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BATH ROTARIANS VOLUNTEER AT FLSPCA

On March 15th Bath Rotarians Brandi Graham, John Gould, Mike Slovak, and Terry Bilancio along with Terry's wife, Barbara, volunteered their services for two hours at the Finger Lakes SPCA in Bath.

When Tess McKinley, Bath Rotary Club Immediate Past President, proposed the project to the club, she stated, "Most of the work will involve doing laundry and folding the laundered items. However, there will also be an opportunity to walk through the site and cuddle with some cute animals." The Rotarians folded a room full of blankets, sheets, and towels; there were many giant bags of folded laundry at the end of the two hours.

The FLSPCA helps reunite families with lost pets and provides adoption services for hundreds of dogs and cats. The shelter admits homeless animals from various sources and provides veterinary care, socialization, and enrichment opportunities for the shelter orphans while they await adoption. It also provides rescue and care of a small number of other animals which have been received from animal cruelty cases or other crisis situations.

Michael Hopkins, Executive Director of the FLSPCA, Inc. and a retired priest from St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Bath, was a former Avoca Central School student of Bath Rotarians Elaine Tears and Bill White. Hopkins, who recently spoke at a weekly Bath Rotary Club meeting, remarked that the FLSPCA speaks for those who cannot speak for themselves. Rotary is also connected to the FLSPCA since Nancy Latour, Bath Rotary Club Secretary, serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the FLSPCA Board of Directors.



(The cutlines for the 2 pictures attached in the email are printed on the next page.)

Cutline for picture #1: Terry Bilancio and Brandi Graham, Bath Rotarians, begin the task of folding laundry at the FLSPCA in Bath.

Cutline for picture #2: Barbara Fowler, John Gould, and Mike Slovak also volunteered their service at the FLSPCA in Bath. Indeed, there were many bags of folded laundry at the end of the project.