

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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Happy Holidays Edition



Star Board Member of the Month

Upcoming events



Dick Robinson

LIFE board member Dick Robinson is a man for all seasons. In addition to being a philanthropist, radio and TV personality, and President of The Robinson Group, he is owner of New England and Florida radio stations. Through his primary business, The Connecticut School of Broadcasting which he founded in 1964, he is responsible for thousands of broadcast careers – including many professionals heard daily on major radio stations, radio and TV networks locally and nationwide. Today the school has grown to twelve campuses from Massachusetts to Miami, including one in Palm Beach Gardens.

Dick is Founder/Chairman of the non-profit organization, The Society for the Preservation of the Great American Songbook. This 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation was created to make the public aware, especially children and young adults, of what Dick believes to be the greatest music ever recorded. Dick is Immediate Past President of the American Heart Association of Palm Beach. He is President of the Palm Beach Round Table and Vice President of the International Society of Palm Beach and serves on the Boards of many charities and arts organizations. He is also host of an internationally syndicated radio and TV show, both carried locally on WXEL.

February 2, 2016

Tribute to America's Military Heroes
hosted by John Payne, Lois Pope and Robin Ganzert
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Brazilian Court
By Invitation

March 1, 2016

Be Humane Celebrity Lunch
hosted by American Humane Association and Lois Pope
11:30 am
The Mar a Lago Club
By Invitation

To learn more or to donate, visit
www.life-edu.org or call 561.582.8083.

Major Victory Secured for Military Dogs Everywhere!



Alex, Archie and Altos is not the hot new boy band.

They are among the thousands of canines who sniffed out improvised explosive devices and bombs, searched homes and buildings to make sure they were safe, and came under enemy fire while serving alongside military men and women on the front

lines in Iraq and Afghanistan. In so doing they saved countless thousands of American soldiers' lives.

Unlike their human counterparts who returned home after their tours of service, these courageous canines were left abroad because there was no official protocol or means to bring them home. Until now.

Thanks to the advocacy of LIFE and American Humane Association, the newly passed and signed 2016 National Defense Authorization Act included a provision that mandates, for the first time, that our heroic military working dogs will be returned to U.S. soil upon their retirement, and that their human handlers and their families - to whom these dogs mean more than anyone else - will be given the first right of adoption.

Over the past year, American Humane - with support from LIFE - funded the transportation home of 21 military working dogs and helped reunite them with their former human handlers. Earlier, AHA held a congressional briefing on Capitol Hill to shed light on the need to bring home all our veterans - two and four-legged - and press for long overdue changes to the NDAA.

For some of our brave servicemen and women, the return home is not the end of the battle. Every year, thousands are veterans are diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress, and their readjustment into their families, communities and society at large is difficult and even terrifying. Reuniting them with their war dogs helps them heal - and gives these courageous canines a new mission of service.

How appropriate that the day before Thanksgiving they - and we - had something for which to be thankful. With the passage of the new NDAA, Alex, Archie, and Altos, and all their canine comrades, will be brought back home to once again save lives.

Dear Friends,

What an incredible year it has been. Together we have accomplished amazing and important things. Not only have we changed lives, we have saved them.



Lois Pope with
2015 AHA Hero Dog
Harley

LIFE has contributed \$400,000 to help animals in need over the past year through funds raised at the "Lady in Red" Gala. I thank you all for your contributions. In 2015 alone, we have saved the lives of thousands of animals through our partnership with American Human Association:

- The Lois Pope Red Star Rescue Vehicles have gone on several missions to rescue animals in danger from neglect, abuse and natural disasters
- Saved hundreds of animals from being euthanized and helped them to find their forever homes
- Ensured that no heroic military working dogs will ever have to retire anywhere but on American soil ever again

On a personal level, I have been busy with some other projects, contributing \$1,021,345.00 to help make the world a better place. Some of my projects are outlined below:

- As I marked the anniversary of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial dedication, I continued my quest to educate our fellow Americans about the sacrifices our disabled veterans have made in our defense through the "Debt of Honor" Documentary
- Working to have "Debt of Honor" screened in high schools across America to educate our future leaders about the human cost of war
- Initiated a campaign with Congresswoman Lois Frankel to have October 5, the anniversary of the Memorial, designated as National Disabled Veterans Day
- Donated my tenth ambulance to Magen David Adom, the Israeli Red Cross

The work we do helps so many lives; we must never stop. We are helping not only those directly impacted by our giving, but also anyone who might be inspired to give by our philanthropy. The Dalai Lama says, "Just as ripples spread out when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching effect" Let's keep dropping those pebbles and change the world in 2016.

With much love,

Lois

Founder & President of LIFE

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