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President's Letter by Nancy Shepherd

It is that time again when the President's letter to the membership is due. I have to admit that I wonder if anyone reads this. Last time, cleaning up our sewing area was the topic. No one sent in their tips to Tami for organizing these areas where we create. I was wanting ideas from all of you as to how you organize your space. It is not too late to send Tami ideas that she can use in future newsletters that would benefit all of us wishing to clean up our creative areas.

This newsletter I wonder what MEOW means to you.

Is it a class monthly to learn new techniques?

Is it a place to share and see what other members are working on?

Is it a group of people you enjoy sewing with monthly?

Is MEOW a resource to find information or answers to questions?

Do you take advantage of other area groups by attending their meetings and learning more?

Have you attended MEOW's annual get together where you can relax and meet other members?

After belonging to MEOW since the early '90s, it is all of the above and more to me and I hope to many others of us. Sewing is a common interest which ties all of us together.

MEOW has given me a great education, but above all, I treasure the friendships that I have made thanks to this great organization. Please send your thoughts on what MEOW means to you. In future newsletters it will be fun to read what MEOW means to you.

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Upcoming Events

Board Meeting
April 26, 2014
Vancouver, WA
At 9:00 am
Regular Board Meeting

Due Dates for:

April Newsletter
Articles and Reports
May 2, 2014

Need Schedules from:

Area Groups for
June 2014,
July 2014 and
August 2014

November Quilt and
Craft Show
November 15-17, 2014

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If you know of someone who has paid for their Newsletters; but is not receiving them, please have her contact either Sandy Radtke, Membership Chair, or Tami Bennett, Newsletter Editor/Website Mistress, and we will take care of sending a new copy out to them and verify the address that we have is correct.

Thank you for your time on this!

Tami Bennett, Newsletter Editor

Thank you to the newsletter proofreaders!

You have a very hardy task each Newsletter. I would like to thank the last Newsletter proofreaders: Nancy Shepherd, Ruth Jones and Roberta Strebe, Elaine Solvang and Connie Hasten and anyone else I might have forgotten.

If you would like to become a proofreader for an upcoming Newsletter, drop me a line at pse@oz.net and I will place your name on the list. We always need bodies, even if it is only for a proofreading job!

Tami Bennett,
Newsletter Editor

A Note from Our Vice President

Well, ladies here we are into a New Year. I remember walking into a sewing center in the year 1999 and they were having a class. It was being taught by Margret Ecker. Free motion, she said "Come on in". I watched and thought that there was no way I could do this. Traveling through time, we have come so far, making designs by free motion putting down those feed dogs and doing our own designs. We now can program a lot of our machines and stitch what we want.

The past couple of years some have been shown how to digitize and create their own patterns, plus load them onto their own machine and sew. The point I guess I am trying to make is we will always be advancing and we are always willing to learn, whether it be sewing, computer, beading, fabric dying, making boxes, books, etc. There is so much talent out there to learn from.

I am the first to say I admire all the ideas and projects you guys come up with. MEOW has always been a very strong and friendly organization. We have had large

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numbers and low numbers in membership but we have always remained strong.

I want to thank all the people that have kept this Board going and the groups strong. It is going to be a big challenge to understand and hold a position on the Board but I am willing and this is what keeps this organization going: people willing to step up and help keep a group going.

Last year we lost a few more members but from family and friends, they left behind knowledge that they had imparted to us, projects that they had taught us - there will always be fond memories for us to remember. Their strong belief in MEOW again is what has kept this group strong.

Here is to a new year of learning, exploring and sharing with all your friends and mine in 2014.

Kathy Brock



MEOW BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Scappoose Fire Station
52751 Columbia River Highway
Scappoose, OR 97056
January 25, 2014

Executive Officers: Nancy Shepherd - President, Kathy Brock - Vice President, Beverly Carpenter - Secretary/Sunshine, Vicki Nelson - Treasurer

Directors: Texanna Cato, Karen Bennett, Betty Cooper, Peggy Bodle

Committees: Sandy Radtke* (Membership), Tami Bennett (Newsletter Editor/Web Mistress); Roberta Strebe, (Mediation) Caroline Burton*, (Mediation), Kim Keller*, (Mediation), and Sali Lusk* (Historian) * Signifies an Excused Absence

Guests: None

The regular board meeting for MEOW was called to order by Nancy Shepherd at 10:15 am on January 25, 2014 at Nancy Shepherd's house at Scappoose.

The minutes of the last Board Meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer - Vicki Nelson presented the budget for the 2014 year. Discussion followed. The audit was completed and the report given. Some Master Cards still need to be canceled. The Washington state license corporate fee has been paid and Oregon is not due until March. IRS tax report was filed. The secretary will write a letter of thanks to the auditor for giving us a special fee. A copy of the report will be attached to the minutes.

Vice-President - Kathy Brock had reports given from the directors and had sent reports to Tami for the newsletter. She is in the process of putting together a notebook for the Vice President.

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Secretary — No Report.

Sunshine - Bev Carpenter – It is very important to send complete and accurate information to the Sunshine Chairman. We ask that you please include name, address, city, state, zip and group, as well as the reason for the card. Please use "Sunshine" on the subject line. This will eliminate requests being overlooked or going into the junk or Quarantine folder as blocked sender.

Directors - Please see list of directors on page 2 of this document. The directors' reports will be found in the newsletter.

Membership - There really is no report at this time. There are no new members that signed up in the last three months. We do have several phone numbers that need updating. It would be appreciated if anyone who has changed a phone number or address to please contact Sandy Radtke (syvenna@aol.com) so that we can keep our records up to date.

Newsletter - Tami started on the newsletter two weeks before this Board meeting. It is important to have reports sent in by the deadline. Discussion of mailing versus emailing rosters to members was held. Tami is looking forward to the new year and would enjoy having others contribute articles for the newsletter.

Web site - Tami continues to update and correct problems as they are found. She has begun working on Seminar 2014 pages.

Seminar 2014-- Status Update - Karen Bennett reported Nancy Shepherd and Tami Bennett will again serve on the Seminar committee. Suggestions for teachers and classes to offer were discussed.

Historian--- No report available at this time.



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Unfinished Business - None.

New Business - Nominations for new officers were discussed. Nancy Shepherd and Karen Bennett served as the nominating committee. Voting will be by email with Sandy Radtke responsible for receiving and tallying the votes.

The Nominees are as follows:

Karen Bennett for President
Nancy Shepherd for Treasurer
Betty Cooper for Director
Betty Riggs for Director
Barbara LaCain for Director

Next Board Meeting will be April 26, 2014, at 10:00 am at the Felida Fire Station.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed at 1:41 pm.

Sincerely,
Submitted by Beverly Carpenter, secretary
(January 25, 2014)

NEW MEMBERS, CORRECTIONS, RENEWALS

We had 70 returning, new and former members combined as of January 2014. As a new member and returning member, you will find that we are no longer listing any information for any of our members, like phone number, address, email address (unless specifically necessary), other than their name and area group.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

Ramona Hermens Stray Cats New Phone #

Lemony Lemon Brownies by Breanna Doyle, Pampered Chef, Executive Director

Ingredients:

Brownies:

1/2 cup	Unsalted Butter, softened
3/4 cup	Flour
2	Large Eggs
2	Lemons for zesting and juicing
2 Tbsp.	Lemon zest
2 Tbsp.	Lemon Juice
3/4 Cup	Granulated Sugar
1/4 Tsp.	Sea Salt

Tart Glaze:

4 Tbsp.	Lemon Juice
8 Tsp.	Lemon zest
1 Cup	Icing Sugar

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees
2. Grease an 8 x 8 inch baking dish with butter and set aside.
3. Zest and juice two lemons and set aside
4. In the bowl of an electric mixture fitted with the paddle attachment, beat the flour, sugar, salt and softened butter until combined.
5. In a separate bowl, whisk together the eggs, lemon zest, and lemon juice until combined.
6. Pour it into the flour mixture and beat for 2 minutes at medium speed until smooth and creamy
7. Pour into baking dish and bake for 23-25 mins Should turn golden around the edges.
8. Allow to cool completely before glazing. Do not over bake, or the bars will be dry.
9. Filter the powder sugar and whisk with lemon zest and juice.
10. Spread the glaze over the brownies with a rubber spatula and let glaze set
11. Cut into bars and serve.

Directors' Reports**KAREN BENNETT****CYBER CATS**

At the Cyber Cats December meeting/brunch, we were able to turn in 96 hats to go into lunch bags that a couple of guys hand out to homeless people at Christmas time each year. Not quite sure how many hours but would guess +- 20 hours. We are not meeting this month due to illnesses and family commitments. Things are being mulled over as to projects other than we will be making Heart Pillows for heart patients. We did them a couple of years ago and they are very important to patients.

FANTASY FELINES

Fantasy Felines had a very nice Christmas potluck where the group got together and their Director, Karen Bennett, and the Newsletter Editor, Tami Bennett, visited with them. They were going to complete their scheduling for the next 6 months, but were having so much fun, it went by the wayside. They did discuss what type of Community Service would be a possibility in the coming year and as of now, they have come up with a comprehensive list of items: Greeting cards for nursing homes, Church volunteers, Volunteer at local Food Bank, Pillow cases, Tote bags for Foster Children, Stress balls, and Sewing for Royal Rangers.

As of February, their time and day of class will change. It will be on the second Saturday at 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the same fire station. Please make note.

TACOMA TABBIES

During the first part of December Tami and Karen of this group went up to the Fantasy Felines and joined their Christmas Potluck and had a wonderful time with the ladies. They hope to join them again in the future during one of their classes. Due to illness and lack of mobility for one member, December's meeting

Tacoma Tabbies Report : (Continued. . .)

Was cancelled, but we did have January's meeting and had three (3) members working on the fun. We did a water-based acrylic tie dying which was viewed on Saturday's shows. We each did two (2) samples, of which four (4) of them were taken down to the Board Meeting to have show and tell. They were so easy too. We had so much fun we forgot to talk about the next few month's schedule, but it has been set up and since we are such an agreeable group, it shouldn't be a issue. Next month we will be adding a design to our tie dying that we completed this month. March will be shaving cream designs on fabric and hopefully the leaves will have sprung enough for us to do pounded leaves. In May, we have proposed Crayon Impressions on Fabrics with Shiva Sticks. All the projects in the next few months will be machine-less projects.

BETTY COOPER**BYTES AND PC'S**

Bytes and PC's have about 7 members that attended their last meeting and they are excited about their upcoming schedule. I am too, to tell you the truth. It appears to have something for everyone.

HOLLYWOOD STARS

They did not meet this month because there were not enough to attend. They decide from month to month what they will be doing, and they have decided if they do not get enough participation they do not hold the meeting that month.

MT. HOOD

Their schedule is on the website and on the Schedule page of this published document. If you wish to attend any of the meetings with these ladies, please do not hesitate to contact them and please join them. They have a wonderful time.

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MULTI-MEDIA

They have decided to do something else for the first three (3) months of 2014. This is the year of the "box", so they will be doing a project called "Patience Box." Some will also be making a tunsu (a box with drawers made by the Japanese). If you are interested in any of these projects, please get in touch with Beth Heesacker to get the supply list.

PEGGY BODLE **COUNTRY KITTIES**

I visited this group last November and they are really thriving. There are many new members but I was surprised about how many are still there that were there when I joined 20 years ago. They have interesting programs coming up taught by members of their group.

They have two classes coming up with the first being February. It is a repurposing of jeans into a purse with a pocket and then March will be batiks with melted crayons.

DESIGN DIVAS

This group meets on the first Monday of the month from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Each member has DesignerPlus V7 Bernina software so they can spend time with their own software and help each other.

Their charity work is combined with the Bytes and PC's group. Last year, we made Angel dolls for a hospital. We're working on baby quilts for infants who have passed away. (a request from a hospital neo-natal facility).



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MOUSE CONNECTIONS

They are beginning a three (3) month project in February using Embird software for machine embroidery. Each person will choose a project, in March stitch work will be presented for the projects and in April they will put on the final touches to each project. This is a learning experience of what you can do with Embird. If you have any questions about what they will be doing, please refer them to Ginger Christmas (using your roster for that information).

TEXANNA CATO **STRAY CATS**

Kathy Brock, McMinnville, OR - Is the newest Vice President for MEOW and is working hard. She is working on obtaining the Community Service hours from the groups so if you have some hours you would like to give her, please forward those to your Area Group Rep, who will give them to your Director.

Bobbie Demmer, Thompson Falls, MT — Has minor health issues, but is managing.

Mona Hermens, McMinnville, OR - Her email, phone numbers have been updated. Please check with the Membership chair if you want to get with her.

Sali Lusk, Alamosa, CO - She is still busy unpacking boxes and getting settled in her new home. She is getting around well and has made new friends in a quilting group down in her area. She misses us greatly.

Jeanne Martenson, South Weaver, UT - We at MEOW had lost touch with this member, but have found her again and we will be getting in touch with her soon to find out how she is and what she is up to.

M.E.O.W. SUNSHINE REPORT

October 2013 to January 2014

	Date Sent	Member's Name	Group(s)	Reason
1	Oct 2013	Betty Cooper	Mouse Connection	Death in the family
2	Jan 2014	Nancy Shepherd	Country Kitties	Member Illness (Ankle Surgery)
3	Jan 2014	Sharon Hults	Fantasy Felines	Family Illness
4	Jan 2014	Joyce Eslinger	Tacoma Tabbies	Member and Family Member in Hospital
5	Jan 2014	Kathy Brock	Stray Cat	Family Member in Hospital
6	Jan 2014	Betty King	Mt. Hood	Member Death

Other	Illness/Injury		Surgery		Loss	
None to report	1	Self	1	Self	1	Self
	2	Family		Family	1	Family
	1	Spouse		Spouse		Spouse
		Other		Other		Other
	4	TOTAL	1	TOTAL	2	TOTAL

LADIES OF MEOW

Ladies of MEOW, the Board of Directors asks that if you hear of **ANYONE** that could use a Sunshine Card for whatever reason, (birthday, congratulations, illness, death in the family, or just because they need cheering up), please contact Beverly Carpenter at bacarpenter@gorge.net with the following information:

The name of the person needing the card
The reason for the card
Street address or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code
And the name of the MEOW Group they belong to

Without all the above information Cards will not be sent. Please also place "**SUNSHINE**" in the subject line. One reason for this request is to keep the Sunshine request out of the Junk Mail folder.

Thank you for your attention to this very important task. :)

P.S. Beverly has a significant supply of cards at this time, so we ask that you please forward any cards for the near future to your local senior living facility or rehab facility. The resident would like to have a handmade card to send out to friends and family while they are at the facility. We guarantee it! Make someone's day!

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Rhoda Oakes, Carmichael, CA - She is busy collecting raffle prizes for CAME's 30th Anniversary Seminar. Linda McGehee is a feature teacher. Seminar dates were January 31st to February 2nd.

Mary Ray Osmus, Walnut Creek, CA - She tells everyone hello and wanted to let everyone know that she misses us.

Robin Slocum, Kooskia, ID - If anyone is travelling through Idaho and would like to stop by and say hello or teach a class, Robin would love to see you.

Roberta Strebe, McMinnville, OR — She has a new computer and will be learning Embird in the near future.



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Kitty Tip

USE FOR LEMONS from READERS DIGEST

Bleach Delicate Fabrics

Avoid additional bleach stains by swapping ordinary household chlorine bleach with lemon juice, which is milder but no less effective. Soak your delicates in a mixture of lemon juice and baking soda for at least half an hour before washing.

Boost Laundry Detergent

For more powerful cleaning action, pour 1 cup lemon juice into the washer during the wash cycle. The natural bleaching action of the juice will zap stains and remove rust and mineral discolorations from cotton T-shirts and briefs and will leave your clothes smelling fresh.

Bytes & PC'S ** Gresham, OR ** September 2005

Meets: 2nd Monday 10:30 am—2:30 pm
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center, 971 NE Kelly Ave,
 Contact: Linda Rigby
 March: Ribbon Flowers
 April: Pillows
 May: Hex Placemats

Country Kitties ** Hood River, OR ** February 1991

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
 Place: Parkdale Fire Hall
 Contact: Carla LaBrousse
 March: Batiks with Melted Crayon
 April : TBD
 May: TBD

Cyber Cats ** Renton, WA ** April 2004

Meets: 4th Thursday 9:30 am — 1:00 pm
 Place: King of King's Lutheran Church, 18207—108th Ave SE
 Contact: Marian Desgranges
 March: TBD
 April: TBD
 May: TBD

Design Divas ** Clackamas, OR ** July 2010

Meets: 1st Monday 10:30 am to 2:30 pm
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center, 971 NE Kelly Avenue
 Contact: Mary Rust
 March: Rose Cottage Non-Machine Specific Digitizing Lessons
 April: Rose Cottage Non-Machine Specific Digitizing Lessons
 May: Rose Cottage Non-Machine Specific Digitizing Lessons

Fantasy Felines ** Lynnwood, WA ** May, 1994

Meets: 2nd Saturday 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm
 Place: Fire Station #14 , 18800 68th Ave W
 Contact: Sharon Hults/Joy Gonclaves
 March: Lifted Star
 April: TBD
 May: TBD

Hollywood Stars * *Portland, OR ** October 1991

Meets: 2nd Saturday 10:00 am—2:00 pm
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center, 8326 SE Stark
 Contact: Kitty Young
 March: Month to month decision
 April: Month to month decision
 May: Month to month decision

Mouse Connections ** Beaverton, OR ** August 2005

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm
 Place: Fire Station , Murray Blvd & Butner Rd
 Contact: Ginger Christmas-Beattie
 March: TBD
 April: TBD
 May: TBD

Mt. Hood ** Gresham, OR ** July, 1988

Meets: 4th Monday —Program 10:30 am - 2:30 pm
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center, 971 NE Kelly Avenue
 Contact: Barbara Herget
 March: Winter Tree (The "Whip") - Liz Silberman
 April: Free Motion Flowers - Caroline Burton
 May: No Meeting—Memorial Day

Multi-Media Kats ** Milwaukie, OR ** August, 2003

Meets: 3rd Monday 10:00 am — 4:00 pm
 Place: Gladstone Nazarene Church
 Contact: Beth Heesacker/Apral Harrel
 March: TBD
 April: Hand Beading and Hand Embroidery with Tassels and other ideas
 May: Making your own "Duct Tape"

Tacoma Tabbies ** Tacoma, WA ** January, 2002

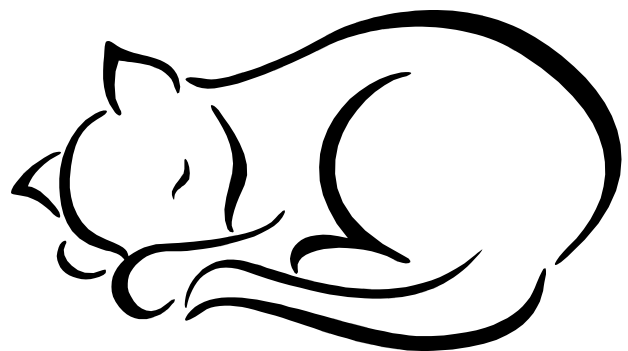
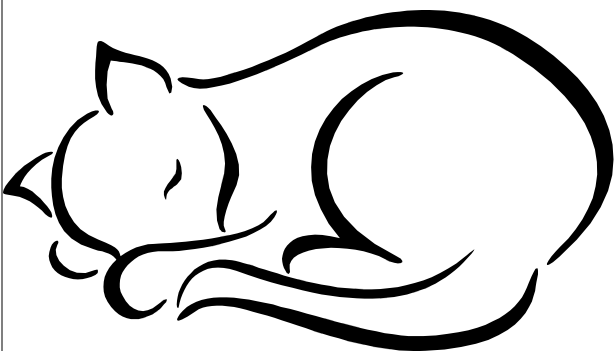
Meets: 3rd Saturday 9:30 am — 12:30 pm
 Place: Bennett P.S. & E, Inc., 12907 16th Street East, Sumner
 Contact: Karen Bennett
 March: Shaving cream
 April : Pounded Leaves
 May: Crayon Impressions on Fabric with Shiva Sticks

All area groups must be organized according to MEOW By-laws and Area Groups Guidelines, under the direction of the MEOW Vice-President. Please contact her for assistance.

All area group schedules are subject to change. Please call (# in Roster) ahead if you intend to visit another group.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. What does the name Valentine mean?
2. When do Valentines and Valentinas in the Orthodox Church celebrate their name day?
3. How many calories do you burn while kissing?
4. Everyone knows the story of Romeo and Juliet. What was Juliet's last name?
5. People of which profession receive the most cards on St. Valentine's Day?
6. What is Jack Valentine?
7. What is St. Valentine's Day known as in Finland?
8. Who is the Roman goddess of Love and Beauty?
9. Who was Cupid's father?
10. Romans believed that roses grew only in specific places. Where?
11. Which type of love was known as the ideal type of love?
12. Who is the famous recipient of many of Napoleon's love letters?
13. Which state produces around 60% of American roses?
14. If a girl is being watched by a sparrow on St. Valentine's Day, what does that mean?
15. According to a legend, Cleopatra sailed to Rome in a ship full of roses. Why did she do that?
16. How long did Penelope wait for Odysseus?
17. The loving couple of Pablo and Francesca appeared in what book?
18. What was the pagan celebration preceding Valentine's Day?
19. When are the most Valentine cards purchased?
20. What is the current Guinness World record of the most people kissing simultaneously?
21. Approximately how many boxes of chocolates were sold for St Valentine's Day in 2003?
22. The oldest known valentine that is still in existence today was written by Charles Duke of Orleans to his wife. Where was Charles when he penned this valentine? Tower of London or Council of Constance?



TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. *Strong, Worthy* — *There are several saints in the Catholic Church known as Saint Valentine.*
2. *14th of February* - *In the Orthodox Church, Saint Valentine's Day is celebrated on the 5th and 30th of July*
3. *1-2 per minute* - *The number of burned calories can increase if you kiss more passionately.*
4. *Capulet* - *The city of Verona receives more than 1000 valentine cards every year addressed to Juliet.*
5. *Teachers* - *About 1 billion cards are sent on that day every year*
6. *Character who leaves sweets for kids* - *Jack Valentine originates from Norfolk in the UK*
7. *Friend's Day*— *Estonias also call it a Friend's Day.*
8. *Venus* - *Venus is the Roman version of the Greek goddess, Aphrodite.*
9. *Mars* - *Cupid was the son of Mars and Venus.*
10. *Where Cupid spilled the nectar* - *it is thought that with his arrows Cupid could inspire love just as much as hate.*
11. *Agape* - *Agape is sometimes translated as 'love of the soul'*
12. *Josephine de Beauharnais* - *Josephine's first husband was Alexandre de Beauharnais.*
13. *California* - *More than 100% red roses are sold in the USA on St. Valentine's Day.*
14. *A poor man is in love with her* - *sparrows are a family of small passerine birds.*
15. *So the Romans would know of her arrival before they could see the ship* - *Cleopatra was the object of love of both Julius Ceasar and Mark Anthony.*
16. *20 years* - *while she was waiting for her husband to come back from the Trojan War, 108 suitors tried to take Odysseus' place.*
17. *The Divine Comedy* - *Dante Alighieri is known in Italy as the Supreme Poet.*
18. *Luprecalia* - *Lupercus is a Roman god of Shepherds.*
19. *Two days before February 14* - *In Denmark and Norway, Valentine's Day is called Valentines Day*
20. *Almost 40,000 people* - *Officially there were 39,897 kissing for 10 seconds; however, the organizations don't say why is the number not even.*
21. *36 million*
22. *In the Tower of London*

The following letter was received from the gentleman that performs the audit of MEOW's financial records. The Board of Directors advised the Secretary to send him back a letter of thanks as we appreciate him completing this task for us.

Bruce Thiemens

Shoreline, WA

The Board of Directors
M.E.O.W. (Machine Embroiderers of OR & WA)

At your request and according to your By Laws I have been engaged to perform an independent review of your financial records for the period ending August 31, 2013.

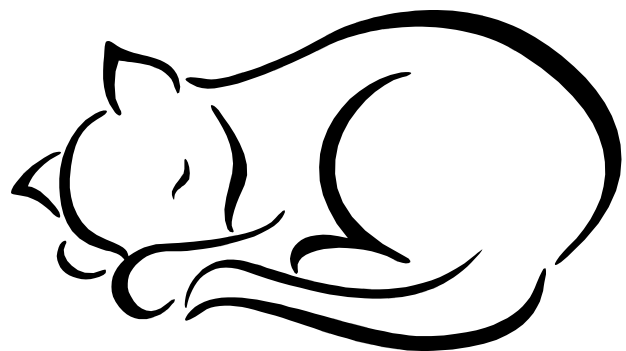
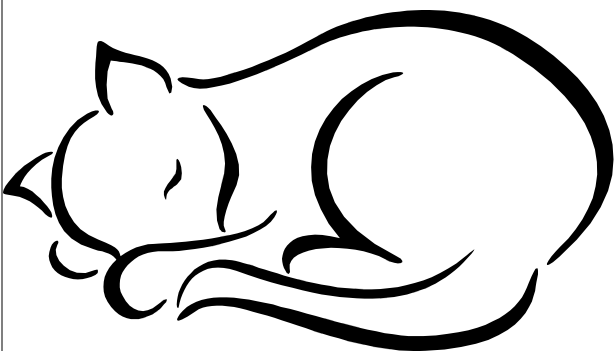
My examination of your computer records included a review of 3rd party supporting documents including bank statements and CD balances. I have reviewed contributions as dues as well as expenditures of material amounts and the documentation supporting such disbursements. My review included tax records for your Tax Exempt organization.

My review has noted no discrepancies between 3rd party documents and your books of record. Additionally your Balance Sheet and Income statement for the periods ended August 31, 2013, appear to properly reflect the year end balances per the supporting documentation.

Your accounting system appears to be working well and I found no issues with your record keeping.

Sincerely,

Bruce R Thiemens
Professional Accountant (Retired)



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