

BIRD LINE NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that when you consider adding another feathered friend into your household, you will consider checking rescue/adoption groups prior to heading out to your nearest Pet Store. Jojo the Grey gave us some points on why checking with these groups is so beneficial for the bird and for the new owner as well. Kudos to Jojo the Grey Adoption Program.

Our holiday party is just around the corner. One event scheduled for that night is to choose the winner of the Bird of the Year. We have Alex (May), Tiki (June), Rex and Jester (September), Blueberry (October) and Haven (November). We will choose the December bird that evening. I encourage you all to bring your birds that night and we will choose one bird for December. Following that, the Bird of the Year will be voted on and also a Special Award will be given to one outstanding bird.

As we end this year, the Board has a lot of new ideas for next year. We are all confident that you will be surprised and excited about the things we have planned for the club's future.



See you all at the December Meeting.
Francis D. Hilario
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MESSAGE FROM THE 2nd Vice PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays everyone! Can you believe it is that time of year already?

Please remember to bring something yummy to share for our holiday party, and if you have a donation for the raffle table - all the better! Do you know someone who should be a member of the club? A membership makes for a great stocking stuffer!

You will notice that this year we are consuming soda in aluminum cans, that is because aluminum is much easier to recycle than plastic. One can makes another can, one plastic bottle has to be made into another plastic item.

As we look forward to the new year, make a New Year's resolution to help your club - and KEEP IT! :) For example - We would love to have more than one member write articles for the newsletter or start new columns in it! To get an idea, look at my contribution "The Green Scene" in this and future newsletters.

See you in December!
Erika Scarborough
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UPCOMING OUTREACHES

The cooler months are upon us. We will be curled up by the fire keeping warm unless there is the rare request for an Outreach at this time of year. I will keep you posted as requests come in. Many Thanks to all our members that participated in our Outreaches this past year.

Esther & Blueberry
Outreach Coordinators
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Hello All,
We held a Board meeting on Tuesday 11/18/08. We will probably be holding a few extra meetings to help the transition go smoother. We decided on Italian Food for the Holiday Party. Baked ziti, meatballs and sauce will be the main meal. I'll be making my Italian Wedding Soup also. As always, the club will provide the main meal with members bringing side dishes, salads, desserts and drinks. If you would still like to bring a dish to add to the festivities, it's not too late. You can e-mail or call me with your item, or just bring it with you that evening!
Be on the look out for some new featured items in the newsletter and upcoming guest speakers at the meetings. We will also be updating the member application form. So look for it when you update your membership for the 2009 year. Just find me at the Dec or Jan meeting. The 2009 membership cards are looking and waiting for their rightful owner's!

Margie Lyon
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What's new in our nest?

Lets us all welcome our new Member
Representative - **Flo Clupp**

Starting January 2009, we will go paperless on our Newsletter. Please let us know, if you have no access to a computer for your viewing and printing purposes of our Newsletter.

New sections in our Newsletter –

1) Who Am I?

In this section, pictures of members birds will posted in our newsletter and you need to guess the name of that bird, the Specie and the owner. You need to have at least 2 of the categories to get a point for that picture. You can e-mail your response to frandelhisflyers@rcn.com and the winner will be announced during that Newsletter month's meeting.

2) Member's Featured Article

Articles submitted by members will be posted. You are all welcome to submit any article that you think will be of great interest to the members. Share your toy making skills, experience with your bird and all other things.

Special Message

Let's give our love and prayers to the family of one of our members, Linda Martin. Her mother died last Monday (Nov. 17, 2008).

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Delco Bird Club Events for 2007/2008

October 23, 2008: Show off your birds night

November 13, 2008: Jojo The Grey Adoption and Rescue will be talking about their Adoption Program.

December 11, 2008: Holiday Party So sign up for that Salads or Deserts. What will you bring on this night?

January 8, 2009: Dr. Leonard Donato
"What Did I do at work today?"

February 12, 2009: Dr. Robert DiGregorio

March 12, 2009: Dr. Kim Bowers

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 18, 2008

Meeting Started: 7:00 pm

1. Holiday Party: we decided on the following:

Margie: Lazy Lazagna & Meatballs from Roy Tweetys Shop: 5 trays @ \$17.99 & 3 meatball trays @ \$15.95;

2 pds of sliced provolone: holiday centerpieces for the tables

Erika: Drinks & tablecloths

Esther: rolls & coffee

Colleen: sternos & warming trays

2. Email lists: Margie will work on the new e-mail lists this weekend
3. Newsletter: Everyone will have their blurb in by the weekend after the Board Meeting: A few new sections will be added; Who Am I? and some articles borrowed from other clubs
4. Membership Application. We will take out section 2 & 4, Board members will make sure the date is filled in: Erika will redo application
5. Brochure Changes: we will discuss next board meeting.
6. Vacant Positions to be filled: We still need 1st VP, newsletter editor & Membership Reps. Ray &/or Nic expressed interest in the newsletter editor position- Colleen said she'll follow through with that
7. Toy Making for fund raising: we discussed alternatives for the Foxwell's at the June meeting, will see about other possible toy making options for that month's meeting. Also discussed for fundraising-a basket raffle- Erika will check with Flo on ways to handle it- Also discussed the possibility of a Silent Auction
8. Boost monthly meeting attendance-possible new meeting features were discussed and (similar to the pet psychic or pet artist) and Esther will bring some info for the next board meeting.

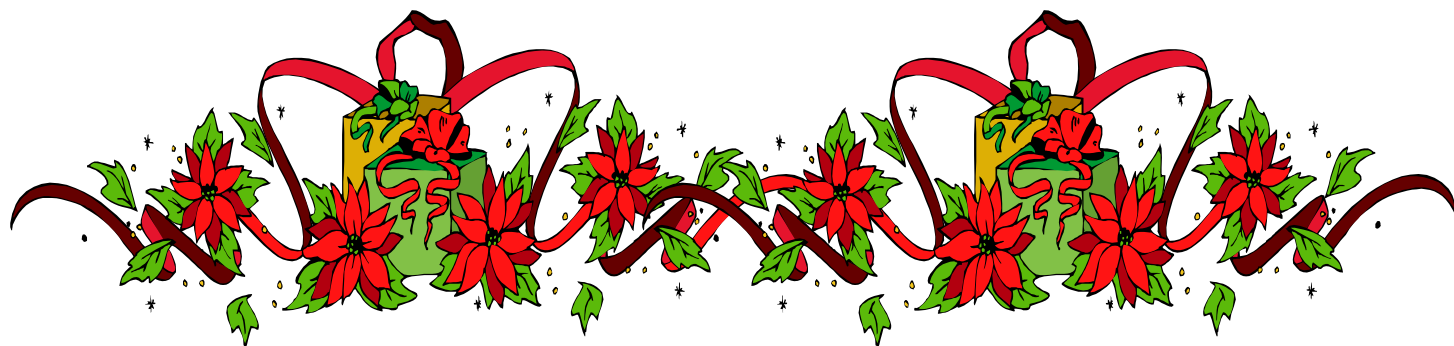
Meeting Ended: 8:30

Sincerely,

Margie Lyon

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Interim Club Secretary



Member's Featured Article

The Green Scene Erika Scarborough

Do you think that white vinegar is just for cooking? Did you know that it is one of the original cleaning products used to disinfect surfaces? It is!

White vinegar has a very long shelf life and is the by-product of fruits, vegetable, and grains. Though it does have an odor, the smell dissipates quickly and is safe to use around those with asthma - and therefore, your birds.

I clean my bird cages with a mild solution of vinegar and water. Fill a reusable spray bottle with 1/2 to 3/4 water and then fill the rest of the way with vinegar. When cleaning the cages, I take out my birds and set them on their play gyms (or sometimes they sit on my shoulder), then remove the lower grates. I put the grates over my sink and spray on the vinegar solution and let it sit for awhile to do its work.

I finish cleaning the rest of the cage and return to the grates. Enough time has gone by that the encrusted poop has virtually melted away. A little hot water and scrubbing the tougher spots and "Voila!" you are done!

Delco Bird Club's Bird of the Month November 2008

Bird Name: Haven

Bird Species: Plum Head Parakeet

Owner: Colleen Robinson



PARROT OF THE MONTH

Watch for a different bird each month from A to Z

Kuhl's Lory



Kuhl's Lory

German: Rubin Lori

Description: upper parts green; crown with pale green shaft-streaks; back of head dark blue with pale blue shaft-streaks; lore's, cheeks, ear-coverts, throat and abdomen red; thighs purple-blue; under tail-coverts and lower back yellowish-green; tail upper side red, underside grey; narrow ophthalmic ring grey; iris reddish-brown; feet flesh-colored; bill orange.

Female as male.

Immature with dark tip to bill (adult bill coloring attained at 6 months); less red; breast and abdomen with grayish-purple tinge; iris dark.

Length: 19 cm (7.5 ins)

Distribution: formerly restricted to Rimitara and Tubuai Islands; introduced to Teraina (Washington Islands), Tabueran (Fanning islands) and Kiritimati

(Christmas Islands); also possible formerly on southern Cook Islands

(Suggested by fossil finds).

Habitat: dense rain forest, edges of forest, gardens and coconut plantations.

Status: still common on Rimitara, smaller or even tiny populations on other islands; endangered wherever Black Rat (*Rattus rattus*) and other small predators introduced.

Habits: nomadic outside breeding season in pairs or small groups; mostly only seen when flying over treetops or in palms; flocks roost on isolated trees; flight swift with whirring wingbeats; accompanied by shrill, high-pitched contact calls.

Natural diet: pollen and nectar, mainly from coconut flowers; flowers and soft fruits; often eats in company of non-parrot birds.

Breeding behaviour: breeding period January to March; nests in rotten tree stumps, cracks in palms or decaying coconuts still hanging on tree; egg measurements unknown.

Aviculture: active, playful and quiet lory; susceptible; sudden mortalities without discernible cause; minimum temperature during acclimatisation 24°C (75°F); enjoys bathing.

Accommodation: inside flight 4 x 2 x 2 m (12 x 6 x 6 ft); minimum temperature 20°C (68°F); aviary must allow strict hygiene measures to be implemented; roosting box 15 x 15 x 40 cm (6 x 6 x 16 ins).

Diet: lory feed of honey, pollen, brewer's yeast, oat flakes, multi-grain flakes, vitamins and mineral supplements; regular vitamin C; softened rusk or biscuit; various types of soft fruit, especially mango, banana and grape; occasionally small quantities of mealworms and hard-boiled egg; fresh branches with buds, flowers and leaves.

Breeding in aviculture: seldom achieved; clutch usually 2 eggs; incubation time unknown; male shares nest for long intervals; fledging period possibly 7 weeks; young often not reared; provide additional animal protein during breeding.

Bird-Safe Holidays



Can you find all the holiday hazards in the picture above?

Poinsettias: These beautiful holiday flowering plants have a milky substance in them that is hazardous to animals and birds. If any gets on your pets, wash it off immediately, as it can cause irritation or rash, especially around the eyes, mouth, or nose areas. Obviously you do not want your birds to eat this plant, so keep them away from them at all times. It is possible to have them in your house (the display in the photo above is a centerpiece in my living room), but only when you know you can control access without fail.

Chocolate: Those foil-covered chocolate Santas look awfully enticing to my curious Senegal. Since chocolate contains theobromine, a hazard to birds, you should not leave it out if birds have access to that area of the house.

Pine Trees: Many commercial trees are chemically treated so they will last longer. It is not a good idea to let your bird near a Christmas tree as he may chew on the leaves.

Ornaments: Delicate glass ornaments can be broken easily by a parrot's powerful beak. If they ingest this glass it can shred the digestive system and cause sepsis and death.



Another typical hazard during the holiday are bright, sparkling Christmas lights. They attract curious birds, particularly if they have a "berry" appearance. Obviously this is a hazard since a parrot might break the glass lights and ingest the material, or they might chew through the electrical cord when the lights are plugged in and electrocute themselves. This is a year-round hazard for birds (electrical cords) who are not properly supervised in the home and allowed to wander about freely on their own.

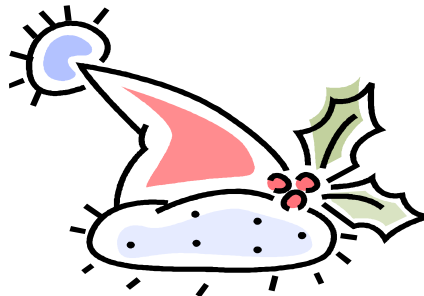
The white poinsettias have the same milky substance as the red plants, so your pets should also be kept away from these plants.



You are probably wondering, "Now what is this strange hazard?" This is not a hazard at all, but an example of the surface of a cookie sheet that is safe to use in homes with pet birds. It has two layers of aluminum with space in between for "air". The little bumps help distribute the heat evenly. These types of trays do not have nonstick coatings so you don't have to worry about burning cookies and creating poisonous fumes in the home. They also make great cookies!

To everyone out there, feathered or unfeathered alike, have a safe and

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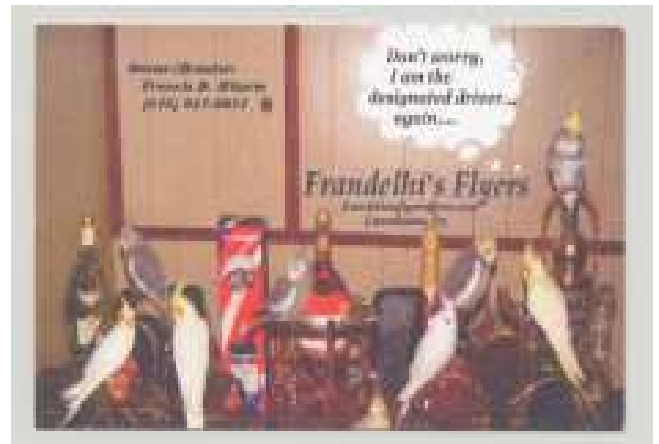
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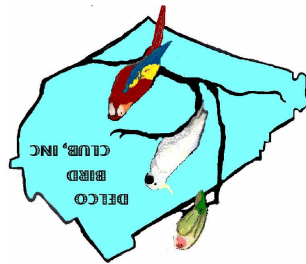
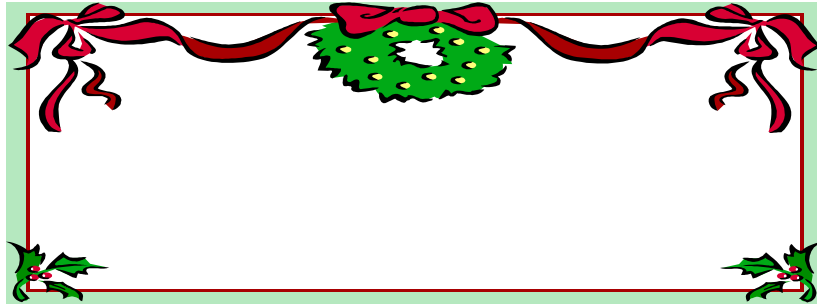
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