

# Louis Zarchen

**Louis Zarchen** is Dog Star's jack of all trades! He transports, screens and helps with meet and greets. He runs the Neuter Uber - the free ride dogs get to the Hope Neuter/Spay clinic. He also teaches UHart classes; picks up food donations from Costco; and organizes the permits, tents, porta potty and equipment rentals for the Bark & Brew. He's also involved with looking at properties for Dog Star's future office location. Lou finds that getting dogs out of a kill shelter to be very satisfying and a win-win-win situation. "The dog wins, the adopter wins and it makes me feel good to see a dog go to a good home. The feel good stories never end."

"I was sitting on the deck at Hooker brewery with a group of DSR volunteers, relaxing after our Bark & Brew event. For several months prior to that we had worked very hard to plan, organize, promote and put on the annual Bark & Brew," Lou recalls. "The day before, over 70 DSR volunteers cooked 270 pounds of pork, something like 20 trays of mac & cheese and who knows how much cabbage was cut to make 20 gallons of homemade coleslaw. For several weeks prior, another group of volunteers solicited 80 different raffle gifts from local merchants, and then raffled them off at the event. We pulled permits, set up tents, rented generators and porta-potties. At the end of the night, we had successfully hosted 760 attendees and now hold the record attendance for any event ever at Hooker Brewery. I sat there in the sun, enjoying the first beer I had had sitting down in the last 48 hours, and marveled at our accomplishment. I thought to myself how good we all did and how proud I was of the entire organization!" Lou is married with two dogs and two cats and enjoys playing golf in his free time. He credits volunteering at Dog Star with keeping him sane.