

LIFE notes

LIFE prides itself on helping those in need and for being the champion for those who cannot speak but who enrich our lives and everyday make us a little more... human.

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Record Breaking Edition



Upcoming events

Dear Friends:

It seemed that there was "no mountain high enough," "no valley low enough," and "no river wide enough" to keep all of you from getting to our 25th Silver Jubilee Lady in Red Gala! Indeed, we had a record attendance of nearly 700 people, and all of us filled the dance floor - and, in fact, all open parts of the entire Ponce de Leon Ballroom floor - singing and swaying as the legendary Rock and Roll Hall of Fame singer Diana Ross performed some of her greatest hits.

A little while later, we were all rolling in our seats with laughter as Las Vegas superstar comedian Rita Rudner delivered side-splitting one-liner after one-liner. And then we were all back on our feet dancing the night away to the tunes of the Danny Beck Band.

All this, and more, helped make our Silver Jubilee "one Supremely Golden affair!"

In fact, it was a history-making night! We raised more than \$1 million and benefitted disabled veterans through the "Pups4Patriots" program at the Lois Pope LIFE Center for Military Affairs at American Humane. This unique program takes dogs languishing in shelters and provides them with special training so that they can be partnered free of charge with disabled veterans as therapy dogs.

February 25, 2019

2019 Hero Dog Awards Gala Luncheon
The Sailfish Club of Florida
By Invitation Only
11:30 am

January 3, 2020

LIFE's 26th Annual Lady in Red Gala
The Breakers Palm Beach
6:00 pm

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(Dear Friends continued)

Making history is nothing new for us - we've been doing so for the past 25 years:

- ◆ Building the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, the nation's first and only permanent public tribute to the more than four million living disabled American veterans and all those who died.
- ◆ Sending more than 25,000 disadvantaged Florida children to summer camp.
- ◆ Providing college scholarships to young men and women seeking to pursue careers in public health.
- ◆ Creating a clean water system in a Guatemalan village destroyed by a hurricane.
- ◆ Offering the means for Sudanese women to flee genocide.
- ◆ Donating three tractor-trailers for American Humane's Red Star Rescue program that shelters and provides medical treatment to dogs, cats and other animals lost, abandoned or displaced by natural disasters and severe abuse situations....and a dozen ambulances for Magen David Adom.
- ◆ Establishing the Lois Pope LIFE Center at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine to house the Miami Project/Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis, the world's leading center for paralysis research.
- ◆ Championing the designation of October 5 to be an annual National Day of Honor for disabled veterans.
- ◆ Advocating for national legislation that enables military dogs to be brought home from the front lines and then reunited with their human service member handlers.
- ◆ Establishing the Lois Pope Center for Retinal & Macular Degeneration Research at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute's Palm Beach Gardens campus.

All this and so much more made for a night of celebration like no other before.

My deepest thanks to all of you for making it possible. My special gratitude goes to: Grand Honorary Chair Christine Lynn; Honorary Chair was Candy Spelling; Champion Humanitarian Chairs Janet & J.J. Cafaro; Jan and Chip Malley; Katarina and Robert Miller; and Suzie Sayfie; Chairs Dr. Robin Ganzert; Bjaye and Frank Pilotte, and Gail Worth and Frank Orenstein; Co-Chairs Linda and Al Adelson, Holly and David Dreman, Wendy and Gary Roberts, and Florence Seiler and Bill McBride; Inspirational Chairs Maude Cook, Suzi Goldsmith, Tammy Karu and Mary Ann and Walt Schwenk; Leadership Chairs Dr. Peter and Simone Bonutti, Terry Ebert Mendozza, and Erika Rizzuto; and Entertainment Chair Sunny Sessa. Thanks also to Corporate Sponsors: Ambassador Realty Corp., Cooper Street Cookies, Netjets, Tiffany & Co., Wells Fargo Advisors, and the Gladys & Sy Ziv Foundation, Richard S. Kochman, president.

Of course, we've never been an organization that rested on its laurels. So, let's all commit ourselves to making our 26th Annual Lady in Red Gala, on January 3, 2020 at The Breakers, another history-making event. More details will follow shortly, but please mark your calendars now.

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