

CMF Newsletter

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A Message from CMF President

The Carrie Mehdi Foundation (CMF) was formed in November 2012, to continue to support the charitable and philanthropic causes that were dear to Carrie.

We had our first fundraising event "Haute Dog Picnic" on May 11, 2013, in a wonderful park in Orange County, California. The event was well attended and in keeping with Carrie's legacy, the emphasis of the event was a fun day with friends, family and dogs with some great food thrown in to round it out. Thank-you to all who helped us at this first event and all the attendees and donors. Everyone enjoyed participating in games for adults, children and dogs including the "Canine Crazy Hat Contest." I'm sure you will enjoy seeing the photos in this newsletter.

I am also very pleased to announce that in a short period of time, Carrie's friends and relatives have generously donated to CMF and in turn CMF has donated a substantial amount to the following organizations:

- Dachshund Club of California
- Knickerbocker Dachshund Club
- Dachshund Club of America National Specialty
- Dachshund Club of America Health & Welfare Fund
- The Salvation Army
- Los Angeles Mission
- Point Lobos Foundation
- California State Parks Foundation

As more people learn of CMF, we look forward to seeing more of our friends and supporters at our future events. Our "Haute Dog Picnic" was so much fun, we have decided to make this an annual event; so please plan to attend next year. To keep our friends and supporters informed of our activities, we will be publishing this CMF Newsletter twice a year. Please see page 4 for information on our next issue. For more immediate and ongoing updates please continue to check our website www.CarrieMehdiFoundation.org for announcements.

Please feel free to send your comments via mail to me to the address at the top of the page, or email to me at dejones@CarrieMehdiFoundation.org

Thank you for your support.

Diane E. Jones
President, Carrie Mehdi Foundation

"1st Annual Haute Dog Picnic", May 11, 2013



Taking a break from all their hard work: L to R: Mike Culton, Evelyn Bickar, Candy Culton & Dick Cortes



Alison Breidenstein & Gustavo Hueramo with Mateo, & Della & their new puppy Rosebud aka "Rosie"

A big "Thank You" to our contributors

For fiscal year 2012-13, following contributors are providing financial contribution to the Foundation. We will keep updating this list in future issues of CMF Newsletter as more contributions are received:

Zafar Mehdi

Gregory Mehdi & Elizabeth James

Diane E. Jones

Mike Culton

Candy Culton

Denise Siemssen

Jane Watkins

Qamar Zaidi

Simin Zaidi

Fouzia Niamat

Saara Niamat

Ashmead Niamat

Sharon & Michael Warzocha

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Evelyn Bickar & Richard Cortes

Gwen Lutge & Sebastian Weidel

KENNEL CLUB OF BEVERLY HILLS

Linda Castenada

Shareena Yee

Jill Beniak

Ed & Wendy Hirschman

Donn & Anna Bialik

Alison Breidenstein & Gustavo Hueramo

Michele Huntoon

Polly Fleming

Kathy Jones

Bill & Beth Jones

Doug Jones

Rebecca Barocas

CMF Donates \$2,000 to California State Parks Foundation (CSPF) for the Point Lobos State Nature Reserve in Carmel

Thanks to our contributors, CMF was able to make this large donation. Point Lobos was Carrie's favorite place and her love of this park started in her own childhood. She loved this place so much her family vacationed there almost every other year and she would go out of her way to take her friends to share this beautiful State Park. This donation will enable the CSPF to install a picnic table with Carrie Mehdi's name and a memorial message engraved on it in Point Lobos State Nature Reserve. Below is a picture of Carrie & son Greg when he was about 5 years old, at Point Lobos.



Carrie with Candy Culton & Beth Mills at Point Lobos, in August 2010. Photo by Diane Jones.

More pictures from "1st Annual Haute Dog Picnic" May 11, '13



Zafar Mehdi and Linda Castaneda pose for the camera

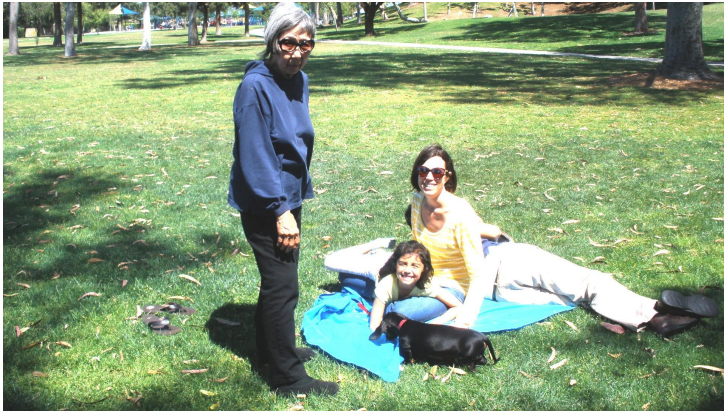


Linda Castaneda and Candy Culton enjoying the day



Ed & Wendy Hirschman visibly happy to be there

"1st Annual Haute Dog Picnic" May 11, '13



Jane Watkins with Ali, Della and their puppy Rosie



Michele Huntoon and Kristin Huntoon with Kristin's son Ethan, enjoying lunch



Sharena Yee and Jill Beniak relaxing



Greg Mehdi with Simin Zaidi & her German Shepherd Hunter



Greg Mehdi with Qamar Zaidi as both get in the picnic mood with a drink



Rebecca Barocas and Anja preparing for their Nosework demonstration.



Contestants play "Musical Circles" from L to R: Ali, Linda, Evelyn, Jill, Rebecca, Azam and Qamar.



Evelyn Bickar & Dick Cortes look on as their dog competes in "Bobbing for Hot Dogs" contest

"1st Annual Haute Dog Picnic" May 11, '13



Ed & Wendy Hirschman with their Crazy Hat Contestant Audrey (Phaedra is in hiding!)



Jill Beniak with her Crazy Hat Contestant "Babs"



Rebecca Barocas's dog Anja readies for judging



Rachsie & Megan (Evelyn & Dick's) perhaps complaining about lengthy judging for "Crazy Hats"



Francis & Phineas as Batman & Robin provide comic interlude.



Winner of Crazy Hat Contest: Francis (the coolest guy around)



Co-Winner of Crazy Hat Contest: Rosebud "Rosie"

The next issue of CMF Newsletter will come out in November 2013. This will be the 1st Anniversary issue of Carrie's passing. We are planning to have pictures in that issue under the caption "Blast from the Past". These will be pictures of Carrie with family & friends. If you have any pictures you would like us to consider including in the Newsletter, please mail to the address on front page or email to dejones@CarrieMehdiFoundation.org