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Happy New Year Edition



## Star Board Members of the Month

Mary Ann and Walt Schwenk have been passionate and dedicated supporters of LIFE for several years. They have both been inspired by the compassion, energy and enthusiasm that Lois brings to all of the causes that she supports.



Mary Ann and Walt Schwenk

Their involvement with and commitment to organizations that seek to protect and provide for children and animals goes back many years. In addition to their dedication to LIFE, the Schwenks serve the South Jersey Eye

Center and Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge.

Walt, Managing Director and Investment Officer with Wells Fargo Advisors, has been in the financial services industry for more than three decades. Wells Fargo Advisors has also been one of the biggest sponsors of the "Lady in Red" gala for many years.

On a personal note the Schwenks will celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this March.

## Upcoming events

January 22, 2015

Afternoon Tea with America's Favorite Animal Stars! \* Chesterfield Leopard Lounge 2:30pm to 4:30pm Limited Seating Tickets \$150 Email jilln@americanhumane.org

February 9, 2015 Cocktail Party to Launch 2015 AHA Hero Dog Awards\* 6:30-8:30 pm The Colony Hotel

March 17, 2015 Be Humane Celebrity Luncheon\* 11:30 am The Mar a Lago Club Email jilln@americanhumane.org

March 23, 2015 LIFE's Epic Evening 6:00 pm The Colony Hotel By Invitation

\* Presented by the AHA & Lois Pope

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## AHA CORNER

A few weeks ago the world bid farewell to two hero dogs who served their country with grace, dignity, and honor: Military Working Dog Cila and Contract Working Dog Carlos, the 2013 Military

Dr. Robin Ganzert, President & CEO Working Dog Carlos, the 2013 Military Dog of the Year at the American Humane Association Hero Dog Awards™.

Military War Dog Cila 389 served her country on nearly 100 missions in Iraq with her longtime handler Sgt. Jason Bos. Cila not only protected U.S troops in harm's way, but this year appeared on Capitol Hill with Bos and American Humane Association to advocate for the repatriation of the remaining war dogs left behind on foreign soil so they can be reunited with their former battle buddies.

Explosive Detection Dog CWD Carlos retired in 2011 at the age of eight, after protecting U.S. and ISAF forces in continuous deployment for nearly five years. CWD Carlos, who worked with the U.S. Army's 3rd & 4th Infantry Divisions in Baghdad for two and a half years, was then transferred to Kandahar in 2009 to work in direct support of U.S. Special Forces on the front lines. Carlos is credited with finds on missions that saved the lives of many American soldiers. Carlos later had a new mission: to bring awareness to the contributions of all contract working dogs.

To follow the news and support AHA's mission to support military hero dogs, please visit www.americanhumane.org.

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"I'm not saying we abandon 'man's best friend,' I'm saying we can also be 'women's BFF."" Dear Friends,

I am so excited to embark on a new year with you. We have many events and activities coming up in the next few months that I know you will not want to miss!



Lois Pope, Founder & President of LIFE

The first of these stellar events will

take place on January 22 at the famed Chesterfield Leopard Lounge as I am joined by Crystal the capuchin, star of 22 feature films, including the "Night at the Museum" series, "We Bought a Zoo" and "The Hangover Part 2".

On February 9 we will officially launch the 2015 AHA Hero Dog Awards with a cocktail party at the Colony Hotel. James Denton and Beth Stern will be our honored guests for evening.

Next up is the Be Humane Celebrity Luncheon at Mar a Lago on March 17 honoring American Heroes on both ends of the leash. "America's Veterinarian" Dr. Marty Becker will join us for this very special luncheon with musical entertainment by American Idol star Stefano Langone and the Alex Donner Orchestra.

And finally, I know you won't want to miss LIFE's Epic Evening on March 23 at the Colony Hotel featuring star of stage and screen Robert Davi singing the hits of Frank Sinatra.

I can't wait to share the rest of this fabulous season with you!

Love,

