



# TEETER TALES

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## Kaitlyn Dreese Seminars January 2016

By Carole Allen

On Saturday and Sunday, January 9 and 10, Kruisin Kanines had the good fortune (and great weather compared to recent conditions) to host Kaitlyn Dreese in two full-day seminars geared specifically for “Young/Green Dogs with Experienced Handlers.”

Each day covered the same material, though the make-up of each group made the day distinctly different. In total, we had 20 working participants (both days), which included eight Kruisin' Kanines members with several other members auditing. Both days filled with folks from NJ, PA, and NY.

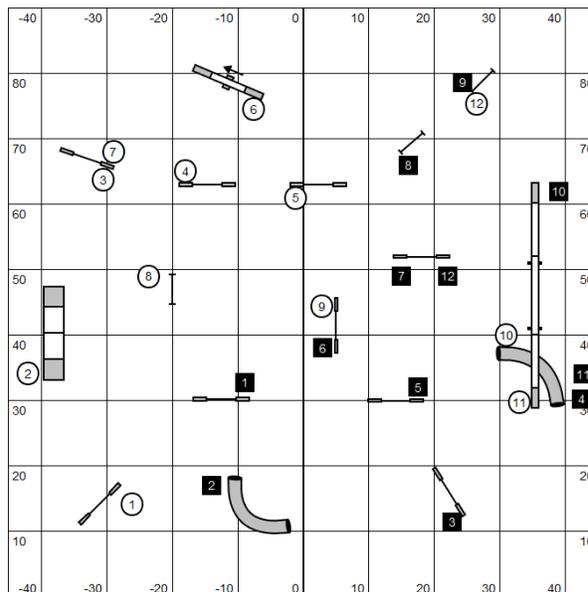
With Kaitlyn having recently returned from European Open Team Tryouts just one month earlier (she's been named a member of the 2016 team to France in July), and having several podium placements at the US Open (UKI) the month before (she and Karli Renay are team alternates for the 2016 team to England), her sequences for the seminar focused on handling skills, and the dogs' responses to them on courses with international challenges designed for young teams. And while most participants were familiar with the current handling moves used on international courses, there were those who

learned some of the basics or needed refreshers—and applied them all in a matter of moments—the benefit of being an experienced handler.

As Kaitlyn is a soft-spoken person, Saturday's group often found themselves gathered near the action on course so that they could hear the coaching. On Sunday, that was remedied with a wireless microphone found in the office, refreshed with new batteries and connected to the speaker from the electronic timers kept in the trailer. With Kaitlyn “wired for sound,” Sunday's group was able to hear Kaitlyn from just about everywhere.

A basic course was set and, with modifications, 8 courses of varying difficulty were created (see course maps 1-3). While the sequences were short, with just 12 obstacles, the intent was to have the team stay focused, fast, and connected through the short courses and finish up with heavy rewards and/or play. [Continued on pg 3](#)

### KD Young Dogs 1



### Board/Membership Meetings

#### February 4

Board Meeting 6:30pm, @ Wegman's

#### February 6

Membership Meeting @ the Banquet

#### March 2

Board 6:30pm, Membership 8:15pm

Point Pleasant Fire Company

### Barn Work Days

February 7, Noon-2pm

March 4, 6-8pm

### UKI Trial

March 5 @ the barn

*Kruisin' Kanines  
Banquet*



*February 6*

*Cocktails 6-7pm (cash bar)*

*Dinner, 7pm*

*Bucks Club, Jamison, PA*

## WHAT IS A THERAPY DOG?

by Cindy Everett

A therapy dog is trained to provide affection and comfort to people in a variety of settings. The dog might provide an arthritic hand a soft place to touch, calm a child who finds him- or herself in a scary place, or lift the spirits of a patient who has received a serious diagnosis. Therapy dogs listen to children read, provide comfort to a grieving family, and remind a patient of a beloved pet while away from home. A visit with a therapy dog is all these things and more, being mutually beneficial between people and dogs. It is a positive experience, and improves physical, emotional, and psychological lives. A therapy dog is not a service or assistance dog, and does not have the same public access rights.

A therapy dog can be of any breed, one year of age or older. Your dog should be very well socialized so he feels comfortable in a variety of settings with various noises and different kinds of equipment. He should enjoy all types of people, remain calm for petting, and accept unsteady people, crowds of people, and being touched all over or hugged. Formal obedience training is not necessary, but your dog must be able to walk nicely on a leash, sit and down on command, and come close when called. The dog needs a strong “leave-it” command, and must not jump or put paws on people. Excessive licking is discouraged—only requested kisses are allowed in moderation. He should want to visit with people, but not approach until invited. There are many situations a therapy dog team might encounter, and the handler must always be aware of the surroundings and advocate for the safety and well-being of his or her dog. Examples might include medications on the floor, moving wheelchairs, inappropriate petting or touching, fire alarms, shouting, dropped trays—the list is endless. The handler must have a close relationship with the dog and know what his signs of stress are. These might include yawning, panting, hiding behind you, shaking, pressing ears and tail close to the body, looking for an escape route, or refusing to socialize or engage. As handlers, it is our responsibility to recognize these signs in our dogs, and end the visit immediately if necessary. We must recognize that the work of a therapy dog requires that they are “on” for lengths of time, and that even an experienced therapy dog gets tired or just might not be in the mood.

### GETTING STARTED

There are many opportunities to volunteer as a therapy dog team in our area. They include hospitals, nursing homes, schools, hospices, disaster relief and more. The possibilities are endless.

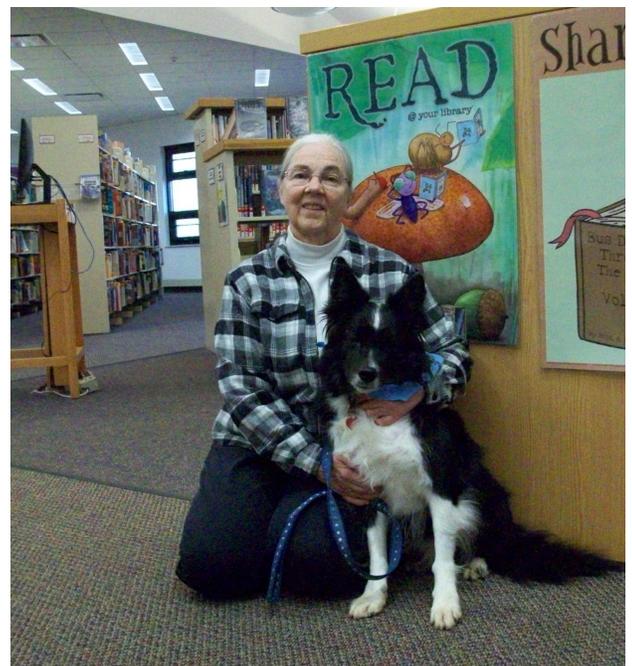
There are at least five nonprofit, all-volunteer organizations in our area that will register your dog and provide insurance after you are successfully evaluated and fulfill their requirements. They are Pet

Partners, Therapy Dog International, Alliance of Therapy Dogs, Bright and Beautiful, and Comfort Caring Canines. The evaluations vary slightly by organization but all are two-part, including obedience and temperament. Alliance of Therapy Dogs goes a step further and requires prospective members to be observed on three visits by an evaluator. All of the organizations require yearly renewal with no further testing, except for Pet Partners, who require retesting every 2 years. Pet Partners is the only organization that will test and register other species of pets, including cats, birds, rabbits, horses, and more.



Cindy & Luke at Doylestown Hospital

If you have been thinking about doing therapy work with your dog and believe he or she might be a good candidate, I suggest you do some research first. Do you have a specific place or population of people you would like to visit? If so, call the facility and ask what their requirements are. Not all facilities accept all therapy dog



Judy & Casey at the Northampton Free Library



Bob & Marshall at Central Bucks West

organizations. The facility may also require additional background checks, orientation, or an annual flu shot, etc.

You can go online to any of the therapy dog organizations to study examples of tests and learn their requirements for vaccines, titers, fecal tests, and heartworm/flea prevention. They vary slightly, but it might make a difference to you. For instance, Pet Partners does not allow the dog to be fed a raw diet. Organizations also vary as to what equipment is allowed, including collars, harnesses, and leashes. All require the dog to be in good health, clean, and well-groomed for any visit. During the test, the handler is evaluated along with the dog. The goal is to observe the team working together as if in a therapy dog setting. Sometimes a “not ready” is given, but with a little work where needed, the team may try again for a successful pass.

In addition to having your dog registered as a therapy dog, there are volunteer organizations in our area you may join such as Roxy Reading and Nor'wester Readers. These organizations will match teams with opportunities in schools, libraries, court houses, pediatrics at Doylestown Hospital, and more. The members are caring people who volunteer their time freely, and enjoy spending time and sharing their dog with other people.

Therapy dog classes are offered in our area and, although not required, might be a good idea, especially if you need to brush up on obedience or are new to volunteering with your dog.

We'll share some of our individual stories in the next few issues. If you want to learn more about therapy dog work, feel free to contact any of us. We're happy to share any knowledge we have about the different organizations and opportunities in our area. It just might be the most rewarding experience of your life!

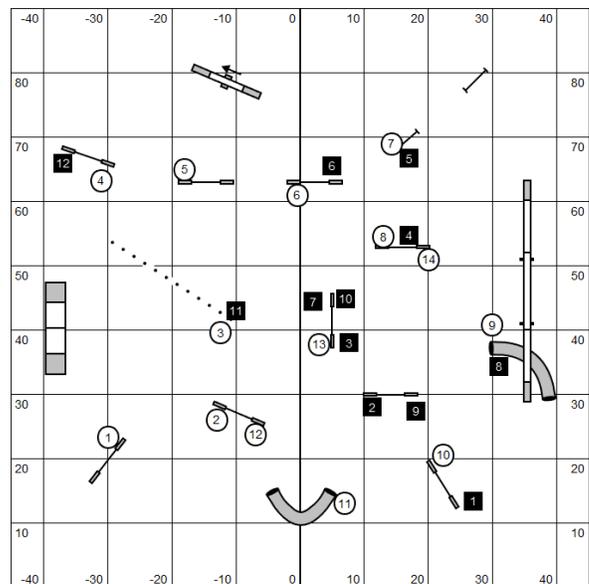
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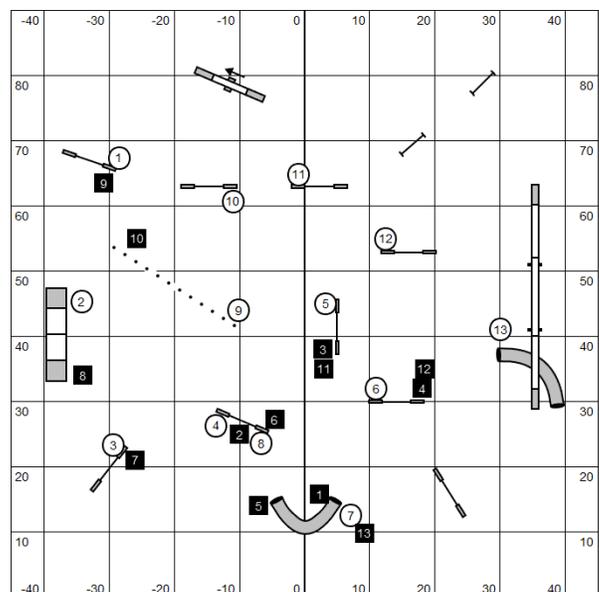
You will notice that in all of the sequences, there was no one way to successfully handle the course and, indeed, not all participants handled each course the same way. Nonetheless, blind crosses, sends to backsides and lateral movement—often resulting in blind crosses, ruled the day.

Thanks to everyone who participated. Now, on to the next seminar!

### KD Young Dogs 2



### KD Young Dogs 3





## Upcoming Kruisin' Events

### February 2016

**February** – No OPEN AGILITY PRACTICE this month

**February 3** – NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING OR BOARD MEETING because of annual Banquet.

**February 4** – Board Meeting 6:30pm at Wegman's.

**February 6** – Annual Banquet (& February membership meeting) 6pm at the Bucks Club, 2600 York Rd, Jamison, PA 18929.

**February 7** – Barn Work day, noon-2pm

**February 20** – Deadline for Teeter Tales Submissions

**February 22** – Last Class of Skills for this session

**February 23** – Last Class of Foundations 1 for this session

### March 2016

**March** – No Open Agility Practice this month

**March 2** - Board Meeting 6:30pm & Membership Meeting 8:15pm at the Point Pleasant Fire Company

**March 4** – Barn Work Night, 6pm-8pm

**March 5** – UKI Trial at the barn

**March 14** – Tentative start of second session of eight-week classes begin this week

**March 19** – “Almost Spring!” Run Throughs, 10am-3pm

**March 19** - Deadline for Teeter Tales Submissions

**March 25** – Barn Work Night 6pm-8pm

### April 2016

**April 6** – Board Meeting 6:30pm & Membership Meeting 8:15pm at the Point Pleasant Fire Company

**April 27** – Barn Work Night, 7pm-9pm

**April 30/May 1** – Kruisin' AKC Trial in Pittman, NJ

### Weekly Club Events 2016

**Every Sunday:** Barn is open for Sunday Run Thrus, all day!

For a detailed look at all Kruisin' Classes and Events:

click: [Kruisin' Kanines Calendar](#)

For the Barn Use Schedule

click: [Barn Use Calendar](#)

## Obsessive Dog Disorder (O.D.D.)

-You have more than one dog.

-Your house is littered with dog toys.

-You greet your dog before your spouse.

-You'd rather hang out with your dogs than go out.

-Your dog's comfort comes before yours.

-Your dog eats better than you do.



**Share if you have O.D.D.**

*PawPackz*

## From Treasurer's Report, see pg 5

### Account Balances - As of 12/31/2015

Account	2013	2014	2015
<b>Bank Accounts</b>			
PayPal Account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$405.00
Univest Chk	34,403.27	24,793.85	13,203.58
Univest Sav	1,164.74	1,165.32	1,162.90
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$35,568.01</b>	<b>\$25,959.17</b>	<b>\$14,771.48</b>
<b>Cash Accounts</b>			
Deposits Paid	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$2,400.00
Undeposited Funds	0.00	0.00	250.00
<b>TOTAL Cash Accounts</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$2,650.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,068.01</b>	<b>\$26,459.17</b>	<b>\$17,421.48</b>

# Membership Meeting Minutes

Kruisin' Kanines Minutes, January 6, 2015

The December 14, 2015, General Meeting minutes were approved.

## President's Report (Jeanie Burton):

Barn work day January 2: Thank you Alan and Will for changing the light bulbs in Ring 2!

Cindy is going to put together a system for the barn that will allow members to leave notes identifying items that need to be fixed.

We need to winterize the bottom of the sliding doors.

Alan will order a case of florescent bulbs for the overhead lights in Rings 1 and 2.

Alan will purchase a new Pause table for the trials. He will be contacting MAD Agility to see if they have any used tables and looking around to see where we can get the best price for a quality table.

## Treasurer's Report (Tony Luzynski):

Please see graphs on pages 4 and 6.

Tony presented a spreadsheet of an analysis across 2013-2014-2015, which shows the declining financials of the club. Our Training revenue is dropping and needs to be reviewed. He will be doing a more in-depth analysis in the future. The billing system needs to be reviewed; it currently doesn't provide the flexibility Tony feels is needed for the club.

## Training Director (Carole Allen)

Training classes start next week and all classes have students in them.

There is a seminar this weekend at the Kruisin barn with Kaitlyn Dreese for "Young/Green Dogs; Experienced Handlers" and the working spots are filled.

If you have someone that you would like to see present a seminar at Kruisin, please email Carole.

Carole will be reaching out to Kruisin members to attend special interest groups to discuss the possibility of classes other than agility. Some of the classes are: Nose Work, Rally, K9 Manners, and Puppy Classes. It was suggested that Carole contact Anna Burbank about having a Tricks class.

## Committees

### AKC Report :

The April trial premium will be ready for review this weekend by Jeff Able.

A "High in Trial" award will be given at the April trial.

If the April trial doesn't fill, we will hold a B Match at the end of the trial.

Jeff Able will be the Trial Secretary for the April and August trials. Allison Miele will be Trial Secretary for the July trial, which will be at the Kruisin' barn.

## UKI Report:

The March 5 trial opens on Monday, January 18, on the UKI website.

## Banquet (Susie Diehl):

**Date: Saturday February 6, 6pm at the Bucks Club.**

**Cost: \$30 per person, cash bar** (there will be no member gifts so the cost of dinner is lower).

If anyone has special diet requirements, please contact Susie so the Bucks Club can be notified. We still have not reached the minimum headcount needed to have the banquet.

Jeanie will post a reminder on our Yahoo groups list.

## Banquet Awards Ceremony:

Sally Hunter will be preparing a PowerPoint presentation to be shown during the award ceremony. This will show the titles your dog received during 2016 and a picture of your dog. So please update the spreadsheet with your dog's 2016 agility titles and send Sally a nice picture of your dog to be used in the presentation. You can be in the picture with your dog.

Anyone receiving their first agility title will receive a certificate. Members receiving their first MACH will receive a MACH chair. Members receiving MX titles can decide if they want a plaque or not by selecting the checkbox on the spreadsheet. Pins will not be given this year.

## Shoes Project (Susie Diehl):

Susie has signed the club up for the Sneaker Challenge.

## Old Business

### January Run Thru:

The first Run Thru for 2016 is complete. There were approximately 150 runs with \$750.00 from the run thru and \$20 from food donations. We received many positive comments and there were requests for more run thrus. Is any club member interested in running the next run thru?

### Event Waivers:

In 2015, Teresa held the completed event waivers; for 2016, Tony will be keeping the event waivers.

## New Business

### Facility Rental:

Sabrina Andrews has asked if the Kruisin facility can be rented. She is scheduling an ASCA trial in April. Carole is looking into rates, and Jeanie and Tony will contact Sabrina.

### Barn Maintenance:

With Glen leaving the club, we need to identify what work the barn maintenance position is responsible for so we can ask for volunteers. DianeC is contacting Alan, Glenn, and Leigh, and will put together a list of responsibilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

\*\* Please note the February General Membership meeting will be held during the banquet.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Carney, Secretary

## UKI Trial at Kruisin' Training Barn

**March 5, 2016**

Online entries close February 25, 2016,  
"Day of" entries if space allows

**Premium Available [HERE](#)**

The next Kruisin' UKI Trial is Saturday, March 5, 2016, at the Kruisin' Kanines barn with judge Ok-sana Syrkin. The trial includes all levels of the International and Speedstakes Programs, along with Agility, Nursery Agility, Jumpers, Snooker, and a Masters Tournament. A worker raffle will be held, and we will provide food for all.

Not familiar with UKI? Please note some of the special features for both beginning and experienced teams. UKI is great for handlers/dogs to gain trial experience, while offering challenging, technical courses for experienced teams:

- Try Before You Buy (TBYB) Registration Option allows you to enter your first UKI trial without paying for UKI membership. (You must still register with the UKI and pay the event registration fees.) To keep the UKI membership (and any points earned during the trial), payment for membership is due to the UKI 7 working days after the trial.
- Nursery Agility class is an agility course without teeter, tire, weave poles, or spread jumps for dogs 15 months or older. It is not a titling class, but Clear Round ribbons are issued. Dogs 18 months and older have the option to enter "regular" classes.
- The "Not for Competition (NFC)" Option allows you to train in a trial environment. Toys permitted in the ring to build drive, maintain connection, etc.
- The challenging Masters Tournament comprises Agility and Jumping rounds, and includes a chance to earn money.

Dogs competing in USDAA, AKC, or CPE can "transfer" to an equivalent level in UKI when registering. For example, a dog at AKC Masters level may enter UKI at the Championship level—no need to start at Beginner. For more info on UKI rules and classes, visit [www.ukagilityinternational.com/PDFs/RulesSecondEdition.pdf](http://www.ukagilityinternational.com/PDFs/RulesSecondEdition.pdf).

Open online at <http://ukagilityinternational.com>. Entries close February 25, but "Day of Show" entries will be accepted if the trial doesn't fill.

Questions? Contact the Show Manager,  
Teresa Koziatek,  
at [teresakoziatek1@gmail.com](mailto:teresakoziatek1@gmail.com)

## Cash Flow

Category	2013	2014	2015
<b>INFLOWS</b>			
Club Activities	\$4,720.00	\$3,765.00	\$4,510.00
Events Revenue	0.00	500.00	150.00
Grants	0.00	4,750.00	2,038.00
Insurance Claim Rcvd	0.00	0.00	1,516.40
Interest Inc	1.24	0.58	0.58
Sale of used equipment	0.00	1,235.25	1,201.00
Training Revenue	30,222.00	20,539.00	17,745.33
Trial Revenue	64,375.00	59,563.00	48,967.47
Refunds	-9,647.37	-7,706.00	-7,341.60
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$89,670.87</b>	<b>\$82,646.83</b>	<b>\$68,787.18</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>			
Activities	\$4,052.55	\$4,890.53	\$2,669.49
Barn	30,431.04	27,655.41	29,394.57
Equipment	2,046.43	2,543.19	1,020.20
Interest Exp	0.00	52.50	576.18
Operations	35,578.32	33,505.29	28,860.35
SG&A	6,802.54	6,199.85	6,120.46
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$78,910.88</b>	<b>\$74,846.77</b>	<b>\$68,641.25</b>
<b>INFLOWS LESS OUTFLOW</b>	<b>\$10,759.99</b>	<b>\$7,800.06</b>	<b>\$145.93</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXP</b>			
Dog Walks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,523.00
Footing First Surface	0.00	17,200.00	5,100.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXP</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$17,200.00</b>	<b>\$6,623.00</b>
<b>UNIVEST COMMERCIAL LOAN</b>			
Principal Reduction	\$0.00	\$208.90	\$2,560.62
<b>TOTAL UNIVEST CML</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$208.90</b>	<b>\$2,560.62</b>
<b>NET CASH FLOW</b>	<b>\$10,759.99</b>	<b>-\$9,608.84</b>	<b>-\$9,037.69</b>

Happy Valentine's Day! from the Dogs



## Congratulations!

MACH 10 PAM IAKO vom Windy Ridge VCD2, RAE, MXB5, MJC4, NAP, MXF, MXFS, TQX, NFP T2B



Iko received his MACH 10 on January 1, 2016, at the Tailwaggers Agility Club of South Florida trial in West Palm Beach, Florida. On this particular day, he Qd and took 4th place in each of the following: Master FAST, Master STD, Master JWW. He also took 2nd in Premier STD.

Iko is my sweet baby boy. He loves to cuddle with me and works really hard to please. This desire to please is what makes him good at almost any sport. He is not flashy, but is steady and rarely makes mistakes. He enjoys it all—obedience, tracking, nosework, agility, herding, and especially chasing the ducks in the lake as they taunt him. Iko is a confident, nonaggressive boy, but will stand up for himself. He learns quickly and doesn't forget. His favorite sport is either tracking or nosework. When we get near a field and the tracking harness comes out, you can hear him crying while waiting to run the track. When he is not working an "official" dog sport, he is *carrying*, or rolling, a 20-pound log while barking in a high-pitched frenzy. With big brown eyes, he is a beggar and everyone becomes a sucker and gives him treats. He will entertain you and anyone watching with one of his many "tricks." In his title, PAM stands for Performance Award of Merit, given by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America for top performance in several performance events. It is usually only given to dogs who are older, but Iko received his when he was 6.



For general information visit [www.kruisinkanines.com](http://www.kruisinkanines.com)

# Training Schedule

**Sunday:** All-Day Run Thrus

**Monday:** Skills, 7-8pm

\*Foundations 2 & Starters will begin in March\*

**Tuesday:** Foundations 1, 7-8pm

Intermediate, 7-8pm

**Wednesday:** Advanced, 10-11am

Masters, 7-8pm

**Thursday:** Advanced, 7-8pm



At the Barn, please remember to keep your dog on leash or crated unless it's your turn at the obstacle, sequence, or course.

## THE BOARD

**President:** Jeanie Burton

**Vice President:** Teresa Koziatek

**Treasurer:** Tony Luzynski

**Secretary:** Diane Carney

### DIRECTORS:

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Dina Melendez

Cindy Everett

Judy Eckenrode

Linda Goldman

### TRAINING DIRECTOR:

Carole Allen

Kruisin' Kanines holds its General Membership meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:15pm. The Board of Directors also meets the first Wednesday of each month. If you would like to attend either meeting, please call for more information.