

## **Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club, Inc.**

## **NEWSLETTER**

January 2012

APOTC website www.apotcerie.org.

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

Club Officers:

President: Lee-Ann Czytuck
Vice-President: Melanie Shufran
Treasurer: Ann Gehrlein
Recording Secretary: Betsy Olson
Corresponding Secretary: Kathy Croft
Board of Directors: Trish Clark

Mary Alice Piotrowski Jim Kwiatkowski Amy Barney Sally Shilling Janet Norman

## Club News

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at the Emanuel Presbyterian Church. There are no meetings scheduled for December or January.

Club dues were payable by October 31, 2011. Dues are \$10 individual and \$15 family membership. Please see Ann Gehrlein to square away your dues.

The Babies and Dogs program will be held at UPMC Hamot on the third Tuesday of February, April, July and October, 2012. The Babies & Dogs program has a PowerPoint presentation which focuses on ideas and safety issues on how to introduce the baby and plan ahead for all the changes that will occur when bringing the baby home. It is done with our dogs in attendance as well. APOTC trainers and dogs show the importance of having a positive relationship and bond with your dog; keeping in mind that the need for good management and a plan for a safe zone for the dog and baby. Also, keep working on obedience. Please contact Sandy Globa if you wish to participate.

The APOTC classes will be held at Emmanuel Presbyterian and are scheduled as follows: Winter class starts January 12, 2012; Spring class starts March 29, 2012 and Fall class starts September 13, 2012.

## **Upcoming Events**

Bridget Carlsen will conduct an obedience training seminar on June 2, 3 and 4, 2012 in Rochester, NY. The areas to be covered are Training Fundamentals and Motivational Techniques, Heeling with Enthusiasm, and Problem Solving. The Dog Obedience Training Club of Rochester NY is sponsoring the seminar. For more information contact Gail Binder at GEB3679@rit.edu or 585-265-4036.

The annual APOTC Awards Banquet Dinner will be held at the Erie Yacht Club on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6 PM. Directions to club on are on the website, erieyachtclub.org. (Go under heading <u>About</u> and get directions). RSVP from <u>everybody</u> please **NO** later than January 5, 2012 to Marilyn Flower (e-mail may not work so please call). Choices for dinner include:

**Chicken Cordon Bleu** --handmade by chef and stuffed with ham and swiss cheese--\$18.50 plus tax and tip for guests

Filet of sirloin served with balsamic marinated portabello mushroom--\$20.95 plus tax and tip for guests

Vegetarian pasta dish--\$don't know price for this--depends on what chef concocts

Dinners include chef's selection of fresh vegetables, salad, potato, dessert, rolls and butter and coffee, tea or milk.

Mark your calendar for APOTC upcoming agility trials at Countryside Agility in Edinboro, PA, on January 20, 21 and 22, 2012.

