

# The Plaid Piper

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are a Breed Club. In all the chaos and uncertainty in our lives right now, what do we do? You guessed it; we breed new Scottish terriers! I have had the privilege of mentoring Makayla Ouwerkerk, a Junior Handler, for the last year and a half. Makayla, and now the rest of the family have been so possessed by our Breed that they have become a new Scottish Terrier Breeder.



Their Scottie, Clover (Stargate Crimson and Clover), free whelped six beautiful Scotties, three boys and three girls. Clover went into hard labor at 10:00 pm Friday night, July 10<sup>th</sup> and delivered her sixth puppy at 4:05 am on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Instinct is an incredible thing to witness. The entire Ouwerkerk family, a vet tech, and myself were there to witness the miracle of birth. Clover did it all. All we got to do was record time of birth, birth order, sex, weights, stimulate puppies and keep them warm. She is an amazing first time mother. They named the puppies after Disney characters: Mater, Zeus, Malificent, Squirt, Moana and Snow White. All are healthy, fat and sassy. Their daddy, Titan (CH Anstamm Titan Takes By Storm) is busting buttons and handing out cigars. He should be proud; he threw some beautiful pups.

STCC is sponsoring a Bladder Cancer Screening September 13<sup>th</sup>. It is my hope that our Club makes this an annual event. We need to do all we can to support early detection of this terrible disease and contribute to the Health Trust Fund of STCA in their efforts to fund research for TCC. Please contact Carol Mallquist to see how you can be a part of this important project.

*Thank you,  
Kathy Hufnagle,  
President, STCC*

## A NEW SCOTTIE BOOK! Written by David Schecter, Illustrated by Elena Adam

A funny, heartwarming adventure written and illustrated by a couple of Scottish Terrier lovers, *A Tail of Two Scotties* tells the story of Piper and Mac, stubborn Scotties who are opposites in many ways. When their human family takes a trip to Grandma's farm without the dogs, the terriers are none-too-happy about missing out on a visit to their favorite getaway spot.

Managing to escape from their house, Piper and Mac decide to make their way to Grandma's on their own, encountering a series of dangers on their long journey. And with both of them being leaders rather than followers, this presents the Scotties with some major challenges.

Whether the independent canines can overcome their differences is anyone's guess in this fast-moving doggie tail!

(Learn more about this new book from Absolute Zero Press by visiting <http://www.twoscotties.com>.)



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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES: THE STCC SLATE FOR 2020/2021: (Members Kathleen Hufnagle, Patricia Stevenson, and Mary Ellen Kanthack)

Dear STCC Members:

In compliance with Article IV, Section 4, Items: (b) (c) (d), I am notifying the membership of the Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago of the slate of officers nominated for 2020-21. The nominations are as follows:

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|-----------------|--|
| President:      | Kathy Hufnagle                                 |
| Vice-President: | Mary Ellen Kanthack                            |
| Treasurer:      | Marilyn Flanagan                               |
| Secretary:      | Beryl Gersch                                   |
| Directors:      | Ben Myers<br>Robert Grant<br>Sheryl Bence King |

Additional nominations of eligible members may be made in writing by registered or certified mail addressed to the Secretary on or before July 15th. If no additional nominations are received by July 15th, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected at the time of the Annual Meeting. No balloting will be required.

*Beryl Gersch,  
STCC Secretary*

(Update: As of the mailing of this Plaid Piper, there were no additional nominations received by July 15th. The slate above is installed per the bylaws.)

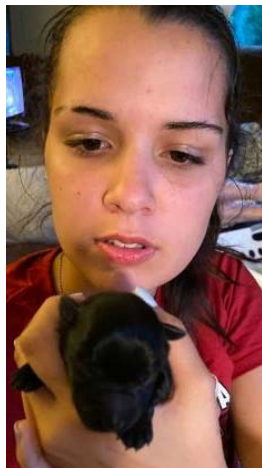
Committee Chairs/Members at this time are:

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|------------------------|---|
| Education              | Ben Myers   |
| Fundraising            | Sheryl Bence King   |
| Breeder Referral       | Kathy Hufnagle  |
| Website                | Matt Lubeck and Marilyn Flanagan                          |
| Plaid Piper Newsletter | Marilyn Flanagan and Mindy Smouse                         |
| Communication          | Marilyn Flanagan  |
| Social Media-Facebook  | Beryl Gersch  |
| Hospitality            | Robert and Susan Grant                                    |
| Membership             | Kathy Hufnagle, Pat Stevenson, and<br>Mary Ellen Kanthack |
| Specialty              | Mary Ellen Kanthack, Show Chair                           |
| Marketing              | Ben Myers   |
| Bladder Screening      | Carol Mallquist   |

Appointments are:

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| Legal Liaison | Marilyn Flanagan |
| STCA Delegate | Steve Russell    |
| STCA Bagpiper | Marilyn Flanagan |

## STCC NEW LITTER!! Makayla's Scottie Clover and her puppies (July 10/11, 2020)



This was my first experience delivering puppies, and it was my beautiful Clover, who is my heart dog. I have been excited and anxious throughout her entire pregnancy. I love the idea of having puppies and I really want to keep a male dog to show.

The process of breeding is crazy. Cindy Cooke looked over Clover and decided that her dog Titan would be a good match for her. When she came into heat, three progesterone tests were run. The last one was high which told us she had to be bred that day... I mean immediately! Kathy and I raced to Kalamazoo for Clover to be bred to Titan.

After that it was a waiting game, we were anxious to hear if we made it in time for breeding to be successful. It was - the pregnancy test was positive! Clover just kept getting bigger and bigger as her babies were growing in her tummy. X-rays were taken a few days before she was due and Kathy counted six little spines.

Sixty-two days after she was bred Clover went into labor. I was so scared and anxious – I thought I would throw up. My mom told me to pull myself together because my dog would feel my fear and she needed me there by her side. She started labor at 10 p.m. on Fri July 10<sup>th</sup>. The first big boy was born at 9.3 oz. He was the first and the biggest and we named him Mater. We named all of our puppies after Disney characters. Next came another boy, Zeuss; and then a girl, Maleficent.

After that Clover took a break because she was exhausted. So were we. She waited for two hours before the next baby came, another boy-Squirt. Next came a little girl – Moana and last but not least at 4:05 a.m. came Snow White. Three boys and three girls. How perfect!

How did Clover know what to do? This is her first litter and she delivered each one, cleaned each one up, and loved on them, all of that in spite of being so tired. It just amazes me that she knew what to do and the babies knew what to do too!



Clover is a perfect mommy, she just loves her new babies, wants to be with them all the time and is very, very protective of them. Even though it's a lot of work we feel so blessed to have had this experience and we would do it all again. In the first week the puppies have already doubled their weight and they are starting to get some Scottitude!

Submitted by: Makayla Ouwerkerk



**SCOTTISH TERRIER HEALTH****Screening for Bladder Cancer*****Why is it important?*****Marcia Dawson, Chair STCA Health Trust Fund**

The STCC has been awarded a \$2000.00 grant from the STCA's Health Trust Fund to hold a bladder screening clinic for our members, our friends, and other Scottie owners in our area. This is a great opportunity to put into action what we should all be doing with our Scotties once they reach the age of 6 years: Screen at least yearly for bladder cancer with an ultrasound exam. The earlier we can detect any abnormality in our dogs' bladders, the sooner we can get a diagnosis and start them on more effective therapy. Whichever therapy we choose, from NSAIDS or chemotherapy or alternative medicines and supportive diets, the sooner the better!

Why is this true? Why does early diagnosis translate to much more successful outcomes in our Scotties?

There is a wealth of compelling evidence that treating cancer earlier in its course is more successful than treating it when it is more advanced.

- ◆ Genetic complexity: Early stage cancer is much less genetically complex than later in its course. As a tumor grows, it changes in complexity and mutates and creates more genetic resistance to various therapies. This leads to failure of the drug. The earlier any therapy can get to a tumor, the more effective it will be.
- ◆ Immune compromise: Early in the course of cancer, the dog's immune system is stronger, and more capable of controlling runaway growth of cancer cells. Over time, as the undetected cancer grows unchecked, the immune system gets worn down and used up. This exhaustion of the immune system is a serious result of diagnosing cancer later in its course, and it robs the body of a major weapon of defense. Early detection allows us to provide essential immune support.
- ◆ Blood supply: Early in its development, a tumor is fairly well organized with structure and blood vessels that almost mimic normal cell growth. However, over time, the tumor becomes more and more abnormal with erratic behavior, runaway growth, and abnormal, gnarly blood vessels that are not able to deliver the cancer fighting drugs to the tumor. This translates again to failure of the therapy.
- ◆ General health: Early in the course of cancer, the patient, both human and dog, is stronger, healthier and better able to tolerate therapies. The quality of life is good, and starting the therapy before there are major symptoms, metastasis, and the involvement of other organs can help to prolong that quality of life.

Bladder cancer (TCC) in our Scotties is a serious health problem. We need to beat this devastating disease to the punch and detect it as early as we possibly can. Don't wait until your Scottie is straining to urinate, passing bloody urine, and acting uncomfortable. By then, it may be too late to do much good at all.

Carol Mallquest and her committee will be organizing this clinic to be held in September with more details soon to follow. Don't miss this opportunity to have your Scotties screened with a short and painless procedure, and make a New Year's resolution to have your Scotties screened starting at 6 years of age from now on!

## Member Bio - Pat Stevenson



It has been 9 years since I retired after having been an elementary social studies teacher (grades 4-8) for 46 years. I am very happy with one lesson's activities in the study of Chicago history and architecture. Our study led to having a Chicago Day and inviting all students and their family members to attend. The students gave presentations on a Chicago building and a model made with the help of family members. We ended our study with a Field Trip to downtown Chicago guided by members of the Chicago Architectural Foundation.

The next joy of my life was getting my Scotty (MacGregor). Thanks to a club member referring me to a breeder. I brought him home to his pal, Indy, Radar of the Lost Bark. Now, MacGregor just completed his 13th year on May 13th. He has been, to me, the best companion, who is loving, talented and obedient, most of the time.

*Submitted by:  
Pat Stevenson*



## RAINBOW BRIDGE



**When tomorrow starts without me  
Don't think that we're far apart  
For every time you think of me  
I'm right here in your heart.**

**McBriar**

July 30, 2004 - June 5, 2020



Our hearts are broken. On June 5, 2020 we lost Lady McBriar as she crossed the well-worn path of Rainbow Bridge. Almost 16 years ago we went to New York to visit Starbarrack breeder, Liz Heywood to take McBriar home. Sired by Nancy Walther's well-known Ch. Great Scot's Easy Street – our little black Scottie could have challenged the best in the ring.

Everywhere we traveled people would say, "Oh, she must be a 'show' dog!" Indeed, she was. We stopped questioning why complete strangers in airports would politely ask us if they could take a picture of themselves *with* McBriar. She made everyone grin and brightened their day with that amazing Scottie strut, regal posture, ears perked and tail erect.

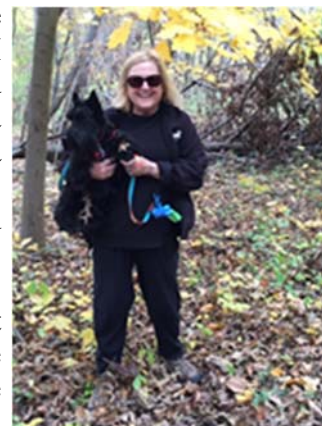
In Arizona she loved to climb large rocks to make herself taller. We would smile and say, "She's our Scotch on the Rocks." Saying good-bye is the hardest thing to do. No time on earth is long enough to share with those we love. McBriar brought us endless joy and love. She gave us the gift of unconditional devotion and trust. We miss her beyond words.

We believe we did not meet her by accident. "There is a reason she came into our lives and why we came into hers. We found each other at exactly the right time." Our connection to McBriar will remain with us... always. This is a gift that can never be taken away.

*Loved by,  
Phyllis Stamper*

**MEMBER BIO - Shelly and Alice Kurtz**

Shelly and I have been members of STCC for about 10 years. We currently live in Iowa City, Iowa. I am retired from public school teaching after 40 years, but I still write professionally. I spent a lot of my writing career preparing materials and designing educational programs for the presidential libraries. I have written a companion book for a film, many articles, books, as well as a script for a presidential movie. Shelly is still teaching law at the University of Iowa. Until 3 years ago, we had a condo in Chicago which made it easier for us to attend meetings.



However, we always make it to the June show, and we try to get to the August luncheon. I have usually provided the doggie bags for all of our entrants at the specialty, and I am usually busy recording the ring outcomes into one of the programs. Shelly likes to take photos of the ring and help set up.

In the past I have been a board member for STCC, co-chairperson for trophies, and along with Kim Woods I helped create the STCC Web page.

We have had Scotties in our life for more than 50 years. Each and every one was a character. I usually had a pair of dogs, because you know you can't just have one! We usually attend good citizen school, agility, and Rally-O together. We have tried scent work but it was "touch-and-go." My Mackenzie, who just passed away in October, was a whiz-kid at agility. She loved everything about it, except those weave poles. She insisted on strolling through those while flashing through everything else.



As I write this, I am Scotty-less. Our beloved Mackenzie died in October from kidney failure - origin unknown. We have a very old (14) Havanese who is in the last stages of a cancer diagnosis. I want his end of days to be calm and as good as possible. Eventually we will be chosen by some little Scot somewhere in the very near future.

*Submitted by:  
Alice Kurtz*

**STCC MEETING NOTES: March 15, 2020 and April 19, 2020**

**Club Meetings and Board Meetings - Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic**

**STCC MEETING NOTES: June 28, 2020 Zoom Meeting for Membership and Board**

Board/Officers present: Kathy Hufnagle, President / Marilyn Flanagan, VP / Beryl Gersch, Secretary  
Others attending: Michael Bishop, Mary Ellen Kanthack, Michele Bronsky, Robert and Sue Grant, Carol Mallquist, Steve Russell

**TOPICS DISCUSSED:** The slate for 2020/2021 was introduced by Kathy Hufnagle. The need for a speaker for our August luncheon was addressed as still an open need. Steve suggested Marcia Dawson or someone on the STCA HTF fund. Beryl and Carol discussed the need to market the September 13th Bladder Cancer Screening Clinic and the need for volunteers from the club to assist in the traffic flow and directing people and dogs on the day of the clinic. Marilyn discussed the need for funds and marketing for the Rotating Specialty. She stated that the theme is Chicago in the Roaring 20's.

**STCC MEETING NOTES: July 19, 2020 Zoom Meeting for Board and Committee Chairs**

NOTE: This was the first meeting of the newly installed 2020/2021 Board of Directors:

Board/Officers present: Kathy Hufnagle, President                      Mary Ellen Kanthack, Vice President/Show Chair  
Marilyn Flanagan, Treasurer                      Beryl Gersch, Secretary  
Ben Myers, Robert Grant and Sheryl Bence King

Other Committee Chairs Attending:      Carol Mallquist, Bladder Cancer Screening Clinic  
Sue Grant, Hospitality Chair

TOPICS DISCUSSED: Kathy addressed the lack of club member reservations for the luncheon. All present stated concerns regarding the impact of COVID19. The board decided that Sue would ask the Westwood to postpone the luncheon until people felt safe to attend. Beryl and Carol discussed the need to market the Bladder Cancer Screening Clinic and the need for volunteers from the club to assist in the traffic flow and directing people and dogs on the day of the clinic. Beryl agreed to design a flyer announcing the clinic so that it can be distributed by club members and to various social media outlets, veterinarian offices, grooming shops, feed stores, and more. Ben and Beryl will have further discussions on how to market the clinic and generate interest for Scottie owners.

Note: Future Zoom meetings will be scheduled until such time as in-person meetings per CDC can occur.

**STCC SPECIALTY 2021 –and– STCA NATIONAL ROTATING**

**“ CHICAGO IS BACK!! “**  
**And, We Are ROARIN’ in 20’s STYLE!!**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A 5 DAY CLUSTER OF SHOWS  
TO START THE SUMMER OF 2021 WITH PIZAZZ !!!**

Join us for **“Chicago and Scots! And, Scots in Chicago!”**

The STCC Specialty Show and Sweepstakes June 18, 2021,  
and the STCA National Rotating June 19, 2021.

Shows to be held at the Lake County Fairgrounds, Grayslake, IL.  
Both in conjunction with  
Little Fort and The Grayslake Summer Cluster.  
Onafrio, Superintendent at [www.onafrio.com](http://www.onafrio.com)

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## *The Plaid Piper*

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### **FUTURE MEETING and EVENT DATES**

August 16, 2020 - Annual  
Luncheon: Postponed til 2021

September 13, 2020 -  
Bladder Cancer Screening

October Meeting - TBD

December Meeting - TBD

March 2021 Meeting - TBD

April 2021 Meeting - TBD

June 18, 2021  
STCC Annual Specialty

June 19, 2021  
STCA National Rotating

August 15, 2021 - Annual  
Luncheon / Awards

### *The Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago*

The Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago was founded in 1930 by T.E. Weible and Mrs. M.F. Hills. On September 17, 1979, we were formally incorporated as a Not For Profit in the State of Illinois.

Our club is the 2nd oldest Scottish Terrier club in the nation. (California being the oldest club.) It is interesting to note that in 1959 there were still only eleven regional clubs. However, today, STCC is proud to be one of twenty Scottish Terrier regional clubs recognized by the Scottish Terrier Club of America.

STCC held its first Specialty show in November, 1930. Today, our Specialty shows are held annually the third Saturday of June at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, IL.

Across the years our club has changed leadership and direction, as has every regional club. The allure of the Scottish Terrier has decreased, and nationally there is a strong conversation as to how to rebuild the breed, and our clubs. At our height we had 80 members. Although our membership declined, our current initiative is to expand our clubs footprint, and we are reaching out full force to add new members and, thus new energy and ideas. Today we boast 57 members and counting.

Most of our tenured members have served this club in a leadership capacity - at least once. And, there is a strong knowledge base across our club, focused on our mission. Breeders, exhibitors, and those with companion Scotties have come together with determination to improve the lives and futures of our Scotties.

In recent years, successes have been made for our breed. A test is available for Cushings Syndrome through Dr. Zimmerman and UTenn. Studies at Purdue University have increased our knowledge of bladder cancer. A home collection kit, made possible by Dr. Breen, allows owners to send in urine samples for diagnosis.

If this is the first (or 100th) time reading *The Plaid Piper*, you may have a strong, personal interest in our breed you would like to share. If not already, please consider joining as a member of STCC. Thank you.