

President's Message

Summertime in Florida – our Scotties are stretched out on the cool tile floors or curled up in a corner of the comfy leather sofa. Dog walks are very early and brief. And, so many of our club members are enjoying a well-deserved summer holiday.

The Annual Dinner was a great success. Over thirty members attended. *Thanks to everyone* for purchasing raffle tickets and for supporting the boutique with donations and purchases of some amazing Scottie collectibles. The positive energy and enthusiasm from everyone at our first big event confirmed that STCTB will soon be back on its feet.

In the most recent issue of *The Bagpiper* the president of STCA made a point of thanking her volunteers. I need to take this time, as well, to shout “bravo” to our STCTB workers.

Vice President Donna Johnson has been a tremendous help to me, answering my many questions. She has been a club member for a very long time and I can always turn to her for guidance. Leslie Condoleo is our Treasurer and will also oversee the Scottie “Meet the Breed” booth at the Eukanuba National dog show in Orlando in December. Let's take a moment and say a silent prayer for her as she has just started the process of remodeling her home. (I'll slip her a cool summer adult beverage next time I see her!)

Lynne Whitney has signed on again as both recording and corresponding secretary. Lynne has two grandchildren and a retired husband under foot so adding these new jobs should be a lot of fun for her.

Sonia Hollnagel was the corresponding secretary last fiscal year and did an outstanding job. Sonia is also our Membership Chairman. Sometimes I don't easily understand her with that sexy Brazilian accent, but she does such a great job I don't care.

Jene Anderson is in charge of breed referral for the club and will be my “right hand” at the upcoming Scottie Fall Fun Day. (Thank goodness she has that big truck!)

Anne Bower is working on the revised By-Laws for the club, one of the most tedious jobs. (They've stalled at my desk but should be going out to members for review soon.)

Pam Lowe is our money-making cheerleader. Pam is always upbeat and positive. Frankly, I'm convinced she is from another planet. No one has *that* much energy 24/7! (“Beam me up Scottie!”)

Sheila-Faith Barry and the STCTB Show Committee are overseeing everything for the upcoming December Specialty. With Sheila-Faith in charge, I know the show will be a great success and that all that I need to do is show up at the ring on December 11th.

Colleen Rafatti has made a huge impact on the club taking on the tasks of Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. These are on-going jobs that require a lot of support and member input. Let her know you enjoy all her efforts! *A quick email or note can make all the difference.*

Elizabeth Driscoll oversees the STCTB Boutique. I'm not sure where Elizabeth stores all the Scottie goodies; probably in her garage. (Has anyone seen Brian? He may be pinned out there under a storage bin.)

And I must include Janet Tomlinson, our STCA Delegate and *Bagpiper* Correspondent. Janet has been my “rock” of support and has been a wealth of information regarding State laws, insurance, tax matters and other corporate issues. Thank you so much, Janet.

Finally, I must express my appreciation to all the club members for supporting the Scottish Terrier Club of Tampa Bay. We will continue to focus on what the founding members of our club worked so hard to achieve- to encourage and promote the responsible breeding and ownership of Scottish Terriers.

Laurie Slater
President