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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, in case you did not get the message about the picnic, we had had to cancel due to lack of interest! There will be NO meeting for July, which was scheduled for July 6 at the Training Building. Everybody seems to be busy this month, so we'll regroup in August and get ready for the fall events including our September cluster.

Speaking of which, hopefully you all received the message from Thea that she and Connie Leatherman are co-chairing the obedience portion of our 4-day cluster. Her message is elsewhere in this very short newsletter. Please give some thought as to whether you can help, even if it's just part of a day. Kim Sullivan will be chairing Rally, and the same holds for her.

Obedience classes are on-going, as are agility practices on Tuesday evenings, weather and participation dependent. Same for Rally practices: currently being held on Wednesday evenings for the next two Wednesdays in July (5th & 12th); then Connie and Steve are taking a break until sometime in August, to get folks ready for Rally in September. There are 8 chances (count them, EIGHT) to get a title (and maybe two!!) in obedience and rally: the trials over Labor Day weekend in Great Falls, and of course our 4 trials in September. Later this year classes and/or practices will start in Rally for the new advanced moves geared towards the Master and Championship levels.

Web page and Facebook page: Tommy Dahl has agreed to take over these important functions. We will work with him to gradually get the web page correct and updated. The calendar in particular needs work, and as this is often the public's first contact with the club, we need to keep an eye on it. For the moment I

bring to your attention the document on the AKC Code of Sportsmanship that they have asked clubs to display somewhere where members can read it. We are, as we have always been, an AKC-affiliated club and abide by their rules and regulations, and philosophy by and large. We can help Tommy keep the FB page updated by sending him our brags — I know there were some from the last series of shows. I plan on doing that myself.

Marion Erp

NO SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR JUNE

We will have it as part of our newsletter for August.

CLUB MEETING AGENDA-AUGUST 1, 2017

Collect and send your next agenda and/or newsletter items to Nancy for August. Our next meeting will take place early in August: Tuesday, August 1, 6:30. See you then.

Also, send her any and all of your Brags for the newsletter as well as brags and photos to Tommie for the website.