

DATAW ISLAND FELINE FOUNDATION, INC. MAY 2018 VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Honestly, at first I thought this had been a very quiet year, but as I began writing **I started to realize** it's amazing that DIFF Vols have accomplished so much. Read on and on.

We made certain our feral colonies at Gleason's Landing (Kathy), Marsh Colony (Connie and Donna), Odingsell (Carolyn) and the Tennis Center (many Vols) were well maintained with daily light feedings and visual health checks. Other feral and not so feral cats were tracked: **Tux at the gate**, Zena at the **Turners'** and **a Cat that we think perhaps is Peanut** at Muncil's. We are sad to report our dear "formerly feral" Remsen and Jack the wanderer passed to the rainbow bridge this year. **Lulu, Eric Fournier's cat, may be in need of a home, but we're hopeful Teri LaMont will work something out for that love.** Thank you Ingrid and Pat for staying on top of all this. **Make this Vague.**

Roberta did her annual stint at OLLI updating interested continuing learners **on** feral procedures and after relocation care. And, of course, **she** kept our DIFF volunteers on top of all things feral by email..

Beverley, our catliason, kept DIFF in touch with community cat affairs. Hilton Head has a very pressing problem re their cat sanctuaries being deemed unlawful. We have all signed the petition ([link](#)) against same and will

attend the HHI city council meeting June 30 in support of the sanctuaries.

Tom has maintained a thorough and tight financial ship.

The DIFF Board Annual Meeting was held February 5 in the DIC Conference room and elected our 2018 board of directors: Dale Martin, co Exec Director; Pat Ashton, co Exec Director; Roberta Gunderson, Communications and Secretary; Tom Hurley, Treasurer; Beverley Porter, Catliaison; Ingrid Schweitzer, Tracker and Fred Houle Emeritus. Our work will continue as in the past and we will outreach when the opportunity arises.

Mindy Smyth hosted a most wonderful Annual Tea at her home February 20. It's the one time all DIFF volunteers are able to get together and share catideas, enjoy yummys prepared by our members and sip a bit of wine. Roberta arranged for Tallulah Trice, Beaufort County Animal Services director to present an enlightening slide show about the shelter, its goals and the totally accommodating Animal Campus near Oldfield (web: Beaufort Animal Services).

DIFF and Tabby House combined forces and raised \$2500 for DIFF and \$2500 for meds for cats residing at Tabby House at the "Fur Ball Gala." Tabby House is not a 501C3; hence, funds presently flow through the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry. YES! Donna did an absolutely fab job creating FBG invites and communications. Roberta did it again, garnering over 75 raffle items. Connie upgraded the running of same with

bags in which raffle tickets could be placed under each item; this way no one received something they did not want. More yummys, more wine, more donations !

Many Dataw residents donated to DIFF in Jan Copley's memory. DIFF paired with VAC and placed a brick in the Memory Walk of DHF in memory of Sally Timms. Both these gals gave selflessly to DIFF's success early on. And DIFF thanks you, Eric Fournier, for making a loving home for both Lulu and Pong.

And last, but not least, DIFF manned a table at the Carolina Room during the Dataw Volunteer Expo and added a few volunteers ... more YES! Thanks Donna (also for all your constant techy assist and article writing), and Charlotte and Claudia for pushing this event forward.

We bid farewell to Dory Ingram, a constant active Vol and our host for the Annual Tea for many years. Thank you.

And, Kathy Johnston, caretaker of the Gleason Colony, has left us for an abode closer to her grandkids. Kathy has cared for the kitties at her porch and garage for a very long time. Happy trails Kathy. We're in the process of moving this feeding area next door to the Hammonds' who will take over that precious group.

WOW! I thank you ALL for another productive and focused year.

Dale Martin