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December Luncheon



The Emeriti Association has scheduled an in-person meeting for December

Location: Ohio University Inn

Date & Time: Thursday, December 16, 11:30 AM

Luncheon Menu: TBA, Food will be served for you at your table

Cost: \$18 per person. Please have exact dollar amount at the door or a check made payable to the *OU Emeriti Association*

Reservations: Reservation deadline is noon on Monday, December 13. Send an email to Tom Franz <franz@ohio.edu> If a vegetarian plate is requested, please let Tom know that when making your reservation.



Holiday Musical Performance by The Athena Trio playing music with a Christmas theme as well as musical pieces written especially for them. Athena is a faculty ensemble at Ohio University in Athens. The trio was formed in 2009. Members **Alison Brown Sincoff** (flute), **Michele Fiala** (oboe), and **Matthew Morris** (bassoon) have collectively performed in the United States, Canada, Italy, Germany, England, France, Russia, Japan, Panama, and Argentina.

Highlights from the November 18 Emeriti meeting

Steve Trotta gave a presentation on his experiences with three generations of therapy dogs including Quincy, his first, who served at a nursing home rehab facility for a number of years. Trotta described what it takes to certify a comfort therapy dog and his experiences with his current golden retriever, Halle, bred to be a comfort dog. Trotta showed pictures of Halle's visits to places such as the Carlton School in Syracuse (Ohio), Meigs Industries workshop, and others. Halle served as a comfort therapy dog for Oblesness Hospital patients until Covid forced a hiatus during which time Halle served as a therapy dog for hospital staff. Halle was recognized as a "Service in Excellence Volunteer" with a plaque and a tree given by the Hocking Valley Bank.



Halle - CGC test (AKC)

1. Accepting a friendly stranger
2. Sitting politely for petting
3. Appearance and grooming
4. Out for a walk (walking on a short lead)
5. Walking through a crowd
6. Sit and down on command and staying in place
7. Coming when called
8. Reaction to another dog
9. Reaction to distraction
10. Supervised separation



Halle – ATD exam

1. Handler's attention to instructions
2. Initial meeting
3. Canine – human behavior (friendly stranger)
4. Physical handling of the dog and dog's response
5. Handler control of dog with a loose leash
6. Canine-canine behavior
7. Dog's apparent responsiveness
8. Does the handler have the ability to safely handle this dog
9. Did the handler follow your instructions during the handling portion of the test?



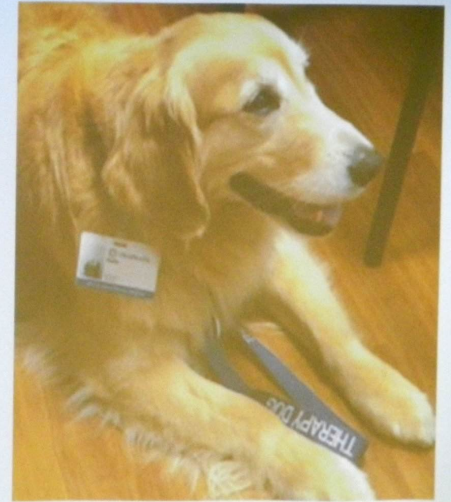
Halle – Hospital requirements

- 1. Both handler and dog must become official volunteers
- 2. A copy of therapy dog certification and the dog's health record must be given
- 3. Only certain areas of the hospital the dog is allowed
- 4. Procedure for entering a patient's room



Halle's Return

July 2021 Halle was allowed to again see hospital patients



Conclusion

Willow, Halle and Fenway

Future therapy dogs?

