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for 2013. In this edition we will provide the calendar of their new dog friends. events, update you on the status of the past feature cats, Flapjack. Their new names are Jack and Jill. introduce the current feature cats, offer a memorial to a special kitty, tell you another heart-warming cat story, supply the cats' Christmas wish list, include the order and Augusta. Petey is a handsome tabby, about five blanks for the holiday greenery and plants and the years old, who is neutered and front declawed. He is a Thanksgiving and Christmas pies, list the supply tall cat and gets along with everyone. He was found in donations for the remainder of the year, inform you about Beavercreek and would love to have a nice home where the past, current and future fund raisers, and remind you he can sit on laps and be loved. about ways that you can help the cats.

Calendar of Events

The dates for all of the upcoming events are shown on the chart below. Please mark your calendars so that you do not miss any of the activities.

Nov 9 th
Nov 16 th
Nov 23rd
Nov 30 th
Nov 30 th
Dec 7 th
Dec 21 st
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Feature Cats

Soft Kitty from our April newsletter has recently been adopted by a single father and his son. They are very happy with her and love her very much. We are excited for Soft Kitty and her new family.

adopted together and live with a family. They are having would love to find a home together and be loved.

The last edition of The Sandbox Gazette has arrived a ball in their new home and enjoying the company of Congratulations Waffle and

Our new feature cats are Petey, Parker, Bug, Stash



Bug is a tiger and white female who is about seven months old and Parker is a tiger who is her best friend. They are both special need cats. She arrived with a badly infected eye that had ruptured. With a great amount of medication, the eye has shrunk back to its original size, but of course, she is blind in that eye. She acts like any other cat and does not realize that she is different. Bug flies around the room chasing Parker. They love to snuggle and would almost kill for canned food. Parker arrived during the summer of 2012 at the age of two months. He was found in a parking lot on a day when it was about ninety degrees. He had a broken leg and a hernia probably caused by being hit by a car. His broken leg healed nicely, and Dr. Jennie repaired his hernia, but was afraid that the repair would not hold. She was We took him to CARE in Cincinnati to a specialist who repaired the hernia with mesh, but again it did not hold. There is really nothing else that can be done, but it does not bother him. We do not know if it will ever cause him a problem. He is a happy-go-lucky Waffle and Flapjack, from the last newsletter, were kind of cat. They wrestle, chase and have a ball. They

Stash and Augusta are six month old kittens that were around on her own. She was unable to get into a litter living on the streets of Kettering. They were born feral, but are coming around nicely. They are still a little shy. Stash, a male, and Augusta, a female, are litter mates and love to play chase. They fly up the cat tree and then down and across the room. They are both short hair and rather small for their age. They will be wonderful, loving kittens with a little time and understanding.

All of these wonderful cats and kittens are spayed/neutered, tested for the viruses, fully vaccinated, and microchipped. The adoption fee is only sixty-five dollars, and the kitties will provide years of love.

Memorial to a Special Kitty

If you ever visited The Tenth Life in the past 14 years, you had to have met Munchkin. She was a small tortoiseshell kitty who had no use of her hind legs. She was called lots of different names over her lifetime, such as: Scooter, the cat with no back legs, the crippled kitty, and that poor deformed cat. She was born to a mother who had no veterinary care, ever. The mother cat cause birth defects in any or all of the newborns. nearly lost her the first night she was with us. did not work. She was destined to move herself with allowed her to move throughout her home. The floors

box to go potty and required having her bladder expressed manually every day. This was not a burden to any of us since her personality overcame any of life's obstacles. Munchkin spent most of her 14 years being the "official greeter" at The Tenth Life. If you had the time to pet her, she had the time to enjoy every second of it. If she was not done being petted, she would just reach out her paw and tap your leg to let you know she appreciated your attention. Over her lifetime at The Tenth Life, Munchkin never ceased to astound all of us with her ability to get around, her zest for life, and her love of everyone. When Sadie (our dog who thought she was a cat) moved into Munchkin's house, she was greeted by a hearty (obligatory) hiss from Munchkin. Within two or three days, they became best buddies. Munchkin would sleep on Sadie and follow her around like a puppy following its mommy. Munchkin did not love just Sadie, she loved all of the cats who shared the building with her. One Monday (around 10 years ago) Dr. Jennie, Marsha, and Jerry all entered the building around the same time. After just a few seconds, Jerry noticed something out of place. On top of the cat tree (over six feet tall), at the end of the main hallway, sat was probably carrying the distemper virus which can Munchkin peering down at us with a big smile on her We face. (Yes, cats do really have expressions.) She was so She proud that she had climbed the cat tree on her own and developed low blood sugar (not a rarity with kittens) was officially "queen of the mountain". How remarkable which dropped her body temperature to a dangerously that a cat could climb this tree without any use of her low level. With the help of a heating pad and lots of hind legs. Over the years, Munchkin learned to climb up TLC, she survived nicely. This was her first display of on the bench in the main hallway by scaling whatever what a brave and resilient cat she would be. As a kitten, cover was on the bench at that time. Further, she learned we did physical therapy in hopes of stimulating to jump back down to the floor to go to her next muscle/nerve growth that would allow her to walk. This adventure. Munchkin was truly remarkable with a personality we all wished we could emulate. She loved only the use of her front legs. As you might imagine, everyone. Her zest for life was enormous. As she over time she developed very strong front legs which approached her 14th birthday, she developed a hyperthyroid condition which required medication every day. were tile (very smooth) which afforded her the No problem. She willingly took her pill and moved on to opportunity to slide around the building without major her next adventure. In her final few days, it became obstacles to impede her progress. Several people obvious that there was something else bothering her. She volunteered to build a cart which would allow Munchkin was so brave that she hid it extremely well. She was in to move about more easily. Although we appreciated the kidney failure and lost interest in her beloved canned offers, Munchkin probably would have been slowed (soft) food. She would enjoy several feedings each day down by a cart, so we thanked these nice people and in the privacy of the bathroom. When she seemed to lose allowed Munchkin to maintain her dignity and move interest in her canned food, we ran some blood work

problem as no other cat could. She left us October 1st without a whimper. Even with five other "clinic kitties" still roaming the building, it seems terribly empty without our Munchkin. She was truly one of a kind who cannot be replaced, ever.

Heart-Warming Story

In the last newsletter, we introduced a new section about a heart-warming story about a cat from The Tenth Life. The cat we are featuring in this newsletter is Linet. She was a seven-year old Siamese cat who was released to The Tenth Life by her owner. She was an outside cat who had disappeared for two days, and when she returned to her home, her face was swollen with her eye watering, red and swollen. Her owner decided she needed to be put to sleep and called The Tenth Life requesting this service. She was told that we do not do that and could not treat her cat for her. We offered to accept the cat into our program and provide whatever treatment the cat required. She finally decided to release the cat to us. She had told us that the cat could not stand because she we so weak and in such bad shape. When she carried her into The Tenth Life in a box, the cat was standing up, looking out of the box. The cat was crawling with fleas, malnourished, and had the injury to her face. With the help of Dr. Jennie and all of the volunteers, she developed into a loving, beautiful Siamese cat. Although she did not like other cats, she loved all of the volunteers and visitors. She has been adopted by a single lady in Columbus who adores her. Linet lives totally inside and loves to be petted and spoiled. They spend many hours together with Linet on her owner's lap being petted, combed, and told how beautiful and lucky she is.

Christmas Wish List

The cats' requests for this year are very much the same as in previous years. They would like to have homes of their own, more volunteers to help take care of them, donations to the general fund, sponsors for the cats that do not have sponsors, donations of supplies to help with is not adopted in six months, you will receive an update

which detected the severity of her problem, kidney operating expenses, and donations to the heating/air failure. In typical Munchkin style, she disguised the conditioning fund. Please remember that all donations to The Tenth Life are tax deductible and extremely important to the continued success of The Tenth Life.

> Every cat would love to have a permanent home and be loved for the rest of his or her life. We all realize that this will never happen, but it would be wonderful if more of the cats could find responsible, loving homes. We have a fantastic selection of loving cats that would brighten your life and your home for many years. They are spayed/neutered, tested for the viruses, vaccinated and microchipped, and the cost is only sixty-five dollars. Who says that you cannot buy love?

> More volunteers are always welcome. The cats adore the attention and love that the volunteers give them while cleaning their living spaces. The more petting they get, the better they show when potential adopters visit their rooms. Many times the ones that run to people are the first to find homes. Our volunteers love the cats so much and love to interact with them. The volunteers in addition to petting the cats clean the rooms that house the cats. They scoop litter boxes, put out food, change water, sweep and/or mop the floors, change bedding and make the rooms comfortable for the cats. Most volunteers spend two to three hours once a week doing these chores. The volunteers are invaluable.

> Donations to the general fund help with the day-to-day operations of The Tenth Life. These funds pay the doctor's salary, utility bills, insurance, maintenance costs, etc. If your donation is for the general fund please mark your check accordingly. We appreciate your help.

> Currently two hundred of The Tenth Life cats have sponsors. They feel so lucky to have a special person to be their best friend. Of course, the other cats are jealous that they do not have a special friend. For only ten dollars per month you can offer your support to a loving cat. The sponsor donation can be paid monthly, semi-annually, annually or any other way that you prefer. You may choose a cat to sponsor or we can pick one for you

the cat is adopted. Sponsoring a cat as a holiday gift is a fantastic idea for your cat-loving friends/family who do not need anything else in his or her house. The recipient will receive the picture and info in a holiday format.

The donation of supplies every year is unbelievable. These donated supplies save The Tenth Life funds from the general operating fund and our time that would have been spent shopping for the supplies. Supplies that are always needed include: paper towels, wet wipes, bleach, sponge mops, brooms, and toilet paper. These supplies can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation or we can arrange for pickup.

We have one more furnace/air conditioner unit that has not been replaced. So far it is working well, but it could crash at any time. We would like to have the funds to replace it when this happens. One of the units costs about forty-five hundred dollars. The account is empty at this time; therefore, we would like to receive donations to start the fund again for when we need to replace the last unit. No amount is too small. We simply keep adding to the account until there is enough to purchase the new unit which would then make all of our systems relatively new. Of course, any funds remaining after the purchase will be used for routine maintenance.

Holiday Greenery and Plants

The order blank for the holiday greenery and plants is included in this newsletter. The greenery is from the same wholesaler, and the plants are from Furst the Florist. We have had to increase prices slightly because of increases from the suppliers. Please note the sizes of some of the wreaths have changed (not by our choice) which contributed to the increase in price. We are again offering the noble fir and mixed western wreaths and the white pine roping sold by the foot. Each wreath will be adorned with a red velvet bow provided by Unique Designs Floral Studio. There will be extras available. The plant offering is also the same - Christmas cactus, cyclamen, and Norfolk pines. Please see the order blank for sizes and prices. We would like to have your order blanks with payment by **November 16th**. If you miss the

from the cat. Updates will be sent every six months until due date please call us with your order so that we can take your requests from the extras that will be available. Pre-ordering is the best route so that you are guaranteed of getting exactly what you want. The supply of extra plants will be very limited. The pickup date **November 30th**. Please be sure to send in your order. The pickup date is

Thanksgiving and Christmas Pie Sales

There is one order blank that can be used for either or both pie sales. The prices remain the same – nine dollars for the regular pies and ten dollars for the specialty pies. The pies are from Mehaffies Pie Peddler as always. They are delicious and exactly like homemade except you did not spend hours in the kitchen preparing the crust and fillings. You can offer your guests a variety of delicious pies with very little effort on your part. The order blanks with payment are needed by November 9th for Thanksgiving and December 7th for Christmas. The pickup dates are November 23rd and December 21st after 10:00am for Thanksgiving and Christmas respectively. We will have a few extras available. We promise that you will not be disappointed with the taste.

Monthly Supply Donations

The list of supplies by month is offered below. These supplies or any others can be donated in any month and can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. Thanks for your help.

October	Paper Towels
November	Bleach
December	2014 Cat Calendars

Past Fund Raisers

On August $26^{th} - 28^{th}$, Awesome Yogurt had a twoday event for The Tenth Life. They raised about thirty dollars in tips for the cats. In addition their customers contributed bundles of paper towels and other supplies. We thank them and their customers for their help with our efforts to help homeless, unwanted cats.

Festival where we had a booth and sold crafts, toys, enjoyed herself and received a few donations for the cats. holiday cards, apparel, etc. We talked to many cat We thank them for this opportunity. people and enjoyed the event immensely. The weather was great, the crowd was large, and the sales were great. We sold nearly two thousand dollars of items for the cats. We have already sent our application for next year.

Our annual dinner with auctions was another huge success. This was the most profitable year yet for the cats. The proceeds from the dinner and auctions were fifteen thousand three hundred dollars. Our new location worked very well, and many people told us that they thought the layout was excellent. We had forty-one tables of silent auction items plus about ten large items in the live auction. As always, we had a 50/50 raffle where the winner gets half of the amount paid for the tickets and The Tenth Life keeps the other half. The winner this year, Connie Kors, donated her half back to the cats. We thank Connie for her kindness and generosity. We thank all of the volunteers who worked so hard to make this event possible. Dan Finchum and his wife, Julie handled the live auction, and we thank them for their help. One couple, Ron and Sue Hanson solicited about ninety percent or more of the auction items. We could not even have an auction without their work that started for next year as soon as the event ended this year. They are wonderful. In addition we thank our supporters who contributed items for the auction. Belmont Catering again provided the delicious lasagna dinner. Many people told us that the lasagna was the best they had ever eaten. We had both with and without meat. We thank Belmont Catering for their unselfish assistance with the dinner as they catered the dinner on their usual day off. Our delicious salad bar was provided by Applebees and Longhorn Restaurants. Thanks for your generosity.

On September 29th, Routsong Funeral Home in Centerville had a blessing of the animals. They asked us to participate, and we gladly attended. We loved talking to other pet owners and sold a few of our cat related items. We received approximately one hundred dollars for the cats. Thanks to the Routsongs.

September 7th and 8th was the Beavercreek Popcorn about cats. A volunteer did this on October 13th and

October 12th was the Yellow Springs Street Fair which we love. We sold nearly thirteen hundred dollars of cat-related items with catnip and catnip toys being our best sellers. This was the most profitable Street Fair for the cats for two years. We thank the volunteers who manned the booth and all of the cat-loving people who visited our booth and made purchases to help the cats and further spoil their cats at home.

The tally for the 2013 three dollar campaign at this time is thirteen thousand nine hundred dollars. sincerely thank everyone who contributed to this campaign. If you still want to donate, of course we will take the donation and add it to the total.

Current Fund Raisers

Please continue transferring your Speedy Rewards to Simply stop at the kiosk at any The Tenth Life. Speedway Station or go to Speedway's website to transfer the points. If you transfer your points to the following card number - 404440 098106, we can accumulate points to obtain one hundred dollar vanilla visa cards for purchasing supplies for the cats. If you transfer your points to The Tenth Life, the cats will greatly benefit from your generosity, and it will not cost you any of your own funds. Thanks for helping.

All of the following items make excellent gifts for you and your pets and for all of your pet-loving friends. We promise that you will love any of these items.

We want to offer an idea to you for your friends and family who are pet lovers and who have everything that they need. Why not make a donation to The Tenth Life in their name? They don't have something else that they do not need, and the donation will greatly help the cats at The Tenth Life. We will send them a holiday certificate that informs them of your generous donation (not the Moochie and Company at the Greene asked The amount). They will love the sentiment and think how Tenth Life to visit their store and talk to their customers intelligent you are for thinking of the idea. The donation

can be in any amount and you will receive an Hair Magnets are terrific for removing pet hair from your win/win arrangement.

twenty-five dollars. We have Dayton, Columbus, and The sale will run though the end of Cincinnati. December. We always keep a couple past the end of December in case someone still wants one. They are loaded with great money-saving coupons that can be used throughout 2014. There are coupons for fine dining, fast food, dry cleaners, sporting events, social events, air travel, car rentals, etc. The book can save you hundreds or even thousands of dollars. The books are available at The Tenth Life, at Dayton South Veterinary Clinic on Wilmington Pike, and The Scratching Post you prefer, we can ship one to you for three dollars extra.

We continue to have our t-shirts (short and long sleeve), sweatshirts, tote bags, Pet Hair Magnets, Furminators, and catnip toys. The short sleeve t-shirts (\$15.00) are available in pale yellow, pale pink, jade, pistachio, spruce, sand, light sand, natural, purple, navy, bright red, cardinal, orange, forest green, stonewashed blue and green, light blue, Carolina blue, burgundy, deep teal, light steel, pebble, khaki, olive, and medium blue. We have the long sleeve t-shirts (\$20.00) in bright red, natural, stonewashed blue and green and have added the new colors of maroon, light gray, charcoal, purple, and The sweatshirts (\$25.00) come in navy, roval blue. forest green, bright red, gold, light pink, brown, pine, Carolina blue, burgundy, and gray. The t-shirts and sweatshirts are available in S/M/L/XL/XXL&XXXL. The totes (\$25.00) are large and come in gray with black trim and have many inside pockets.

We are excited to tell you about a new apparel item. For your holiday shopping, we have expanded our line of apparel by adding polo shirts. They are available in light blue, red, gold, steel gray, light green, dark green, and pink and will sell for twenty dollars. They are available in S/M/L/XL/ XXL&XXXL.

The Pet Hair Magnets (\$15.00) and Furminators (\$25.00) are invaluable tools for pet owners. The Pet

acknowledgement for your taxes. It is definitely a clothes, furniture, carpeting, etc. They are so useful and handy to have. The Furminators are used to remove loose hair and mats from your cat or dog. They do not tug and The 2014 Entertainment books are still available for pull like a comb and scare the cat or dog. They work wonders on your pet's coat.

Our handmade catnip toys are the best. All of our toys are made by our volunteers who only use fresh catnip, which has a much stronger scent than imported catnip, and washable fabric or yarn. The selection includes crocheted catnip mice, snakes, Peeps, and octopuses (\$3.00), (small and large) catnip balls (\$2.00), crocheted or fabric catnip fish (\$3.00), catnip mats in attractive cat fabric (\$10.00), furry beds filled with catnip (\$10.00), cylindrical crocheted toys filled with bells Veterinary Hospital on Franklin Street in Centerville. If (\$3.00), and bags of dried catnip (\$3.00). We promise that your cats will love any or all of them. They make great gifts for all of the cats on your gift lists.

> Our new Christmas cards are gorgeous and are currently available. The cards are in packs of ten cards and envelopes for only five dollars. You can refer to the July newsletter for the picture of the card. They are so cute and are an original artwork by Ralph Patrick of Cincinnati. The cards are available at The Tenth Life and will be available at all of our upcoming events. We can also ship cards to you if you prefer.

> All of these items are available at The Tenth Life or by mail with the additional amount shown below for **postage.** You will be thrilled with any of these items.

T-shirts (Long or Short Sleeve), Polos	\$2.00
Sweatshirts, Tote Bags	\$3.00
Catnip Toys	\$2.00
Pet Hair Magnets, Furminators, Cards	\$3.00

Future Fund Raisers

November 30th is the date for first bazaar at The Tenth Life. The hours are 10:00am-4:00pm. We will have all of our apparel items, our famous catnip toys and dried catnip, cat collectibles, holiday items, cat books,

Christmas cards, Pet Hair Magnets, Furminators, cat litter. The Paw Points can be found on the bag or box of beds, etc. Your purchases can solve some of your gift Fresh Step Litter. The code is twelve characters, but is needs and help the cats. Why not buy something for not the lot number. Simply cut off the top layer of the yourself also? This is also the day to pick-up your bag or box with the code and mail it to our post office wreaths, roping and holiday plants.

Tenth Life. Also on this date you will pickup your Christmas pies, and we will have our spectacular bake sale. For the bake sale, we usually have about sixty varieties of cookies, cakes, and candies to satisfy all of any type of aluminum from cans (pet food or soft drink) your holiday baking needs. You will not need to spend hours in the kitchen making a few varieties of baked goods. When you come to our sale, you can buy any or all of the varieties you want and have a marvelous selection for your holiday guests. You simply make your selections and make a donation based on your estimate of coupons can be sent to the post office box. a fair price. If you would like to bake for this sale, please bring your donations to The Tenth Life on Friday December 20th between 4:00 and 7:00pm or on Saturday morning between 9:00 and 10:00am. The sale begins at 10:00am and goes until 4:00pm.

Reminders

We appreciate your saving ink cartridges, Fresh Step Paw Points, pennies, coupons, and aluminum for the cats. We redeem the ink cartridges for rewards to purchase P.O. Box 178 office supplies, and the Fresh Step Paw Points for free Alpha, Ohio 45385

box. Please be sure to cut off the entire code. The pennies can be wrapped or not. We are thrilled to get December 21st is the date for the second bazaar at The them either way. Sending coupons for Fresh Step Litter, cat food, Yesterday's News Litter, paper towels, toilet paper, wipes (Lysol or Clorox), and facial tissue save dollars when we shop for supplies. The aluminum can be to siding and spouting. Canned vegetable cans are steel, not aluminum. A magnet will not stick to aluminum, but will to other metals. Any of these can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. Of course, the ink cartridges, Paw Points, and

Hours of Operation: Phone Number:

4:30-7:30pm weeknights 10:30am-5:00pm on Saturdays 12:30-5:00pm on Sundays

The Tenth Life Address: Website:

The Tenth Life

thetenthlife.org

(937) 376-5550



The Tenth Life Pie Sale Orders, with payment, must be received by November 9, 2013

(Thanksgiving) or December 7 2013 (Christmas)

Type of Pie (\$9.00 each)	Quantity \$
Apple	
Cherry	
Peach	
Dutch Apple	
Pecan	
Blueberry	
Coconut Cream	
Chocolate Cream	
Lemon Meringue (Christmas only)	
Total	
Name	Pies available at The Tenth Life on Nov 23, 201
Telephone #	(Thanksgiving)/ Dec. 21, 2013 (Christmas)



P.O. Box 178 Alpha, Ohio 45301

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



- THE TENTH LIFE WILL HAVE TWO TYPES OF CHRISTMAS WREATHS, WHITE PINE ROPING, AND PLANTS FOR SALE.
- NOBLE FIR (16" OR 30" OUTSIDE DIAMETER), WHICH IS A VERY SYMMETRICAL SHORT- NEEDLED FIR, IS GREAT FOR INSIDE OR OUTSIDE USE (WITH RED BOW).
- MIXED WESTERN (16", 22" OR 30 " OUTSIDE DIAMETER), WHICH IS A SHORT AND LONG NEEDLE FIR, IS GREAT FOR INSIDE OR OUTSIDE USE (WITH RED BOW AND PINE CONES).
- OTHER SIZES OF WREATHS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. CALL (937) 376-5550 FOR PRICES.
- WE HAVE WHITE PINE ROPING CUT TO DESIRED LENGTH.
- THIS YEAR WE HAVE THE CYCLAMEN, CHRISTMAS CACTUS AND NORFOLK PINE IN 4" POTS. THE CYCLAMEN ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN 6" POTS. CYCLAMEN AND CACTUS ARE AVAILABLE IN 8" HANGING BASKETS. ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE TENTH LIFE BY NOVEMBER 16, 2013 THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE TENTH LIFE ON NOVEMBER 30, 2013.
- TO ORDER, USE THE FORM BELOW TO INDICATE HOW MANY OF EACH YOU WOULD LIKE.
- PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH YOUR ORDER.

ORDER BLANK	
16" NOBLE FIR @ \$17.00 EACH	\$
30 NOBLE FIR @ \$27.00 EACH	\$
16" MIXED WESTERN @ \$17.00 EACH	\$
22" MIXED WESTERN @ \$21.00 EACH	\$
30" MIXED WESTERN @ \$27.00 EACH	\$
ROPING @ \$.75 PER FOOT(CUT TO LENGTH)	\$
CYCLAMEN (4" Pot) @ \$6.00 EACH	\$
CHRISTMAS CACTUS (4" Pot) @ \$6.00 EACH	\$
NORFOLK PINE (4" Pot) @ \$6.00 EACH	\$
CYCLAMEN (6" Pot) @ \$11.00 EACH	\$
CYCLAMEN (8" Basket) @ \$15.00 EACH	\$
CACTUS (8" Basket) @\$15.00 EACH	\$
TOTAL	\$

TELEPHONE # ___ NAME