



Highland Tartan

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*Merry
Christmas*



Happy New Year!



*Enjoy the
Holidays!!*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another year is coming to a close with all the associated holidays. I hope you all enjoy these holidays with your Westies. Of Course, for Westies every day is a holiday! Westies really seem to know how to enjoy every day. We could all take a lesson from them and live every day to the fullest.

On Saturday, January 11, 2014, we will have the Club's Annual Meeting where we will elect a new group of officers and Board of Directors. We will also have a presentation on Canine Good Citizenship. More on that follows.

Since the election of officers and directors is coming soon, this will be my last President's message. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to have been the president of your Club for the last two years. I want to thank all of you who have helped me and contributed to the success of the Club over these past years.

In 2012 we had a serious situation with the finances of the Rescue Fund which supports the work we do with Westie Rescue. So many of you came through with extra donations to the Rescue Fund. I am thankful for your support, and all of those Westies that have been helped are thankful. Even though the Rescue Fund is once again solvent, we still need your continuing donations. Mary Young is doing a wonderful job in rescuing Westies, but this means that we have big veterinary bills to cover. So, please continue sending in your donations. If you have not yet sent in your membership renewal, please consider adding a few dollars for a donation to Rescue.

Since the last Highland Tartan the Tartan Games were held at Vasona Park. As usual they were a big success thanks to the hard work of Sarah and Jason Crain along with Rick and Debbie Sklarin and many others that helped.

The annual Holiday Luncheon was held on December 14th. Marie Thompson and Sue Kesterson once again did a wonderful job of organizing and executing this festive event.



We all love Westies and want the best for them. The Club is dedicated to improving the breed and helping those Westies that are in need. In order to do this we need all members and subscribers to contribute - not only with donations to Rescue. We need you all to contribute your efforts to the operation of the Club and to help out with the various events throughout the year. The Spring Fling, Tartan Games, Holiday Luncheon, Fun Day and Specialty Show all require many hours of work by the Club members. The more members that can contribute even a small amount to one or more events make it much easier to organize and run successful events. Even if you can only spend twenty or thirty minutes helping set up or clean up at an event, let the organizers know and then chip in. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

The next event coming will be the Spring Fling. At this time we do not have anyone to organize and run this event. If no one comes forward the Spring Fling will have to be cancelled. I am sure the previous organizers will be happy to help out, but we need a person or two to be in charge. If you can help please contact me.

I hope that you and your Westies have a wonderful and healthy 2014!

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2014 Annual Meeting

When: Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 12:00 noon

Where: Lafayette Community Center
500 St. Mary's Road
Lafayette, CA 94549

Manzanita Room

Check this link for directions: <http://lovelafayette.org/index.aspx?page=91>

Westies are Welcome!

There is plenty of room inside.

You can bring crates, exercise pens or just keep you Westie on a leash (no extension leashes).

Please bring a bag lunch. Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided by the Club.

We will be electing a new Board of Directors and Board members and at this meeting. The proposed new officers and directors are:

OFFICERS

President: Rick Sklarin
Vice President: Mary Young
Secretary: Sarah Crain
Treasurer: Jim Gilcrest, IPP

DIRECTORS

Sandy Gilmer
Nancy Berger
Neal Williams
Maria Caffey
Sherry Byrd
Ramona Rule



PROGRAM

We have a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) judge coming to explain what is involved in getting a CGC certificate for your Westie. Her name is Myra Muhammad.

Canine Good Citizen is a great introduction to things that you can do with your Westie - Therapy Dog, Obedience, Agility, and many other events. Don't let your Westie get bored. Come and find out some of the things that you can do to enjoy time with your Westie.

SCHEDULE

- 11:00 AM Board of Director's Meeting - Everyone is welcome.
- 12:00 Noon General Meeting
- 1:00 PM Program - Canine Good Citizen

New Member Applications

The following people have applied for membership and, if they attend, will have a second reading of their applications at the Annual Meeting. Following any second readings, a vote will be taken on accepting these people as members of the Club:

Lois Cox/Charlie Tost
Davena Gentry
Michelle Hou
Bev Klein
Barbara Mordy

Bill O'Such
Ineke Ruhland
Ulf and Madeleine Sandberg
Derek Tyan
Nickie Flynn

HOLIDAY SAFETY



The Club website has valuable information on how to keep your Westie safe over the holidays. Take a look at this page to get some hints that may save you big vet bills and maybe even save your Westie's life!

<http://www.sfbaywestieclub.com/holidaysafety.htm>



Tartan Games

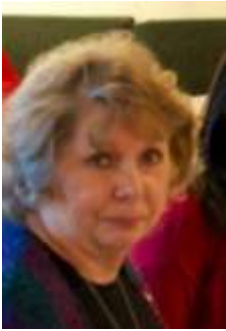
The Tartan Games were held at Vasona Park in Los Gatos on October 26, 2013. Sarah and Jason Crain organized and ran the event with support from Rick and Debbie Sklarin. Many others helped out to make this a highly successful event. Thank you Sarah, Jason, Debbie and Rick for all of your work on this!



Getting to Know our Members

by Linda Gilcrest

JO FLEMING, New Member



One of our Club's newest members is Jo Fleming. Jo (short for Jonetta) is originally from Kansas, and graduated from Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas. She states that she's still a BIG Kansas University fan!

She grew up on a farm in Kansas that her great-grandfather homesteaded, and spent summers in Texas with her cousins...which may explain the touch of a Southern accent that she is often teased about. She grew up surrounded by animals...especially dogs. When moving out of her parents' home, they gave her a Pekingese by the name of Brandy, who died at about age 15. Then she was given another Pekingese by the name of Daiquiri, which she had into her teens. Then one day she saw a Scottie puppy who became hers, and she named her Maggie. Maggie became her ears, since Jo is partially deaf. She was everything to Jo and helped her hear, but she died from liver problems at age 12. One of the best stories about Maggie is that she loved to watch TV. One day she was watching a program and was putting her 2 cents in. I told her if she wanted to bark, she had to go to her room. She got up, grumbled all the way to her room, and let out a bark or two. I then told her if she was through barking, she could come out and finish watching the movie, and she did. I was dumbfounded!

Jo moved to California in 1997 and to her current home in Sacramento in 2001. She had two children, a son and a daughter, who are no longer living. She is 68 and works full time as a Corporate Bookkeeper/Accountant for a Property Management, Real Estate Broker, and Development company. Jo has Scottish ancestry, which may

explain her interest in Scottish breeds. Her maiden name was Morgan and her grandmother was a Corbett.

She got her second Scottie when she was surfing the net and saw a picture of a Scottie, who was in Oklahoma and about 7 weeks old. He came from a littler owned by school teachers who had a surprise litter. So Duffy flew out to stay with me. He is timid, non-aggressive, hates loud noises, is scared of children, and is my watch dog.

How she came to own a Westie is a story in itself. She was at the Tartan Games in Woodland and some friends were there with their Scottie and Westie. She had thought of getting Duffy a playmate. A friend introduced her to Mary Young, who was from the Bay Area and had a booth there for Westie Rescue. Mary had a Rescue named Lola who was being fostered by the Culps. I took Lola home, but she and Duffy didn't get along. Lola would attack Duffy, and he quit eating and would go and hide. I called Mary and told her I couldn't keep Lola and the Culps came and picked her up. The end of June, I received a call from Mary saying there was an emergency requiring a Westie to be picked up at once. I drove to Stockton to pick up Lily as her owner had only a couple of weeks to live. By the end of the week, Lily and Duffy were getting along, and Duffy was back to his old self of loving to play, which he had stopped doing with Lola around. Lily is 13 which is good as she isn't interested in being an alpha dog. Duffy and she can be face to face and he checks on her like a little father. His only problem is sharing the bed with Lily, so he tries to sleep on my head.

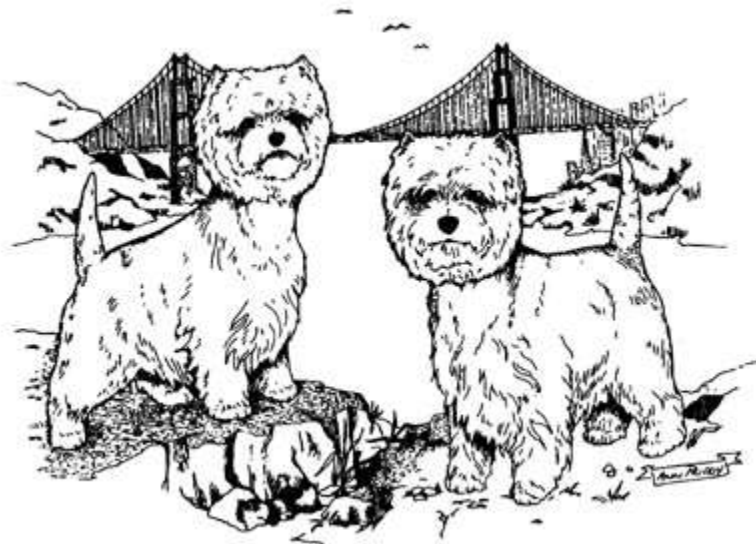
Duffy is my second Scottie and Lily is my first Rescue and Westie. Lily is a little stinker and has quite a personality. I don't have any stories to tell on Lily yet as I've only had her since July 5th. But it



was obvious from the beginning when I saw how she and Duffy got along that she was staying. The only unusual thing that Lily does is give me a "howling" send-off each morning when I leave that continues until I leave the carport. We enjoyed the Fun Day and meeting new people, as well as the Tartan Games where Duffy enjoyed the Lure Course. Lily isn't really interested in the Lure Course at her age, but does enjoy "zooming" around the house with Duffy. Jo has ordered kilts for her "kids" from a friend in Canada and is anxiously awaiting them.

Joe states she does not know many people in California but is anxious to make new friends in the Westie Club. She was previously a member of Beta Sigma Phi, has received an award from the City of Sacramento for helping seniors to stay in their homes, and is a docent for the Capital. She is also a member of the Golden State Manufactured Home Owners League. She enjoys oil painting, loves crafts, history, antiques and seeing California. She plans on staying in California for a long time.

SFBWHWTC SPECIALTY SHOW 2014



**37th Annual Specialty Show,
Puppy and Veterans' Sweepstakes**

April 11, 2014

Cal Expo Fairgrounds & Center
1600 Exposition Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95815

Put this date on your schedule. This is a great opportunity to see lots of beautiful Westies, get together with other Westie people, find lots of great items in the vendors' booths and to support the Club.



Rescue Report

by Mary Young

The end of a busy year approaches, and the start of a whole new year dedicated to giving Westies new forever homes begins. Our total of rescued Westies for 2013 is 34 as we go to press, which is 33% lower than 2012. This is probably due to the improvement in our economy. Though the number of dogs is lower, the costs have recently soared with a number of Westies requiring expensive surgeries. A lot of senior Westies were surrendered by owners who owned them 10, 12 and even 13 years and some of those owners were ill. We take pride in offering all Westies the opportunity for a new forever home.

The good news is that we are getting many end of year donations to these worthy Rescues. We will publish a formal thank you and a list of you wonderful people in our first issue of 2014. In the meantime, keep up the good work as our coffers took a major hit during the last month from vet costs.



In the spirit of the season, I am featuring a pair of seven year-old Westies, McDuff (male) and Moyna (female) who, though not siblings, lived together their whole lives. Their owner, who lives in Nevada, arranged with a

wonderful couple who helped me with a Visalia rescue to drive them to meet me at the I-80 rest stop in Vallejo. This rest stop has witnessed several Westie transfers. An impending snowstorm made it a rapid response situation. They have both been adopted by a



wonderful couple in Walnut Creek who adopted a ten-year old last January who passed away, after only six months, from nasal cancer. Their owner insisted they be adopted as a “set,” and they are the third set that I've been able to keep together. As the photos show, they are both beautiful Westies! Two more photos show how much they love the Santa hats (surrenderer loved these photos!).



And here is another photo for the season of Miss Macie, who was rescued last year. Her owner is quite creative and I can count on a holiday photo of her every holiday. And then we have Rescue Barney

with sister Meghan in their holiday card photo—they march every year in the Parade of Rescues.

And one more photo of my Dixie and Dudley who are shown at the December 15th South Bay Westie Meet Up in San Jose. Barbara Mordy, who is the Meet Up organizer, took this photo and I am using it as an opportunity to thank her for her many shelter pick-ups and transfers for my Westies when I need a helping hand to get them to the vet or to their new forever homes.



Happy Holidays to all of you from me, and from all the happy Rescued Westies looking at their stockings hung with care in their loving homes.



Holiday Luncheon

The Annual Holiday Luncheon was held on December 14 at the Brass Door Restaurant in Dublin. Thank you Marie Thompson and Suzanne Kesterson for once again taking on all the work of organizing and running this event. It is a huge amount of work and you do a fantastic job! In addition, Marie donated her Westie Sleigh to the auction. It drew the highest bid at the auction and benefited the Rescue Fund.

Everyone had a great time. Put it on your schedule for December 6, 2014. Thank you, Jason Crain, for taking the photos and posting them on the Westie Group on Facebook.



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2013 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Vice President	Rick Sklarin
Treasurer	Ramona Rule
Secretary	Lisa Blutman, IPP
Board of Directors	Sandy Gilmer, Gail Krieger, Nancy Berger, Mary Young, Neal Williams, Sherry Byrd

2013 COMMITTEES

Awards	Pam Evans
Boutique/Craft Table	Marie Thompson, Suzanne Kesterson - Need a volunteer
By-laws	Neal Williams, Gail Krieger, Lisa Blutman, Mary Young
Fun Day and Grooming Workshop	Jim Gilcrest, Gail Krieger, Debbie Sklarin, Rick Sklarin
Fundraising	Lisa Blutman, Kim Smith, Linda Gilcrest
Highland Tartan Newsletter	Linda Gilcrest, Jim Gilcrest
Holiday Luncheon	Suzanne Kesterson, Marie Thompson
Hospitality	Nancy Berger
Inventory	Pam Evans
Legislative	Janie Emerson
Librarian	OPEN
Membership	Linda Gilcrest
Meeting & Event Notification	OPEN
Obedience	Nancy Berger
Other Club Liaison	Gail Krieger
Program & Club Education	OPEN
Puppy Referral and Breeder Referral	SFBWHWTC Website
Rescue	Mary Young, Gail Krieger, Marshall Culp
Specialty Show	Lisa Blutman
Spring Fling	Maria Caffey, Marie Thompson
Standing Match & Show	Gail Krieger, Lisa Blutman, Kim Smith
Supported Entry & Special Events	Gail Krieger
Tartan Games	Jason Crain, Sarah Crain, Rick Sklarin, Debbie Sklarin
Webmaster	Sandy Gilmer - We need a volunteer to take this over.
Westie Foundation of America Liaison	Gail Krieger
WestieMed Liaison	Pam Evans, Sandy Gilmer
WHWTCA Liaison	Lisa Blutman

Please consider volunteering your time by serving on one of the Club's committees. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and to help shape the future of our organization. If you are interested, please contact Jim Gilcrest.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2013 EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
January 11, 2014	Annual Meeting and Election	Lafayette Community Center
April 11, 2014	Specialty Show	Cal Expo, Sacramento
Spring 2014	Spring Fling	TDB

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