



LATE SUMMER - FALL 2014 NEWSLETTER

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It is already August and I, like you, am wondering how the summer went by so quickly?! It seems like just a few weeks ago that it was May and we were preparing for our 2nd Annual Open House. This year's Open House, like our first one last summer, was a huge success with many repeat guests and just as many new folks who came out to discover the Sanctuary and meet the cats. We raised a lot of badly needed funds and received stacks of donated food and cleaning supplies. I hope you'll enjoy looking at the photos on page 2, and that you will return or join us next June 7th if you have not yet visited. **My heartfelt thanks to everyone who came and helped make it such a success.**

Just as importantly, my gratitude goes out to the Cat Tail Acres Sanctuary (CTAS) Board Members, Advisory Board Members, Volunteers, and Supporters who made this Open House possible through their hard work: Karen Czedik; Mark DeAngelo; Rosa Forte; Sandi & Sheri Giardini; Eileen Liska-Stronczer & Ron Stronczer; Barbara Moten; Jo Murtagh; Mary & Mark Rumble; Elaine & Mike Savage; Marta Straka; Debbie Ward; and Carole & Tim Watterson. A special thank you to Advisory Board Member Joe Vernengo who took still photos and made a wonderful video for us which is posted on **YouTube** at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXiB4yKzL-zDCuCWlqgBZcg>. **(Sorry, but please note that Google, which now owns YouTube, will not allow our video to be seen on phones or tablets so you must view it on a computer).**

Mark & Amanda Rosenberger were among our new visitors. Much to our delight, Mark is a terrific "Mr. Fix-It" who offered us his services. He widened the gate to our backyard so that we can drive our van right to the storage barn to unload supplies, and he also made us a new barn door! Additionally, Frank Howe laid some new linoleum in the hallway for us, Linda Johnson did repair work in the bathroom, and Mark Rumble fixed many things around the Sanctuary, as he always has. Words cannot express my appreciation to these people.



*"Halloween" woke up
to have her photo
taken during open
house.*

Thanks are also in order to those who came out to the Sanctuary on Saturday July 26th to help us finally clean all of the previous owner's junk out of the barn. We took 5 pickup truckloads of junk to the township landfill....thanks to: Chuck Bergeron; Mark & Roger Betz; Karen Czedik; Rosa Forte; Tony Harris; Jeanmarie Kondek; Eileen Liska-Stronczer; Bettye & Fred Maki; Barbara Moten; Donna Ortyl; Mark Rosenberger; Elaine and Mike Savage; Savannah "Sam" Shreves; Beverly Steffens-Claudio; Ron Stronczer; Kelly & Betty Tower; Barbara Virgilio; and Carol and Tim Watterson. Next step: replacing the roof on the barn this Fall before it gets any worse and leaks. Thanks to all who made donations toward this big expense.

As always, several of our volunteers actively helped Trap/Neuter/Release (or in some cases Adopt) feral cats or kittens for people who turned to CTAS for help.

Last but not least, thank you to all of our members who help us staff our Charity Gaming Fundraisers, which represent a major portion of our annual budget. Now that the State Gaming Control Board requires us to have 3 volunteers (instead of 2) for each shift, it is harder than ever to find enough volunteers to help out. Many of the same people do it over and over, so I appeal to others to please let us know if you could help. It isn't difficult, and can be fun too. Email us at: CatTailAcresSanctuary@gmail.com if you think you can help. **And generally, if you have an email address, please let us know since using email saves us a lot of time and expense.**

THANK YOU for all your support and caring! We wouldn't be here without ALL OF YOU.

LISA KOESTER, Founder and President

SCENES FROM OUR SECOND ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

If you have not yet had a chance to come and visit, we sincerely hope that you will be able to come out and visit us at our **3rd annual Open House on Sunday, June 7, 2015**. And we love repeat visitors too!



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Janet Marchand Douglas for the generous donation we received from a Jeans Day Fundraiser she arranged with her employer, the City of Livonia., and Livonia Mayor Kirksey who approved it! And thanks to all of Janet's fellow co-workers who made donations to the Sanctuary.

Margaret & Larry Conti for their extremely generous Open House donation!

Addy Shattuck for her extremely generous Open House donation! And for her cat food donations through her Pet Supplies Plus stores in White Lake and Bloomfield Hills; both of which also have CTAS food donation barrels.

Thanks to the Milford Pet Supplies Plus and Rochester Hills Pet Supplies Plus stores for letting us have cat food donation barrels there.

John Stoettle of Family of Pets pet stores for putting one of our Food Donation barrels in his Oakland Mall store, and putting donation canisters at his other stores.

Betty & Kelly Tower for the, literally, tons of dry and canned cat food they buy for us....and to Mike Palmer of Premier Pets in Southfield for giving them food donations and big discounts.

Chris and the Humane Soc. of Huron Valley for donating dry cat food, and for Michael-David BenDor for transporting it to us.

Paulette & Doug Mullen of "Printed Impressions" on W. 8 MI Rd. in Farmington Hills for putting a donation display & canister in their store, and to Bd. Member Karen Czedik for facilitating this.

Liz Stech for donating an electric stove.

Craig Fulton for helping us make new cat food donation barrels to replace our smaller bins.

Special Acknowledgement Thanks to:

Gail Reichstein and Baby Bo for her generous donation in honor of Lisa Koester's birthday, and to thank DVM Sheri Giardini and Eileen Liska-Stronczer for all they do to help the Sanctuary.

Gail Reichstein for her generous donation in honor of the birthdays of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Greenberg.

Cheryl Stronczer & Greg Culbertson for their donation in honor of Eileen Liska-Stronczer on Mother's Day.

Welcome and THANK YOU to new members, Donna & Al Bunnell, who recently decided to sponsor both Bozo and Callie!

WELCOME to New CTAS Board Members, Margaret Conti and Julie Tirony.

We want to give a **MASSIVE THANK YOU** to Manager **Harold Brenizer at Square Deal Building Supply in Sterling Heights for donating all of the shingles and tar paper for the re-roofing of the Sanctuary's storage barn!!!** We urge our supporters who live in this area to please take your business to this store, and also thank Mr. Brenizer in person.

SANCTUARY WISH LIST:

- Large, 11-13 oz. cans of canned cat food.
- Wal Mart and Home Depot gift cards.
- Bleach, laundry detergent, fabric softener, and paper towels.
- Volunteers who will do TNR (or who will learn how to do TNR).
- Volunteers who will foster kittens and socialized or semi-socialized cats until they can be adopted.
- A new or used, but in good condition, van or mini-van to replace our aging van that is starting to cost too much to keep repaired.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bonni Simmons who won a cat travel bed, and Julia Funds who won cat toys in the Raffle we had at our Open House!

MEMORIAL DONATION THANKS to:

Addie Abel in honor of Hellen Tower.

Rosa Forte in honor of Irene Braun.

Joanne & Bob Kaczor in honor of Anna Orlando on behalf of Ron Stronczer & Eileen Liska-Stronczer.

Susanne Krispien-Kobinger and Joachim Kobinger in honor of Anna Orlando.

Susan Lavery in honor of Sandi Ellison's beloved Spooky.

Sandra & Patrick Reynolds in honor of their beloved black cat Shadow.

Karon Ross in honor of Denise Kisfaludi on behalf of Carmen & Bill Waggoner

Candice Schafrick in honor of her beloved Buddy.

Ron Stronczer & Eileen Liska-Stronczer in honor of their beloved Aunt (and surrogate mother) Anna Orlando.

Jill VanBuskirk in honor of Ralph Judd.



Rest in peace to our beloved "Devon" who recently passed away.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP OUR SANCTUARY RAISE NEEDED FUNDS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Come and get your and/or your pet(s) photos taken with Santa on:

- ✿ Saturday, December 6, 2014
- ✿ 1 - 5 PM
- ✿ Pet Supplies Plus
- ✿ 2057 S. Telegraph Rd.
- ✿ Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
- ✿ 248-222-7545

This is a fun way to help us raise funds and to have a lovely memento of you and your pets together with Santa Claus.

If you have any questions, please email us at: CatTailAcresSanctuary@gmail.com



Our beautiful T-shirts and 2015 Desk Calendars make great Christmas gifts including as stocking stuffers, so please consider buying them and helping support the Sanctuary at the same time. The calendars are \$10 each, and the t-shirts are \$15 for Small and \$20 for Medium, Large, and X-Large.



5th ANNUAL SHELBY TWP JINGLE BELL RUN FUNDRAISER

Come and enjoy a 5K Run or Walk and raise money for Cat Tail Acres!

- Sunday December 14, 2014
- Registration at 7:30 AM
- Run/Walk at 9AM
- Shelby Twp Community Center-Senior Center-Courthouse Bldg.
- 51690 Van Dyke, Shelby Township

(You can also register in advance and get your participant's packet on Saturday the 13th, from 11A-5P at Hanson's Running Shop, 8409 Hall Rd., Utica.

It costs CTAS approximately \$25/month to care for each cat (food, litter, vet care & medicines, upkeep, utilities, CTAS Van, etc.) so, PLEASE help us by making a regular monthly donation of any amount (which gives us a steady stream of monthly operating funds), or just make any donation whenever you can. CTAS and the kitties =^..^= are very grateful for any and all support!

YOUR NAME _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

You can mail your donation to: Cat Tail Acres Sanctuary, P.O. Box 183164, Shelby Township, MI 48318.

Or, go to our website: www.CatTailAcres.com and use the PayPal Donate Link. **(Just remember PayPal will take a small fee out of your donation.)**