



Greyhound Pets of America

Providing adoption as an option!

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Information about the National Board

Pat Toman – President

Before becoming involved in the greyhounds, Pat, a resident of Salem, Oregon for 26 years, worked 20 years in nursing and later in purchasing/materials management of medical supplies for Kaiser Permanente. After adopting her first greyhound in 1993, she became active in her local chapter. She was elected to the board of directors for seven years, one year as a Vice President and two years as President. In addition to serving on her local board she has taken on the tasks of being newsletter editor, foster parent, placement representative, activity coordinator, medical coordinator, and any other project that need to be done. In 1999, Pat was elected National GPA President. She has taken the position to a new level in her years as President. Pat currently has five greyhounds and one cranky, old cat.

Rory Goree' – Vice President

Rory, a resident of Glendale, Arizona, is the President of an independent consultant business that specializes in SAP Security. SAP is a major application used by many companies in the United States. Rory and his wife, Barbara also own and operate a coffee shop in Glendale AZ. They both became involved with greyhounds over 10 years ago when they adopted the perfect dog, Anna Marie, a greyhound from Greyhound Pets of America – California. Since that first adoption, Rory has been involved as an adoption representative for GPA-CA, President of Greyhound Rescue Education Adoption Team (GREAT), in Arizona and is now President of Greyhound Pets of America- Arizona (GPA-AZ). Over two years ago, Rory oversaw the merging of GREAT and GPA-AZ into one successful adoption program in Phoenix Arizona. Rory and Barbara have also been foster parents for over 40 greyhounds over the years. Rory's overall goal in working with the greyhounds is too eventually see every greyhound find a loving and caring home. Rory currently has eight greyhounds and four cats.

Diane Schiesser – Corresponding Secretary

Diane, a homemaker and self-taught desktop publisher and web designer in Austin, Texas, has been involved with many different GPA chapters through the Internet since 1999. She has offered chapters that did not have websites her web building services, in addition to helping some of those chapters with newsletters. After attending the National convention in 2000, she began offering her services on the National level under the Corresponding Secretary. In 2001, Diane was elected to the Corresponding Secretary position. Since her induction she continues to offer ideas in opening communication. She works diligently on projects to complete them in a timely manner. She is a wealth of information and willing to step in at any given minute to get the job done. Diane currently has three greyhounds.

Ellen Schneiderman – Executive Secretary

Ellen has been involved with Greyhounds since adopting from GPA-Wisconsin in 1994. She has served her local chapter as vice president, and currently as President. Ellen has played a key role in fundraising for GPA-Wisconsin and has seen the annual fundraiser go from \$0 to \$14,000 for a one-day event. Since 2001 she has been serving on the National Board of GPA as Executive Secretary. Professionally Ellen works in project development for a family owned real estate development firm, is a free lance writer for Angie's List, and part time dog trainer. She is president of the Board of a nationally recognized substance abuse program for Women and their children. She is the co-owner and administer of the Greyhound-List, an email resource for greyhound owners with 2700 members. Ellen shares her Milwaukee area home with Husband Andrew, Daughter Rhyann, Son Morgan, Greyhound Kacy and Cats: Vinnie, Baxter and L.C.

Lee Edgington – Treasurer

Lee & Mavane Edgington adopted their first Greyhound, Waco, in July of 1993. Since then they have adopted 12; 6 that are still part of their family, which includes a Beagle mix, a Dalmatian and a Japanese Chin and 6 cats. Lee attended his first National Conference in Portland in 1997 and has been attending ever since. In 1998 he served on the National Review Committee that worked on amending the Policy & Procedures. In 1999 he was elected National Treasurer. In 2000 Lee and Mavane were co-hosts for the National Conference in San Antonio. Lee is currently on the Board of Directors of GPA/Houston where he has served as Vice President and President.