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Letter from your President

Dear Members,

I would like to wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. I am looking forward to working for you as my term as your president continues. Thank you for your support. Now that I am retired I am able to spend more time serving our organization.

Open communication is one of my goals in hopes that we can be supportive of the club and each other. Read your newsletters, stay in touch on the members yahoo group and the general NTFTA group. Chip Fair has done an excellent job monitoring our groups and editing our newsletter. Be sure to follow the guidelines that have been set. I have been encouraged by the support, concern, and encouragement given on the groups both to the show community and pet owners. Keep up the good work. We belong to this club because we love our Toy Fox Terriers. Stay informed of happenings so that we can improve how we do things, encourage new pet owners, the fancy, and address issues.

I have learned an important lesson this past year that I would like to share. "THE THINGS THAT MAKE US ANGRY ARE THE THINGS THAT WE ASSUME." We all know what "assume" means. :-0 I am always available if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions. Please don't "assume" anything. Get the facts, ask for clarification. Call me, call one of the officers, or send an email and let us address anything that is bothering you. I have enjoyed talking to many of you. We have a wonderful, hard working Board of Directors. Let us continue to be pleasant, tolerant and polite. We will not always agree on everything or be able to implement every suggestion but I promise to pay attention, to follow our Constitution and By Laws, to work through the Board of Directors, and to keep you informed. Let us work together, help and support each other, give positive suggestions and be able to disagree without being disagreeable. As members we can make the club more efficient and effective in dealing with issues regarding our beloved Toy Fox Terrier.

Best Regards,

Julie Slauterbeck