



### Letter from the President

Dear members,

As you know, there have been many changes within the board over the last few months. The new board of directors is as follows:

**President-** Lisa Mullikin  
**VP-** Judy Murray  
**Treasurer-** Harry Saltzer  
**Secretary-** Shannon Antunes  
**Directors-** Sandra Caruso, Jane McEwen,  
 Barb Weisman, Chris Jennings and  
 Frann Dyer

I'd like to thank all the previous board members for all their work on behalf of the club and a warm welcome to all new board members. The new board is a great mix of long-standing members, previous board members and those fairly new to the club. We are excited to bring the club forward energized by our love of the breed and our desire to create a fun and welcoming experience for members.



Our plan for the upcoming year will begin with a **new interactive website**, where members can manage their own profiles, register and make payment for events, get updates on the club through both club minutes and the newsletter and purchase newly released merchandise as it becomes available.

To kick off the new year Keystone will be having a **Valentines member social**. We have tentative date of February 8, 2020, for a cocktail and tapas gathering, full details to follow. We are working hard to make this a fun event and will be looking for donations for silent auction items.

Additional events for 2020 will also include:

**Water camp**  
**Water trial**  
**Supported entry**  
**Intro to dog sports**  
**Annual meeting in October**

The board is working hard to make this year one where members input is valued, their needs are met and communication is open. We look forward to your continued support through membership and participation in events.

Warmly,  
 Lisa



### **Lisa Mullikin, President**

I've been a dog lover my entire life. Nearly every childhood photo included a furry friend. 16 years ago, after the death of my golden retriever, I met my first PWD and fell in love. Morgan was the mother of 22 wonderful pups. My goal is to enjoy my dogs. Although Morgan is now gone, Lily 13, Charli 9 and Sky 4, now share our home. I have participated in and do activities that make both of us happy; conformation, water work, therapy work, agility and nose work. No pressure, just pure fun. My vision for the club is to engage members to join me on a journey with our spirited PWDS.



### **Judy Murray, Vice President**

I have been involved in the sport of purebred dogs for over forty years, participating in conformation, obedience, agility and water with multiple dogs over the years.

Our current family consists of three Portuguese Water Dogs, Miguel (12-3/4 years old and retired) and Marco (8 years) and Mika (2 years) both still competing in obedience, water and agility. My husband of 48 years and I reside in Media, Pa.

I hope to be able to make contributions to the Keystone Board with my experience as past President of Keystone as well as Vice President, Recording Secretary and current as Recording Secretary for PWDCI, Inc. I would like to see the club offer more activities geared toward including more of our members in the fun you can have with your Portuguese Water Dogs.

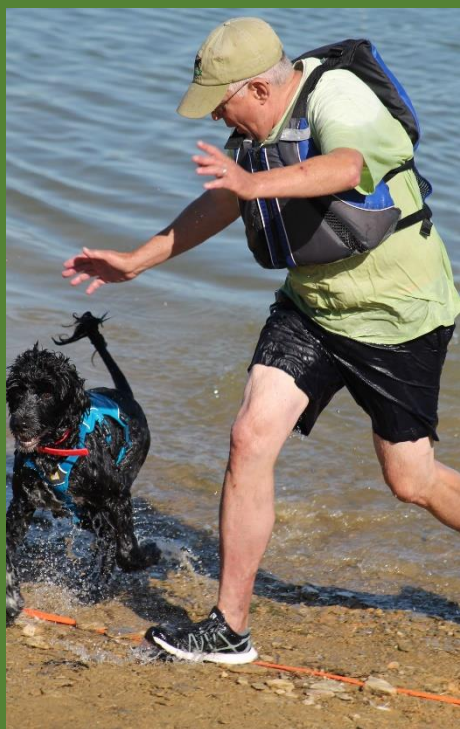


## Harry Saltzer, Treasurer

I was introduced to dogs at a young age. My father was one of the few Samoyed breeders in the 1960s. I've had a variety of dogs, but was never really involved in training of any kind. I met some PWDs at a practice weekend in 2016 and it looked like a lot of fun.

I got Daisy, my chocolate curly girl in January of 2016 and was off and running. She does have her CGC title and has had some success in water and agility. I got Rico, my Black and white wavy boy in April of 2019. He is a very energetic guy and has started training in water and level 1 agility.

My main goal is to stay active with these guys and have fun.



## Shannon Antunes, Secretary

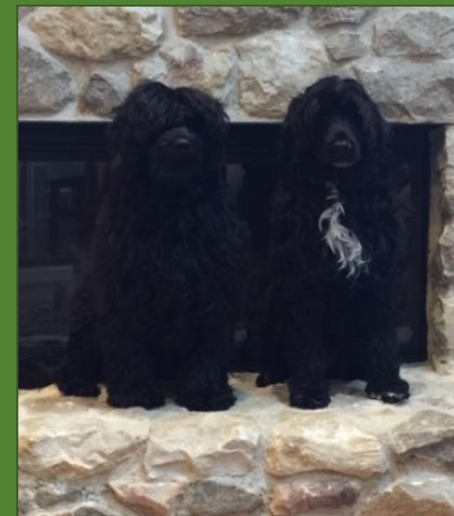
I reside in southern Chester County with my family and three champion Portuguese Water Dogs, Rolo, Remy, and Sailor. My passion for the breed started nearly 20-years ago with our first dog, Estrella. Estrella lived 15-years and taught us the wonderful traits and love this breed has to offer. Parenting my dogs has been one of my greatest joys. Our newest step is being mentored with the breeding process. This breed has connected us with an amazing network of friends, many of whom we now consider family. In our spare time, our family and dogs enjoy spending weekends on the Chesapeake Bay, boating and swimming.

As a recent volunteer to serve as KPWDC board secretary, I am excited to join this community and look forward to meeting other members at upcoming events and socials.



### Sandra Caruso, Director

My husband and I brought home our first PWD puppy, Max in 2005. It was Max that started our life-long love affair with the breed. Mia was our second PWD, who we lost way too soon to Leukemia. We currently have Sophie, (5) and Niko, (2). We participate in Confirmation, Obedience, Water, Agility and Rally. Max was a TDI Therapy Dog. Both Sophie and Mia earned a Grand Championship. Niko is currently working on his Championship. My true passion is rescue, as I serve as a PWDCA Regional Rescue Coordinator and I love being the Mentor contact for Keystone.



### Barbara Weisman, Director

I met my first Portuguese Water Dog in 1995. He was sitting, untethered, in the driver's seat of an open Jeep Wrangler. I had no clue what breed this big beautiful curly boy was and walked over to the Jeep waiting for his owner to return. He started to paw at me, and I knew if I ever got a dog... this was the dog for me.

My daughters had been begging for a dog for years, so five later I started to research the breed. I found a breeder just a half hour away from me... and she had puppies. Four weeks later we welcomed Chloe into our family. So it begins... I fell in love with the breed. And two and a half years later I bred Chloe and we soon had our first litter of nine. Eighteen years later now, I am an active breeder with multiple Champions, loving Companions, Therapy dogs and soon to become involved with Water and Agility.

Through these amazing dogs I have met so many great families and have made life-long friends. My goal for the club is to bring both families and dogs together. To create events where dogs and families can learn, have fun with their dogs, and enjoy meaningful social events.





### Frann Dyer, Director

I have always had a love and respect for all animals. 10 years ago, I met two incredible dogs at the car wash, of all places.

I was so taken with them I inquired about the breed: Portuguese Water Dog. I was given the name of a local breeder, Barbara Weisman and as the saying goes the rest is history.

Oliver is now a member of our family and I can't imagine life without him. As a certified therapy dog, he has brought joy to all he meets. along with each PWD there is a family. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you and working with you to experience all the joys your pup came bring.

### Jane McEwen, Director

I got my first PWD in 2000 and currently have two, Estrela who is 13 years young and Dawson who is 4 years old. Estrela was a therapy dog at a local hospital visiting the staff. She did that for 10 years and then retired. Dawson is involved with Nosework or as AKC calls it Scentwork and really enjoys it.

I have been a member of Keystone since 2001 and always enjoyed the get togethers and various activities that the club put on. I would hope that we can all come together and provide events that would include all members. Please feel free to contact myself or any member of the board with any ideas that you may have or any activity that you would like to see.





### Chris Jennings, Director

I'm a true animal lover and have had a myriad of pets, but almost always a dog. We chose Portuguese Water dogs because we like larger dogs and my son had asthma as a baby. My 1st Portie, Bella, is 10 years old and my 2nd, Luna, is 5. While not closely related, they act like typical siblings - grouchy when they are annoyed but lost without each other. Bella has her CGC and Luna is the proud mother of 3 litters of adorable puppies! I look forward to finding new ways for our dogs to explore their abilities in water work and agility.

## Check us out at [www.kpwdc.org](http://www.kpwdc.org)

***"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much"***

**Helen Keller**

Please join us by volunteering, no experience is necessary.  
Reach out to any board member if interested.

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