

# AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB'S DELEGATE GENERATION AWARDS

**A**t the September 2016 AKC Delegate meeting, AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung presented the club's Delegate Generation Awards. He offered the following words to the award winners that day.

"Throughout my career at AKC, I have been privileged to develop various tributes to recognize contributors in the sport. These honors included the Medallion Program for delegates, judges, show chairs and breeders, the Lifetime Achievement Awards in performance, companion and conformation, the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award and, at our March Delegate meeting, the AKC Visionary Awards. Now, I present the Delegate Generation Award. I believe our greatest strengths lie in the hard work and dedication of our own volunteers, and they must be rewarded whenever possible.

"Over the course of the American Kennel Club's 132-year history, it has been inspiring to watch multiple generations of families come into the sport and dedicate their lives to it. We are full of pride for our delegate family, and wish to recognize those individuals who have followed in the footsteps of their parents and grandparents as delegates."

Congratulations to those families whom the AKC has recognized as part of its rich history of delegation. ■



Left to right: Honorees Dr. Charles J. Garvin, Thomas Powers, Link Newcomb, Bob Newcomb, Linda Ayers Turner Knorr, Vice Chairman AKC Board of Directors Carl C. Ashby, presenting the Delegate Generation Awards for AKC President Dennis Sprung at the podium. (Photo courtesy of AKC)

## IN OUR PAST, WE HAVE HAD MANY MULTI-GENERATIONAL DELEGATE FAMILY MEMBERS:

- Ann Yuhasz whose father Richard Frey was a delegate.
- Pat and Chris Dresser, mother and daughter.
- William Ross Proctor Jr. and Sr. were both delegates and AKC Board members.
- Howard Willets, who was the AKC President in the early 1920s, and his son J. Macy Willets.
- William Rockefeller (father, son, and grandson, who was the board chairman) were all delegates and AKC Board members.
- August Belmont Jr., who was the AKC's president for 28 years, his son Raymond Belmont, and also a grandson of August Belmont, who served as both Board treasurer and Board chairman.
- Including current staff, Vice President Mari-Beth O'Neill, and her parents Chuck and Marie. Chuck was our AKC Executive Vice President and show chair for the 1984 centennial show.

## SECOND GENERATIONS CURRENTLY SERVING ARE:

- Bob and Link Newcomb are both current delegates, something we are very proud of.
- Thomas Powers (former Board member, whose father Thomas and mother Diana were both delegates).
- Dr. J. Charles Garvin (former Vice Chairman and current Board member, whose mother Betty was a delegate).
- William B. Tabler, Jr. (whose mother Phyllis was a delegate).
- Janina K. Laurin (whose mother Edeltraud was a delegate).
- Linda Ayers Turner Knorr (whose father Roy was a delegate).
- Shelley C. Roos (whose father George was a delegate).