

# Pacific Rim Maltese Club



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Newsletter

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## Monthly Pacific Rim Maltese Club Meeting

Meeting Place: Wilsonville Izzy's, March 16, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 PM. Members present were Char and Joe Woltner, Elaine Lancaster, Van and Vonnie Vandervort, and JoAnne McKenney.

The minutes were read from the February Meeting. An amendment was suggested to include Susie Swain on the Raffle Committee for next years Specialty.

A motion was made by Elaine to accept the minutes as amended. Van seconded the motion.

### President's report

Vonnie and Char are working on table favors for the PRM October Specialty. Stay tuned for our Summer Maltese Picnic/ Puppy Play Day to be held at Elaine Lancaster's House, sometime in July. Don't forget to bring your swim suit and favorite dish!

### Secretary's report:

The first reading was done on Dennis and Judy Forrest, Dixie Van Orman, Jean Bates, and Amy Preuett.

### Treasurer's report:

No Report as Shirley is out of town.

Old Business. No old business discussed.

### New Business:

Van relayed some good suggestions that he received. It was suggested to him that we list Officers' names and phone numbers on the newsletter. We will begin this right away. Another suggestion offered was that we define our goals and objective to our members. This brought up some discussion regarding how this could be done, possibly as an article in our newsletter. We want this to be a joint effort by the governing body of the club, not just one person's idea. We decided to think of some ways this could be done and will discuss them at our next meeting. Elaine will begin the process by writing a short list of things we want to emulate as a club and bring it to the next meeting. As a group we will build on this to create a mission statement. If you have any other suggestions you would like to make, we value your input. Please contact any of the Officers or Newsletter Editor with your suggestion(s).

We also discussed the possibility of opening our newsletter to advertisements. We will try this

suggestion out by opening up to those interested in advertising their products. Input about this is welcome from any Club Member.

We are also looking for any Venders that may be interested in having a table at the specialty this year. We would sell table space for \$25.00 per table. Contact Elaine Lancaster for information regarding Venders tables at (503) 657-0932 or vicnelaine@msn.com .

Member Christopher Vicari suggested we put together a Stud Book. Discussion was held how this should be done. We decided we needed

more information regarding how this would work and who would put it together. We will do some research and talk about it at the next meeting.

Brag: No new brags.

Elaine moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 pm. Vonnie seconded the motion. Our next meeting will be 6:00 pm, April 20, 2005 to be held at the Wilsonville Izzy's

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## March Biography - Jean Bates



Fred and I live in the fruit growing, wine making Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, Canada, 40 miles from the border with WA. The name of the town means “a place to live forever” in the Indian language and as soon as we moved here we knew that would be the case for us.

We are originally from England and moved here shortly after we were married. Fred joined one of the major banks and then worked as an auditor for the Federal Government. He has been happily retired for some years.

We had Am Cockers when our two boys were young, also a Wire Haired Fox Terrier that I bought to show (the breed my family had when I was a child in England). Since these breeds didn't work out we looked for another breed. I wanted a Great Pyrenees but as someone said later “her husband said she had to downsize”, so we stayed with the colour and in 1980 bought our first Maltese (but still love those Prys).

We bought our second Maltese' in 82, got her Canadian championship and then bred her to the Top Toy in Canada Am/Can Ch Myi's Cariboo Seeker and we were hooked! We met Bev Passe and bred to a couple more of her boys, and luckily inherited those Myi fabulous silk coats.

We haven't bred a lot, only to have something to show because I love that part of the dog scene, besides we are only allowed to have three dogs where we live (wink!!).

All our dogs are Can Champions and one is also an Amer Ch. Two also have their CD's in Obedience and I'm very involved with Therapy. I'm also a life member of our local all-breed club and have held all positions including years of being show chair with our annual 3 day show. I belong to various other clubs – The Canadian Kennel Club, The Group Five Club of B.C (Director), Evergreen Maltese club and the AMA. There have been many, many wonderful people that we've met through our dogs and we're still meeting more all the time.

Right now we have one breedable female (Can Ch.Tynedale's Countess O'Senoj) who was bred to Amer/Can Ch Divine's Dangerous Thrills, and has two five week old female puppies. Our dogs are Andrew who would be 15 yrs in June recently died on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will be dearly missed. Will-yum who is 12 ½ yrs and Ginny who is 11 yrs - so with Fred and I it makes for a really geriatric household.

Jean Bates



Left: Sophie in the show ring



Right: Andrew. June 26, 1990-April 2, 2005. Andrew was doing his Therapy visiting Tena at a care facility. Tena was 96 yrs old and lived to be 99 yrs, a wonderful lady.



Left: Sophie and Danger's puppies Mar 2005.



Right: Ginny and Andrew with an RCMP officer (or Mountie) in the Santa Parade, looking a bit untidy after their walk.

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Note From Our Club President:

I hope that everyone had a kind and gentle Easter. May everyone's bunnies be show bunnies with beautiful black noses.

Happy Easter,  
Char and Joe Woltner

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## "Paws UP"

*By Lynnette Payson*

I feel like I am back in high school!" For several months now, that phrase has been bouncing in and out of my head. I hear it from friends, from strangers, co-workers, I have even said it myself a few times in certain circumstances. Where is this coming from? And why high school, what's that all about?

Everyone I know either liked high school or they didn't like it. Here's a clue; If your high school reunion is coming up this summer, and you don't care to go, you are one of the people who did not like high school for whatever reason and would prefer not to socialize with that era of your life. What is it about high school that would cause people to declare that they feel like they are back there?

There were problems in high school as there are in all aspects of life. Nothing is perfect and adjustments have to be made to survive. You either become a good problem solver, drop out, or move about with a chip on your shoulder. There were pressures to face, making grades, passing tests, drivers licenses, dress codes, being popular, making mistakes and eventually growing up. It hasn't happened to some people apparently, otherwise why would they take us "back to high school"?

Another part of high school deals with ones comfort zone. Being comfortable is one of the cherished necessities of the teenage life. We usually do and say or not say and not do, as the case may be, whatever causes the most comfort. People of all ages do not enjoy being uncomfortable, but it is those people with the maturity to understand that sometimes we may have to be uncomfortable to achieve a certain goal. Those people have truly graduated from high school.

Analyzing the structure of the sentence, "I feel like" is self explanatory. The crux of the sentence, "I am back", tells the idea of the phrase. Meaning that you have digressed, or gone backward in time. Going back a few years might be pleasurable, but back to high school, no, that's too far. Too little knowledge, too little self esteem, too little life experience, just too little period. Not a good thing. When I said it, I felt that I was being mistreated by someone who did not have the maturity to distinguish between gossip and what was really happening. Now there is a word. Gossip. This one word can control the life of every teenager in high school. Phone lines and emails buzz with gossip about everything and everyone. It is a habit developed in high school and quite often for some people is a hard one to break. They carry it into their adult life, give it names like chatting or catching up, and treat it as the real truth. It is hurtful and done by mindless people with too much time on their hands. If the energy that is put into gossip could be harnessed and rerouted to do good, this world would be a much better place. I don't mean to sound so harsh, I just don't like gossip. There are so many great and wonderful things to talk about why would anyone want to ruin their day with that?

In the future when I hear that phrase that triggers a de-ja-vu moment, I will smile and step out of that moment and move on with my life. I will be strong and not let the pettiness in life touch me. I know who I am and this is my life.

*Lynnette*

### **California Central Valley Maltese Club**

Date: Friday-May 13, 2005

Time: TBD

Where: Yolo County Fairgrounds in Woodland, CA

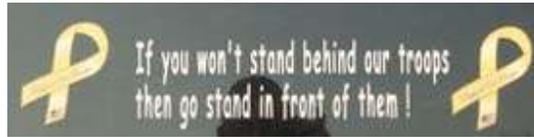
Show Secretary: Judy Wilson, Phone #(916) 923-6360; eMail Address: JWilsonSS@aol.com;

Judge: Sherri Swanson

Sweepstakes Judge: Darby McSorley

The following days, Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15, 2005, there is an All Breed Show-MBF, sponsored by Camellia Capital Kennel Club, at the same location.

TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS



*Some Good Thoughts*

Good Words do a heart and soul good. Harsh words cut like a knife. Wherever a human being exists, there is an opportunity to do a kindness. It is good to spend your time counting your blessings - not airing your complaints. Love helps people even when it hurts. The human spirit soars with hope when lifted by an encouraging word.

[Tribute to Pope John Paul II](#) - Millions of faithful Christians, of all denominations, will sorely miss Pope John Paul II since his passing. The World is better for having known him.



In Closing:

Message to Jean and Fred Bates about the recent loss of Andrew:

We were so saddened to hear about Andrew. There is not much more to say at a time like this, but all of Pacific Rim Maltese Club sends its heartfelt condolences.