

# Speaker Profiles

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

### ***Dr. E. J. Finocchio***

Dr. Finocchio DVM was a practicing equine veterinarian for 33 years in Rhode Island. He is currently the 10<sup>th</sup> director of the Rhode Island SPCA. He is a children's book author and illustrator making his debut with *Marvelous Marvin*. Check out his website at [www.marvindfund.org](http://www.marvindfund.org).

### ***Marvin***

*Marvelous Marvin* is based on a true story. Marvin is now a four-year-old Black Labrador that was relinquished to the RISPCA by his original owner who no longer had time for him after 3 ½ years. He was born on a farm in Maryland, being the runt of a litter of nine. As a young pup, Marvin's right hind leg was injured and he required surgery. The injury left him permanently lame. He was adopted out soon after being given up by his original owner, only to be returned once again to the RISPCA because of his lameness. If you look closely, he does have a few white hairs where he was injured.

Because of his tremendous personality, gentleness, loyalty and intelligence, not to mention his soft drooping velvety ears and piercing brown eyes, Dr. Finocchio and the RISPCA adopted Marvin.

Marvin now shares his time at the RISPCA greeting people, participating in the humane education program for children, visiting nursing homes, rehabilitation hospitals and at Dr. Finocchio's farm chasing geese, following the scent of a deer, playing in the brook or creating *MarvArt*, his original water color paintings.

## CARDEN'S COUNTRY CLUB FOR PETS

### ***Denys Millar***

Denys, along with Carolyn, has been the owner of Carden's Country Club for Pets for 35 years. He was employed outside the kennel for most of these years but after retiring came to work for his wife Carolyn. He says she is the toughest boss he ever had. Denys will speak on building your business after retirement!

### ***Clara Gardner, CPDT***

Clara is the manager of Carden's Country Club for Pets, dog trainer, breeder, service dogs and now program developer for Carden's Canine College. She has worked at Carden for 2 years and has been instrumental in the expansion of the business.

### ***Lloyd D. Williams CPDT, APDT***

Mr. Williams is a retired Sergeant from the Maine State Police. While with the State Police he initiated and supervised the Canine Unit and retired in 1986. Lloyd is now Manager and Co-Owner of Bear Brook Kennels in Brewer, Maine. There he teaches obedience classes and conducts behavioral consultations. He is a certified regional and national judge for the United States Police Canine Association, certified trainer with the American Pet Dog Association, and National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors. Lloyd also handles a therapy dog, "Kelsey" and is a certified evaluator for Therapy Dog International.

**Region I Meeting Agenda**  
*Holiday Inn South County  
and Delmyra Kennels*

*Tuesday, May 6, 2008 – Holiday Inn, South County, Rhode Island*

5:30-6:30 p.m. ....Registration & Get Acquainted  
6:30-8:00 p.m. ....Dinner  
8:00 p.m. ....Dr. E.J. Finocchio & Marvelous Marvin

*Wednesday, May 7, 2008 – Delmyra Kennels, Exeter, Rhode Island*

*([www.delmyra.com](http://www.delmyra.com))*

8:00-9:00 a.m. ....Registration & Continental Breakfast; Introductions  
9:00-10:15 a.m. ....Session I – Reading Dog’s Body Language  
10:15 a.m.....Break  
10:30-12:00 p.m. ....Session II – Problem Solving in the Kennel  
12:00-1:15 p.m. ....Lunch Buffet at the Kennel  
1:00-2:15 p.m. ....Session III – Increasing your Client Base  
2:15 p.m. ....Break  
2:30.....Session IV – Minimal Mental Health; Guidelines For Kenneled Dogs  
4:15 p.m. ....Kennel Tour

# Menu

*Tuesday night dinner buffet at Lilina's Italian Restaurant at the Holiday Inn –*

*Caesar Salad & Rolls*

*Chicken Marsala*

*Baked Ziti*

*Beef Tenderloin with Bernaise*

*Boneless Ham*

*Oven Roasted Potatoes*

*Baby Carrots with Dill Butter*

*Dessert*

*Tea Coffee & Soda*

*Price included in your registration fee.*