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Get ready, the final edition of The Sandbox Gazette for 2014 has arrived. In this edition we will address the schedule of events for the remainder of the year, update you on the featured cats in the last newsletter and offer new cats for this holiday edition, tell you a heartwarming story about a cat from The Tenth Life, announce an open house, make an announcement about Dr. Jennie, remind you about the Combined Federal Campaign, give the final total for the three dollar campaign, inform you of the cats' wishes for the holidays, offer the monthly supply donation list, suggest holiday gifts for your cat-loving friends, advertise the Entertainment books, inform you about the holiday pie sales and the holiday greenery and plant sale, talk about the holiday bazaars, show you the 2014 original-design Christmas card, tell you about the past, current, and future fund raisers, and remind you about some important points.

Calendar of Events

The events for the remainder of the year for The Tenth Life are shown below for your convenience. Please mark these important dates on your calendar.

Speedy Rewards	Now
Aluminum, Pennies, Paw Points	Now
Combined Federal Campaign	Now
Entertainment Book Sale	Now
Orders Due for Thanksgiving Pies	Nov 8 th
Orders Due for Holiday Greenery	Nov 15 th
Thanksgiving Pie Pick Up	Nov 22 nd
Holiday Greenery and Plant Pick Up	Nov 29 th
First Holiday Bazaar	Nov 29 th
30 Year Anniversary Open House	Nov 30 th
Orders Due for Christmas Pies	Dec 6 th
Second Holiday Bazaar	Dec 20 th
Christmas Pie Pick Up	Dec 20 th
Christmas Bake Sale	Dec 20 th

Feature Cats

We are thrilled to tell you that all three of the cats in the last newsletter have been adopted. Lt. Danielle and Chloe were adopted by Otto's "Mom and Dad." They also adopted Lindsey with Otto. The four kittens have a fantastic time together. Pepsi was adopted by a single lady and is being spoiled. They are so happy together. Pepsi loved to sit on laps and now she has her own private lap to sit on. We wish all three long, healthy, happy lives.



The new feature cats are Chip and Dale, Toto, and Myra. Chip and Dale are two short-hair, tiger kittens who are about eight months old. They were born feral, but have adjusted very well to being loved and indoors. They love to play and cuddle with another group of kittens. They are identical in looks (thus only one picture), but one is still a little shy of strangers. Even though they were born feral, they could still be handled, without being aggressive, when they arrived. They enjoy being petted and purr loudly. They are so cute and their markings are gorgeous. They would love to sleep under your Christmas tree.

Toto, is a short-hair, black and white large boy. He is super long and weighs about sixteen pounds. Toto is about one and a half years old, but plays like a kitten. When people enter his room, he greets them and then proceeds to the rug in the center of the floor and begins to roll over and play with the rug. He loves to show-off for visitors and volunteers. No one can believe how long he is. He was found along a country road trying to survive and avoid being hit by a car. He is very loving and will sit in your lap if your lap is big enough to accommodate him.

The last feature cat is Myra. She was a stray in Kettering and had been injured, probably hit by a car or kicked in the face. Myra is a black and white, medium-hair, female. When she arrived, she had trouble eating because one of her K-9 teeth was poking into the top of her mouth. Myra was in pain and drooled most of the time. When Dr. Jennie extracted her problem tooth, her mouth healed, and now she can eat anything. She is beautiful and very loving. Myra is extremely playful and tolerates other cats. She has the most gorgeous green/blue eyes. They absolutely sparkle.

All are spayed/neutered, tested for feline leukemia and feline AIDs, fully vaccinated, and microchipped. The adoption fee is only sixty-five dollars for years of love. If you would like to visit any of these cats or any others at The Tenth Life, please call for an appointment.

Heart-Warming Story

The story for this newsletter is about Lt. Danielle and Chloe. As you remember Lt. Danielle was born without the lower portion and foot of each rear leg. She was born without these parts and adjusted very well, as most cats with handicaps do. She walked on her little stumps and did everything that other cats do. Her friend Chloe was found with a severe eye infection that had not been treated until she was found by a kind lady. Even with weeks of treatment, her eye site was lost in that eye. Just like Lt. Danielle, she did not let her handicap deter her from doing everything that other kittens do. After they had been tested and treated for parasites, they were allowed to play together. They became great friends and playmates. After appearing in the last newsletter, they were adopted by the same people who adopted Otto and his friend Lindsey. In a very short time, all four kittens became best friends and love to chase and play. All three of the kittens who had problems have become the most normal cats ever. Otto has learned to sit on his rear and beg for treats, Lt Danielle has learned to jump on the bed, which is pretty high, by propelling herself with her little stumps, and Chloe has found everything that she needs to inspect, without the sight in one eye. They are all amazing and are all exceedingly comfortable and happy in their new home with their new “Mom and Dad.”

Thirty-Year Anniversary

Thirty years ago next month, we opened The Tenth Life with eighty-four cats and one building. Over the years we have added a storage building, two buildings to house cats, a health care facility with a full-time veterinarian, and about four hundred cats. In addition, the house, where we started, now houses our feline leukemia and feline AIDs positive cats. We have grown significantly over the years and found homes for so many cats that would otherwise have lived and died on the streets while reproducing. To celebrate our thirty years in business, we are having an open house on November 30th from 2:00-5:00pm. Refreshments will be available. Please plan to attend and help us celebrate thirty years of helping cats find homes. We'll see you at the open house.

Announcement about Dr. Jennie

Dr. Jennie has been The Tenth Life veterinarian since January 2000. She will be leaving in November and moving to Georgia. We are so sorry to lose such a wonderful, talented doctor. She has saved the lives of so many cats that would otherwise not have survived. She has been a true friend to all of us and invaluable as a veterinarian. We are looking for a new full-time veterinarian to provide medical care and love to the cats. We have interviewed three doctors, but have not made a choice. If anyone knows a veterinarian who might be interested in working in this environment, we would love to talk with him or her. The advantages of working with our cats is, the veterinarian does not need to interact with clients, and will never be told to put the cat to sleep rather than spending the money to save it. We are very anxious to fill this position with a well-qualified doctor who loves cats and two dogs. Please contact us if interested.

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

For all of you government workers, please remember The Tenth Life, **number 32031**, in the Combined Federal Campaign. We have been told that the campaign continues into November. We rely heavily on donations

through this campaign for our operating funds. Last year we only received about twenty-five thousand dollars through CFC. This was down about twelve thousand dollars from the previous year. We really need your contributions from CFC. Of course, if you prefer, you can make your donations directly to our post office box or on our website through Just Give. Again, all donations are tax deductible.

Three Dollar Campaign Total

The Three-Dollar Campaign has reached a total of sixteen thousand, four hundred and fifteen dollars, and three hundred twenty-one addressees or less than ten percent participated. As you can see, those who contributed to this campaign were very generous. **Dollar wise, this was the best three dollar campaign that we have had.** This was not the most participation, but the most profitable for the cats. Thank you so much to those who donated. This truly helps with the funding of necessary needs for the cats. Of course, if anyone else contributes to this fund we will add it to the proceeds.

Christmas Wish List

The cats have been working since August to make their Christmas wish list. They have the same wishes as in past years – loving, responsible homes for the cats, more volunteers, sponsors for more of the cats, supplies to satisfy their needs, and donations for the general operating fund. There is one new wish for this year. We need to replace some of the ceiling lights.

We told you about four wonderful cats in the feature cat section, however, there are hundreds of other loving cats at The Tenth Life who need a permanent home. All are spayed/neutered, fully vaccinated, tested for feline leukemia and feline AIDs, checked for internal and external parasites, and microchipped. The adoption fee is only sixty-five dollars and includes a collar with an identification tag and a microchip tag, a cardboard carrier, and an information booklet. We do our adoptions by appointment so that we can devote our time to you and help you with your selection by answering questions

about every prospective cat. An appointment takes about two hours because we have so many wonderful cats, and it makes the selection very difficult. Some are declawed or we offer laser declawing before the cat goes home if you want that service. The laser declaw is one hundred dollars. Taking a cat home and then making an appointment to have it declawed interrupts the adjustment process and makes it tougher for you, the cat, and other pets in the household. Please call us for an appointment if you would like to add to your family.

We always can use more volunteers to help take care of the cats. The volunteers help with the maintenance of the cats and their rooms. Scooping litter boxes, changing water, adding food and cleaning the rooms are the duties of the volunteers. Most volunteers work one time per week; however, some work once every two weeks. The volunteers spend the amount of time they can afford. Usually the work takes at least two hours, but some spend all day depending on how extensively they clean. There are so many rewards for doing this work. The cats purr, sit on your lap, and rub you. They say thank you in so many ways. Other volunteers would prefer to help at events outside The Tenth Life, such as Street Fair, Popcorn Festival or the dinner and auction. We can always use volunteers in all of these ways. If you would like to offer your help, please contact us at the number at the end of this newsletter.

If you would like to help a cat without adopting one, you can always sponsor one of the cats at The Tenth Life. For only ten dollars per month, you can sponsor a cat of your choice or we can select one for you based on your desires. The sponsor donation can be sent monthly, quarterly, annually or however you choose. Initially, you receive a picture and a letter from your sponsor cat. You can see the picture every day and know who you are helping. If the cat is adopted, he or she will send a letter to inform you of the adoption and a request to sponsor one of his or her friends. If in six months, your sponsor cat is not adopted, the cat will send you an update letter about life at The Tenth Life. You will be helping a once homeless, unwanted cat to enjoy a better life. If you have been thinking about sponsoring, this would be a great time to put your thoughts into action. You can contact us for more information.

Donating supplies is such an easy way to help the cats and save The Tenth Life funds for bigger requirements. The most used supply items at The Tenth Life include paper towels, wet wipes, bleach, pine cleaners, toilet paper, facial tissues, sponge mops and refills, air fresheners, four foot fluorescent tubes, and canned cat food. The supplies can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation shown at the end of the newsletter. If you have trouble getting the supplies to us, we can arrange for pick up. Your donations really help the cats with their needs and save us shopping time. Please help in this way.

Their last routine request is for donations to the general operating fund. This fund is used for the doctor's salary, utility bills, insurance, maintenance costs, taxes, etc. In other words it funds the continued operation of The Tenth Life. Please mark your checks for the general fund. No amount is too small.

We are beginning to have problems with some of the fluorescent light fixtures. Anymore, it is less costly to replace the entire fixture than to replace some parts. We can do the work, but help with the cost of the new lights would be useful. The new light fixtures will cost approximately seventy-five dollars each. They are of better quality than the ones we are replacing. We do not intend to replace all of them at once, but as needed. If you would like to donate to this need, please mark your donations accordingly.

Any help that you can provide with any of these needs would be greatly appreciated by the cats. **Please remember all donations are tax-deductible.**

Monthly Supply Donations

The supply donations by month for the remainder of the year are shown below. Your help is appreciated. The supplies can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation.

October	Paper Towels
November	Bleach
December	2015 Cat Calendars

Holiday Gift Ideas

We are sure that you have a cat-loving friend for whom it is difficult to find a great gift. We have wonderful, generous gift ideas. Make a donation to the cats of The Tenth Life in the name of your friend. We will send you an acknowledgement letter for your taxes and a gift letter to your friend or to you for presentation to your friend. The size and color are perfect, and your friend will be thrilled with your novel idea. Another thought is to sponsor a cat for a friend for a certain amount of time. We will send the information about the gift and the cat to your friend or we can provide it to you to give to your friend. Your friend can admire the picture of his/her sponsor cat every day and be happy knowing what a thoughtful friend you are. A third gift would be great for a friend who loves flowers. Give your friend a gift certificate from The Tenth Life for flowers from our huge plant sale next spring. You can determine the amount you want, and we will send the certificate to you or your friend. With all of these suggestions, you will be a hit with your friends, you will have a tax deduction, and the cats will benefit from your kindness.

Entertainment Books

The 2015 Entertainment book is another great gift idea for anyone on your shopping list. They also make excellent door prizes for holiday parties. They cost only thirty dollars and offer money-saving coupons for fine dining, fast food, dry cleaning, car rentals, services, shopping, entertainment events, etc. The cats receive about seven dollars for every book that is sold. The more books we sell, the more profit for the cats. If you need books for other areas, we can tell you how to order them and still have the cats receive the profit. If you would like a book sent to you or a friend, please send a check for the cost of the book plus four dollars for shipping. Please remember to buy your books from the cats.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Pie Sales

The order blank for the Thanksgiving and Christmas pie sales is included in this newsletter. The prices have

remained the same - \$9.00 for the pies on the order blank and \$10.00 for the special order pies. Please see the order blank for the selection of regular flavors. The order blank must be submitted with payment by November 8th for Thanksgiving and December 6th for Christmas. The pies will be available for pick up on November 22nd and December 20th beginning as 10:00am. Ordering these pies will save hours in the kitchen giving you more time for other preparations, provide delicious dessert for your guests, and provide funding to the cats. We will have extras available, but probably not of every flavor. Please remember to order now. You can put both orders on the same order blank.

Holiday Greenery and Plants

Also in this newsletter is the order blank for the holiday greenery and Christmas plants. We have also kept these prices the same. The order blank shows the selection of wreaths, roping and holiday plants in various sizes of pots. The wreaths are decorated with a bright red velvet bow provided by Unique Designs Florist Studio. The pots of the plants have a colorful mylar sleeve to match your holiday decorations. The wreaths will be from the same distributor as for the last several years, and the plants will be from Furst Florist and Garden Center. Your orders are needed by November 15th with payment. The wreaths and plants will be available for pick up beginning at 10:00am on November 29th which is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We will be open until 5:00pm on Saturday. The greenery and plants are such an aromatic, colorful addition to your holiday decorating. Our prices are competitive, the greenery and plants are fresh and gorgeous, and your purchase helps the cats. Please do your shopping with The Tenth Life. We will have extras available, but pre-ordering assures you get exactly what you want.

Holiday Bazaars

We are again having holiday bazaars at The Tenth Life. The dates are November 29th and December 20th. The first is the Saturday after Thanksgiving, the same day as the greenery and plant pick up, and the second is

the Saturday before Christmas, and the same day as the bake sale and the pie pick up. We will have our apparel, a great selection of catnip toys, the Entertainment books, collectibles, the 2014 original-design Christmas card, note cards, etc. The time for both days is 10:00am-5:00pm. You can do all of your holiday shopping for your cat-loving friends at The Tenth Life and help the cats. You will find almost anything that you want for your cats and your friends and family. Happy shopping!!

Original-Design Christmas Card

As you can see below, we have another original-design Christmas card for this year. The artist who did the artwork for the note card created this year's Christmas card. He is so talented and has made an adorable design for our card. We have offered a Christmas card for every year of our existence. They have always been well received, and this year is no exception. We are very proud of the card. The cards are in packs of ten cards and envelopes for five dollars. You could give a pack of cards to your cat-loving friends as a gift and buy some for yourself. They are so cute! We can ship cards to you for an extra three dollars.



Past Fund Raisers

Since the last newsletter, we have had three very successful and profitable fund raisers. The first was the Beaver Creek Popcorn Festival on September 6th and 7th. Although the proceeds were down from last year, we still raised about fourteen hundred dollars. Thanks to our customers and volunteers. We plan to attend next year.

The annual dinner and auction was held on September 21st and was the most profitable one to date. We raised seventeen thousand seven hundred dollars with sixteen

thousand two hundred being profit. We thank everyone who attended the event and contributed to this huge profit. The volunteers worked so hard to make this event possible and fun. We have already begun planning for the next dinner and auction. We will probably move the event to August next year for several reasons.

The third fund raiser was our participation in the Yellow Springs Street Fair on October 11th. The sales were amazing, and we raised thirteen hundred and four dollars. We thank our volunteers who manned the booth for the day and the customers who made purchases and donated funds. We plan to be there again in June 2015.

Current Fund Raisers

With the holiday season quickly approaching you will probably be doing more shopping. We wanted to remind you that we are registered with **Amazon Smile**. When you are going to make a purchase on Amazon, please go to **Amazon Smile** and register as a supporter of The Tenth Life. After you have registered, do your shopping, and Amazon will send The Tenth Life a donation for your purchase. This is another easy way to support The Tenth Life without any expenditure of your own funds except for the item you are buying. Please remember this option when shopping on Amazon.

If you have been thinking about a piece of cat furniture for your cat(s), now is the time to order one for Christmas. The cat furniture built by a volunteer is available for your shopping pleasure. We have a book at The Tenth Life showing the different designs available. The trees that he makes have a large base for stability and are constructed of PVC or sturdy wood covered with carpet, and the posts can be covered with carpet or sisal. Prices vary by height and style. You can choose the color of carpet that you prefer. You and the cats will be thrilled with the furniture.

We have a wonderful selection of short (\$15.00) and long-sleeve (\$20.00) t-shirts, polo shirts (\$25.00) sweatshirts (\$25.00), and tote bags (\$25.00). The short sleeve t-shirts are available in pale yellow, pale pink, jade, pistachio, spruce, sand, light sand, natural, purple,

navy, bright red, orange, forest green, stonewashed blue, light blue, Carolina blue, burgundy, deep teal, and light steel. We have the long sleeve t-shirts in bright red, natural, stonewashed green, maroon, smoke gray, deep royal blue, ash, and purple. The polo shirts are available in steel gray, celadon blue, red, vine green, boysenberry pink, nugget gold, and dark green. The sweatshirts come in navy, forest green, bright red, gold, light pink, brown, pine, Carolina blue, burgundy, purple, and gray. The t-shirts, polo shirts, and sweatshirts are available in S/M/L/XL/XXL&XXXL. The totes are large, gray with black trim and have many pockets.

Our selection of catnip toys is extensive. As always, we have crocheted catnip mice, fish, birds, octopi, snakes, cubes, and cylinders with bells inside (\$3.00), small and large balls (\$2.00), and a crocheted ball on the end of a crocheted rope that hangs from a door knob (\$5.00). There are also catnip mats (\$10.00), felt fish (\$3.00), catnip filled tubes with feathers on the end (\$5.00), and bags of dried catnip (\$3.00).

Crocheted beds (\$10.00), Pet Hair Magnets (\$15.00), and Furminators (\$25.00) are available for your pet needs. The Pet Hair Magnets are wonderful for removing pet hair, and the Furminators work wonders for grooming your pet and removing mats.

Our new note cards have been selling very well. There are ten cards and envelopes for five dollars in a package. Of course there is a cat on the face of the card and they are blank on the inside.

All of these items are available at The Tenth Life or by mail with the **additional amount shown below for postage**. We had to increase the postage again as our estimate was still a little low.

T-shirts (Long or Short Sleeve)	\$4.00
Polos, Sweatshirts, and Tote Bags	\$4.00
Catnip Toys, Cards	\$3.00
Pet Hair Magnets, Furminators,	\$5.00
Entertainment Books	\$4.00

Please keep transferring your Speedy Rewards to The Tenth Life. You can transfer your points at the kiosk at



The Tenth Life Pie Sale



Orders, with payment, must be received by November 8, 2014 (Thanksgiving) or December 6, 2014 (Christmas)

Type of Pie (\$9.00 each) _____ Qty-Thanks _____ Xmas _____ \$ _____

Apple _____

Cherry _____

Peach _____

Dutch Apple _____

Pecan _____

Blueberry _____

Coconut Cream _____

Chocolate Cream _____

Lemon Meringue _____

Totals _____

Name _____

Pies available at The Tenth Life on Nov 22, 2014 (Thanksgiving)/ Dec. 20, 2014 (Christmas)

Telephone # _____

any Speedway Station or online at Speedway's website. If you transfer your points to the following card number – 404440 098106, we can obtain one hundred dollar visa cards for purchasing supplies for the cats. Thanks.

Please continue saving Fresh Step Paw Points, aluminum, ink cartridges, pennies, and coupons (Fresh Step litter, cat food, Yesterday's News litter, paper towels, toilet paper, wipes (Lysol or Clorox), and facial tissue). Any of these can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. Of course, the ink cartridges, Paw Points, and coupons can be sent to the post office box. **We no longer need pill bottles or litter jugs. Thanks for these in the past.**

Future Fund Raisers

In January, we will send the first newsletter of 2015, which will include the order blank for the annual plant sale, which is one of our largest fund raisers. The plants are provided by Furst Florist and Garden Center and are always the highest quality and gorgeous. Please tell your family and friends about these beautiful plants.

Hours of Operation:

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

Phone Number:

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Reminders

If you have still not indicated to us your choice of method of receiving the newsletter (mail or e-mail), please contact us. The address and phone number are to the right. The e-mail address is jlotsacats@aol.com.

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