

Happy Thanksgiving



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Does it seem possible that we are nearing the end of another year?

MSGAO has had a very busy October and beginning of November. The annual reunion in October was a resounding success. Check out the reunion pictures along the right side of the newsletter.

Attendance was down at this year's reunion, but donations were up. Thanks to all of you, MSGAO made \$9,000! This is over \$1,800 more than last year. Thank you to everyone who volunteered your time, auction items, decorations, and money to help make this year's event so successful!

A big THANK YOU to our sponsors: Southland Park Gaming & Racing, Medco/Bodmer family, Memorial Park and Arkansas Breeders Association

We also want our vendors to know how much we appreciate their setting up at the reunion. Thank you!!!

We have two Christmas events coming up that I'm sure you will want to note. The first one is the downtown holiday parade. Bill Becker is coordinating greyhound owners and their hounds to walk in the parade. The second event is the MSGAO Greyhound Holiday Party and fund raiser. Seize the Clay has generously donated the greyhound ornaments and location again for this year's holiday fun. See the articles below for more information on both of these holiday happenings.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on all that we are thankful for, and all of us at MSGAO **thank you** for your support, for adopting our retired racers, and for

2011 Greyhound Reunion

(Pictures courtesy of Renee Dingler)



making MSGAO a "greyt" organization!

Vicki Cohen
Director



Paul & Vicki Cohen dressed up for the Reunion.
(Picture courtesy of Renee Dingler)

MSGAO Greyhound Holiday Party



The MSGAO Greyhound Holiday Party was such a hit last year that we are doing it again! Adam Loeffel, owner of Seize the Clay, is generously donating the space, the time, the ornaments and paint again to make this year's holiday party even better than last year. (And don't worry, we are making more greyhound ornaments so we don't run out again.)

Last year, volunteers donated a buffet dinner. This year we would like to try something different (at Renee Dingler's suggestion). We would like to have a potluck dinner. When Renee first suggested it, I was a little hesitant because the hostess in me wants to do everything for the party goers. But Renee convinced me to try this. My only condition is that we do not want you to feel as though you have to bring something. We really want this to be fun for everyone, and if you can't bring food, still bring yourself! That being said, here are the categories of food that we need for the party:

- Cut up vegetables and dip
- Cut up fruit
- Sandwich platter
- Chips and dip
- Desserts



- Drinks

Please email Renee Dingler at renee.dingler@bellsouth.net to let her know if you are bringing something. (Please do not respond to this email.)

The donation cost to attend is \$10 per person (extra ornaments are \$5.00). All proceeds go to MSGAO.

This is a very fun event for adults and kids alike! (No greyhounds, please.) We hope to see you again this year.

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Place: Seize the Clay
3084 Poplar Ave.
Memphis, TN 38111
(901)323-2991**

Cost: \$10 per person

Other items on our Christmas wish list:

Milk Bones, kennel supplies (Simple Green, paper towels, Charmin toilet paper, liquid hand soap), new or little used stuffed squeaky toys -- kennel hounds love Santa, too! :) Costco and Walmart gift cards are also very welcome!

Downtown Howliday Pet and Family Parade

We still need greyhound owners and their hounds to represent retired racers in this years Downtown Howliday Pet and Family Parade!

Bill Becker is organizing a group of greys and their people to strut their stuff in this fun parade for pets. As we all know, any time there is a group of greyhounds they attract attention. This is a terrific way to get the word out about what wonderful pets greyhounds make.

If you and your grey can walk with Bill, let him know you are coming. His email address is wabecker2000@yahoo.com. (Please do not reply to this email.)

Downtown Howliday Pet and Family Parade, 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec, 10th

Pets and owners will parade down Main from Monroe to Court Square where pet pictures with Santa and a costume contest are planned.





All tuckered out!

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