



March/April 2007 NEWSLETTER

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March and April Newsletter

Both meetings at Izzy in Wilsonville opened at 6:30 p.m. on the Mar 20th. and April 17th respectively.

In Attendance Were: Joe and Char Woltner, Joanne McKinney, Eileen Bentz, Sara Bentz, Shirley and Zel Gernhart, Sherry Lucas, Sharon Brunner, Jeff and Carrie Dorn and Judy Madsen.

President's Report: Char reported that we have approval of our show the 20th. of July at the Expo center in Portland, Oregon.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were read and a new member has been voted in; Suzanne Miller, Welcome Suzanne! Sharon also did Judy McQuiston first reading.

Treasures Report: \$2821.06 in checking and \$3440.35 in savings.

Regarding our upcoming Specialty: JoAnne has finalized an agreement to have our banquet at Joe's Crab Shack. The menu looks delicious.

Char contacted Wayne Baker of Laine. Wayne has offered grooming products for our grooming bags that are to be part of the trophies. Arlene of Pure Paws has agreed to donate once again...Yea! Chris Vicari and Manny Comitini will be sending goodies our way too, thanks guy's.

Peggy Wanner will donate a stained glass ribbon for BISS! We are getting lots of donations in at this time and will list each person in the catalog as soon as we have a complete list; Thanks so much everyone!

It was voted and approved to: send Central Valley, Miami and Evergreen Clubs 25.00 dollars for trophy donations.

Shirley Gernhart has resigned as treasurer. We want to thank her for all the work she has done for the club. Elaine Lancaster will take her place till our next election.

Char and Elaine will meet with Jane Garvin may 2nd. of May to go over the Premium List.

Upcoming Events: Please don't forget to put these dates on your calendar:

June 8th - Evergreen Maltese Specialty at Tacoma, Washington.

August 21-24.- American Maltese Association National, N.J.

October 20th - Central Valley Maltese Club, Dublin, California

July 20th - Pacific Rim Maltese Club, Portland OR.

**Auction Items needed! Please support your Club.
Your items can be sent to: Eileen Bentz, 24741 S.
Central Pt. Rd., Canby, OR 97103 503-263-1527.**

Our next meeting will be the 6:30 p.m., May 22nd at Izzys in Wilsonville.

Biography Peggy Wanner:

I was born in North Central Montana on my Grandfather's homestead north of Havre.

I am one of eight children - five boys and three girls. My sisters were married and gone before I knew what a sister was. Being left to grow up among five boys was not easy, so I decided to out-run and out-climb them.

There are many stories about the washhouse that we never washed in, but always had smoke coming out the chimney. This building was later called "The Brewery".

Dad's trips up the coulee with the team and wagon was always empty on the return trip, we thought. Many years later, we learned that the wagon had a false bottom that was filled with gallon jugs of whiskey nestled neatly in the straw.

Those were the good days. We had dishes that matched (my dream) and a little silver clock with a dinger on top. We all even had new shoes.

There were many years of drought, and Dad supported his family and two sets of grandparents by bootlegging. In those days, you did what you had to in order to survive.

After the farm failed, we moved to town and the Great Depression of '29 hit. Dad traded vet work to the farmers for meat and veggies. We also got "commodities" at the Court House. These days, it is called "Welfare".

Dad went to work for the Railroad and we finally got a house with indoor plumbing. What a treat in the Montana winters!

My Mom was a stay at home wife and mother until WW II. Then she donned bib overalls, flannel shirts and logger boots in order to clean the dirty steam engines for the railroad. She worked along with many other women. Those ladies contributed a lot by working and sending sons, brothers and husbands off to war.

I attended the Havre Public Schools and went to Montana State College. I married and had three children. When they grew up and started bringing their kids home, I left in 1971. I moved to Portland with my husband, Fred Wanner, and promptly fell in love with a Maltese puppy we called Hugger. It was like Mopsy. After that, my love for (and the amount of puppies) kept on growing.

Over the years, I have had some lovely dogs. Not all became Champions, but all were loved just the same.

My dream for a Maltese Club has come true. I've dedicated most of my free time to our first specialty that was held in June 1992 or 1993.

I have made a lot of friends and I'm thankful for everyone. And, remember, I really do believe in Angels.

There are a lot of things I could tell about with more than 38 years in dogs, but they probably would not get by the censor.

--Peggy Wanner

Editor's Note:

I'd like to put some more biographies in next month's newsletter. If you think you can top Peggy's send it to me and I'll include yours. A digital photo (.jpg) of you would also be nice.

Also, I'd like to see some more brags that show your pride in the Maltese.

--Van Vandervort, Editor PRM Newsletter

