



SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

This week, our speaker was Myriam Armstrong from PAW, Pet and Wildlife Rescue.

Established January 1, 2004, this organization was 100% volunteer based. In November, 2016, the municipality contracted with PAW to operate the animal shelter in Chatham and provide animal control for Wards 2 and 6. In December, 2017, PAW agreed to operate the Wallaceburg animal shelter and provide animal control for Wards 4 and 5.

Ward 1 is contracted to Lakeshore Shelter and Ward 3 is handled by Glencoe Shelter.

This year, over 2100 animals have entered their two shelters. Approximately 500 came in as owner surrenders, 500 came in as strays and the remainder were transfers or seizures.

In a typical day, staff and volunteers feed approximately 200 cats, and feed and exercise 15 dogs.

Veterinary care is provided for sick or injured animals. The shelters are manned 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

There are 3 full time care workers and 1 part



President Jennifer Hill and speaker Myriam Armstrong



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time worker, 2 receptionists and 1 part time receptionist, 3 control officers, 2 managers and many volunteers.

The contract with the municipality covers the wages and most of the overhead costs. However, 100% of the cost of feeding and caring for the animals is paid for by donations, fundraisers and adoption fees.

Vet costs in 2017 were over \$120,000 and general animal care cost was \$41,000. This requires a lot of fundraising.

It costs approximately \$165 for each cat before they can be adopted. The cost of adoption is only \$100. For a dog, the figures are \$380 and \$300. The difference in these figures must also be covered by fundraising.

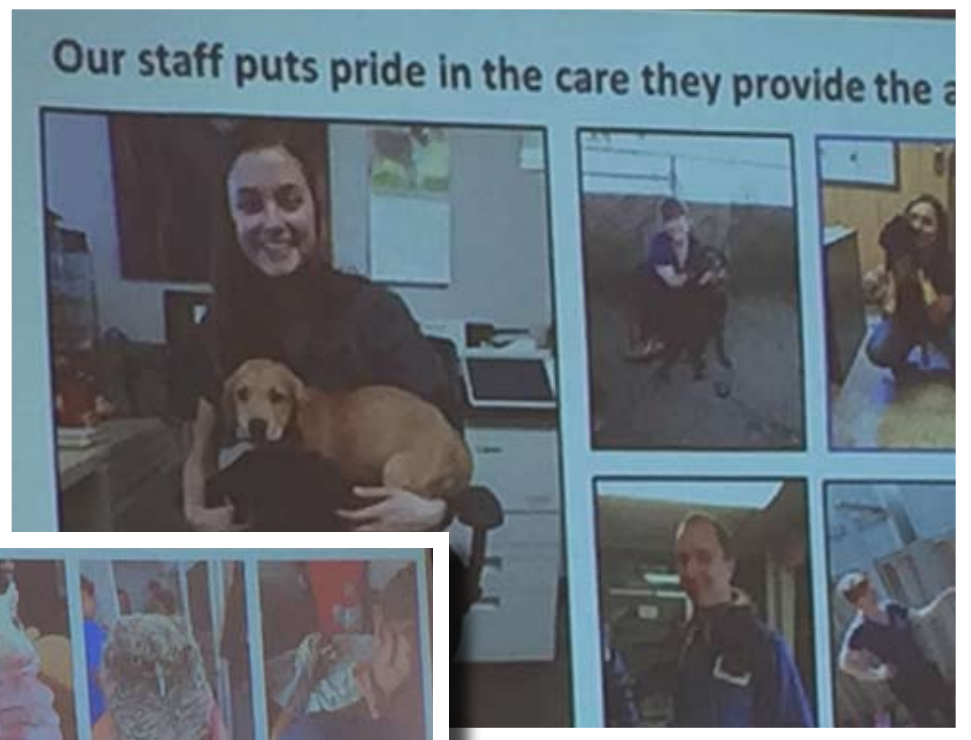
Myriam says that you can help by donating, volunteering or participating in our fundraisers. Also, you can help by sharing the message.

We need the services supplied by PAW and we thank Myriam, her staff and volunteers for their dedication.



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PET AND WILDLIFE RESCUE

Established January 1st, 2014 100% volunteer based





Rotarians Sparky and Laurie Leonard introduced our newest exchange student to the club last week. Her name is Nikola Blazowska and she is visiting from Poland.

Nikola will be attending Pain Court High School where she will continue her education in French.

Nikola is fluent in English and Polish with a strong interest in languages. Nikola plans to learn Spanish when her French is completed.

Nikola will be staying with Laurie and Sparky for the first few months of her stay here in Chatham-Kent.

If you would love to share this experience or know any families (French speaking) that may be open to hosting Nikola, please contact Sparky.

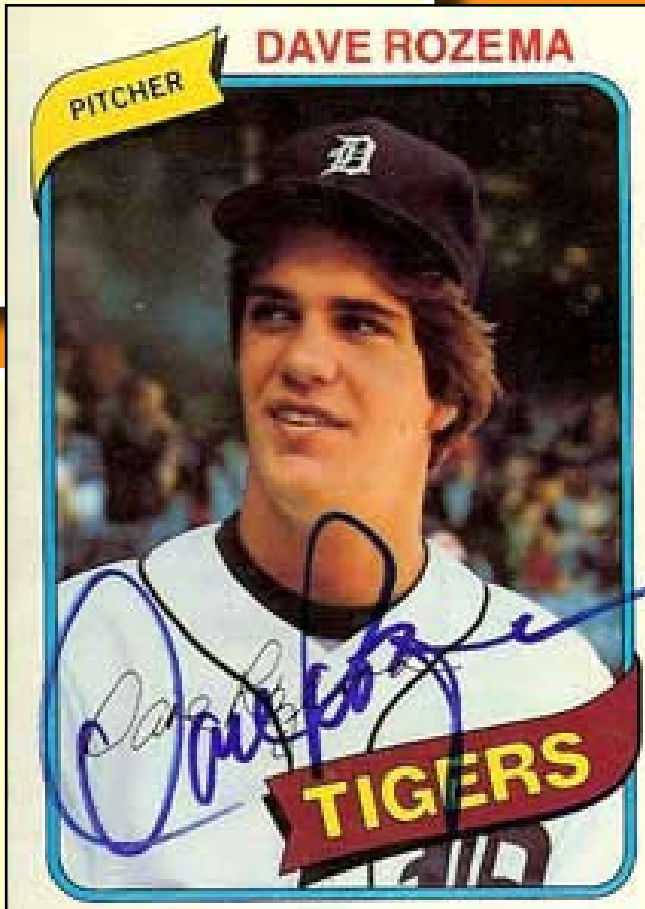
Our Newest Exchange Student



Happy Notices

BIRTHDAYS

Win Elzinga
Sept 1



Annual Banquet

Dave Rozema is the speaker.

*Dave was a world series pitcher
for the Detroit Tigers in 1984.*

*The banquet is Friday, October 5 at the
John Bradley Convention Centre.*

Tickets are \$60 and are available now.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

None

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sept 12
Jan McManus
District Governor

NOTE

**Next week's meeting
will be held at
Tru's Grill House
220 Riverview Drive
Chatham, ON**