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UPCOMING EVENTS

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 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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, the Mart is at the end of this month, if you can help and give a couple of hours that would be great. This year it will run like a fine tuned motor; we learned a lot from last year, and we still need some help like outreach has some time slots open.

Our last Board meeting was one of the best I have had the pleasure to attend; we have a couple of new member reps, new 1st president (thank you Esther) and some new blood with new ideas.



MESSAGE FROM THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

MARCH is here!

The count down has begun....how many more days until our SECOND ANNUAL BIRD MART?

We are looking forward to seeing all our members at our March meeting ready to sign up for jobs to do the day of the Mart! Think of what YOU would like to do. Be it set up, clean up, Ticket Sales, Raffle Table, Outreach Area, runners, go-fers, the list is endless and we need everyone pulling together to make this Mart the Best Ever!

Please bring a snack for the snack table to keep us happy as we put the finishing touches on the planning of our Bird Mart. See you on the 8th!

Esther Scholz
1st VP

Message from the 2nd VP

Can you believe that it is March already? Mart preparations are coming along just fine. Donations for the mart are streaming in, thanks to the hard work of our members Debbie, Flo, Erika, Margaret, Esther and myself. We will just have the regular raffle and 50/50 at March's meeting, so support the club by purchasing those raffle tickets. If you sign up to volunteer at the Mart, I will give you a free raffle ticket. See Esther for volunteering at the Outreach, certain times are needed, and see me for volunteering to help where ever needed - be it set up, break down, runners, relievers etc.

Are we still placing fliers everywhere we go? They will be available for all to take at the meeting. Remember as always the raffle table needs and welcomes your donations.

Connie Metz
2nd Vice President
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Board Meeting February 20th 2007

7:45pm

Attendance: Tom N, Margaret O, Connie M, Colleen R, Christine P, Esther S, Debbie P, Francis H, Erika S, Linda M, and guest member Chris W

Treasurer's Report: Will be talked about at the club meeting. (Balance 4065.16)

Outreach: See Esther's Blog.

Bird Mart: As we all know we are having our 2nd annual Bird Mart March 31st 2007 at the Ramada Inn. The day is approaching quickly if you are interested in helping out that day please see any of the board member's. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

The board has appointed Member Representatives:

1st Senior Representative – Francis Hilario

2nd Senior Representative – Debbie Park

Member Representative – Linda Martin

Member Representative – Erika Scarborough

Member Representative – Francis Rich

By-Laws: We have come to the conclusion that we have to update our by-laws. We will let everyone know of the changes at a later date.

Meeting Ended 9:15pm

Submitted By: Colleen Robinson (610) 212-6369

OUTREACH UPDATE

Our next gig is Saturday, March 31, 2007. 9AM to 4PM, Ramada Inn, Essington, Pa.
Yes, that's right our Bird Mart!

Please see me at our March 8th meeting to sign up for an hour or so at our Outreach Area during our Bird Mart. The Outreach Area was a big success last year, our public loved meeting and interacting with our birds. This year we will have the capability of taking and making pictures of the customers with our birds (for a small fee). We will need photographers and people to run the picture maker. So even if you don't bring a bird we can use you to assist in our picture taking/making endeavor. See you on the 8th!

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

Birds Eye View : Delco Bird Club Events for 2006/2007

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!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Susan Bick

And

Daniel Ferreira

REMINDER!

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

**PLEASE SEE COLLEEN ROBINSON OR
DEBBIE PARK AT THE
NEXT MEETING TO RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!**

Family membership \$20.00 per household
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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) 461-3640. Leave a message.

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**WE OFFER THEM TO BIRD MART ATTENDEES FOR A SMALL DONATION
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**BRING THEM TO THE NEXT DELCO BIRD CLUB MEETING
AND GIVE THEM TO CONNIE METZ (AT THE RAFFLE TABLE)
OR FRANCIS HILARIO**

BIRD JOKE OF THE MONTH

An old sea captain with a wooden leg, a hook for a hand and a black patch over one eye is telling a kid how he got his injuries: "It was a big sea battle, lad. A cannonball flew across the deck and took off me leg. Later a doctor friend fixed me up with this wooden one."

"How did you lose your hand?" asks the kid. "The same battle, lad. The pirates, they boarded me ship and their captain, he whacked off me hand with his cutlass. Later, the doctor friend gave me this hook." The kid says. "I guess you lost your eye in the same battle." "No". says the captain. "I was looking up one day, and a seagull (crapped) right in me eye."

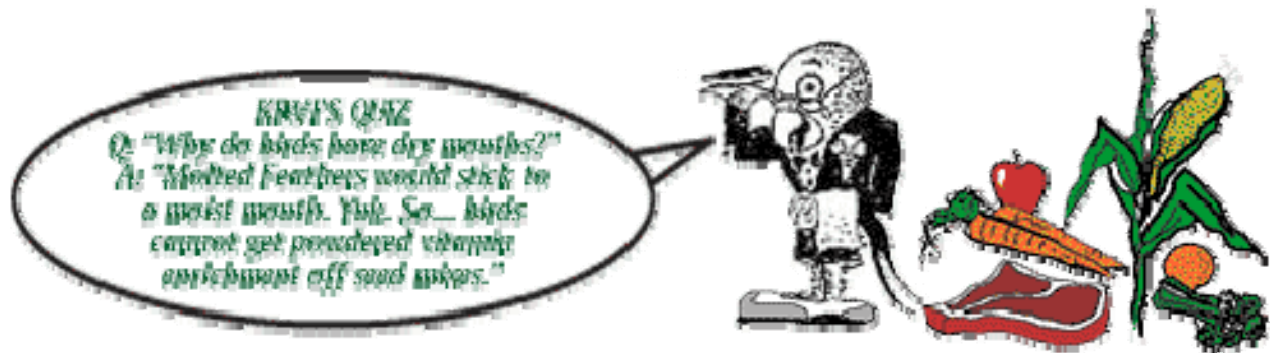
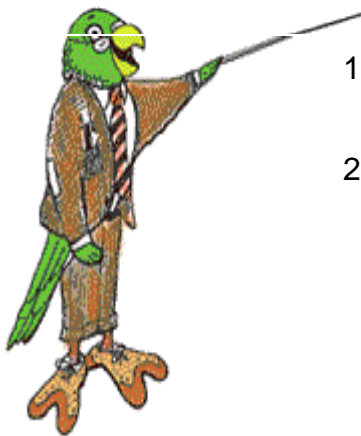
"Gee" says the kid "You mean the seagull (crap) blinded you?."

"No" the captain replies, "First day with me new hook."

FEATURED ARTICLE

WHY PET BIRDS NEED REAL FOOD!

1. Budgies have been known to live 25 years in the wild, 7-10 in our cages, dying from illness secondary to slow starvation.
2. Seed is a carbohydrate almost devoid of nutrients, often fatty. Okay to 25% of diet (to work for food: relieve boredom).
3. *HIDDEN MALNUTRITION*...birds will pretend to eat the day before they die to fool predators.
4. Per ASSN. of Am. Feed Control Officials, "It is deceptive and misleading to make total diet claims for avians other than poultry."

**BEST DIET**

1. Dr. Raymond Cray's model R B & C mid 1980's **RICE BEAN CORN** including
2. **A NATURAL BROAD LOWFAT DIET** of real food emphasizing high vitamin A rich foods & calcium.
For Example: Sprouts. Dark leafy greens, yams, broccoli. Red & orange veggies/fruits: peppers, carrots, papaya. Whole grains, pasta, brown rice.
PROTEINS: lean meat, poultry, well-cooked eggs, soy tofu-increase when moulting. Crazy Corn's 50 Irresistible Foods; a few nuts-more for macaws
3. We trust clients to make informed quality nutrition choices. It's easy as birds eat everything, but **DO NOT** feed avocado, chocolate, caffeine, alcohol. Avoid milk products or limit to small amt yogurt, & lowfat cheese. **SEED OPTIONAL** if desired by birds.

ABOUT PELLETS

1. When first introduced, breeding production plummeted and there were problems including black feathers, hypervitaminosis A (hardening of liver) and deaths, lawsuits.
2. Can ONE combination of ingredients supply all necessary nutrients? Mother Nature offers 1000's of phytochemicals (plant chemicals). 4000 so far identified, whereas **PELLETS TYPICALLY ARE ONLY 2 OR 3 GRAINS**, sucrose or other sugar, vits, preservative (i.e. ethoxyquin), artificial dyes, flavorings.
3. PET BIRDS MAY HAVE DIFFERING NUTRITIONAL NEEDS because they're ALL DIFFERENT SPECIES (Unlike dogs-all canines or cats-all felines). They forage for varying diets worldwide which we can't reproduce commercially. Plus their needs may vary seasonally. Total diet claims are NOT substantiated for any pet bird type per AAFCO



PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS: BIRDS PREFER MOIST SOFT FOODS!



1. OBSERVE! ALL hard foods go into the water to make birdee soup. Dry pellets shaved into birds' mouth are like sawdust with possible aspiration danger.
2. "MY BIRDS WON'T EAT PELLETS." We've received 10's of 1000's of such reports. Is typical instinctual refusal due to "Bad Birds?" TRUST IN NATURE!
3. Birds have the best sight in the animal kingdom to see ripe fruit colors. They fly to & relish varied diets. **OBSERVE THEIR PLEASURE WHEN EATING SOFT FOODS.** Pining eyes & pleasure sounds. Caged birds are dependent on us for a nurturing environment including diet.
4. Unlike Crazy Corn, the OTHER ingredient on all pellet labels: INSTRUCTIONS on trying to coerce birds to eat it. Unless weaned to pellets, will not recognize it as food.

IN-STORE EDUCATION: LET'S ALL HELP!

Each bird needs to be fed and sent home with soft foods, plus an educated owner.

Personally Judee Kleinman, owner of Crazy Corn, wants stores to feed properly, and won't use bird products labeled "complete". Her dream is to cure hunger, starting in pet stores. When she entered 3 of her birds in a bird show in L.A., all took awards, & the judge bought Crazy Corn. On 3/5/00 Judee was a guest on KRLA radio with her amazing talking nape KIWI. The avian vet host said KIWI was "one of the best looking Amazon parrots I have seen, a great example of a parrot with very smooth, almost oily looking feathers, but they are very smooth."

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Meetings will be held at the Media Community Center (4th & Monroe) at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month.

Take 476 (Blue Route) to the Media/Swarthmore Exit. Turn West onto Baltimore Pike. Follow Baltimore Pike six traffic lights to Monroe Street. Turn right onto Monroe. Turn left onto 4th Street. The Hall is on your left and is handicapped accessible.

If you have any questions, or need more directions, please call Tom Neill (610) 622-2508

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