



**The Humane Society
of Northeast Florida
No Kill Shelter**

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A Private Non-profit Charitable Organization

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Dear Fellow Members of the Humane Society of Northeast Florida, Inc.:

It is with great pleasure that the 2010 Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of Officers and Directors. **The election will be held on Thursday, December 17th, at 6:30 pm, at 107 N. 6th Street, in the old Putnam County Commissioners' Meeting Room (across from Prosperity Bank).**

President:	Mary L. Garcia
Vice President:	Caprice Welton
Treasurer:	Bobby Snow
Recording Secretary:	Theresa Luke
Corresponding Secretary:	Sherry Mehl

Board Member nominations for 2010:

<u>Three Year Term:</u>	<u>Two Year Term:</u>	<u>One Year Term:</u>
Carl Beck	Christine Wolfred	Theresa Jennings
David Burns	Sharon Fender	Zella Holmes
Donna Jaquith	Mary Kay Engelking	
Harold Blumenberg		
Jean Fenner		

<u>Joining existing Board Members</u>	<u>Two Year Term:</u>	<u>One Year Term:</u>
	Dolores Frieb	JoAnn Jewett
	John Browning	Roxy Holland

Nominations can also be made from the floor the day of the election. To qualify to hold office, you must have paid your annual dues no later than October 19, 2009; be a Lifetime Member; or an Honorary Lifetime Member. If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact the shelter at 386-325-1587. To qualify to vote, you must have paid your dues no later than October 31, 2009.

We encourage everyone who would like to be a member in 2010 to pay your annual dues of \$20.00 as soon as possible. Surprise a friend or loved one this Christmas with a gift of a membership in the HSNF. If you are in a position to send an additional donation, we would be most grateful. In addition to gifts of money, we are always looking for people willing to donate their time, for activities ranging from dog walking to fundraising. Please be sure to complete a volunteer form when you come to vote.

Here is a short biography on each of the Executive Officer Nominees.

Mary L. (Nonnie) Garcia is currently acting President and would like to be elected to that position for 2010. She was elected to the position of Vice President in 2009. She graduated from Duke with a degree in Zoology before pursuing an MBA in Finance at Emory University. She is a lifetime member of the HSNF and has served on the Board for 4 years, in different capacities. She serves on the Advisory Board of the South Putnam Christian Service Center and the Board of the Lake Broward Association. Mary cantors at the Catholic Church and is a member of the Ladies in Harmony. Her cat Tony adopted a momma cat and kitten.

Caprice A. Welton has been involved with caring for animals since childhood. A native Floridian from Tampa, she started with horses, hunters and jumpers, then showing and training saddle breeds throughout high school. She graduated with a B.A. in education from FSU and moved to Oregon to pursue her teaching career. There she raised and showed English Mastiffs.

Caprice relocated to Bermuda with her husband and worked with the UK Humane Society conducting obedience training, and was also Director of Webster University NAS Bermuda. In 1990 she moved to Puerto Rico and co-founded a Foster Program and Spay & Neuter Program to help combat the huge problem of homeless, roving, cast out and stray animals.

Now currently acting as Vice President, Caprice would like to continue on the Board of Directors and support the great programs at the Shelter and Thrift Store, to fulfill the mission of caring for homeless animals. Caprice has volunteered at the Shelter, on many fundraisers and at weekly workshops. The latter resulting in policies, procedures, job descriptions and many updates of operational policies now in place.


Bobby Snow was elected to the Board as a write-in candidate last December and quickly became the “go-to-guy” for every emergency. In April, he assumed the position of acting Treasurer. Bobby attended Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, NC. He is an independent business owner specializing in mechanical repairs. He relocated to Interlachen in 2003 from Erie, PA. He married his wife, Ellen, in 2007. Since then, he and Ellen have adopted 13 precious dogs to fill their home with love. Bobby joins Ellen and sister-in-law Colleen every Sunday to walk dogs at the Shelter.

Theresa (Terry) Luke would like to help the Humane Society by using her talents and contacts for the betterment and promotion of the organization. She has been secretary for the organization for the past year. Terry has a Master’s Degree in Education. She is a 13 year resident of Putnam County and has been married for 43 years. The Luke household has never been without adopted pets. Terry is a strong believer in promoting pet adoption and spay/neutering. Terry has sat on the Boards of two art organizations and is the co-founder of Create! a not for profit organization that uses the arts for community service. For the last three years Terry has volunteered to teach a water color class at the Edgar Johnson Senior Center which meets every Tues. Terry has volunteered to work on projects such as WOOFStock, faithfully attended work shops, worked on the By Laws Committee and currently is working on a card project fundraiser.

Sherry Mehl is the Director of Administration & Budget for the Putnam County Clerk of Courts. She holds a BS in Microbiology and Public Health and an MBA in Finance from Michigan State University.

Prior to joining the Clerk's Office, Sherry was Principal Group Controller of R&D at Genentech, Inc. in South San Francisco. Sherry now lives in Putnam County with her husband of 32 years, Keith, and their two Samoyeds, Paddy & Casey. She and Keith are Lifetime Members of the Humane Society. Sherry is also our Webmaster, PawPrints Editor, and the Chair of the Fundraising & Finance Committees. Sherry has also been a HSNF Foster parent.

Respectfully,



Keith Mehl, representing the
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