

# BIRD LINE NEWS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept 13th: Dr. Gingerich from the New Bolton Center** will talk to us about the importance of having a necropsy performed on a bird that has passed away suddenly.

**September 9, 2007-  
Delco Bird Club's  
membership  
drive/fundraiser**

The Flea Market is sponsored by The Marple Township Hero Scholarship Fund at Delaware County Community College, rte 252, Media PA 9:00am to 3:00pm  
Rain date : Sept 16th

**Saturday, Sept 15th**  
4th Annual Cradle of Birding Wildlife Conservation Festival at Heinz Wild Life Refugee Tinicum 9:00am to 4:00p

**Sunday, Sept 30th -  
Reading, PA – Castle  
Enterprises' Thrifty  
Birds Mart**  
Sheraton Reading Hotel, Papermill Road, Wyomissing, PA 9am-4pm - contact (717) 957-4241,  
[www.petbirdshows.com](http://www.petbirdshows.com)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope everyone had a great relaxing summer!! Welcome back to the club – both new and old members. Check out the exciting upcoming events – Outreaches, Bird Shows, Membership drives, and Fundraising. Hope to see you at the meeting, and don't forget to bring a tasty snack for the table!!!

Thomas J Neill Jr



## MESSAGE FROM THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Welcome back to all of the Members and New Members. I hope you had a great summer. Well the time is come to meet new friends and old ones. I have had a good summer with the Wedding and all of the Adoptions. I would like to thank everyone for helping out with the Donations for the Adoptions. I needed all of the stuff for the Birds. And would like to say thank you to Sally Williams and Doctors Foster & Smith for the beautiful New Cage that we got in. So if you think you can spare some stuff for the Adoptions that would be great. Please see me for that.

We will be having Dr. Gingerich, DVM, dipl, ACPV from the New Bolton Center coming to talk about all of the services that they offer at the Diagnostic Lab. It is nice to see them doing all of the Lab work for so little. And to get all of our questions answered after the loss of one of our beloved Pet Birds.

So I will see everyone at the Club Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September so come out and see Dr.Gingerich and hear of all the stuff he does at the New Bolton Center....

Margaret Ouali

1st VP and The Director for the Adoptions and Rescues for the Delco Bird Club

## Message from the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

As we head into the new season, we begin with our next fund raiser and membership drive event with a Flea Market.

On Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have a space at the Delaware County Community College, located on rte 252 in Media, PA. Tom Neill, Debbie Park, and myself will be out with our birds and membership applications while raising money by selling our bird items and donated goods. The rain date for the Flea Market is Sunday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>.

This event is always a great time where we meet people from all walks of life. The money for the space goes to The Marple Township Hero Scholarship Fund, and is given out to families whose loved ones have been lost in the line of duty.

So come on out with us, support a good cause, drive for new members, raise some money for Parrot Research and Rescue, all while having fun! Don't forget to bring those new and "gently used" items you no longer have use for.

If you have any questions about this event or want to touch base with me before hand, I can be reached at 610-604-3316 or by email [Conniecmm1@aol.com](mailto:Conniecmm1@aol.com)

I am looking forward to seeing everyone and hope a peaceful and enjoyable summer was had by all.

Connie Metz, 2nd Vice Pres  
610-604-3316 [Conniecmm1@aol.com](mailto:Conniecmm1@aol.com)

## Board Meeting -Thursday August 23, 2007 Called to Order @ 7:20pm

**Attendance:** Tom N, Connie M, Margaret O, Colleen R, and Debbie P, and Esther S.

**Treasurer's Report:** Will be discussed at the club meeting.

**Flea Market:** Check Connie's Blurb in the newsletter for more information on this event.

**Outreach:** See Esther's update in the newsletter.

**Membership:** Debbie Park will be hosting the membership table at the Flea markets; if you would like to help, please call or email her and she will let you know the dates and times.

**Club meetings:** The board discussed the schedule for the upcoming meetings.

**Adoption:** The Board has approved a petty cash account for expenses related to the adoptions, i.e. vet bills, food, toys, etc.

Submitted By: Colleen Robinson

## OUTREACH UPDATE

WELCOME BACK! Once again your Outreach Team has been keeping busy this summer. We visited Libraries, Summer Camps and Day Cares. Thank you to the following Outreach Team members for taking part in these summer Outreaches.

THANK YOU!  
 Flo Clupp  
 Chris Webb  
 Margie Lyons  
 Erika Scarborough  
 Keith Flury  
 Mark Vernon

Thanks for coming to these Outreaches so Blueberry and I weren't doing a solo act!

### UPCOMING OUTREACHES

**1) Saturday Sept. 15, 2007 10AM to 3PM**

"Cradle of Birding and Wildlife Conservation Festival"

John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge, 8601 Lindberg Blvd, Phila., Pa.

We can take pictures to sell to the public at the above event. We need someone to come to take pictures and print them out to sell. Please consider doing this, as it is very difficult to take care of the birds and produce the pictures all at once!

**2) Saturday Sept. 15, 2007 4PM to 7PM**

Llanerch Civic Association Park Day, Llandillo Rd & Darby Rd., Havertown, Pa. 19083

Both these Outreaches are very relaxed and informal. Please consider coming for part or all of the time!

See you on the 13th!

Esther Scholz 610 446-6427 [Luvbrds@msn.com](mailto:Luvbrds@msn.com)

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Kevin Usilton  
 Chris Troy  
 James Coia  
 Donna Brown  
 Donna Ragone  
 Wayne SR, Tammi and Wayne JR  
 Simmons

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 22, 2007- Pittsburgh area** Washington County Fairgrounds just off I-79. Birds, Toys, Cages, Seed & more That Guy With The Birds-2 Shows; info at: <http://www.butlersbirdbreeders.com/LOCALBIRDSHOW.html>

**October 20 & 21, 2007-** Parrot Palooza at Bird Paradise, Route 130, Burlington NJ. Saturday 10:00am to 9:00pm, Sunday 10:00am to 5:00pm [www.birdparadise.biz](http://www.birdparadise.biz)

**Nov. 10th - Exton, PA - Chester County Bird Club's Show and Mart** - The Church Farm School, 1001 East Lincoln Hwy - 10am-5pm - contact Kristy (610) 323-4632, [info@ccbirdclub.com](mailto:info@ccbirdclub.com) [www.ccbirdclub.com](http://www.ccbirdclub.com)

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

**September 13, 2007:** Dr Gingerich from the New Bolton Center will speak about the importance of having a necropsy done on deceased birds.

**October 11, 2007:** Dr Robert DiGregorio will be speaking to us about the female bird's reproductive system.

**November 08, 2007:** Dr Len Donato will be telling us about all the "new" happenings at his practice.

**December 13, 2007:** Holiday Party

**January 10, 2008:** Movie and popcorn night featuring 'The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill'.

**February 21, 2008:** Dr Bowers is bringing new information on the bird world.

**March 13, 2008:** Mart planning night. Sign up with Connie Metz and Esther Scholz to help on a committee, help with mart in general, or with the outreach. All should attend!

**April 10, 2008:** Final mart planning night. All should attend!

**May 08, 2008:** Dr Jeleen Briscoe from the University of Pennsylvania.

**June 12, 2008:** The Foxwells from Birdsnest Specialty will kick off our Summer party.

### 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 484-461-3640. Leave a message. Or email [debbiescockatiels@yahoo.com](mailto:debbiescockatiels@yahoo.com)

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### CLASSIFIEDS

#### FOR SALE (3 items):

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Cage used for an African grey; purchased new for about \$300; asking \$100. Price negotiable, extra bowls included with the cage.

Two custom breeder cages, used for African greys and are still in good shape. Asking \$100 for both.

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**Doves - Pieds:** \$10.00 each

Cages will come with some breeding pairs.

Call Michael for more information: 610 296-5541

## **DELCO BIRD CLUB ADOPTIONS AND RESCUES**

### **THE FOLLOWING BIRDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION.**

**Margo – blue and gold macaw, female, 25 years old.** She was a true rescue, and was in poor condition upon arrival. She is much better now, after a thorough vet check, lots of baths, and some good food. We are asking for a donation to cover vet bills on her. She also comes with her cage.

**Pokey - Nanday Conure, Female, 3 yrs old,** small and friendly.

**Sunny – male lutino cockatiel, 2-1/2 years old.** Will step up and sit with you, but doesn't like to be petted. Please contact owner Greg Sanborn at 610-306-4717 or ghschase-mrtbear@yahoo.com.

For more info Please call Margaret at 610-713-0331

Margaret Ouali, 1st VP and The Director for the Adoptions and Rescues for the Delco Bird Club.

**WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF FOOD AND TOY DONATIONS. MORE BIRDS ARE COMING INTO THIS PROGRAM. PLEASE CONTACT MARGARET IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING A BIRD. THANKS FOR HELPING BIRDS IN NEED.**

### **JOKE OF THE MONTH**

Last week, a woman entered a local pet-shop with the intention of purchasing a talking bird. However, it seems a lot of people are going to receive talking parrots for Christmas this year, as the shopkeeper had sold her entire stock of speaking pets, except for one rather attractive Macaw. It turned out that this bird had lived in the local massage parlor prior to being sold to the pet-shop. Despite this, the woman purchased the Macaw and took him home to show the family. As soon as she had the bird settled on a perch at her home, he looked around and said:

"Arrrk, new joint, new madam! Arrrk!"

Later that day, the woman's two daughters arrived home from high school. Upon seeing the teenagers the Macaw yelled:

"Arrrk, new joint, new madam, new girls! Arrrk!"

Then father came home from the office, and when our feathered friend saw him, the bird squawked:

"Arrrk, new joint, new madam, new girls, same old customers. G'day Jimmy!"

## The Most Painful Bites

By Ken Globus

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Here's another one of those rules in the bird world that makes it very difficult for a person whose bird bites them to respond in the proper way. We know a bite is painful on the obvious level, but it also hurts on a deeper emotional level. In some cases it even affects a person's self-esteem. You run through a range of emotions, from "Ouch, that hurts!" to "What did I do wrong?" to "Why does my bird hate me. All I do is offer it food, love and attention?" Here's a phrase I read in an article that displays the kind of thinking that makes people feel guilty and incompetent: "I have never met a parrot that bit without a very good reason." In other words, if your bird bites you it means you did something wrong.

Sound familiar? It's another one of those "facts" that paralyzes bird owners. And like some other absolutes, this one puts the entire blame for a bird's biting issues on the human. Okay, there are some people who haven't got a clue about how to read a bird, but with many birds you can get bitten without doing anything wrong.

I was at a friend's house with my daughter, Shelby, 6 ½ at the time, who loves birds. She was calmly playing with a little conure. On another cage some fifteen feet away was an Umbrella Cockatoo. The cockatoo sprang off its cage, scrambled across the floor and went after my daughter's Achilles tendon. I barely got there in time to prevent a serious injury. My daughter was more scared than hurt. Fortunately she was able to laugh about it later and she still loves birds. So, what did my daughter do to make that cockatoo bite her? You can speculate that the cockatoo was being territorial or, that maybe it was abused or provoked in the past by a petite, 6 1/2-year-old girl with brown hair. Or, maybe it was protecting the little conure. Or.... who knows? So, is my daughter at fault? What does she need to do to avoid getting bitten? Stay out of that house?

I was once interacting with Billy, my little Senegal Parrot, when the FedEx guy got too close to my window. Billy nailed me. Is it always possible to anticipate those kinds of things? No.

What does conventional wisdom tell us to do? "Don't create a situation in which the bird will bite." So, here we have a bird that just plain got startled by something. Or maybe your bird is not in the mood. Or.... what? Maybe a shadow zoomed by the yard. Or a loud noise. Or, your bird just feels like doing something else. The things that incite a bite are numerous, ranging from serious to whimsical and are not always easy to predict.

## **The Most Painful Bites (cont'd)**

**By Ken Globus**

I recall at a bird club meeting I attended, a pair of Blue & Gold Macaws on a T-Stand were squabbling like a middle-aged married couple. Only they do it with beaks, hard, strong beaks. If you put one of those beaks up against a human hand, it can be mighty intimidating. But neither of the two macaws was especially serious about the argument. They were just squabbling, jockeying for position on the perch and each telling the other that they were in charge. Neither one was injured; it was beak-to-beak, so they were equally matched. However, when those squabbles are between you and your bird and it's beak-to-flesh many a bird owner is sent staggering backward and down the path to fearing their own bird.

What do YOU do when your bird bites? According to the bird world you screwed up. Do you hang your head in shame? Do you allow a relationship that was once calm and loving to become permanently troubled? Does it make you feel afraid? Guilty? Or like a failure as a bird owner? That's how many people are made to feel. And you shouldn't.

Here's an example of what sometimes happens: you go to the cage, open the door and offer the bird your hand for a step-up. The bird is not in the mood to come out at the moment. What does it do? It lunges at you. Or bites. Maybe it's just bluffing, but you're not around to find out. You jerked your hand away as fast as you could to avoid the chomp. What just happened? You're training your bird to bite. What can you do in response to that behavior that is at both sensitive to your bird's needs and proper on the basis of training? Try this: you offer your hand, the bird lunges, you don't recoil, you insist on it stepping up. Then, bird on hand, you step away from the cage for a few seconds, then go back to the cage, put the bird back on the perch, close the door and leave it alone for a while. In other words, you never make an aggressive behavior pay off. You follow through with the intended behavior, then you put the bird back. A bird should never feel that biting is a means to get what it wants. You have drawn a clear line. But you're also being sensitive to its mood by putting it back in the cage for some time alone.

Many people harp on you to learn to read your bird and make sure you don't do anything that causes it to bite. That's great, but it's not always possible. And what you do after a bite is a key to a happy relationship. The best way to teach your bird to bite is to back off when it bites or bluffs. By retreating you're encouraging it to bite. The more you allow and accept negative behaviors the more likely they are to get worse. But bites happen. And when they do, it's not always your fault. No matter what the "experts" tell you.



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**BIRDS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION FROM THE BAILEY FOUNDATION**  
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As many of you know, I am an active volunteer and foster home for the Bailey Foundation. I am currently fostering the 6 Bailey birds described below, and will be happy to give you details on any one of them. There are many other birds available, please check out their website <http://www.bailey-foundation.org/>

**Buddy – 14 YO male Lesser Sulphur Crested Cockatoo**

Buddy seems to be a good natured bird who craves human contact. He has been mistreated, however, and bites out of fear. In recent weeks, he has come to trust people and allows petting of his beak, chest, head and legs through the cage bars. His behavior remains unpredictable, however, and he would do best in a home with a seasoned bird owner, where he will receive consistent love and attention.

**Mango – 2 YO male Peach Front Conure**

Mango is a young, friendly bird who loves fruit, especially dried papaya, and enjoys slowly destroying his wooden toys. He tends to bite your fingers when he steps up, but this is decreasing over time, and I believe he will be a good companion with consistent positive reinforcement from his caregiver. Mango can be a bit noisy, as with most conures, but does not scream excessively.

**Roscoe – 10 YO male Nanday Conure**

Roscoe is as charming as he is naked!! He has plucked his chest and back repeatedly, and feathers will most likely not regrow in these areas. His remaining feathers are beautiful, however, and his tail is long, full, and gorgeous!! He is very friendly, loves a good head scratch, and has a sweet, low voice that sounds like a whisper. He plays vigorously with his toys, and screams for joy while doing it!!

**Congo – 8 YO male? Patagonian Conure**

Congo is an exceptionally beautiful Patagonian, and is in perfect feather. He has a comical voice, and says a few words; he also plays rough with his toys, but is friendly once outside his cage. Congo enjoys human interaction, and will run through his repertoire of sounds and words to get it!

**Lucky – male Nanday Conure with special needs**

Lucky is a very gentle and sweet bird who has only one leg. How and when he lost his leg is unknown; however, he seems to have adapted well to his disability and gets around fine! His cage has been customized for his needs, to minimize injury from falling, but Lucky hardly seems to think he needs it! He can be quite vocal when he greets his family, and thoroughly enjoys company.

**Bing – Cherry-Head Conure**

Bing was removed from a bad situation and brought to the Bailey Foundation for help. He was plucked in spots, but his feathers have regrown nicely and he is learning to trust people again. He says a very words, and appears to want to be with people. He will mutter under his breath if people are nearby, but not paying attention to him. He will be a fine companion with patience and understanding.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE BIRDS, OR OTHERS AVAILABLE AT THE  
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