green Tree 401 Holiday Drive, Pittsburgh, PA. Call 1-800 784-5531 for information. The seminar will cover how to predict & prevent adolescent/adult problems, science-based dog training with feeling, and quick & easy, reliable, off-leash verbal control.

2010 Run-thru Schedule from August to December held by the All Breed Training Club of Akron is available on line at [www.abtca.org](http://www.abtca.org). Obedience, rally, agility and conformation are offered. Questions call 330-630-0418 or email [info@abtca.org](mailto:info@abtca.org). ABTCA's building is located on the Summit County Fairgrounds property in Tallmadge, OH.

The Dog Obedience Training Club of Rochester, NY will hold a "hands and paws" on seminar, "Competition Obedience: A Balancing Act" presented by Adele Yunck on November 13 and 14, 2010 at the DOTCRNY training center. For more information call 585-251-1784 or [jekerry@hotmail.com](mailto:jekerry@hotmail.com).

### ***Spotlight on the Membership***

This month we feature two of our members....Phyllis Aiello and Marilyn Eickley

Our member in the spotlight is Phyllis Aiello. She was born in Johnsonburg, PA and has lived in Titusville, Pittsburgh and Greenville, PA. She is a Mercyhurst College Administrator (Housing and Safety Director; Director of freshman studies; and Director of transfer services). Phyllis is quite the business person and some of her life accomplishments include the title of Businesswoman of the Year. She is a board member of the Crime Victim Center and has been for 34 years; Chairperson, Policy Board for Victim Services of Erie County and she adds the recognition as the first Senior Woman Administrator (NCAA) at Mercyhurst College to her list of accomplishments. She is single and resides in Erie with Puff le Dragon Magique and Ch Farleys D Shiloh. She has been an active member of APOTC since April of 1994. Phyllis is a poodle gal and has had both miniature and standard poodles. Both Puff and Shiloh are active therapy dogs. Puff has her CD and RN titles and Shiloh is a Champion.

Our member in the spotlight is Marilyn Eickley. Marilyn is married with a daughter and four grandsons. She lived in Holland, NY for 20 years and currently resides in Erie. She is a school and city bus driver. Through the years she has had dogs, cats and goats. Marilyn is a stained glass artist and a teacher of stained glass art. Marilyn joined APOTC in June, 2009. Currently she is owned by three Shih-Tzus. She is working in obedience with them and looking forward to acquiring her CGC certificate on her three year old.

### ***Points of Interest***

Amy Barney submitted the following for the newsletter this month:

This is a story I found, of course, on the internet. I emailed the author and asked permission to share with my club members. She was kind enough to say yes. The story is written by Patrice Hoerster about her Novice A dog.

If "utility" is defined as "something useful or designed for service", why do we practice all this "utility" stuff, anyway?

Here's why...

While getting ready for work this morning, I noticed my timid cat was very interested in the dresser. I proceeded to get ready and let the dogs out while I fixed my hair.

I came back in and decided to find out what was so interesting about the dresser...a chipmunk!

The other cat, who was probably the guilty party, started his hunt. Since I had opened the back door to provide an opportunity for the chipmunk to run out, the dogs came in and joined the pursuit. The guilty cat quickly lost interest and went outside, Bo was more interested in the cat and followed.

Dusty is still in pursuit.

Dusty "find it", as he continues to circle, sniff and paw at the recliner.

After several minutes the injured chipmunk comes out and stops in a corner.

Dusty "fetch" (of course, I'm across the room pointing in the proper direction!).Dusty picks up his prize.

Dusty "go out". He carries is prize into the back yard.

Dusty "drop". He drops his "article".

Dusty "stand"...He stands and admires his work.

So, why all this "utility" stuff? You just might need it in real life! We are still trying, and Dusty may never be recognized by the AKC as a "utility" dog. But today, he performed expertly at all the exercises: Scent articles, Directed retrieve Go outs, Moving stand and proved he was "useful for service". A champion in my book!

Directed jumping? Oh, I covered that as I called commands from on top of the furniture!

...and another tidbit from Amy Barney this month...

An Obedience Poem...

Oh darn, I'm dejected, my gosh but I'm sad,  
My obedience dog is driving me MAD!  
When we practice at home ... why, he works like a dream,  
Puts on a performance that rates high esteem.  
His recalls are groovy, he "drops" like a flash,  
He "fronts" with precision, what more could I ask?  
The high jump he clears with incredible flair,  
The dumbbell held high as he soars through the air.  
The broad jump's no challenge, he clears it with ease,  
As he soars on high just as smug as you please.  
On sits and on downs, well ... he's BETTER than steady,  
Doesn't move one iota, doesn't sniff or get heady.  
But then comes the day that we enter a trial,  
He's NON COMPUS MENTUS, completely SENILE!  
He bombed on the heeling, the "recall" no better,  
And THEN on the "down" he made love to a Setter.  
So then as I stand looking grey as a stone,  
I utter out loud, "Well, he works great at home."  
From the judges' expression, he thinks I'm insane,  
For no dog has acted quite so inane.  
From this I have come to one brilliant conclusion,  
My dog rates first place in the art of illusion.

Author unknown



IF YOU HAVE EARNED TITLES THIS YEAR, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO MARY ALICE BY 12/15/10. YOU CAN MAIL OR EMAIL Mary Alice Piotrowski

**APOTC**

**2010 Titles Earned by Members in Good Standing\***

Member's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**OBEDIENCE**

NAME registry (AKC, UKC, CKC, etc.) title earned and **date completed**.  
If you wish to compete for the **traveling trophy, submit scores** and the **3 trial dates**.

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**AGILITY**

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**OTHER**

List all other performance or conformation titles, with registry and date.

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\*A member in good standing is defined as a member who has (1) paid their dues; (2) attended a majority of the monthly meetings; and (3) served as an instructor for our public classes or worked the trial.