



BIRD LINE NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**OUR MART IS COMING UP FAST – SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2007
PLEASE SEE A BOARD MEMBER TO VOLUNTEER!!**

MESSAGE FROM THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

February is Election time at our Bird Club. Please arrive PROMPTLY at 7PM to participate in a brief business meeting which will include the election of your Board for the next year.

Our guest speaker is Dr. Len Donato DVM from Radnor Veterinary hospital. Dr. Donato's talk is titled "A Day in the Life of an Avian Vet". Dr. Donato will have a picture show to accompany his talk. It should be educational as well as entertaining.

It has been my pleasure to serve as 1st VP for the past two years. Please support our new 1st VP and give her any suggestions or ideas for what you may want at future meetings.

See you on the 8th!
Esther Scholz

Events for 2006/2007

February 8, 2007- Election of Officers. Talk given by Dr. Len Donato DVM from Radnor Veterinary Hospital. www.RadnorVet.com

March 8, 2007- Planning Meeting for March Bird Mart. All members should attend to see how YOU can help make this Mart a Great Success!

March 31, 2007- 2nd Annual Bird Mart sponsored by Delco Bird Club, Saturday 9AM-4PM, Ramada Inn, 76 Industrial Highway, Essington, Pa. 19029

April 12, 2007- Arlene Boles from the Tri State Bird Rescue, <http://www.tristatebird.org/index.htm>

May 10, 2007- Toy Making with the Foxwells! Jim and Candy from Birdsnest Specialty bring supplies to purchase and share their knowledge on making toys for our birds!

www.birdsnestonline.com

June 14, 2007- Summer Kick off Party!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 31st, 2007 - Philadelphia, PA - Delco Bird Club's 2nd Annual Bird Mart & Extravaganza - Philadelphia Airport Ramada Inn, 76 Industrial Hwy (Rt.291) - 9am-4pm - Contact **Connie Metz (610) 604-3316 or e-mail: **Conniecmm1@aol.com**
www.delcobirdclub.com**

April 15, 2007 9AM – 4PM Thrifty Birds Mart , Sheraton Reading Hotel, Papermill Road Wyomissing, PA 610-376-3811

We are starting to plan the 2nd Annual Bird Mart for March 31st of 2007. So mark your Calendars for this Day.

REMINDER!

**NOW IS THE TIME TO PAY
YOUR DUES FOR 2007!**

**PLEASE SEE CHRIS WEBB AT THE
NEXT MEETING TO RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!**

**Family membership \$20.00 per household
Senior (over 65) or junior (under 18)
membership \$10.00**

Message from the 2nd VP

I would like to thank everyone who participated in selling tickets for the Fall Fundraiser we ran from October through December. I know it was not an easy task asking people to purchase tickets. All in all we raised just under two hundred dollars. There are no big fundrasiers planned for now while we work diligently on donations for the mart. We will just have our regular raffle and 50/50 at February's meeting.

Let's keep passing out our mart fliers wherever we go, to and fro! Fliers will be available at the meeting or contact me > **conniecmm1@aol.com** or **610-604-3316** and I will get some to you.

A shout out goes to Wendy and Debbie for running the raffle table last month in my absence. Great job guys! Thank you much.

See you in February and remember as always, the raffle table needs and welcomes your donations.

Connie Metz
Conniecmm1@aol.com

OUTREACH UPDATE

Rest up...we'll have another busy Outreach season starting March 31st, 2007.

Our next Gig will be at our 2nd Annual Bird Mart on March 31, 2007! Please plan on participating! More info on the Mart as we get closer to March. Thank You to all our members that participated in our 2006 Outreach Year! We were very successful on many levels.

Sincerely,
Esther Scholz, Outreach Coordinator
Luvbrds@msn.com, 610 446-6427

Board Meeting Minutes 01/16/2007

Meeting called to order at 7:12pm
Happy Valentines Day!!!!

In Attendance: Tom N, Connie M, Debbie P, Esther S, Chris P, Francis H, Linda M, Flo C, Margaret O, Guest Members Chris Webb, Colleen Robinson and Erika Scarborough.

Treasurers Report: Please see in the Newsletter.

Outreach: See that under Esther's Newsletter.

Web Page: Be sure to stop by and check out our new web site www.delcobirdclub.com.

Bird Mart: We are planning the **2nd Annual Bird Mart for March 31st of 2007. Mark your Calendars for this Day.** Fliers for the Mart will be available at our monthly meetings. You can help by putting them out in all the places you go to, please. If you are interested in helping us out with the Bird Mart please see any of the board members. Also, if you know any vendors (who are somewhat bird related, but they don't have to be) and would like a table at the Bird Mart, please let Connie know.

Nominations: As we all know, it is that time a year again - we must vote for our board members. Here are the nominees.

President: Tom Neill
1st Vice President: Margaret Ouali
2nd Vice President: Connie Metz
Secretary: Colleen Robinson
Treasurer: Christine Phelps

If you would like a FREE raffle ticket, you must go over to Tom Neill, our President and give him a HUG (but the fun doesn't stop there) then you must run over to Connie Metz at the raffle table and let her know that you LOVE her. HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!!! Could Connie or Tom be your Valentine????

If you have a business card and would like to place it in the Bird Mart Brochure, see Christine Phelps or call her (610) 833-2625.

Adoptions: Margaret Ouali will have a short and sweet discussion about the adoptions. If you or anyone you know would like to either adopt a bird or place one up for adoption, please contact Margaret (610) 713-0331

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40pm.

Submitted by Margaret Ouali
610-713-0331

CLASSIFIEDS

Cockatiels

Great breeding stock, lots of splits from babies to 1 year olds. All are National Cockatiel Society banded. Call for available birds Debbie Park (484) 469-4301. Leave a message.

FINCHES FOR SALE

Gouldians, shafttails, red faced parrot finches.. Call Dave for availability at (610) 566-5103.

Frandelhi's Touch Cages, toys, playpens, nest boxes and carriers, personally built by Francis for yours and your birds' likings. Any wood craft ideas for them, dial (215) 917-8073 or frandelhi@rcn.com or <http://birdshows.com/avianservices.htm>.

NCS Banded Baby Cockatiels of various mutations now available for new homes

Bird Cage Covers

Replace that old, torn sheet or blanket with a colorful, durable, fitted and machine-washable bird cage cover. Assorted colors and sizes to fit your cages. Call Paula Kreiser 610.858.1356 or email pkreiser222@yahoo.com

FOR SALE

Parrotlets (Green Pacifics) unrelated pairs ready to breed. \$100.00/pair. Some single adult Parrotlets available. One Breeding Pair of Pacific Parrotlets, plucked: Free!

Red Rump Breeding Pair: \$100.00

Rosy Bourkes Breeding Pair: \$100.00

Doves-Pieds: \$10.00 each

Cages will come with some breeding pairs.

Call Michael for more information: 610 296-5541

FOR SALE : Foster & Smith model Z1 cage – like new, barely used!!! Inside is 37-1/2"x 27-1/2"x 39"high; outside is 44"x 35"x62-1/4" high including seed catcher. Unit is only 2 yrs old, tan color, and comes with extra seed dishes. Contact AnneMarie 610-513-8801.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale - a parrot pvc gym on wheels approx. 5 ft + tall. \$100.00 Please call Barbara (302) 529-7134

Brandy - 6 year old female Eclectus parrot for sale; comes with Kings cage and toys; friendly and says a few words. Asking \$600.00 to a good home, where she will get the love and attention she deserves. Please call Laurel at 610-970-8896

Greenwing Macaw Pair for sale

Domestic, beautiful feather, raised together, 9&10 yrs old. Asking \$2,000 OBO
e-mail Nancy @ nchambers2@nyc.rr.com

HANNAH the UMBRELLA COCKATOO needs a home!

I BELIEVE HER TO BE FOURTEEN OR FIFTEEN YRS. OLD. MY FRIEND BILL AND I TAKE CARE OF HER, I AM 73 AND BILL IS 78. SHE BONDED WITH BILL AND LOVES HIM. SHE JUST TOLERATES ME. SHE IS OUT ABOUT 2-1/2 HOURS A NIGHT. WE SPOIL HER WITH TOYS, I SHOWER HER NIGHTLY. SHE LOVES RITZ CRACKERS TO DIP IN THE WATER. SHE IS IN A LARGE CAGE, AND HAS HER WINGS. I FEEL I AM GETTING TO OLD TO SPEND THE TIME WITH HER SHE NEEDS, I AM LOOKING FOR A SINGLE MALE, OR A MARRIED COUPLE WITH-OUT KIDS. SHE HATES FEMALES AND KIDS.
MONEY IS NOT IMPORTANT I WANT HER TO HAVE A HAPPY LIFE, AND BE TAKEN CARE OF.

I WOULD LOVE TO MEET WITH ANYONE WHO FEELS THEY HAVE THE TIME AND QUALIFICATIONS I AM LOOKING FOR.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND TIME.

MITZI SPECKMAN 610 356-0717 FAX 356-6021
E-MAIL LOGAN4935@AOL.COM

Birds Eye View : At the Meeting on 1 / 11 / 2007

Dr Jeleen Briscoe-Reitz of the University of Penn Veterinary School of Medicine came to the club and spoke to us about the test results from her study in 2005. In her findings, she has discovered the stapholococcus bacteria on some our birds. Apparently, we are the ones who pass this onto our birds, through handling, kissing, and other contact. So we would like to once again stress that **hand cleaning is very important and will help reduce the transmission of 'bugs' to our loving pets.**

**GOT OLD BIRD RELATED MAGAZINES?
WANT TO UNLOAD THEM AND HELP THE CLUB?**

**WE OFFER THEM TO BIRD MART ATTENDEES FOR A SMALL DONATION
GET RID OF CLUTTER AND HELP THE CLUB AT THE SAME TIME**

**BRING THEM TO THE NEXT DELCO BIRD CLUB MEETING
AND GIVE THEM TO CONNIE METZ (AT THE RAFFLE TABLE)
OR FRANCIS HILARIO**

The fine folks at The PerchStore.net on line store have a fine proposal for us.

Please read the following and shop at The PerchStore.net online!

What we do is offer members of your club a 10% discount in our store and in addition, every time one of your members shops with us, we donate another 5% to your club! It's a win-win-win situation - we receive a new customer, your members receive a discount, and you raise a little money for your club!

Your coupon code for your members is: bcdbc .

In addition, if your club is having a fair or show, give us about 30 days notice and we'll send you a basket of FREE samples to hand out to your members or guests!

ThePerch.net

<http://www.ThePerch.net>

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**NEW FEATURE – BIRD JOKE OF THE MONTH
(thanks to Connie Metz for this great suggestion)**

A magician was working on a cruise ship in the Caribbean. The audience would be different each week, so the magician allowed himself to do the same tricks over and over again.

There was only one problem: The captain's parrot saw the shows every week and began to understand what the magician did in every trick. Once he understood that, he started shouting in the middle of the show.

"Look, it's not the same hat!" "Look, he's hiding the flowers under the table!" "Hey, why are all the cards the Ace of Spades?"

The magician was furious but couldn't do anything, it was the captain's parrot after all.

One day the ship had an accident and sank. The magician found himself on a piece of wood, in the middle of the ocean, and of course the parrot was by his side.

They stared at each other with hate, but did not utter a word. This went on for several days.

After a week the parrot finally said, "Okay, I give up. What'd you do with the boat?"

FEATURED ARTICLE

Prepare A Bird Carrier and Evacuation Kit Have a bird carrier and bird emergency ready

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Pennsylvania State Animal Response Team

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email: pasart@pavma.org

Every year we hear sad stories from pet bird owner's who have experienced an bird emergency requiring evacuation from one's home. Whether it be hurricanes, tornado's, earthquakes, floods, or even a terrorist attack, **every bird owner should have a bird travel cage for each bird** and develop a plan to take care of their parrots when water and electricity are not available.

Planning ahead, preparing an emergency kit and practice are the keys to a fast, safe and efficient evacuation during emergencies. We suggest that you purchase a medium sized Rubbermaid or similar brand plastic tub which has a sealing lid to place your parrot emergency items in. Label the tub and place it in a location with your bird carriers. Also, have your parrot's bird carrier assembled and labeled with your birds name, your telephone number and your veterinarian's telephone number in plain view. Be sure that you have written "REWARD IF RETURNED TO OWNER" on the carrier, as well.

Develop a plan of how you would get your parrots to safety and practice a simulated evacuation. Call your veterinarian ahead of time and request permission to have your parrots boarded with him/her if your parrot is lost and found by emergency personnel. We've compiled a list of minimum requirements for pet bird evacuation. Packing enough supplies for 5-7 days should be sufficient in most cases.

Each parrot should have a specific bird carrier assembled and ready should an evacuation be necessary. Prepare labels with permanent ink to place on each bird carrier with the following information on each:

- Parrots Name
- Owner's Name, Address and Telephone Number
 - Emergency Contact Name and Telephone
- Veterinarian's Name, Address and Telephone Number
 - REWARD WHEN RETURNED TO OWNER

If you only have a few pets, place the label on the bird travel cage ahead of time. If you have several pets, it will be easier to have the label's prepared ahead of time and placed in a location near your bird travel cage. Apply the proper label to the bird's travel cage as you place your parrot inside.

Bird Carriers and Emergency Bird Supplies

In the wake of recent disasters, we've become increasingly aware of being prepared to evacuate our home in case of an emergency. Don't wait until the last minute to evacuate if you have animals. Once the disaster is imminent, if the only way out is by official rescue transport, emergency officials may not allow you to take your pets when they rescue you.

FEATURED ARTICLE (cont'd)

Pack necessary bird supplies early. Prepare an **Emergency Bird Supplies Kit** and keep items in an accessible place. Store your bird supplies in sturdy containers that can be easily accessed and carried (duffle bags, covered trash containers, etc.). You should stock your pet disaster kit with the bird supplies identified on the left.

Plan Ahead. Scout out temporary pet-friendly living quarters (motels, friends, relatives, boarding facilities, veterinarians) in outlying areas ahead of time. **Have a stash of cash.** Credit cards cannot be processed when the electricity is out, and checks might not be accepted.

Prepare your Parrot, too. Get your parrot groomed at the start of storm season. And, make sure your bird is familiar with its travel cage. Train your parrot to wear a bird harness if possible.

Take time to consider everything you would need for your birds if you had to leave your home on short notice. For example:

A portable carrier for each bird
Supply of food and water
Toys to help relieve the stress of an unusual situation
Bird first aid kit
Cleaning supplies
Medications

Have you considered identification for your birds? Talk to your avian vet about microchips. Think of all the important information about your birds and keep it together. **If you couldn't care for your birds ~** would someone else know how? Suppose your bird was lost ~ what would help your search?

You may want to give a duplicate file to a trusted friend or relative. Some suggestions to include are:

- Names (of course!)
- Description of your birds / colors / unique markings
- Identification numbers
- A recent picture of each bird
- Feeding schedule / Food preferences
- Health records / Medications
- Favorite words, phrases or songs
- Contact list ~ family, friends, veterinarian, local bird rescue

Any Animal, Any Disaster, Anywhere

The Pennsylvania State Animal Response Team (PASART) was created through a private-public partnership to serve as a unifying network of organizations, businesses, federal and state government agencies, and individuals that supports the prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery for emergencies affecting animals. Because disaster response needs to happen at a local level, PASART builds County Animal Response Teams (CARTs) across the state. Selected county coordinators will lead the development of county teams consisting of volunteers who will respond to emergencies at the local level. Join your county's state animal response team at www.pasart.org and help start a CART in your county if there is not one.

Need More Information-

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