

# ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 7th at 1:30 PM. The food will be provided by Olive Garden with a donation of \$5 per person. The new officers will be elected for calendar year 2009. This is a people party; the puppies will need to stay home this time.

The meeting will be held at:

James City/Williamsburg Community Center  
5301 Longhill Road  
Williamsburg, VA 23188

- ♣ Take ramp onto I-64 W toward WILLIAMSBURG/RICHMOND - go 16.9 mi
- ♣ Take exit #238/CAMP PEARY/ COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG toward COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG/VA-143 E - go 0.2 mi
- ♣ Turn Left on VA-143 E - go 0.7 mi
- ♣ Turn Right on VA-132 - go 1.2 mi
- ♣ Turn Right on BYPASS RD(US-60) - go 1.2 mi
- ♣ Bear Right on RICHMOND RD(US-60) - go 0.4 mi
- ♣ Turn Left on IRONBOUND RD
- ♣ Bear Right on LONGHILL RD - go 0.8 mi
- ♣ Arrive at 5301 LONGHILL RD, WILLIAMSBURG, on the Left

## JILL HOEHLEIN FOR VICE PRESIDENT

I have been an active member of GRREAT for over 15 years. I was the Lead Home Evaluator for Southside until 2 years ago and have since trained others and coordinated HE's. I have fostered many dogs and have recently become certified in canine massage therapy. I teach "Rally" classes at Canine Obedience Training under Dory Hoffman. My dogs are certified - CGC, AKC - obedience titles, and Rally titles. I have worked as a volunteer at a local vet office for over 10 years and have just served one year as VP for GRREAT. I have contributed articles to the GRREAT newsletter on health and training of dogs. I am a public school teacher, teaching Advanced Placement Biology and Honors Biology. I have a terrific supportive husband (Rich) and two great kids — Robb, a radiologist in South Carolina, and Heather, a veterinarian in California, one cat (she rules the house), one bird, and two of the best (but I'm partial) Golden Retrievers.

—Jill Hoehlein

## DONNA ROGGMAN FOR TREASURER

I have been a member of GRREAT since 1994 when my husband, Jack, and I began to foster in a search for a companion to our golden, Samantha. She was a finicky girl and it took five fosters to find her perfect pal, Jasper. He was such a needy boy, and so unattractive with half his hair missing from allergies. It was hard not to love him and he and Samantha were so well matched. Through the fostering process we came to know much more about the organization and its mission. One of the board members invited me to join the Board as secretary. I held the position for two years and then became Adoption Coordinator for the next three years. After that, I held the position of Vice President and ultimately Treasurer. I have served as Treasurer since 2003. It has been a learning process and one of growth. Jack and I have continued to serve as Home Evaluators and occasional foster parents. I believe whole-heartedly in this organization and the wonderful people who work so hard for our animal friends. I will be proud to serve another year as treasurer if you will have me.

— Donna Roggmann

## LAURA SPINK FOR PRESIDENT

I have been a member and volunteer since April 2003. I have been the Volunteer Coordinator since January 2005. In addition to my volunteer coordinator role, I pitch in with transports, dog evaluations, home evaluations, foster dog sitting, events, fund raising and many of the "behind the scene" activities of the rescue. I am devoted to the Golden Retriever breed and believe deeply in our mission to rescue abandoned and homeless Golden Retrievers and place them in approved adoptive homes. Most of all though I enjoy working with all of the many GRREAT people that make us successful.

— Laura Spink

## MABEL NICOSIA FOR SECRETARY

I have been a member of GRREAT since November 2001 when Dave and I adopted Sam, our special SEVA golden. During the adoption process, we met some wonderful members and became active with the organization. Since that time, we lost our beloved therapy dog, Sam. But, we were adopted by our second GRREAT dog, Katie, while fostering. I have served as Secretary to the Board of Directors for five years, attended Golden Days, membership meetings, picnics, coordinated fund raising events, PertsMart Santa Claws Photos, two silent auctions, created & donated raffle baskets, GRREAT "whines" and followed up with new members. Now retired from the Virginia Department of Mental Health as a Clinical Nurse Specialist/Clinician, I would be honored to continue supporting the Board and SEVA GRREAT's mission as Secretary.