

# CMF Newsletter

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## A Message from CMF President

Happy dog days of summer! In May, we had a very successful and fun 3rd Annual Haute Dog Picnic in Costa Mesa. Thank you to everyone who attended and spent the lovely day with us. Also, a very special thank you to those who made donations—both monetary and in-kind gifts. We raised more money than previous years with a very successful silent auction. We look forward to increasing our donations to other charities this year. This issue contains photos of the recent Haute Dog Picnic.

We have recently received some memorial donations and thank the donors for thinking of us during their time of grieving. Sharon & Michael Warzocha donated in memory of Matt Higgins. Linda Castañeda donated in memory of her father Leo Castañeda.

Our recent outgoing donations include sponsoring Kathleen McFarlin DVM in the Avon 39 Walk to End Breast Cancer. Dr. McFarlin was the vet of my dog Francis for many years. We've also donated to the Dachshund Club of America Health and Welfare in memory of three wonderful standard smooth dachshunds: Culdach's Ben-Hur V Fleming, Ch Hildisvin Eclipse and CH Schoolhouse Francis Rocks CGC THD. The rest of our 2015 donations will be made soon and detailed in the next newsletter.

In December 2014, a few of us found ourselves up in the Carmel area so we had the opportunity to check in on our table at Point Lobos in the Piney Woods picnic area. The Table has worn well the last couple years and we are always pleased to find it already in use by someone else.

Over thirteen years ago, when I got my Standard Smooth Dachshund Francis (AKC Intl CH Schoolhouse Francis Rocks CGC THD) as a puppy from Judy Anderson, I didn't expect that bringing a purposely-bred dog into my life would result in an extended canine family of friends and a special community of dog lovers that included Carrie, Zafar and Greg (their dog Phineas was Francis' sire) and Mike and Candy Culton who serve with me on the Board of the Carrie Mehdi Foundation. I am grateful that I can honor those we have lost (human and canine) in my work with a non-profit like the Carrie Mehdi Foundation and channel this honor into something that will give back to other non-profits and help people, dogs, and places of natural beauty.

Please free to send your comments via email to me at [dejones@carriemehdifoundation.org](mailto:dejones@carriemehdifoundation.org).

Thank you for your support.  
Diane E. Jones,  
President, Carrie Mehdi Foundation



Diane Jones with Shareena Yee and Veronica Calarco enjoying the day.



Evelyn Bickar, Candy Culton, Mike Culton and Dick Cortes relaxing after lunch.



Zafar, Gayle and Ed Bell posing for the camera.

**Wonderful News! Our 3rd Annual CMF Haute Dog Picnic on May 16th was a great success. We raised over \$6,000 so far this year. These funds will be donated to most of the same non-profit organizations we donated last year with a few new ones added. Following is the list of organizations:**

- Knickerbocker Dachshund Club
- East Bay Dachshund Club
- DCA National Specialty Show
- Dachshund Club of America Health & Welfare Trust Fund
- Point Lobos Foundation
- California State Parks Foundation
- The Salvation Army
- Los Angeles Mission
- National Kidney Foundation
- Union Station Homeless Services
- Vietnam Veterans of America
- HB Care Packages for Military Dogs
- Homeless Health Care Los Angeles
- The Midnight Mission
- AKC Canine Health Fund
- Avon 39 Walk for the Cure
- Canine Hope for Diabetics
- Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust
- Flintridge Preparatory School
- Morris Animal Foundation

**We thank all our contributors who have given generously over last three years. Your donations have allowed us to successfully carry out our mission of supporting other non-profits.**

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**Guests gathering for picnic games and fun:**



Guests meeting and greeting.



Zafar Mehdi, Gloria and Gary Walker.



Candy Culton and Diane Jones.



Zafar Mehdi, Greg Sanders and Saara Niamat.



Wendy and Ed Hirschman.



Diane Jones and Veronica Calarco.



Michele Huntoon and Nora Imfeld.



Shareena Yee and Rose De Los Santos.

**Guests gathering for picnic games and fun:**



Zafar Mehdi and Candy Culton.



Zafar Mehdi and Jill Beniak.



Diane Jones and Cailey Rembert.



Candy Culton and Fouzia Niamat.



Fouzia and Saara Niamat.



Zafar Mehdi and Saara Niamat.



Tom and Sarah Winfrey, with Cailey, Rose and Shareena in background.

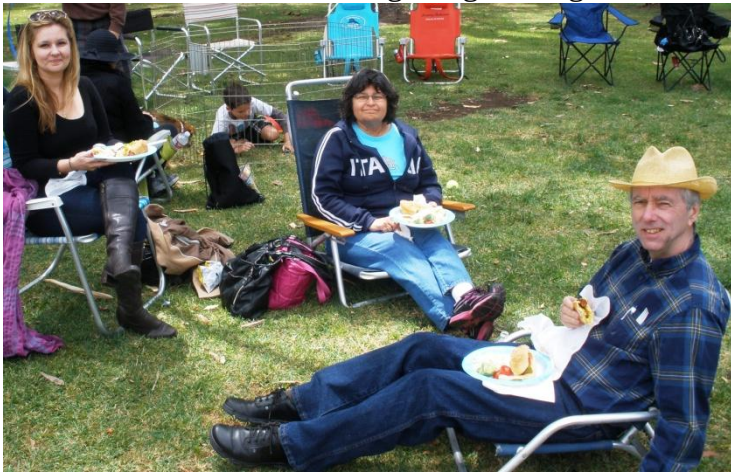


Nora Imfeld and her son Garret with dog Ellie as Kristin's son Ethan Ceballos poses for the camera.

**Enjoying the picnic lunch:**



Dick Cortes and Mike Culton grilling hot dogs.



Sarah, Anita and Tom Winfrey.



Fouzia Niamat, Saara Niamat and Greg Sanders.



Linda Castaneda.

**Relaxing and enjoying games after lunch:**



Rose De Los Santos, Karen Blakeman, and Shareena Yee relaxing after lunch.



Cake walk game contestants - L to R: Mark Imfeld, Shareena Yee, Linda Castaneda, Veronica Calarco and Garrett Imfeld.



Cake walk game ends with the winner below: Veronica Calarco.



**Guests having fun with Canine games**



Davis Rembert helping his dog with paw painting.



Gayle Bell with her dogs.



Cailey Rembert with her dog competes in hotdog bobbing contest as Ethan Ceballos looks on.



Gayle Bell with her dog competing in hotdog bobbing contest.



Dogs get ready for the canine crazy hat contest.



Jill Beniak and her dog ready for the canine crazy hat contest.

**Guests having fun with Canine games**



Dick Cortes & Evelyn Bickar's dogs won Hotdog Bobbing contest.



Contestants showing to judges for Crazy Hat contest.



Ed & Gayle Bell's dogs won the Crazy Hat Contest.

**Contestants enjoying Pin the Hat contest.**



Veronica Calarco with Zafar and Saara looking on.



Mark Imfeld.



Davis Rembert.



Zafar Mehdi, Saara Niamat, Michele and Kristin Huntoon in front of pin the hat backdrop.

**Guests check out the Silent Auction items.**



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