

# APOTC

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Regular club meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 3520 Perry Street, Erie, PA

President: Lee-Ann Czytuck, Vice-President: Marilyn Flower, Treasurer: Ann Gehrlein, Recording Secretary: Kathy Croft, Corresponding Secretary: Janet Norman

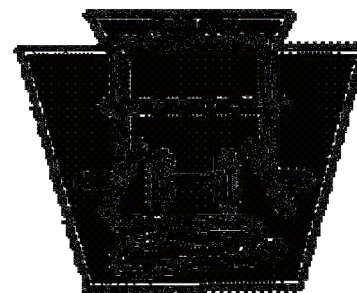
Board of Directors: Melanie Shufan, Mary Alice Piotrowski, Betsy Olson, Jodie Casillo, Sue Eastman, Sandy Globa

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## Club News and Activities

The Babies and Dogs Program will be held at UPMC Hamot Women's Hospital on Tuesday, February 15, April 15, July 15, and October 21, 2014, from 6 – 8pm. The program focuses on ideas and safety issues on how to introduce the baby and plan ahead for all the changes that will occur with the family dog when bringing the baby home. Please contact Sandy Globa if you wish to participate.

The next general meeting will be held Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 7pm. This will be the last meeting held at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church. **Future meetings, starting with March 11, 2014, will be held at the Erie Kennel Club building located at 9457 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA 16509.** APOTC will rent the space from Erie Kennel Club for the monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month as well as Thursdays for the public obedience classes.



## Upcoming Events

### January 25-26

Erie Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show and Obedience Trial

### February 1, March 1-2

APOTC Agility Trials at Countryside Agility

## Important Announcements

General Meetings will be held at the EKC building at 9457 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA starting March 11, 2014

## Club News and Activities continued

The Erie Yacht Club was the place to be on Tuesday evening January 14, 2014 when the APOTC membership enjoyed the Annual Awards Banquet. Phyllis Aiello opened the evening with a lovely blessing. Following dinner, Mary Alice Piotrowski, with the help of President Lee-Ann Czytuck, presented the awards to the membership. An impressive total number of 51 titles (agility 16, obedience 9, rally 11, champion 5, grand champion 5, bronze grand champion 2, coursing ability 3) were achieved in 2013! The 2013 traveling trophy went to Ann Gehrlein and Disco. Vice-President Marilyn Flowers concluded the evening with a gift exchange. Wishing the membership much success and fun with our canine companions in 2014!



## In the Community

### Eye Exam

Erie Kennel Club will sponsor an eye clinic on March 1<sup>st</sup> at Camboro Veterinary Hospital in Edinboro, PA. Contact Esther Kostelnic at [telme@verizon.com](mailto:telme@verizon.com) for more info

## Kibbles and Bits

The AKC Board voted to amend five sections of the *Obedience Regulations* and one section of the *Rally Regulations* to make the events more enjoyable. The changes are effective January 1, 2014.

In summary, the changes are:

1. Allow premium lists to measure not less than 5.5x8.5 inches up to 8.5x11 inches.
2. Require clubs to refund the entry fee for females in season. A processing fee may be retained by the club.
3. Allow clubs, at their option, to establish a wait list to fill openings created by entries that are withdrawn prior to the event closing date.
4. Allow dogs to be picked up by their handlers when they are called back into the ring for the awards ceremony.
5. Allow rally ring sizes to be determined by square footage (2,000 to 3,000 square feet, with a minimum width of 30 feet). This will provide clubs with flexibility in determining the location of their rally trial, perhaps allowing them to lower their cost. While the square footage area listed above is the minimum size allowed, a 40'x50' or 50'x60' ring size is ideal for rally.