



Around Town

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A New Year Has Begun...

**THURSDAY
JANUARY 16TH 2003
12 NOON
CHARLOTTE'S
COST: \$10.00**

The Program:
**Newtown Square Police
Department Canine Unit.
Special Guest "Q"**

In addition we will hold our annual Board elections. Please review the slate of candidates inside. Also, please remember nominations may be made from the floor.

It has been my pleasure over the last three years to work on the Association Newsletter. I would like to thank all of the many contributors for their help. I have seen it change from a purely paper letter through the development of our web site to an electronic monthly edition. Many thanks go to Chapel Printing and our Webmaster Vicki O'Connell (Liadis Travel)

Anthony Ryan

President's Corner

Happy New Year!!

I wish everyone a happy, safe, and prosperous New Year.

This will be the last PRESIDENT'S CORNER that I write, as I will be stepping down at our next meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who contributed to the NSBPA over the past two years. I want to say a special thank you to the following dedicated people:

Pat Osiecki for her dedication to our meetings, donating gifts for our raffles and helping on the Dick Pound Scholarship committee.

Kathy Baun for her contributions to our board meetings and helping on the Dick Pound Scholarship committee.

Steve Mostardi his commitment to our meetings, donating plants for our raffles, and handling the Dick Pound Scholarship.

Rich Crowe for handling the publicity of the NSBPA, having our meetings advertised and taking all of the pictures of our guest speakers (you always got my good side).

Ken Tanis for volunteering to be on the board and helping with our monthly programs, the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, and hosting our October meeting at the Delaware County Christian School.

Mike Calvello for his positive encouragement these past two years, for his loyalty to the NSBPA, and his constant promotion of the NSBPA to everyone he meets.

John Custer for volunteering his time to review contracts and write up the Proclamation for Newtown Square School Appreciation Day.

Jen Lotter who also co-coordinated the Christmas Tree Lighting, but more importantly thank you for handling all of the money for the NSBPA. A thankless job that takes a lot of time.

Roger Linde for his loyal dedication to the NSBPA, for coordinating our monthly meetings, and for starting and coordinating the Newtown Square School Appreciation Day.

Anthony Ryan for taking the minutes at all of our board meetings, for being the editor of our monthly newsletter, and for insuring the President's corner was done in time for print.

Ronnie Liadis for her dedicated commitment to the NSBPA, for exploring ideas to enhance the NSBPA, and for coordinating the elections.

I step down as president, but not out of the association. I look forward to working with everyone and continuing to make the NSBPA a vibrant organization that looks to enhance and promote the Newtown Square business community.



Steve Videon



The Newtown Business and Professional Association and the Marple Business Association at their joint holiday luncheon at Paxon Hollow country Club. The oldest businesses were recognized. Pictured are Bill Niemeyer, Niemeyer's Service Center, Ken Tanis, Delaware County Christian School, Sam Coco, Roland Personnel Agency, Lou Spano, Eldorado Carpet Company, Susie Nussear, Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. Ken Barnhardt, real estate, Linda Fahey Franklin Mint Federal Credit union, Seth Pancoast, Seth Pancoast Topsoil and Mulch and Mike Salata, furniture and antique restoration.

Photo by Cessie Giuliano



Business Association members were treated to a performance by members of the Marple Newtown High School Band.

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| President: | Steve Videon, Videon Plymouth/Chrysler |
| Vice President: | Ronnie Liadis, Liadis Travel, Ltd. |
| Treasurer: | Jennifer Lotter, Commerce Bank |
| Secretary: | Anthony Ryan, Sovereign Bank |
| Directors: | Kathy Braun, New Century Bank |
| | Mike Calvello, MAB Paints |
| | Rich Crowe, County Press |
| | John Custer, Jr., Esq. |
| | Roger Linde, Graphic Search Associates |
| | Steve Mostardi, Mostardi's Nursery |
| | Pat Osieki, Newtown China & Glass |
| | Ken Tanis, Delaware County Christian School |
| | Dick Pound, Ex Officio Member |

The Program and Special Guest Qurus Von Urbecke

Qurus was born on February 6, 2000 in Dusseldorf, Germany in a world-renowned kennel owned by Frederick Stenner who has been breeding German shepherd dogs for more than 40 years. A friend of mine traveled to Germany in April of 2000 and hand picked "Q" for me to be a police work dog. I received him when I was eight weeks old.

It took over six months to find the right dog. The dog has to have an extremely high play drive, which will later be transferred into a work drive. The balance of the dog is very important as well. I am able to turn him on and off like a light switch with a couple of German commands which he will only respond to. When he is not working with me, he is a house pet and gets along with all five of my children, my wife and my 13 year old Chow Chow.

Unfortunately there is a great misconception about the "Police Dog." Thirty years ago when you heard the words "police K-9" it was usually followed by an explanation of how the dog had attacked someone and tore him to shreds. Today the training is much different due to insurance regulations, court cases and public opinion. The dogs are highly trained animals and will do only what the handler commands them to do. But be warned, if the suspect does not do as they are told the dog will react as they are trained to do. The dog will not just bite somebody for no reason. There has to be a reason for the dog to react, most of the time it is because the suspect is not responding to the officer's requests.

My dog is trained and certified in narcotics detection, obedience, agility, article, area and building search, tracking and aggression control. It took 230 hours of intense training in every kind of weather to achieve this goal of mine. As a result of these certifications and qualifications, Qurus and I are members of the North American Police Work Dog Association.

Officer Jeffrey R Johnson
Newtown Township Police
K-9 Unit

The Slate:

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| Treasurer | Christine Linde, Graphic Search Associates |
| Secretary | Ken Tanis, Delaware County Christian School |
| Board | Paul Facenda, Facenda Photography Kathy Baun, New Century Bank Bruce Cumby, Cumby, Spencer & Associates |

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.