



NEWSLETTER OF THE ANIMAL CARE LEAGUE

SPRING 2011

14th ANNUAL SPRING FOR THE ANIMALS LUNCHEON

Our annual luncheon will be held at the beautiful Oak Park Country Club, 2001 North Thatcher Avenue, River Grove IL. This is the Animal Care League's largest fundraiser of the year and we hope everyone will participate in some way by attending the luncheon, buying raffle tickets, making a donation, or all three!

This year we will not have the usual raffle, but have changed it to the 50/50 raffle-a chance to win cash! After all the raffle monies have been collected we will award 50% of it to the raffle winner and 50% to ACL.

Also new this year will be entertainment provided by the Festival Theatre of Oak Park

As the tradition continues we will feature a guest MC, adoptable ACL cats and dogs, the silent and live auctions, our gift bags, and of course the sumptuous buffet!

It continues to be important that 100% of all monies collected for the luncheon directly benefit the ACL. This has only been possible thru the generous underwriting of the luncheon by the Lynne Cooper Harvey Foundation. Thank you to Paul for carrying on his mother's tradition.

ANIMAL CARE LEAGUE

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Phone: 708-848-8155

www.animalcareleague.org

Hours:

Tues, Wed, Fri 12 pm - 6 pm

Thursday 12 pm - 7:30 pm

Saturday 11 am - 5 pm

Sun-Mon closed

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Animal Care League 14th Annual Luncheon RSVP

Sunday, 1st May 2011 – 11 am until 3 pm

Guest Name(s)

Address

Apt

Phone

City

State

Zip

Please detach and return RSVP by April 25th with completed 50/50 Raffle ticket stub(s)

TO: Chatka Ruggiero, 814 Ashland Ave, River Forest, IL 60305

or bring raffle ticket stubs to the luncheon.

Please reserve _____ tickets for me (\$70 each)

I would like to buy a 6 person table (\$390) or an 8 person table (\$520) under my name.
(Please list guest's names on back of RSVP)

I cannot attend but I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Animal Care League

I would like to purchase _____ raffle ticket(s) at \$10 each or 3 for \$25

Please enclose a check or money order payable to the Animal Care League or fill out the information below to pay by credit card.

Visa Master Card Amount \$ _____

Account #

Expiration Date

Signature _____

All proceeds will benefit the non-profit 501c (3) Animal Care League. Admission ticket cost is tax deductible less the fair market value of the meal (\$35). No denim please.



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Second Chance Shop

President's Message Spring 2010

The last few years have been difficult for the shelter, a direct reflection of the economy. Fundraising is down, donations are down, and adoptions are down. We are meeting this challenge, but still maintaining the care and compassion our animals need and addressing our mission to serve more animals.



During times like this the income from our endowment fund and investments becomes even more important. We thank those 6 donors who were able to add \$26,000 to the ACL endowment fund.

We have a *quiet* capital campaign going on right now. This will pay off the small interest free loan for our recent construction and pay for additional items: 1) fire/security alarm system for the newer building, 2) a large van for the transport of animals (we bring into our shelter many dogs and cats scheduled for euthanasia at other facilities), 3) new quarantine area for dogs.

There are naming options throughout the shelter, for donations of \$1,000 to \$100,000. You can have your name on a plaque outside one of the kitten rooms, or the dog adoption suite, etc., or on the outside of the building! **OUR NEW SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC HAS ALREADY BEEN NAMED!** Stop by and see us or contact me at Chatkar@aol.com or Tom at Tom@animalcareleague.org for more details.

Remember, every day we should be thankful for the wonderful creatures with whom we share our lives!



FOUR PAWS SOCIETY

Join our Four Paws Society! A minimum gift of \$5,000 with an ACL annuity, add to the ACL endowment fund, or include ACL in your will. There will be an annual luncheon at the Oak Park Country Club and the benefits of membership. Call us for details! The following people have already joined this prestigious club and we would love for you to join them.

Gatewood Foundation, Lynne Angel Harvey, Chatka and Tony Ruggiero, Emily Darak, Kathy and Jim Capone, Betty DiPasquale, Maria Schmidt, Georgia Dvorak, June Kakacek and Kathryn Corona, Patricia Poskitt and OPRF Community Foundation



FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As you read in the President's message, the last two years have been challenging for the Animal Care League (and most not for profits for that matter). Not only has the economy hit us from a financial standpoint, but it has also affected us down to our main mission-finding our animals new and loving homes.

While we wish we could just give our animals away, charging an adoption fee is a necessary part of running a shelter. Adoption fees are an important source of revenue for the shelter, even though they don't come close to covering the costs we put into each animal that comes through our doors. Because of the hard economic times, people are looking to save wherever possible and sometimes even a slight decrease in the adoption fee helps a great family add a pet to their lives. This puts us in a difficult situation. We want the animal to go to these wonderful families, yet reducing our fees puts the shelter in a financial strain. In response to this situation, we have developed the Adoption Partner Program.



In this program, we ask our members to donate \$25 more than their membership fee and in return, 100% of this additional donation is used to reduce the adoption fee on one of our animals. To participate in the program, a person simply needs to become a member



(at whatever level they wish) and include an extra \$25 with their payment. We will put that \$25 towards the adoption fee of one of our pets and you will be notified when your sponsored pet is adopted, so you know your money went to great use. If you are already an active member, then you simply need to send in \$25 and indicate that you would like to sponsor an animal.

If you would like to directly help an animal get adopted, simply cut out the membership portion of this newsletter, choose a membership level and send in your membership dues and add \$25 for the Adoption Partner Program. Our animals would be very grateful for the help.



ACL 2nd Chance Shop

Hi, this is Stephanie Mandolesi, the Manager of the Animal Care League's 2nd Chance Shop. I want to take some time today to tell you about a fun and exciting way to support the animals at the Animal Care League.

Have you heard about ACL's 2nd Chance Shop? The 2nd Chance Shop is part of the ACL, and is a resale and vintage shop that sells items and uses the profits to support the animals at the ACL. When you shop at our store you can save money, and at the same time help us rescue, care for and adopt out cats, dogs, rabbits, and our other pets. We have new items, gently used, vintage and antique merchandise, so you're sure to find some treasures. And while you are there you can visit with the adoptable shop cats. Who knows, you may fall in love and take one or two home along with your other great bargains.

Cats are chosen to come to the shop for various reasons. Sometimes they are not comfortable with the number of cats at the shelter. Some cats have been at the shelter a long time, maybe they are not kittens anymore, or they are shy, or chubby or not the prettiest, or maybe even the wrong color. This was the case with Porsche; she was a wonderful cat in every way, sweet, gentle, friendly, snuggly and beautiful, but she was over ten years old and black. Yes, its true, black cats & dogs are the last to be adopted, but I fell in love with her. She came home with me and fit into my multi-cat home with very little hoopla. She is even more outstanding than I realized. She has chosen "Carmen" as a new name for her new life. I will let her tell you her story:

"I was adopted as a kitten, along with my brother, and lived comfortably with my family for almost ten years. I thought we were happy but one day my brother and I were put in the garage and a strange man came, put us into little cages and loaded us into a truck. It was one of the most frightening times of my whole life. I don't know why we were discarded by our family. We missed them and waited at the shelter for them to come get us. They never came for us, and even though the people at Animal Care League were nice and took good care of us, it wasn't home. I did my best to make friends with everyone I met and hoped for another home. I stood at the window and looked as pretty as I could and greeted everyone who came through the door but they always chose another cat. I just didn't know why. Eventually my brother and I were adopted together. When we were just beginning to get comfortable in our new home, we were given to another person. We only stayed there for a short while and then we were put into a cardboard box and into a car again. We found ourselves, alone, in a strange and scary outside place. I was so afraid. Soon we were again put into a small cage and a noisy truck and taken back to the Animal Care League. After a long time my brother was adopted and I was sent to the 2nd Chance Shop where I made many new friends. There was one new friend in particular who was there everyday and one day she took me home! I am making friends with my new cat family and I feel so happy in a home I know I will be in forever."

Porsche's story is not unique. Every day the ACL 2nd Chance Shop has 1 to 4 cats who have had hard luck, but could be wonderful companions. All of our kitties are special, so consider visiting our shop to meet the cats, and shop for a good cause!

For location, hours, and adoptable cats visit our website: <http://www.2ndchanceshop.org/>. We get great reviews and happy customers are our best advertisement!

If you want to know more about the shop, merchandise, sales, adoptable cats, and adopted cats, you can follow us on Facebook: <http://companies.to/ACL2ndChanceShop/>.

Or call us at 708-383-9660, or come visit, 808 Harrison Oak Park.



ANIMAL CARE LEAGUE WISH LIST

Animal Care Supplies (should be dropped off at the shelter)

- Kitty litter (non-clumping)
- Cat toys (pipe cleaners, sparkly pompoms, feather wands, etc.)
- Dog toys (stuffed animals, large rope toys, squeaky toys, Kong toys...NO tennis balls please)
- Catnip
- Cardboard box tops from cartons of paper or the bottoms from cases of canned food (used as litter boxes for cages)
- Canned cat, kitten, dog or puppy food
- Soft dog treats
- Hard dog treats
- Old towels and blankets

Laundry and Cleaning Supplies

- Liquid fabric softener
- Liquid bleach
- Laundry detergent (powder or liquid-no tabs please)
- Dishwasher detergent
- Antibacterial dish detergent
- Clorox or Lysol Antibacterial Wipes

Paper/Plastic Goods and Office Supplies

- Copy/printer paper
- 6" paper plates
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Garbage bags (30 Gallon, heavy duty)
- Postage stamps

Huckleberry, the “Franken-Bunny”

Huckleberry arrived at the Animal Care League as an Animal Control “Stray”, but it was immediately clear that he was a well socialized and friendly pet rabbit. He was a handsome tricolor male (if he were a cat, he would be a dilute calico) who would hop right over to you to be petted or brushed, and would even head butt your hand if you brought him fresh tasty treats. After his holding period, we neutered him and everything went well.

The next day, however, we noticed his right eyelid was slightly swollen. We simply suspected that he had bumped his head while he recovered from anesthesia, and started him on some eye ointment for the weekend. When we came in the next week, we were very surprised to see his eyelid was severely swollen and there was a “scab”. Upon closer examination, we discovered the “scab” was a breathing hole for a cuterebra larva that had burrowed into Huckleberry’s skin while he had been outside. These fly larvae usually affect small outdoor animals like wild bunnies, but can sometimes affect pets that are outside in the grass and dirt. We put him under anesthesia again, to remove the parasite from under his skin. The larva came out, but there was a lot of damaged skin in a place where there is not much extra skin on a bunny. We applied medicated ointments, eye drops, and oral pain medications and antibiotics, which Huckleberry accepted as a perfect patient, but after a week the skin was still not healing, and it was obvious that there was also nerve and muscle damage preventing the eyelid from blinking and protecting the eyeball, resulting in a deep ulcer on his right eye. We decided at this point that Huckleberry’s best chance for a pain free and medication free life would be to remove the affected right eye, and close the skin over the hole. Huckleberry had anesthesia and surgery one more time, and recovered great! He had visible stitches on the right side of his face for 10 days, earning him the nickname “Franken-bunny” until the skin was healed and the stitches came out.

Huckleberry adapted well to his new one sided vision, hopping around his pen and eating his favorite treats, and has been adopted into a home that accepts him just as he is!



2010 Holiday Bazaar another huge success!

Once again, countless shoppers enjoyed all the wonderful gift items that they found at our 25th Annual Holiday Bazaar!

A fundraising event of this size can only happen with the help of many volunteers, who spend their time baking, making crafts, pricing, moving and setting up merchandise or donating raffle prizes and merchandise. Many thanks to all of those who contributed and were involved in this year’s event.

A special thanks goes to the Community Bank for the use of the space on Oak Park Avenue again this year. Thanks also goes to Trader Joe’s for the pizza donation for our hardworking staff, and to AA Rental in Melrose Park for assisting with the tables and chairs for the event.

Holiday shoppers not only got some wonderful gift items and baked goods, but had the opportunity to listen to music by John Milan, and Jon Lewis or buy some artwork by Camille. When shoppers needed a break, Stephanie Skrine was there to provide a chair message.

One of the big hits this year was “Santa Phil”. Thanks to him and his elves for taking photos with our furry friends.

As in years past, Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops from all over the community were involved in making treats and gifts to sell at the bazaar. Thanks to all for their dedication to our animals.

If you missed this year’s bazaar, put it on the calendar for 2011! It is an event that is not to be missed! Get yourself into the holiday spirit. The dates are December 2 & 3 this year, with the location yet to be announced. Want to help this year? When you begin your spring cleaning and need to find homes for those gently used holiday and gift items, or if you want to be a part of this year’s event, contact Robin Akers (708) 771-2719 or email: Roba656@aol.com. It is never too early to start planning for the 26th annual bazaar.

Thank you so much to each and every one of you that made this important fundraiser such a success for the ACL!



BRENT: AKA FROSTY THE SNOW CAT



One cold morning in December, a little black kitten was dropped off at the Animal Care League. He was sweet and friendly, but right away our staff noticed his ears were “tipped over”, like a border collie dog. Our staff was initially suspicious that he might be a Scottish Fold breed cat, but nothing else in his build looked that way. I examined him, and thought that he was a common Domestic Shorthair cat, who had been exposed to the cold for too long and had the first stage of frostbite. The rest of his exam was normal, so we sent him into foster care. He thrived with his foster family, and returned after a few weeks with his ear tips dried out and cold to the touch. At that time we discovered the tip of his tail was cold and stiff also. We scheduled him to be neutered, and at the same time remove the dead tissue from his ears and amputated the last third of his tail. His stitches came out this week, and Brent is now available for adoption. His short ears and tail give him a distinctive look, but his personality is bonus sized to make up for it!

Lori Ann Decker, DVM/The Animal Care League

MEET SILAS



My name is Silas, and this is my story. I used to have people who took care of me, but I don't know what happened to them. All I know for sure is that I was out on my own trying to take care of myself for quite a while, and I wasn't doing a very good job of it. I didn't know how to find food, and I didn't know where to go to get warm. I hadn't eaten in so long that all my bones stuck out, and it was getting harder and harder to walk because I didn't have any energy. I decided to lie down for a while in a big pile of snow. It was Christmas Eve, and it was very cold, but I just didn't have it in me to go any further.

It turned out that I picked a very good place to rest. I was right next to the police department in Oak Park. One of the policemen found me sleeping in the snow. He picked me up and put me in his car and took me to the Animal Care League. He carried me in because my legs just wouldn't work anymore. I was also having a hard time waking up, maybe because I was so cold. But I heard what people were saying. Somebody even asked if I was alive.

The people at ACL got busy taking care of me. They put me on a warm blanket and brought me food and water. I was so very hungry, but I was too tired to lift my head up to eat. Somebody sat next to me and held little bits of food up to my mouth. She talked softly to me and asked me to try and eat just a little. I did get a little down, and then I went back to sleep. I heard the people around me say that they hoped I made it through the night. So I did!

I did wake up the next morning, and more people sat next to me and helped me eat. Somebody put a pretty sweater on me so I could make some body heat for myself. More days and nights went by, and I got stronger, and one day I was able to stand up. I recognized the people who took care of me and I thumped my tail when I saw them. I was even able to go out for short walks. I remembered things I used to know like "fetch" and "sit".

Weeks went by. I was still very skinny, but I didn't look like a skeleton anymore. I loved to play with other dogs and to be with people. Although I still had a little leftover problem from when I was sick (for some reason I just fall down sometimes), the people at ACL said I was ready to be someone's pet again. I was put up for adoption, and THE VERY NEXT DAY I was adopted.

I have some great people of my own now, and I know they'll never make me look for my own food outside or sleep in the snow. They don't even mind me falling down sometimes. They love me and I love them.

Can I say a couple of things before I go? Thank you to the good policeman that found me and took me to ACL-you saved my life. Thank you to the staff and volunteers at ACL who cared so much about me. Thank you to all the people who come to animal shelters to find a pet. You all make happy endings where there were just sad stories, and it matters. I'm living proof of that.



ANIMAL CARE LEAGUE NOW OFFERS CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

a special giving opportunity for donors at least 60 years of age. Through Animal Care League's participation with the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation, donors 60 years old and up can purchase a charitable gift annuity, partly charitable gift and partly purchase income interest. Annuity rates are determined by the age of interest recipient and the rates available at the time that particular annuity contract is signed. For example, if a 75-year-old donor had contributed \$10,000 to the Community Foundation specifically for Animal Care League on July 1, 2005, the Community Foundation would have made an annual payment of \$710 [7.1%] to the donor for life, based upon annuity rates at that time.

Please contact our Shelter Director, Tom Van Winkle, at 708 848-8155 for more information about this opportunity or complete the form below and send it to Tom at the Shelter at 1013 Garfield.

To: Animal Care League, 1011 Garfield, Oak Park, Illinois 60304.

- Please contact me at the address and/or telephone number below:
- I would like more information about bequests and/or your charitable gift annuities.
- I would like to purchase a charitable gift annuity in the amount of _____
- I would like to notify you that I have named Animal Care League in my estate planning.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____



You can tell a lot about a community by the way it treats its animals.

SUPPORT THE ANIMAL CARE LEAGUE

by remembering us in your estate planning. Ensure that our homeless animals always will have your support to find their lifetime homes. Please call, write or email us today to get more information. We look forward to hearing from you.

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THANKS TO ALL OF OUR NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

We could never reach our goals without your support.

These are the names of the people who have become members or renewed their membership between July 01, 2010 and December 31, 2010. Any new/renewed memberships received after January 1, 2011 will be included in the Fall 2011 newsletter.

Pet Companion Champion

Diane Menza
Harriet Hausman
Michael Roberts

Biscuits and Catnip

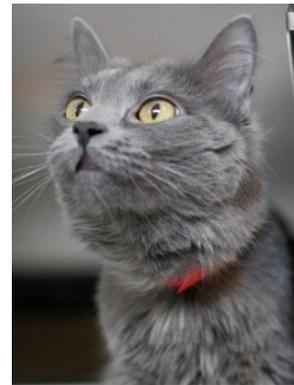
Karen Mansfield
Angie Abrego
Barbara Fanta
Francesca Pignataro
John and Judie Metzgar
Nancy, Jon, and Lena Fjortoft
Sharon and John Fregeau
Tom Mohr and Rose Marie Reed

Here Kitty Kitty

Amanda Rom
Candace Blank
Joan Fiscella
Joe Kosala
Adam and Linda Miller
Betty Moore
Carol Adams
Carol and Joseph Shell
Catherine Sorenson
Donna Dean
Donna Stephens
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Jack and Kathleen Weyna
John and Julie Burns
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Julie Kennedy
Kathleen Bucholtz
Kathy Mizuno
Laura Lerner
Laura Pekarik
Linda Little
Lori and Mike Coughlin
Lynne Sivertsen
Margo Thompson and Paulette Setlak
Mary Ann Porucznic
Mary Ann and James Schott
Nancy Bauer
Richard and Sylvia Rogers
Ruth McLaren
Sharon J Andrews
Timothy Pearson
Tom and Marcia Samocki

Puppy Power

Alison Moran
Dawn and Fran Duslak
Joan and Mike Bigos
Jo-Ann Saporito
Mary Lidd
Adolfo Delgado
Anne Lombardi
Arthur and Henrietta Lubin
Barbara Braun Skarha
Barbara Mays
Betsy and Jeff Fechalos
Daniel and Elizabeth Kaczmarek
Elinor Chapman
Elizabeth Holland
Florette and Harry Sexton
Helen Lyons
Janet Jones
Janet and John Ruehr
Laurie Hoppe
Melissa Mickelberry
Phyllis Magee
Robert Lundy
Robert Wolff
Selma Belajec
Susan Gilchrist
Sybil L Meindl
Tony and Mary Mullen



Memorials

July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

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| Amanda Rom for Neve | M.R. and C.M. Sperberg-McQueen for Cerci and Monica |
| Annette Allara for Vivian Harris | Marge Shadid for Duke and Rosco |
| Arthur and Henrietta Lubin for Nathan M Lubin | Marilyn Feinberg for Gypsy |
| Bernadette Christian for Lily Rose | Mary Anne Gartner for Rosa |
| Betty DiPasquale for Coco | Mary Radostits and Robert Neustadt for T.D. |
| Betty Passow for Joanne Dupree | Mills Investors Club for Margit Jennings |
| Cathi Gilmore for Pumpkin | Pat and Jim Davis for Dutchess |
| Conni Foxley for Mickey and Harry | Pat Zubak for Fico |
| Darlene Vandyke for Joanne Dupree | Patricia and Timothy Petrey for Joanne Dupree |
| Denise and James Palfy for Joan Gaffney | Richard Neustadt for Sam |
| Donna LaSage for Einstein Kallok and Willy Bonczek | Robert Bale for Susan Bale |
| Elinor Chapman for Annabelle | Sharon and John Fregeau for Bridget Fregeau |
| Evelyn McCarren for Buck | Stephanie Yeager for Mamie |
| Jim and Kitty Brussock for Jim Brussock | Susan Engel for Lee Engel |
| John and Judy Alfonsi for Danny | Susan Gilchrist for Jim Brussock |
| John and Julie Burns for Pawlie | Susan Ruffolo for Emily Cantarino |
| Karen and Michael Moore for Julia Koclanes | Suzanne Havertine for Jim Brussock |
| Lawrence Osterberg for Jim Brussock | Thomas J Rostafinski for Gilligan |

Honors

July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

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| Andjelka Novakovic and David Metcalf of Nora Johnson's B-day | Karl and Marilyn Novak of Paulette Cary B-day |
| B. Kay Speyer of Paulette Cary B-day | Kathleen Heydon of Stephanie Yeager |
| Brian Hunt of Wynter | Kathleen Schniedwind of Terri Woods |
| C. O'Callaghan of Anna Mowrer | Kathleen Todd and Allen Nice of Paulette Cary B-day |
| Carl and Karen Scafidi of Paulette Cary B-day | Leslie Gail-Parsons Cary of Paulette Cary B-day |
| Carrissa Alvers of Gecko, Tasha and Peanut | Linda Sue Mueller of Paulette Cary B-day |
| Caryn Smigiel of Fregeau Family | Lisa Geiger of Katherine's B-day |
| Chris Liddy and Larry Molaison of Robin Akers | Lynne and Roderick Palmore of Lynne Palmore's B-day |
| Connie Sherry of Diana Sherry | Maggie Stapleton of Rachel Hughes |
| David and Maryl Wesolowski of Paulette Cary B-day | Margaret Ann Jordan of John Brancel |
| David and Sina Beil of Paulette Cary B-day | Marilyn Feinberg of Cookie |
| Diane Menza of Marg P. | Melody and John Hoel of Paulette Cary B-day |
| Diane Nordin and Tom Keller of Linda Nordin and Bruce Devil-ler's marriage | Michael or Adrienne Holmes of Lynne Palmore's B-day |
| Douglas and Sharon Wavrek of Daisy Warner's B-day | Patti, David, and Olivia Krivo of Kris Lewis |
| Edward and Berly Singleton of Lynne Palmore's B-day | Paulette Cary of Paulette Cary B-day |
| Elizabeth Freebairn of Daisy Warner's B-day | Phillip Hoffman of Paulette Cary |
| Gerald and Willa Peterson of Lynne Palmore's B-day | Robert and Beverly Mamoser of Paulette Cary B-day |
| J.S. and C.M. Rigney of Paulette Cary B-day | Sahalee and Bradley Price of Paulette Cary B-day |
| Jeanie Istars of Adam Istars | Sandra Kays of Paulette Cary |
| Jeraldine Davidson of Jeraldine Davidson | Sarah Felker of Peter and Karen Morava |
| Jessica Winski of Samantha | Sheila and Ronald Atkins of Lynne Palmore's B-day |
| Joan Hamel of ACL staff | Sophie and Charlie Michaels of Katherine Mielke's B-day |
| Joe Weytkow of Fresca | Susan Darby of Stephanie Yeager |
| Jonathon Cooper of Daisy | Theodore and Marlene Grippo of Paulette Cary B-day |
| June Seiden of Stephanie Yeager | Vinetta Washington of Lynne Palmore's B-day |
| | Virginia Smith of Paulette Cary |



THANK YOU! WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU! NEW VOLUNTEERS

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| Aaron Pettis | Jen McEllin | Nadine and Tom Brockman |
| Adam Wilson | Jennise Feroso | Norine Gutekanst |
| Aidan Jenkins | Jill Panovich | Olympia Kralka |
| Aja Williams | Jose Devalle | Ommam Martinez |
| Alissa Lonergan | Joseph Balaz | Pamela Gorecki |
| Amy Harrison | Julie Calleros | Patrick Schuler |
| Andrea Wolff | Karin and Matt Sullivan | Paul and Elizabeth Webster |
| Ann Kransdorf | Kate Van Winkle and Paul Price | Peter Tambroni |
| Anna Pasnicka | Katherine and Maria Szewc | Peter and Mara Jaffe-Notier |
| Barbara and Jeb Metric | Kathleen Nostvick | Piotr Bujnarowski |
| Beth Fegan and Tim Scott | Kim Troia | Rachel Weaver |
| Bobbi Eastman | Kim and Tom Jacobs | Rita Quille |
| Breanne Briskey | Kristina Krauchenk | Robert Vasquez |
| Brian C Long | Laurie Kane | Romanch Mistry |
| Caitlin Lawrence | Layla Alazawy | Rose Alcock |
| Callie Hardin | Leah Egan | Rose Erin O'Hara |
| Celeste Erickson | Libbey Paul | Samantha Walfe |
| Chris and Jayne Mendius | Linda Robinet | Sandra DeCeault |
| Chryl Resnick | Linda and Don Bolte | Sarah Wachowski |
| Cindy Gajewski | Lisa Keefe Scott | Sharon J Andrews |
| Claire Harrier | Lorenzo Leonard | Shauna Warden |
| Clare Kennedy | Lori Armour | Shay Galassini |
| Colette Mahanes | Maddie Wallace | Shenetha Gunn |
| Cynthia Bianchi and Fernando Rizzo | Maggie and Dawn Rizzo | Sonia Garcia |
| Dan Reinhardt | Maria Lombardo-Nitsche | Stacie Suhrbur |
| Dana Barnich | Mariannell and Tom Bassett-Dilley | Suzanne Morrison and David Elsner |
| Dana Fojtik | Marina Kiell | Suzanne Wertz |
| Dave Algonzino | Mark and Diane Farina | Sylvia Flory |
| David Sjoquist | Mary Bradford | Tommy Casey |
| David and Annalise Walksler | Mary Esler | Veronica Ramirez and Adam Dean |
| Deb Tamondong | Mary Roach | Vincent Smart and Yolanda Ramirez |
| Debbie Robbins | Mary and Lewis Stimming | Wei-chun Chang and Frank Mai |
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ANIMAL CARE LEAGUE - MEMBERSHIP

The ACL is happy to announce that we have improved our membership benefits with the cooperation of local businesses. The grid below outlines the membership levels, and the benefits of each. For a list of participating businesses in our membership program, please visit our website at www.animalcareleague.org

| Membership Level | Puppy Power | Here Kitty Kitty | Biscuits and Catnip | Pet Companion Champion | Animal Angels Endowment |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Level | \$25.00 | \$50.00 | \$150.00 | \$500.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Bi-Annual Newsletter |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monthly "Members Only" newsletter (via email) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Discounts/perks at local businesses |  ACL Shelter & Shop |  Puppy Power + 5 local businesses |  Puppy Power + 10 local business |  Puppy Power + 10 local business |  Puppy Power + 10 local business |
| Acknowledgement in the bi-annual newsletter |  |  |  |  |  |
| ACL coffee mug or traveler's cup | |  |  |  |  |
| Picture of you and/or your pet hung in the shelter | | |  |  |  |
| Pet portrait taken by a professional photographer | | | |  |  |
| Members only behind the scenes tour of the shelter | | | |  |  |
| A kennel with a plaque bearing your name for one year | | | | |  |



THE ANIMAL CARE LEAGUE'S FOURTH YEAR AT THE ECONOMY SHOP.

The Animal Care League oversees the men's formal and casual rooms at the Economy Shop, 103 S. Grove (Grove and South Blvd.). The shop has sales 3 times a month, 1 on the first Thursday of the month and one on the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of each month. There is also an evening sale. When you donate merchandise or buy from the Economy Shop, your money benefits 6 local charities – Day Nursery of Oak Park & River Forest; Infant Welfare Society Clinic of Oak Park and River Forest; Family Services & Mental Health Center of Oak Park and River Forest; Hephzibah Children's Association; Senior Citizens' Center of Oak Park & River Forest and the Animal Care League.

The Shop has 16 departments of bargains and fun for every age. The First Floor has Antiques & Fine Gifts, Gifts, Leisure Wear, Women's Career & Formal Wear and Women's Casual Wear, and the Last Chance Room. The Second Floor has Accessories, Housewares, Men's Career & Formal Wear, Men's Casual Wear and Shoes. The Basement has Basement Emporium, Books, Electronics, Sewing & Crafts and Toys. The Warehouse has furniture, TVs, some sports equipment, and lots more. During the fall and spring, there are items for sale in the adjacent yard. Donations are accepted through June at the South Boulevard Door on Monday through non-sale Saturday's from 8 until noon.

Sale days are as follows 2/19, 3/3, 3/12, 3/19, 4/7, 4/16, 4/28 - EVENING SALE 4-8 PM, 5/5, 5/14, 5/21, 6/2 and 6/11.

Sale day hours for Thursdays, 9 – 4; Saturdays, 9 – 3, Evening Sale – 4 to 8.

To see what kinds of items the Economy Shop takes in as donations and has for sale, visit their website, www.economysshop.org.

If you would be interested in volunteering to help us with our rooms, we would be grateful. We need people to put merchandise out during the week and also to work the sales on Saturdays and occasionally on Thursdays. A “perk” of helping us is that you would be able to participate in presale days before the general public sales. If you are interested in helping us, please contact Beth Johnson- 708-310-2811(luchacon@sbcglobal.net) (put Economy Shop in the subject line) and she will send you more information.

Your friends will not believe the bargains that you get and you will feel great knowing that your purchases helped 6 very worthy organizations. Let the front desk know that you heard about the Economy Shop from the ACL, show them that our members show their support!!

We look forward to seeing you there.

FRIENDS OF ACL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Check one box below for the level of membership you wish to pledge

- Puppy Power - \$25 Here Kitty Kitty - \$50 Biscuits & Catnip - \$150
 Pet Companion Champion - \$500 Animal Angels Endowment - \$1,000

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Payment Options (check one) Cash Check (payable to Animal Care League) Credit Card

Credit Card Type (circle one) Visa MasterCard Discover

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

ACL is a not for profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.

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Donation

- I wish to make a donation
- I wish to make a donation in honor of _____
- I wish to make a donation in memory of _____
- I wish to make a donation to the Endowment Fund _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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