



Girl Joins "Organization," Parent's Thrilled

(Editor's Note: Under no circumstances are we allowed to refer



to this group as a gang or paramilitary organization, but I can say threats were received while breaking this story.) After years of disappointing her parents with good grades, responsible behavior and kind-heartedness, in January the Princess of Tedescovia was selected for membership in a shadowy organization with fanatical uniform standards – the Lion Ambassadors. This is Penn State's student alumni corps (some might say shock troops) and it is a great honor to

be selected. Now halfway through her junior year, Rachel looks forward to a career working in development with a cancer non-profit. This year she is chairing her choir's participation in 'THON, the world's largest student-run philanthropy. It's a massive event that raised \$10.6 million last year for pediatric cancer. If you are so inclined, please consider a donation credited to Oriana Singers at <http://www.thon.org/>. It is literally "For The Kids!"

Feline Health Care Reform

As we reported last year, both Heather and Twix had all their teeth removed in what we now know was a **failed** (and very expensive) attempt to cure a congenital inflammatory condition. So when the bean-counter at the Tedesco Cat Care Fund reviewed their account, he (note gender) concluded that henceforth felines would only be afforded preventative and palliative care because as he put it: "They're just cats!" This policy change was met with protests by both the two and four-footed females of the household, but remains in effect. As part of a new cat health promotion program, said kitties are being involuntarily enrolled in the "Biggest Kitty Loser" program after the holidays are over. In related news, your feline correspondents report a breakthrough advance for differently-abled kitties everywhere. It is called the "Shovel-Snout"

gorging technique whereby toothless cats are able to quickly ingest massive quantities of either dry or wet food using a steam shovel like motion. Not only is it fast and efficient, it is guaranteed to double litter critter output too!

Not on the Tedesco's Gift List List

- Al Qaeda
- COMCAST
- Arab Socialist Ba'ath Party
- Penn State Board of Trustees & Rod Erickson
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named
- The Tea Party & the House Republicans
- VA Health Care bureaucrats
- Louis Freeh
- Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Mark Emmert & the hypocrites at the NCAA
- Nancy Pelosi & Harry Reid
- Tom Corbett

NEW



Lianne makes "The Great Escape!"

Domestic Tranquility Surges Afterwards

When Lianne joined VJ in metro-DC in 2010, she took a nurse navigator position with a private oncology group, let's just call them Voldemort Cancer Associates. After starting work, Lianne quickly realized she was laboring under "the Dark Lord" and began looking for another job. Well job-hunting in DC is all about who you know so finding the right place took 20 long, unhappy months while Lianne suffered under "She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named." Now your editor is certainly biased, but I'm sure our readers would attest to Lianne's genial nature and ability to get along with



anyone. Think of this then as a testament to the power of the evil afoot in this organization's leader and her minions. Happily, this past July, Lianne rejoined the forces of Good at the Inova Breast Care Center in Fairfax where she is once again is able to make a real difference in the lives of her cancer patients. In other Lianne news, this year's marathon destinations included Cary, NC and Hartford, CT where Lianne axed another 20 minutes off her best time. You keep going girl!

New Job, but Same Old Husband

Despite all the smack he talked about transforming himself into the next Donald Trump, VJ doesn't really seem all that different after his military retirement according to insiders who asked not to be identified. He may be a bit less intense, but by all accounts he's pretty much the same guy: impatient, plainspoken, conscientious, opinionated and occasionally witty. The jury is still out on how far said qualities will carry him as a consultant, but so far so good. A definite positive aspect of his new job is that VJ now has time to pursue new interests such as finding alternative ways to keep in shape. For the past year, he's been using an elliptical bike (ElliptiGo) that he heartily recommends to anyone looking

for a low-impact form of exercise. It isn't cheap, but it gets you outside and gives you a "runner's high." Ride one on a busy trail on the weekend and you're guaranteed to make lots of new acquaintances as people marvel at your strange, but intriguing device.



Merry Christmas and Joyous Festivus to all of us! Note the address and home phone change in the masthead. We don't expect either to change for a while. Please remember our Fallen, the wounded and their families as well as the men and women who remain "in the fight" while we go about our daily lives.