

President's Message

FORWARD TOGETHER

The mystique of Montgomery County 2000 is unfolding as the STCA Board, Committee Chairs and members are making final preparation for the last segment of the Centennial Commemorative Celebration. These historic weekends are always a most memorable experience in terms of seeing wonderful dogs and gorgeous puppies, having fellowship with colleagues, learning about the breed and shopping for that unique Scottie item. However, your weather requests with such variabilities as knee-deep mud, bone-chilling cold and blistering sun cannot be honored. Sorry, a higher authority is in charge. In respect to weather, as you have experienced, Montgomery County is truly "An event for all seasons." But, Centennial 2000 promises to be an even more unforgettable occasion for different reasons. Each activity will have some new and refreshing aspects. You, the members, are a most vibrant and faithful group. You are the STCA. You so willingly give hundreds of hours through Club activities to ensure that the "quality of life" and that the "well being" of each Scottie is secured. Hence, this celebration is not only to pay tribute to the founding fathers and to the renowned Scotties of yesterday and today, but it is also to honor YOU, today's membership. Your steadfastness to the breed is greatly evidenced by the current great generation of puppies and by the implementation of STCA programs and successful activities.

REGIONAL CLUBS

Listed are several most important activities needing your action. The activities were communicated to Regional Clubs earlier, but I want to emphasize them again due to their importance.

The Health Trust Fund has written to all Regional Clubs seeking input concerning ideas for health projects. Discuss these ideas and/or generate your own and write a letter informing the Trust of your interest. Project examples might include an eye, orthopedic, cardiac and/or thyroid clinic. The Trust would partially subsidize the program. Another possibility could be an educational seminar concerning health issues. These ideas present a wonderful opportunity. Take advantage. Start planning.

The AKC has requested STCA to have each Regional Club appoint/elect a legislative chair. The person would keep the members apprised of pending issues on all three government levels, (local, state, national). The rep's name is to be sent to the American Kennel Club Canine Legislation. The Regional Club meeting will be Thursday, October 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Atrium of the Holiday Inn, King of Prussia. The meeting is your forum for sharing and for making suggestions. Make sure a rep. from your club attends. Topics discussed will include fundraisers, role of legislative liaison, hosting a national specialty and Junior Showmanship. If you have topics for the agenda contact Lori Teague, Regional Club Rep.

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- Use your wonderful ad packet to map plans. Your participation is so greatly appreciated.
- Enter your beautiful puppies and dogs in the shows, Obedience and/or Agility.
- Make motel reservations early. Block sections are cancelled after August 1.
- Attend the Regional Meeting, Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m.
- Attend the Education and Health Seminar given by Dr. Carmen Battaglia immediately following the Regional meeting.
- Make dinner reservations for Friday night at the LuLu Temple. A new exciting menu is being presented.
- Make banquet reservations for Saturday evening. The Annual Awards Banquet will be a most gala affair.
- Support your colleagues who are presenting and receiving those well-earned awards.

Montgomery County is the place where dreams are born and fulfilled.

Dream your dreams,
Believe in your dreams,
Work to achieve your dreams,
Share the dreams that have come true,
Help others to achieve their dreams,
and
Leave behind a proud legacy.

As reapers of this 100 year harvest, may we pledge ourselves to the tasks ahead.

- Continue to plant the seeds of kindness, trust and integrity cultivated daily with a high moral and ethical standard.
- Accept each challenge as an opportunity to learn, to renew purpose and goal and to evaluate focus in terms of needs and current knowledge.
- Enjoy today, the presence of each moment, as an unlimited field of opportunities with unlimited resources.
- Face tomorrow eagerly and cheerfully and with the certainty that you will be equal to what it brings.
- Persist in the commitment to never waver in putting the betterment of the breed as the #1 priority.
- Remember, Scotties are the reason.

See you at wonderful Montgomery.

"Today should always be our most wonderful."

THOMAS DRIER

Maxine Stickler