

# 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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## Thanksgiving Edition



## Star Board Member of the Month



**Erik Lembcke**

LIFE board member Erik Lembcke, CFP® is a native of Florida and a Relationship Manager for First Republic Bank in Palm Beach. Before joining First Republic in 2013, Mr. Lembcke worked as a Client Advisor at Deutsche Bank, where he focused on providing investment advisory and lending solutions to high net worth individuals. Prior to Deutsche Bank Mr. Lembcke held various roles at SunTrust Bank and Island Capital Advisors where he focused on retail banking and mortgage lending. Erik earned a Bachelor of

Science degree in Finance from the University of Central Florida and an MBA from the University of Miami.

The virtue of compassion nurtured by his parents is reflected in Erik's advocacy for people and animals in need. During high school, he volunteered at the Salvation Army and other local non-profits while becoming an Eagle Scout. In addition to his work with LIFE, Erik supports the Boy Scouts of America, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and other local non-profits. He comments, "Growing up with animals and spending the majority of my time outside was crucial to my development as a man...caring for my dogs and the dozens of ducks we raised in a safe environment was fun and rewarding." An avid surfer and golfer, Erik can be found enjoying the abundance of natural beauty in the Palm Beach area and beyond. He married his lovely wife Julia in the summer of 2014.

## Upcoming events

### December 5, 2015

*LIFE's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
"Lady in Red" Gala  
Masquerade Risqué  
Starring Howie Mandel  
6:00 pm  
The Mar a Lago Club  
By Invitation*

### February 2, 2016

*Tribute to America's Military Heroes  
hosted by American Humane Association  
Brazilian Court  
By Invitation*

### March 10

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

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## Things I want to ask my Dog

From *The New Yorker*, by Marshall McCall

That time I came home and the garbage was all over the kitchen floor, and you acted like you couldn't remember how it happened because you "live in the moment," did you actually remember? Be honest.

You know all those times my friends laughed at something that you were doing, like sitting upright on the sofa, or barking at the TV, and they'd say, "Look, he thinks he's a person." You don't really think you're a person, do you? Because that would be insane.

That Halloween I dressed you up like a sailor, was it humiliating? I remember my brother saying that you were clearly embarrassed. But he says a lot of things. Were you embarrassed?

Do you know you're lucky? It's important to me that you know. I'm going to show you some pictures of street dogs in Mexico.

When I sit down to play the piano and you leave the room before I even begin, what's that all about?

If I could make you understand that a dog's lifespan is roughly one-seventh of a human's, would you nap less?

Those times you hang out on the sofa next to me, is it because you love me, or are you worried I'll suddenly notice you're not contributing in any practical way? Do you lack purpose? Would you be happier herding sheep on a farm, or sniffing rolling suitcases at the airport?

Do you understand English?  
Where are you going?

Dear Friends of LIFE,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Leaders In Furthering Education (LIFE), I invite you to attend LIFE's Twenty-Second Annual "Lady in Red" Gala on December 5, 2015 at the Mar a Lago Club, Palm Beach.



Lois Pope,  
Founder &  
President of LIFE

When our organization was established, the acronym LIFE was selected not because it had a nice ring to it, but because it embodies our raison d'être -- our mission and goal: to give "life" to those who are disadvantaged, marginalized, or forgotten because of disabilities, socio-economic status, neglect, age, abuse, and other barriers.

This year the "Lady in Red" Gala will once again give life to one of our society's most vulnerable populations -- neglected and abused animals - through our partnership with American Humane Association.

On behalf of all of them, on behalf of all to whom we have given life, I thank you all for your continued support. I can't wait to see what we accomplish over the next twelve months!

Love,  
*Lois*

**LIFE** 22nd Annual "Lady in Red" Gala  
*Masquerade Risqué*

*Saturday, December 5, 2015*

*The Mar a Lago Club, Palm Beach*

For information or to request an invitation  
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