



## April Meeting

We invite volunteers and their human guests to join us at our April meeting. April meeting details are:

**When:** Thursday, April 20th , 7-9:00 pm

**Where:** Via Linda Senior Center, 105th Street/Via Linda.

**What:** News and Announcements, Guest Speaker  
50-50 raffle, Door Prize, Refreshments

**Who:** Volunteer teams & family, prospective volunteers

Guest dogs **by invitation only**

**Directions:** The Senior Center is located at 10440 E. Via Linda Drive, south of Shea and north of Mtn View

Our April guests are Gina Griffiths and Tim Smetana of the Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services (STARS). STARS has been providing services to teens and adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities for nearly 45 years. STARS services are diverse yet integrated and range from vocational training to creative arts programs. I think you'll be surprised and impressed to learn about the products that come through the STARS work centers.

Our volunteers have been visiting STARS two Scottsdale locations for nearly two years. The range of interactions between the participants and our dogs ranges from laughter, joyful squeals, to just a gentle, assisted "pat pat". Pets on Wheels is honored to serve this innovative and successful provider of human services.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### General Meetings:

4/20/17 7/20/17 10/19/17

All general meetings are held on Thursdays, from 7-9 pm, at the *Via Linda Senior Center*.

### Events:

**May 5-8** Scottsdale Community College, Finals  
Week De-Stressing Event  
**5/17** Pet Parade, Tempe Friendship Village

## January Meeting

Our January guest speaker was Nadia Caillou who provides healing and rehab to dogs that have been traumatized and/or abused. She is the co-founder of Golden Bone Rescue & Rehab in Sedona.

Nadia shared her compelling story--as a young woman she was viciously assaulted by a serial killer. Nadia was the only survivor of his 14 known victims. Despite intensive therapy, Nadia was subsequently diagnosed with PTSD. This led her to involvement with dogs, both as a rehabilitator of abused dogs and a trainer of service dogs for herself and others.

Nadia related her involvement with a hoarding situation in California when 226 feral chihuahuas were rescued. She took in 26 of these dogs. One year later all had been rehabbed and adopted.

Nadia was accompanied by her dog personal service dog Paxil dog who came to Nadia after his owner died. He was extremely obese at 31 pounds, due to long-term medication with steroids. Paxil is now a trim 17 pounds.



Guest volunteer teams at the meeting were John Grizzard and Cooper, Gail Gundling and Maggie, Nancy Maurer and Max, Terry Taylor and Stella. Their photos appear later in the newsletter.

Many **thanks** to the "helpers" at this meeting.

Sign in table: Nancy Maurer, Marsha Usdane  
Refreshments: Barbara Digges

T-shirts: Ron Lonie

Photos: Diane Bykowski, Barbara Digges

The winner of the 50/50 Raffle was Gail Gundling. Door prize winners were Gail Gundling and Fred Heinemann.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Volunteers,

Pets on Wheels is alive and well, but there have been some changes and additions made this quarter.

In early March, Patrick Doyle, Board Secretary, accepted a new position in Raleigh, North Carolina. I wish him well in his new adventure, but I am missing him. Please join me in welcoming two new Board members. Marsha Usdane replaces Patrick as Secretary, and John Grizzard is a new director. Look for more information on them further into the newsletter.

Several new facilities have been added, making our total number twenty. One is Coronado Health Center and another is Scottsdale Memory Care. In response to a special request, Kristi Hatfield is visiting Quality Home Care. We have also added an afterschool program at STARS, Cholla branch. I have resumed visiting Sunrise Middle School. I was overwhelmed at their joy in having us back.

Several of our Board member are having surgeries in April. Join me in wishing low pain and fast healing for both Barbara Digges and Diane Bykowski.

Many of you will be traveling soon, please notify me. Remember to **Keep Safe** and return to us soon.

Sincerely  
Peggy Eischen



## NEW VISITING TEAMS

Seven new volunteer teams started their visits during the last 3 months. Welcome!!

### The Gardens of Scottsdale

Doreen Alexander & Cammy

### Coronado Health Center

Janette Anderson with  
Katie Barnes & Max

### Forum Pueblo Norte

Anne Gregerson & Pumpkin  
Donna Velcio & Millie (second dog)

### Barton House

Pat Hood & Reagan

### Amber Creek Memory Care

Janice Lowden & Allie

### Sante of North Scottsdale

Gwen Twyver & Sophie

### Westminster Village of Scottsdale

John Toman & Lexie

## TOP VISITORS

These are the volunteer teams with the most visits for January, February and March.

Kathy Sins & Grayson, Winston, Bentley 77  
Diane Bykowski & Zoe 61  
John Grizzard & Cooper 28  
Ivan Smith & Ozzie 27  
Warren Clark & Pepper 22  
Christina Shorall & CoCo 22  
Jeanne Pearce & Duke 21  
Ellen Baker & Chanel 20  
Peggy Eischen & Boone 18  
Barbara Digges & Maxine 16  
Kristi Hatfield & Maisey 16  
Fred Heineman & Pearl 15  
Chris Barnes & Lily 14  
David Rosen & Charlie 14  
Denise Forsman & Ferris 13  
Emily Florek & Augusta 13  
Gloria Wells & Zara 13

## Pets on Wheels in Action

Pets on Wheels volunteer teams were busy the last three months, volunteering at special events, in addition to sharing our pets' love at care centers and other sites.

**Many thanks** to our volunteers at public events this past quarter.

Diane Bykowski & Zoe  
Warren Clark & Pepper  
Barbara Digges & Maxine  
Chris Drawert & Hana  
Peggy Eischen & Mason  
Denise Forsman & Ferris  
John and Rosemarie Grizzard & Cooper  
Gail Gundling & Maggie  
Barb Gutman, Alyia Gutman & Parker  
Amber Heller & Ava Gaboar  
Pat Hood & Reagan  
Kathy Homes & Missy  
Stacy Jarriel & Schoko  
Jenny Lidback & Abby  
Nancy Maurer & Max  
Jill Neitzke and Jake  
Joan O'Sullivan & RJ  
Jeanne Pearce & Duke  
David Rosen & Charlie  
Ivan Smith & Ozzie  
Linda Stevens & Piper  
Elaine Taute & Sparky  
Marsha Usdane & Munchkin  
Donna Velcio & Steffie  
Penny Wagge & Alfie  
Suzanne Watson & Dash  
Glenn Zellmer & Mason

## Ultimate Play Date at Scottsdale at Scottsdale Civic Center Library



Parker (Barbara Gutman) and Missy (Kathy Homes) (below) love story time.



## Discount Tire

## Dogs in the Garden at Desert Botanical Garden



John Grizzard & Cooper, Nancy Maurer & Max



Zoe, John Grizzard & Cooper, Joan O'Sullivan & RJ, Denise Forsman & Ferris put their best paws forward at Discount Tire.

# More Pets on Wheels in Action

## Scottsdale Senior Expo



Volunteers who made the Scottsdale Senior Expo a success included (by photo):

1. Marsha Usdane, Munchkin & Zoe (Diane Bykowski)
2. Gail Gundliing & Maggie
3. Sparky (Elaine Taute) & Zoe

## Sky Kids Goodyear Airport



This year Sky Kids flew 93 "Sky Kids" and their families. Our dogs contributed to another great event.

By photo:

1. Charlie (Dave Rosen)
2. Parker (Barbara Gutman)
3. Maxine (Barbara Digges)
4. Mason (Peggy Eischen & Glenn Zellmer)



# News and Notes

## New Members Added to Board

Marsha Usdane and John Grizzard were appointed to the Pets on Wheels Board of Directors at the Board's April meeting.



**Marsha Usdane**, has been volunteering with Munchkin, a 6 year old Shih Tzu since 2014. They faithfully visit Osborn Health and the Piper Cancer Center and have made 129 visits (thru the end of March).

Marsha is experienced with social work and steering various organizations, having participated on the foster care review board, running an adoption agency, and organizing political campaigns, Marsha is a widow and has grown children.



**John Grizzard** and Cooper, a 2 year old yellow lab, began volunteering in October, 2016. They have made 49 visits (thru the end of March). They visit Vi at Silverstone and the Piper Cancer Center. John is a retired VP

of Business Development for Norsight Consulting; he has extensive experience in sales and marketing will fill a need on our Board. Also, he can give a perspective as a new volunteer. His wife, Rosemarie, sometimes joins John and Cooper at events.

Benefactors for January-March will be listed in the July newsletter.

## Successful Arizona Gives Day 2017

For the third year, Pets on Wheels (POW) participated in the Arizona Gives giving campaign, along with more than 800 other Arizona non-profits. We retained last years' goal of \$3000.

Donations to POW through the Gives portal totaled **\$2699.50**. Most donors added the processing fee (6.9%) to their donation; thus our "net" proceeds is estimated at \$2545. This does not include all donations that /will arrive after Gives Day, through mail or the Gives site.

The 2017 Gives campaign has raised \$2.2 M from 17,655 donors to 872 organizations. The top three organizations were Phoenix Rescue Mission (\$116k), Southern Arizona Humane Society (\$59k), and Watershed Management Group (\$52k). As in past years, animal-focused organizations did very well. It is particularly gratifying to know that this amount stays in Arizona with **local** non-profits.

We thank Barbara Digges for again leading our Arizona Gives participation.

### Donors

#### \$10-100

Stephanie Alex  
Diane Bykowski\*  
Rebecca Cederquist  
Geraldine Chapman  
Keith Chilton  
Maxine Clark\*  
Judith Cunningham  
Linda Dee  
Elaine Digges  
Joann Flores  
David Gill\*  
Mary Gonzales  
Gail Gundling\*  
Barbara Gutman\*  
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+ 6 anonymous donors

#### \$100+

Barbara Digges\*  
Peggy Eischen\*  
Janet Maurer  
Joan O'Sullivan\*  
Darlene Quinn\*  
Katheryn Sins\*  
Marsha Usdane\*  
Donna Velcio\*

\* = POW volunteer

## more News and Notes

### AKC Therapy Dog Certification

In April, Cooper Grizzard, a yellow lab, earned his AKC Therapy Dog status. Starting last October, he and owner John Grizzard have completed the fifty visits required for for the AKC status. Anyone interested in the same status for his/her dog, just google the AKC for requirements to be met and documentation needed.

### Goodbye

We bid farewell to volunteer and Board Member Patrick Doyle who has taken a new job in Raleigh, NC. He became a volunteer in 2008 with Sam a Keeshond and retired show dog. Patrick became a

Board member in 2010, and Secretary in 2012. As Secretary he performed the background checks and assisted at the orientation meetings. He and Sam attended events and visited at Westminster Village, until she crossed the Rainbow Bridge in 2014. Patrick continued to volunteer without a dog until 2017.

### Crossed the Rainbow Bridge

It is with sadness, we report the passing of Riley, beloved poodle mix, belonging to Fran Weisenberg. In 2009, Riley was 5 yrs old when she and Fran became POW volunteers. They faithfully visited at Cortney's Place for the next eight years. Riley will be sorely missed by many.

### Guest Dogs at January Meeting



Gail Gundling & Maggie



John Grizzard & Cooper



Nancy Maurer & Max



Terry Taylor & Stella

### Our Dogs at " Work"

We **LOVE** your photos from Care Centers. You can email them to [petsonwheelsaz@gmail.com](mailto:petsonwheelsaz@gmail.com)



Ferris (Denise Forsman) at VI



Stella (Terry Taylor) at Shea Parc



Grayson, Winston, Bentley (Kathy Sins) at Villa Ocotillo

## still more News and Notes

### "Our" Zoe wins 2017 Service to the Community Hero Dog Award

*Following is the press release issued March 4th by the Arizona Pet Project (formerly Friends of Animal Care and Control) announcing **Zoe Bykowski** as the recipient of the Service to the Community award.*



Imagine going a single day without a home...without water...without food. For Zoe, a flea ridden, tick infested pup living on the streets of South Phoenix, this was her reality for months. Zoe never knew where she could rest safely, when she would have her next sip of water, or where her next meal would come from. Learning nothing during her first years of life except how to survive, despite her struggles Zoe somehow managed to grow a heart ten times her size and is proving it every day.

Fortunately for Zoe, she was eventually picked up off the mean streets in 2010 by a caring Maricopa County Animal Care & Control officer. When Pam from Ruby Ranch Rescue laid eyes on her, she knew that under the matted and dirty fur, there was a special dog. With a good groom and a little TLC, Zoe flourished and was ready for adoption.



As luck would have it, Diane Bykowski and her husband, were looking for a four-legged friend to share their home. A short time prior, Diane's father fell ill. While in hospice, a therapy dog came to visit and when Diane saw the joy it brought to her dad, she knew this was her

calling. After a short time together, Diane knew Zoe would be the perfect dog with whom to embark upon this journey.

In January of 2012, the duo registered with the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Zoe now spends her time volunteering for organizations such as Pets on Wheels of Scottsdale, Hospice of the Valley, Honor Health and Tail Wagging Tales, a public library service that allows children to read to therapy dogs.

Often called the 'angel in fur' by patients, residents and staff, Zoe instantaneously changes the energy in every room she enters. Zoe is quick to entertain patients with her various tricks but is just as eager to sit quietly in laps or deliver smiles while being held in the arms of her mom.

Zoe has an uncanny way of seeking out those who are most in need of love, which is proven true through the beautiful friendship she developed with Al, a wheelchair bound 89 year old amputee. Zoe visited Al every Friday for over six months and while Al was hoping to live to be 110 – longevity ran in his family – that didn't happen. Al was hospitalized and while in intensive care Zoe was granted permission to visit him twice. The last words Al spoke before he fell into a deep coma were "oh Zoe"... Al's life journey ended early the next day.

Stories like this are plentiful in Zoe's life, as she specializes in working with people at the end of their life's journey. The joy she brings to everyone she meets is evident through the smiles and tears of joy from her patients. The only expectation she has in return for her unconditional love, is a belly rub or a spoonful of vanilla ice cream.

There's no question that her tragic start in life has made her a more passionate and empathetic therapy dog! Zoe, for this and the boundless joy you bring to those most in need – *you* are our 2017 Service to the Community Award winner.



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Director	Barbara Digges
Director	John Grizzard
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**QUARTERLY MEETING**

**THURSDAY**  
**April 20th,**  
**7:00 to 9:00 PM**

**VIA LINDA SENIOR CENTER**  
**105<sup>th</sup> Street & Via Linda**  
**Scottsdale, AZ**



**Maggie (Gail Gundling)**