

**Pre-Meeting Sales of T-Shirts (Meeting Special: \$15 each, limited supply)
Pasta 4 Paws Tickets: \$15/ adult; \$10/ children:
Monday, March 26 at Twin Lakes by the Sea, Sunset Beach**

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Meeting Minutes • February 27, 2018

- I. Approval of January's Minutes
Janie
 - A. Motion to approve: Jane Lanzillo
 - B. Seconded: Kim Sherwood
 - C. In attendance at tonight's meeting: 27

- II. Financial Update
Anita
 - A. Mardi Gras' net proceeds: \$3,100
 - B. Gabe's Memorial Fund, to date: \$643
 - C. Special donations: I-give; Amazon. Donations from online purchases from our supporters. Proceeds are donated to Paws-Ability.
 - 1. Example: Before making your online purchase, go to IGIVE.COM and select PA as the charity of your choice. That's it! Then proceed to your vendor's website, and a % of your purchase will be forwarded to PA.

- III. Reminders
 - A. Papa John's promotion: PAWS30 CONTINUES.
 - 1. Save 30% with 20% to PA.
 - 2. ¼ page flyers will be included in rental packages for tourist season in OIB, SSB, HB.
 - B. Membership Drive. Is your membership current? ALL volunteers must be current members of PA for insurance liability reasons.
 - C. Canine Good Citizen Training - Cynthia Kipp, dog trainer
 - 1. Good citizens test is \$12 per dog with \$2 returned to PA.
 - 2. 8-week Obedience Classes program @ BCC begins Mar 6. 6-8 PM. Register BCC as classes fill up quickly.

- IV. Raising Funds: It's what we're about!
 - A. Adopt An Angel
 - 1. Check presented to Jill Jones and Sherry Glower; proceeds from Mardi Gras; money used to reduce costs of spays and neuters
 - 2. Jan 2017 – over 800 surgeries. Jan 2018 -nearly 1200 surgeries
 - 3. Cat surgeries reduced to \$25 for January and February, ahead of kitten season, hope to reduce the number of kittens euthanized in the spring
 - 4. Present picture donated by **19th Green of OIB** to be displayed at Fix a Friend.

5. RACE. Check presented to Sue Allard
RACE had 450 adoptions last year; they pay no salaries, no facility, and use a network of foster homes to house the dogs that they take in
6. FFAR. Check presented to Chris Gillis
FFAR had 56 adoptions last year with no salaries, no facility, using foster homes to care for potential adoptees

V. UPDATES

- A. The Brunswick Beacon honored PA with 1st “nonprofit profile” in mid-February, which was perfect timing as it came the week before Mardi Gras 4 Paws.
- B. PEP: Pet Education. Jesse Mae Elementary School.
 1. Volunteers needed: Contact Ann Overcash at aovercash@pecs.com
- C. UNCHAIN BRUNSWICK.COM
Madge Mateo
 1. Madge Mateo has good news to report
 2. AFAR is a legislative effort working to strengthen animal welfare ordinances in Brunswick County
 3. Statement: Committee to review a new proposal that could be the overall blanket ordinance for the entire county. The 1st meeting with Leland Police Dept will be held soon. Leland has shown a great deal of interest in being the 1st town that will have a more progressive animal ordinance. If you are interested in the progress of this group of people, please contact Madge Mateo to learn more about how you can get involved. Changing animal welfare ordinances is a difficult thing in Brunswick County. It is very political!
 4. Watch news story, “Bred to Death” - Watch this compelling report on WECT at 11:00 PM on Wednesday night, February 28, 2018 to learn more about how this disgusting industry is costing NC in both loss of lives and tax dollars.

VI. Two New Events!

- A. Pasta 4 Paws. Monday, March 26, 5:00 - 7:30 PM. Twin Lakes by the Sea Restaurant, Sunset Beach. Tickets \$15 adult. \$10 child
 1. Flyers and tickets available tonight. We ask each member to please take at least 2 flyers and post them in your area: coffee shops, library, retail shops, church bulletin boards, community clubhouses etc. Share and Like the FaceBook posting to promote the event.
 2. Full pasta buffet including meat and non-meat sauces, lasagna, salad, bread, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. Cash bar available. Dine inside, outside on the new deck or even do take out.
 3. Thank you to Twin Lakes by the Sea and Yum’s the Word Catering for hosting this fundraising event. Register for a gift certificate from Twin Lakes by the Sea to be given away at the event!
- B. Woofstock, Southport, Saturday, April 7

Mary Beth & Jeff Mount

1. 1st annual Woofstock with Paws-Ability and Southport's Evening Rotary Club
2. Includes a 1-mile walk beginning in Franklin Park, at the waterfront in Southport
3. *Seneca Gun* providing live music
4. Food, drink, vendors, exhibitions by a performing dance troupe, agility dogs, the Brunswick County Sheriff's department K9 Crew, and Brunswick Search & Rescue
5. Tickets: \$10 / pp; \$25 / family
6. Bring your well-behaved dogs
7. Sponsors and vendors welcome - The sponsor levels are known as:
 - a. Chihuahua
 - b. Beagle
 - c. Lab
 - d. Great Dane
8. Volunteers needed for PA's tent and for the overall event
9. Rotary connection, Jeff Mount. President of Southport Evening Rotary
10. Proceeds go to support PA's PEP for Southport Elementary School

VII. MARK YOUR CALENDARS • Volunteers will be needed at each event

- A. Monday, March 26: Pasta 4 Paws, Twin Lakes by the Sea Restaurant, Sunset Beach
- B. Saturday, April 7: Woofstock, Southport
- C. Sunday, June 3: BandFest, Sunset Beach Town (Waterfront) Park.
- D. Saturday, October 13: 8th Annual Bicycle Poker Run
- E. Saturday and Sunday, October 20 & 21: Oyster Fest on OIB
- F. Saturday, October 27: Oktoberfest, Calabash
- G. December 1: Photo with Santa - Sunset Beach Town (Waterfront) Park

VIII. Tonight's Speaker: Anne Von Der Heide – The Work of Stella's Touch

- A. Purpose: Help keep pets and their owners together
- B. Consider hardship cases, whether due to owner's age, physical incapacity, or financial hardship
- C. Establishing relationships with local veterinarians to refer cases and to provide care under *Stella's Touch* program
- D. Network with churches, vets, service groups like Kiwanis and Rotary for fundraising, referrals, etc.
- E. To date, spent approximately \$7,000 on 16 cases for 3 cats and 13 dogs.

You have chosen to be part of PA. Please consider getting involved. Write a article for our newsletter, attend an event, sell raffle or dinner tickets, have your photo made with the Santa or volunteer to help at an event. It is not hard to find a way to help in our efforts. Contacts below:

Event	Chairperson	E-Mail
Pasta 4 Paws	Anita August	anitaaugust@paws-ability.org
BandFest	Janie Withers	janiewithers@paws-ability.org
PA Newsletter	Ellen Lehrer	newsletter@paws-ability.org
Hope Harbor	Debbie Eckert	debeckert@gmail.com
Stella's Touch	Anne VonDerHeide	annevdh@atmc.net
Pet Education Program	Ann Overcash	aovercash@pecs.com
Cat House Project	Janie Withers	janiewithers@paws-ability.org
AFAR / Unchainbrunswick.com	Madge Mateo	afarnc@gmail.com
Obedience classes	Cynthia Kipp	cynthia.kipp12@gmail.com
	BC Community College	910.755.7300

Future Paws-Ability meetings:

Tuesday, Mar 27, 6:30 PM @ OIB Town Hall

Tuesday, Apr 24, 6:30 PM @ OIB Town Hall

Visitors welcome.

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

- Dr Martin Luther King

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ANIMAL ABUSE HOTLINE: <http://www.ncdoj.gov/Crime/Report-Animal-Cruelty.aspx>

Reporting animal abuse is *your responsibility*. SPEAK FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO VOICE.