



# GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA “MINI” BULLETIN

## FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

### September 2017

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**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, September 13, 2017 – GDCC Closed General Meeting (Members Only)  
**Meeting Time:** 7:00pm

**Directions :**

**NEW Location!**  
**Coco's Restaurant**  
**1150 W. Colorado**  
**Arcadia, CA**  
**626.446.5611**

This meeting is **closed** to guests.

**From Orange County:** Take “57” North to “210” West to Exit 30 – Rosemead/Michilinda Avenue Offramp. Keep right at the fork. Turn right on Foothill Blvd. Turn right onto Michilinda Ave. Turn left on Colorado (Historic Route 66 route). Turn right at 1st crossroads. Restaurant on the left.

**From Los Angeles:** Take “210” East to Exit 30B – Rosemead/Michilinda Offramp. Turn left on Colorado (Historic Route 66 route). Turn right at the 2nd cross street. Restaurant on the left.

**From Riverside:** Take the “210” West to Exit 30 – Rosemead/Michilinda Avenue Offramp. Keep right at the fork. Turn right on Foothill Blvd. Turn right onto Michilinda Ave. Turn left on Colorado (Historic Route 66 route). Turn right at 1st crossroads. Restaurant on the left.

**Note:** *Please remember to verify these directions yourself. They are from the internet and may not be accurate for your location.*

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**Agenda items will include:**

- **Voting for Great Dane Club of America Officers & Directors (see attached)**
    - **Update on the National**
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Nomination Committee:** The nomination committee have completed their recommended slate. The election for the following positions will take place at the November Closed General Meeting. The eligibility list for member attendance is attached. The following is the slate as presented to the Executive Board per club by-laws, Article IV, Section 4B:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Mike Rodriguez  
Recording Secretary: Lorrie Burnham  
Director: Pat Schempp  
Director: Sandy Garza  
Director: Beverly Evans

**2017 GDCC Awards:** Submittal Deadline – November 12, 2017 . Beginning date for the 2017 awards is November 7, 2016 to November 5, 2017. Detailed information regarding the club awards will be routed separately from this publication.

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**REMINDERS:**

**Upcoming Meetings:** November Closed General Meeting -- November 8, 2017  
Annual Awards Meeting –December 30, 2017

**2018 Match Judge Voting:** Voting for 2018 Match Judge is scheduled for the November Closed Meeting. Nomination info will be sent out separately from this publication.

**Next Bulletin Deadline:** November 1, 2017

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See you at the meeting!

Mindy Donovan-Tandy  
GDCC Bulletin Editor

**THE GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA ELIBILITY LIST – 2017 AS**  
**OF July 2, 2017**

**By Laws Article VI: Nominations and Elections**

All Nominees for office must have attended at least four (4) meetings, one of which must be a closed meeting as a member during the current fiscal year, and have been a member in good standing for at least one year as of November, 2017.

**The following members meet the above criteria as of 7/2/17**

None

**The following members have attended three meetings, including a closed meeting. One more meeting is needed to be eligible.**

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**The following members have attended three meetings, one closed meeting is needed to be eligible.**

Mindy Tandy	Debbie Romerosa	John Neet
Jerry Tandy	Gary Romerosa	Brianne Rock
Michelle Cacace	Glenn Garza	Linda Tonnancour
Cathy Schaefer	Sandy Garza	Bob Tonnancour
Dick Schaefer	Hilary McCleod	
Michael Rodriguez	Jim Howey	
Pat Schempp		

**The following members have attended two meetings and must attend two more, including a closed meeting to be eligible.**

Judy Murdock	John Garrison	Susie Powell
Cynthia Neet	Debi Konkily-Thege	Bob Schempp
Maggie Foereschler	Doety Marks	Jessica Gibbs
Mort Evans	Judi Murdock	
Bev Evans	Eleanor Powell	

**If your name is not listed, you have not attended the necessary number of meetings needed, or you have not been a member for a year as of November 2017. If any club member has any questions or**

corrections to this list, please email me at [whisperingpinesgreatdanes@gmail.com](mailto:whisperingpinesgreatdanes@gmail.com). I will be happy to review the sign-in sheets that I have on file for this year.

**Lorrie Burnham, Recording Secretary**



# BALLOT FOR THE GDCA BOARD OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

For 2017-2018

(Listed in alphabetical order)

**PRESIDENT** – 2 Year Term (select 1 name from the list below):

**Jason Hoke\*\* - Wisconsin**

**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT** – 1 Year Term (select 1 name from the list below):

**Dr. Neil O’Sullivan\*\* - Iowa**

**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT** – 1 Year Term (select 1 name from the list below):

**Jamie Harshfield\*\* - Washington**

**DIRECTOR - 3 YEAR TERM:** (select up to 3 names from the list below):

**Karen Desjardins\* - Connecticut**     **Rachel Wilson\*\* – Rhode Island**

**Denise Matulich\*\* - California**

**Dr. Darryl Pitts\*\* - Georgia**

*\*Candidate nominated from the floor by Kathy Toomey, Sallie Cummings, Cari Jensen, Rita Suddarth, Gina M. Jaebon and Tracy Powell, DVM*

*\*\* Candidates nominated by the GDCA Nominating Committee of Lynda Moriarty (Chair), Steve Arnold, Loren Bengston, Donna Clark and Patty Thomas*

**GDCA MEMBERS –**

(Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature): \_\_\_\_\_

(OR) **AFFILIATE CLUB -** (Print Club Name): \_\_\_\_\_

**CORRESPONDING**

**SECRETARY** (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

**CORRESPONDING**

**SECRETARY** (Signature): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return your ballot (by mail ONLY) to the CPA no later than 5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time on September 15, 2017. Ballots are numbered.** Each individual GDCA member’s ballot **must be signed** and will be checked by the CPA against a master membership list. Each affiliate club’s ballot **must be signed** by its secretary and will be checked against our master list of club secretaries. **Unsigned ballots will not be tallied.**

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If you need further assistance, please contact Susan Davis Shaw @ [Daviddane@comcast.net](mailto:Daviddane@comcast.net)  
*Susan D. Shaw.*

Susan Davis Shaw, Corresponding Secretary

## Darryl Pitts – BIO

I was born and raised in a rural area outside of the small city of Gadsden, Alabama. While attending Auburn University, I worked in labs and clinics at the veterinary school, which I strongly considered attending. After graduating with a degree in Biochemistry, I decided to attend medical school in Chicago, Illinois. I completed my medical and surgical residency in the beautiful bay area of California at Stanford University in Palo Alto. After enjoying these different parts of the country, I moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where I started my own medical/surgical practice in 2000. During the years of medicine and surgery, I completed many home renovations. In 2014, I made the decision to pursue this passion – real estate and home design – and now work as an active real estate agent. Currently, I reside in the Midtown area of Atlanta with my partner of 14 years, Mark Dukes. In addition to our ‘fur babies’, we have a 14 year old son, Griffin. We enjoy competitive tennis, college sports, music festivals in the nearby parks, quiet weekends at the lake, and of course, weekends with friends at dog shows.

Throughout my entire life, I have always been fascinated with animals, especially dogs. I have owned and loved a dog since I took my first steps. My first pure breed was Chow Chow, with which I participated in obedience trials in high school. We actually achieved multiple perfect scores of 100 for early titles – which seemed to be surprising with a Chow. During my college years, I worked summers as a lifeguard and as a kennel assistant to a very reputable American cocker spaniel breeder. To show his appreciation, he allowed me to select and own my first conformation show dog, a black and white parti-colored cocker. The beautiful dog finished his AKC championship in just 4 weekends. Medical school and surgical residency didn’t leave a lot of time for dog shows, but I still enjoyed the companionship of a Wheaten and Airdale Terrier that were a part of our family for 16 and 12 years, respectively. It wasn’t until 2013 that I acquired my first Great Dane and jumped back into the dog show world. I finished my first Champion Dane in early 2015, and after receiving her Grand Championship, I whelped my first litter from her that same year in the fall. From this litter, we have currently finished two AKC champions, with 2-3 others close behind. I just proudly finished my first bred Grand Champion, 100% owner handled. I currently serve as Vice-President of the Great Dane Club of the Mid-South. Needless to say, I fell head over heels in love with this wonderful breed and enjoy sharing my enthusiasm with the many new friends the breed and show experience has brought to our lives.

My name is Rachel Wilson, I live in Scituate, Rhode Island, with my husband Jeffrey and my two mentally challenged siblings, as my mom recently passed away unexpectedly and we have become their guardians. My husband and I have been married for 11 years - 12 this November.

I have been involved with Great Danes for 15 years, starting with my parents having 2 rescue Great Danes.

I show in Performance Events such as Rally, Obedience and recently began to train in Agility. I am currently a member of the GDCA Companion Events Committee and also The Great Dane Club of New England. I also show in Conformation and my boy just finished his Championship at the age of 2 with two Specialty majors, one 5 points, completely owner handled. This same boy is being shown by my niece in Junior Showmanship.

I also have a love for rescue. After being with another rescue for 8 years, I decided to branch off on my own. In March of 2013 I founded Great Dane Rescue of New England, Inc., which is a GDCA affiliated rescue. We specialize in rehoming, rehabilitating and providing education to the public for our breed. We do not use a boarding kennel; we are strictly a foster home-based rescue.

One of my own personal rescues has held the Number 1 spot in Novice Obedience and the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked spot in Rally Excellent and Advanced and last year at our National at the age of 6 took a High in Trial and High Combined.

I have a BS Degree in Pre-Law from Roger William's University and a MBA from Bryant University. Prior to that I went to Cosmetology School to become a Nail Technician and a Manicuring Instructor. After college I worked at National Grid for 12 years as a Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations. After a corporate merge, I decided to go back to my career as a Nail Professional as it allowed me to make my own hours and be able to have my outside hobbies.

Before Great Danes, I was a competitive Figure Skater and started ice skating when I was 4 years old. When I was 14 I started riding horses, which turned into a competitive sport for me doing Hunters and Open Jumpers into my early 30's.

I am excited and look forward to being a part of this board and bringing my well-rounded knowledge and experience to help preserve and better our breed.

Kind regards,  
Rachel Wilson

Karen Desjardins

Let me begin by recognizing the six endorsers of my nomination: Kathy Toomey, Rita Suddarth, Gina Jaeblo, Tracy Powell DVM, Sallie Cummings & Cari Jensen. Your support is both humbling and an honor.

Thank you.

My husband Dale and I have been involved with Great Danes since 1979, breeding and exhibiting under the kennel name "Danebridge". We have owned all seven colors.

We have enjoyed six GDCA Top 20 contenders, Brindle, Fawn & Black; all of which we bred and owned.

Despite a very limited breeding program, our dogs have done well at National Specialties owner-handled including Reserve Winners Dog twice, Reserve Winners Bitch twice, Best Bred-By Exhibitor twice and multiple Awards of Merit.

Back in the early '90's, I volunteered to serve the GDCA as Recording Secretary during the Presidency of both Lynn Frischkorn & Nancy-Carroll Draper. Members of the Board around that time included, Anna Mary Kauffman, Katie Most, Bob Matchett, Dick Schaefer, Bob Edison, and Marie Fint. So many years of experience at one table! It was a remarkable experience and I learned so much about the breed just being in their company.

I am currently the Show Chair & 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of Northwestern CT. Dog Club, a member of the Connecticut River Working Group Association, President of the Great Dane Club of Oxford, and Division Secretary to the Northeast Division of the GDCA. I have chaired the Ways & Means Committee for the NE Division Nationals in 2001, 2007, 2013 and again in 2019.

Since 2000, I have been licensed by the AKC to judge Great Danes & Junior Showmanship/Limited.

Article I, Section 2 of the GDCA By-Laws provides us with the many objectives of the GDCA. I support all of these objectives as they provide the framework that allows us to continue to preserve and protect the Breed that we love.



## Denise Matulich Bio

Born and raised in San Jose California and now live in Cameron Park which is located in the Sierra foothills above the Sacramento area. I Studied and majored in Physical education at San Jose State University. Being highly competitive by nature, I competed collegiately in gymnastics and was encouraged by another professor to pursue a professional bowling career. I have been married to my high school sweetheart Bruce for 40 years. Together we have 2 kids and 4 grandchildren! While raising our children I pursued a career in Real Estate sales and administration. I was the director of training and also a Top producer for Century 21. At the same time I became heavily involved in various activities that my children were part of. I coached (cheerleading) and sat on the board of directors for the prominent Pop Warner league organization and then went on to coach and direct at the high school level where I am proud to have a USA National championship under my direction. I have always been one of those individuals that is "all in" when I get involved. My belief is to be part of the solution and not the problem. I have loved all creatures large and small since I can remember and started racing snails on the back porch as a child. I had aspirations of becoming a veterinarian as a little girl but realized it was much more that greeting kittens and puppies with a pat on the head each day and that poking, prodding and cutting were part of the deal. I quickly changed my mind! I have immersed myself in this beloved breed with my "all in" attitude and haven't looked back since. My kennel name is DBM Great Danes and now Tered-DBM Great Danes and proud to say a "Breeder of Merit". Being on the end of the leash in the show ring has become my passion whether it be in conformation or rally and obedience. Currently I am owner handling Henry in the breed ring where he is a Top 20 contender and as of this writing ranked #10.

I am a current member of:  
the Hangtown Kennel Club,  
The Monterey Bay Great Dane Club,  
the Great Dane Club of Northern California ( Vice President and Ways and Means Chair)

After being the chairperson for Ways and Means for our 2011 GDCA National, I was asked and then appointed to the recording secretary for the GDCA. I served as the GDCA recording secretary for 3 years and then elected as a Director for the last 3 years. During that time I have proudly worked hard for the club and the charitable trust. Some of the activities that I have been directly involved in during my tenure have been;

- +Developing and helping to administer the GDCA Facebook page
- +Charitable Trust Facebook page and their ongoing online auctions and fundraisers,
- +The Top 20 revision committee,
- +The Western Division liaison for Bronze Sponsors for this years national
- +2017 National Facebook page administrator.
- +2017 National Auction Committee

I look forward to continuing to work for the greater good of the club and the breed we all love so much!