



# PUPPY TALES

News & Views From  
Erie Kennel Club



## President's Message~



Cabin Fever anyone? I think we're all suffering from that malady but about 30 of us tried to make it a little better by getting together on the 22<sup>nd</sup> for our annual Cabin Fever dinner.

Participating members earned sixty-five (65) new titles in 2014 and Roberta presented certificates with engraved EKC pins to celebrate those accomplishments. I realize there are some who wanted it at a restaurant and perhaps we will next year, but it was really nice to have a private area where we could take all the time we wanted to eat and enjoy after dinner conversations. So often in the past when we went to a restaurant, we eat and then feel like we have to run. Sorry, but I enjoy having a better chance to get reacquainted and talk it up.

We did discover a roof leak but it stopped once the snow around the heating vents melted away. We announced that the show resulted in a profit of a little over \$12,000, assuming all the bills have been submitted. It's amazing we are able to turn a profit once you know what it costs to rent the Bayfront Convention Center and what our superintendent charges. The number of spectators was up from last year, which is really important because the public does a lot to defray the cost of renting the center. We need to keep finding ways to attract families to come to the show. At the March meeting we'll have more information on the show and our overall financial condition.

Keep warm everyone and keep those spirits up. We'll be asking for help to mow the grass before you know it!

*Lou*



### Next membership meeting

7:30pm, March 18, 2015  
9457 Wattsburg Rd, Erie Pa 16509



### Sunshine Report from Melanie Shufan

January & February 2015

- Chris Walberg, get well card and flowers following surgery
- Evie Thomas, card and flowers following surgery
- Glen and Paula Marcy, sympathy card and donation to Pierpont VFD following Glen's mother's passing
- Evie & Chuck Thomas, card to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### Sunshine Chair, Melanie Shufan,

sends an appropriate card or gift to kennel club members as well as their immediate family members during times of illness or loss. However, Melanie needs help from everyone so she can convey the club's message in a timely manner. If you know of someone who needs a little sunshine, please let Melanie know at 825-9393. She would rather hear from 10 of you than to miss one.



# *Dreams Do Come True!*

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Denise Thomas  
Countryside Agility 2321 W 38<sup>th</sup>

The new training and trial facility opened January 30, 2015. Dogs and handlers are lovin' the state-of-the-art rubber-filled turf, spacious training areas for all levels, cozy lounge, comfy bistro, and enough restrooms so there are no lines! Of course, all areas are dog friendly. Members are invited to visit—pictures can't tell the whole story.



Lou Norman, President ♦ Andrea Bubna, Vice president ♦ Roberta Cutshall, Rec Secretary ♦ Kathy Croft, Cor. Secretary ♦ Janet Norman, Treasurer  
Board members: Marilyn Flower ♦ Anthony Stefanelli, ♦ Jeanne Stiner ♦ Dennis von Hof  
Breed Referral: Cindy Stubenhofer ♦ Training & Education Coordinator: Janet Norman ♦ Sunshine Chair: Melanie Shufran

### Google Calendar Up and Working

Attn: All Members look for the *New Google Calendar* for events at the EKC building.

You can find the calendar on the website [www.eriekennelclub.com](http://www.eriekennelclub.com) or in the monthly newsletter\*. Look for the link below the yellow banner or click on the events tab on the left hand side of the website. Left click on the event to find out more information as to location, time or who to contact. Left click the X on the dialogue box to close. Events can be cancelled in real time, so notify Janet by 5:30PM if you need to cancel evening events and 9AM for morning events. Once I enter cancel or change, it happens quickly. So make sure you check the calendar before you venture out to the building especially this time of year. Spread the word to non-members who might use the building.

\* Calendar included with hardcopy only.

### EKC Agility Trial

Volunteers are needed for the EKC Agility trial on April 10, 11, 12, 2015 at the new Countryside location 2321 West 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA. 16506.

Contact Janet if you are available on any of the 3 days even for a few hours. Sunday afternoon we are short of workers. It's always great to have a group there supporting the Open and Novice class and this is a great opportunity for non-competitors to experience the new agility site while supporting your club.

### **Rochester Collie Club Seminar is rescheduled for April 10, 11, 12, 2015**

This is a handling seminar "The Winslow Way"

**Friday (4/10/15):** [7-9 PM](#) - the Informational Introduction.

\*\*the building will be open [at 6:15](#) for unloading crates, etc.

**Saturday (4/11/15):** [9:00 AM](#) - [5:00 PM](#)

**Sunday (4/12/15):** [9:00](#) - [3:00 PM](#)

Contact: Krista Hansen @ [CamlochCollies@aol.com](mailto:CamlochCollies@aol.com) there are still openings

**We need help again with cleaning the building for this seminar.**

**Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 8, 2015 if you can help from 6PM to ????**