



Established in 1904

AUDUBON SAVINGS BANK

Fixed Rate Mortgages • Home Equity Loans • Home Equity Lines of Credit

www.AudubonSavings.com

SEE OUR RATES

856-547-8100

MEMBER FDIC

[JOBS](#) [CARS](#) [HOMES](#)

phillyBurbs.com
Your Internet Starts Here.

Thu, Apr 30 2009 | Welcome Guest | Login | Register

Light Rain 71° F | Forecast

[News](#) [Opinion](#) [Information](#) [Multimedia](#) [Tools](#) [Shopping](#)

Marketplace
Local Businesses • Ads / Classifieds • Coupons

Advertise • Customer Service • Post a Job

Web Search powered by **YAHOO! SEARCH**

All of PhillyBurbs.com Enter search terms

- News**
- Local
- National
- World
- Sports
- Entertainment
- Opinions**
- Blogs
- Columnists
- News Columnists
- Margaret Gibbons
- Kate Fratti
- Andy Vineberg
- Lou Sessinger
- J.D. Mullane
- Phil Gianficaro
- Dr. Rob Danoff
- Lou Gaul
- Sports Columnists
- Courier Times
- Opinion
- Burlington
- Opinion
- The Intelligencer
- Opinion
- reality
- Information**
- Multimedia**
- Tools**
- Shopping**
- Account**

phillyBurbs.com / Opinions / Columnists / News Columnists / Kate Fratti

Go green for the animals

By: **KATE FRATTI**
Bucks County Courier Times

TEXT SIZE

Don't let anyone tell you differently: Money makes the world go 'round.

Your spiritual adviser will insist it isn't so, but she's full of baloney. It takes green to get things done and everywhere it seems in short supply.

It is especially so for small grassroots nonprofits that have taken on all sorts of important community-minded missions. All are brainstorming ways to win not just your attention, but your volunteer time and charitable dollar. It's not easy to choose with so many good causes vying.

The fundraising scramble is never more evident to me than this time of year, when, in the newsroom, we sift through an avalanche of announcements for carnivals, flea markets, dances, house tours, contests, tastings, concerts - well, you get the idea.

I look for ones where I can see results. A specific family helped, a program saved, that sort of thing.

One outfit in particular always manages to get my attention with their results.

While Bucks boasts quite a few quality animal rescue groups - BINGO and Animal Rescue and Referral come immediately to mind - what appeals to me most about Hope For The Animals (<http://www.hopefortheanimals.com/>) is how much they manage to accomplish. They've been around for decades and so have developed relationships and credibility with kennels, veterinarians, pet foster volunteers and wealthy donors, in addition to public trust. It means they can do it all - rescue, adoption, and, in recent years, have been covering thousands of dollars in emergency veterinary care for pet owners who just don't have it.

It helps that Yvonne Neimann, a Washington Crossing psychologist, and daughter of Hope founders Marilyn and Herb Neimann, also is the consummate PR person. She is forever on the phone, tapping out e-mails, and networking not only to solicit dollars, but to detail the organization's success stories.

Look here, she says. Here's how contributions help and she shoots off a photo of another adorable furry face rescued from abandonment or sickness or injury.

Advertisement

That's not to say everything at Hope For The Animals' headquarters is peachy. There is some internal fretting. Some longtime volunteers worry the organization could get too big for its britches. Those folks remember when members met over coffee at a friend's kitchen table to do business; when the bulk of the work was finding homes for orphaned pets. Then, donations came in dribs and drabs from a loyal few.

Today, Hope, under Yvonne's direction, has taken on a whopper of a dream and adopted a business model for operating. Lots of the money raised is being earmarked for the creation of Bucks County's first large no-kill shelter. A recent walk-a-thon, sponsored in part by area businesses, was so successful it raised \$60,000 toward the effort.

But Hope For The Animals also maintains a fund used solely to pay for emergency care. That's where you see dramatic results of your giving. The most recent beneficiary you read about in this newspaper. It was a pup boxer/pit bull mix named Louise who was thrown from a car in Morrisville. She was sick and injured and on her own. That is until Hope For The Animals stepped in with \$2,000 to put things right. Then it also helped arrange Louise's adoption. Hope For The

Related News:

- [Fed signals gov't ready to rescue weak banks](#)
- [IMF: Nations need to do more or crisis will worsen](#)
- [Stocks fluctuate after lackluster earnings reports](#)
- [Tossed puppy has new home](#)

You could be our next winner

phillyBurbs.com



CONTESTS & PROMOTIONS

Win

[click to enter](#)

Marketplace

Find businesses near you:

Keywords

City, ST or Zip



Animals can boast 30 such stories since the inception of the fund named for Yvonne's late dogs, Boris and Natasha.

And here's Yvonne's pitch. You're invited Saturday to Hope For The Animals' second annual casino night to replenish the fund for the coming year. It'll be from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus on Woodbourne Road in Levittown. Catering will be by Georgine's. There'll be blackjack, craps, roulette and poker, a full buffet and cash bar, live entertainment and Hope's first live bachelor auction. Among the men to be auctioned are Bob Cohen, a veterinarian who is one of the owners of the Center for Animal Referral and Emergency Services (CARES) in Middletown. The other is Bob Kuder, the guy who adopted Louise. Call 215-321-1798 for tickets.

If you go, have fun at roulette, where money makes the wheel go 'round.

April 27, 2009 02:00 AM

RATING:

[Print](#) [E-mail this](#)
[ShareThis](#)

Comments

Viewing threshold:

[stop it now](#), 04-27-09, 8:06 pm | Rate: 0 | [Report](#)

Yeah - well call them - they do not want to know you - we asked Hope, Care and got ZERO!!!!!! What do they really do with the money!!!!!!!

1

Add a comment

Conversation Guidelines: PhillyBurbs.com welcomes your comments irrespective of your political or ideological point of view. At the same time, we reserve the right to delete comments that use excessive foul language, are abusive, off-topic, or include ad hominem attacks on other posters or news makers.

[Ads by Yahoo!](#)

County
Browse a huge selection now. Find exactly what you want today.
www.ebay.com

Buy Relenza & Treat Swine Flu
Order 5mg 20 diskus only \$69.00. 110% Price Match Guaranteed.
www.CanPharm.com/relenza

Get Health Insurance Today
With Swine Flu Spreading Rapidly, It's Time To Get Health Insurance.
HealthInsurance.am



Your BEST online resource to find anything local!

Plumbers

Doctors

Dining and more...

Experience the power of our search!