

# the insider

## **Birthdays in November**

Amanda Grimm – Nov. 19  
Kelly Wimmert – Nov. 21  
Carolyn Robers – Nov. 27

## **Nov. Work Anniversaries**

Patricia Merida—35 years  
Brian Pierce—7 years  
Julie Butler—3 years  
Kent Rieger—1 year

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Tom Schiff Book Signing & Gallery Show – SPCA Sharonville– Dec. 2
- Reindog Parade – Mount Adams - Dec. 9

## **History**

Founded in 1873, **spca cincinnati** has a long history of service to the Greater Cincinnati community. Originally founded as the Ohio Humane Society, it was the first organization of its kind in Ohio. In 1907, the name was changed to The Hamilton County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which was headquartered in downtown Cincinnati. The headquarters moved to Colerain Avenue in Northside in the 1930s, and the current building was constructed in 1964. Thanks to the generosity of the community, **spca cincinnati** built the Sharonville Humane Center in 2008, and received Simmonds Farm as a donation in 2009.

## **DAISY AWARD**

Kelly Wimmert, Foster Coordinator, has been with the SPCA at the Sharonville location since June 2016. She helps animals not ready for adoption recover from surgery or illness. She also assists with foster placement and the surrender prevention program. Kelly likes to knit, crochet and needlepoint. She enjoys agility training with her dog, Scout, an Australian Shepherd. She also has two cats, Bernard & Beatrice, and foster cats. Kelly says we should “Dream Big, Laugh Often, Live Well & Love Much”.



## ***Cincinnati Panorama***

The *Cincinnati Panorama* book by Thomas R. Schiff is currently available for purchase. This book features 100 color panoramic photographs of the Greater Cincinnati region. It also has essays by well-known Cincinnatians such as Thom Brennaman. *Cincinnati Panorama* captures our beautiful city as we know it today.

Thomas R. Schiff is a **spca cincinnati** Board member. 100% of the proceeds from the sale of his *Cincinnati Panorama* books will benefit **spca cincinnati**. These funds will improve the lives of homeless, neglected or abandoned animals in our communities.

## **Asilomar Accords**

Over the past two newsletters you have heard Jake talk about **spca cincinnati** having the goal of achieving a 90% live release rate. This would be a significant achievement which would allow us to be designated a no-kill organization. We need everyone employed by the Spca to participate in this initiative on a daily basis by simply putting a smile on your face and giving a little extra effort in your daily tasks.

As a key component of becoming a no-kill organization we will be adopting the Asilomar Accords. By using the standards set by the Asilomar Accords it will help the Spca get closer to its goals. We will discuss the Asilomar Accords in greater detail at future team meetings.

In order to implement everything I just talked about we will need to start with an accurate number of animals in our Pet Point system. To do that we will need to do a physical inventory of animals in our care. We will be closing for two days the first week of December for that purpose. We will let everyone know those dates soon.

Mike Retzlaff

**the insider** keeps you informed about what is happening with you and your fellow team members. If you have any potential articles, stories or updates, please forward to Valerie Jamison, **the insider** Editor - [vjamison@spscincinnati.org](mailto:vjamison@spscincinnati.org)

## WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEE!



**Sue Henson**  
Front Desk  
Sharonville  
Hired 11/5/17



**SAVE THE DATE - Staff Holiday Party**  
**December 12, 2017 @ 7:00 PM**  
**Cincinnati Zoo**  
**More details coming soon!**



### Address Changes

The end of the year is upon us. Please take a few moments to make sure the address listed on your check stub is accurate. Our payroll company will start printing our W2's after December 31<sup>st</sup> and having your correct address on your W2 is very important. Requests for revised W2's come at a cost so please help us avoid these fees. If your address needs updated please notify your Manager and they will pass the update on to me. If your address changes before the end of the year please update your Manager as soon as possible. Thanks for all you do!

Ben Coffey

### Fur Ball Auction Items

The Development Department is looking for your help. Fur Ball is still months away, but the process of acquiring sponsors and silent auction items has already started. With the assistance of our amazing coworkers and volunteers, we would love to extend our reach in the community when it comes to collecting items for the silent auction. If you know anyone that would want to donate an item that's valued over \$100, please contact Trent Owens at 513.489.7392 or [towens@spcacincinnati.org](mailto:towens@spcacincinnati.org).

### Good News!

*Oct. 16, 2017*

*"It is 4:00 a.m. and your kind employee just freed a deer stuck in our gate. Thank you so much for a quick response to an animal in need."*

*Resident of Oakley*

Card from one of our grateful donors, received October 19th