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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well the summer is over and the little ones will be back in school and everyone can get back to their fall routine. Our first meeting is September 11<sup>th</sup> 2008 and I know our new First Vice President has some great speakers set up.

Connie will be at Delco community college on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at their big flea market and will have a table set up for the bird club. I will be there with Danny if you have time stop by and say HI.

Don't forget to bring something for the refreshment table, see you on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Thomas J. Neill Jr.

### MESSAGE FROM THE 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

Summer just flew by and now here we are getting ready for fall season. To start our next season we are having Valerie Gardner on our September Meeting—She is the head behind Rattlebox Nature Center- A program that was conceived and created to provide individuals of all ages and capabilities with hands-on experience by way of focused workshops and art projects.

October meeting will be our "Bring your Bird Night", this meeting will be our chance to show to all what funny antics, tricks and some other things that makes our birds so special to us. We will have our short individual program for your bird. Please let me know if you want your bird(s) to be in the program. That night is not only for what your birds can do but if you can tell us the story behind him/her that will be great information to all of us. It is now our chance to let everybody know about our birds.

Please have our hands (and your bird's wings) together for Tiki, a Moluccan Cockatoo owned by Bill Wasson. Tiki is our Bird of the Month (June). Congratulations to you both. I hope to see you all on September 11th.

Francis D. Hilario

### MESSAGE FROM THE 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

Welcome back members. Hope your summer was safe and enjoyable.

Our summer fundraising efforts were once again a success with the flea markets we have done. A huge thank you to member rep Debbie Park and member Judy DeGeorge for all their help with these fundraising events and dedication to the membership drive table. I would not have been able to do these events by myself. Also, thank you to everyone who donated items to sell for the past year. Donations of new or "gently used" bird items are being accepted at the September 11th meeting. There are two more flea markets after September 7<sup>th</sup>'s we will be doing; DCCC on September 21 and again on October 12.

I have been contemplating ideas of a fall Bake Sale and a Spring Plant Sale to raise monies. Let me know your ideas and thoughts of how we can bring more money into the club.

The regular raffle table and 50/50 will take place this month as usual. Purchase your tickets early before our speaker gets underway.

Remember, raffle table donations are always welcome. See you in September.

Connie Metz

### **OUTREACH UPDATE**

#### **UPCOMING OUTREACHES**

Hope your summer was Fun!

Your Outreach Team visited ABC Land In August. Thank yous go out to Flo, Peggy and Keith for joining me at ABC Land!

1) We have been asked to return for another Outreach to Saunders House!

100 East Lancaster Ave., Wynnewood, Pa. 19096. (Located at the base of Lankenau Hospital's drive way) They would like us on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 9th from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

**2)** Our next Outreach is to the John Heinz 5th annual Cradle of Birding Wildlife and

Conservation Festival, Saturday, September 20th. 9AM to 3PM.

John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum 8601 Lindbergh Blvd. Philadelphia, PA 19153 Please consider coming out for part or all of this day.

It is a fun day and the public love seeing our birds!

See you on September 11th!

Esther Scholz Outreach

# BIRD'S EYE VIEW Delco Bird Club Events for 2007/2008

**September 11, 2008:** Valerie Gardner of Rattlebox Nature Center

October 9, 2008: Show off your birds night

November 13, 2008:

December 11, 2008:

January 8, 2009:

### **MEMBER REP MESSAGE**

Membership representative positions need filling. See a board member if interested.

### **Board Meeting Minutes June 26th 2008**

Started: 7:30 pm

Attendance: In attendance: Tom, Connie, Chris, Francis, Debbie, Esther, Erika

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

**President:** The contact for the audit informed Tom that is may cost as little as \$500 or as much as \$2500. Member Rep. Erika suggested contacting the state non-profit support group and LaSalle Nonprofit to inquire about sources for audit such as our group with little funds. Erika will contact the LaSalle Nonprofit center and also ask the treasurer for the Friends group at the refuge to see who they have used in the past and what she recommends. A copy of the bank statement to be made available at club meetings.

**Outreach:** CHOP outreach went well, only a few members are owed parking money. The outreach team has two future outreaches scheduled. The JHNWR at Tinicum is having their annual Cradle of Birding Festival on September 20th. and the ABC Daycare have requested the team in August, date TBA.

**Fundraising:** Flea Markets are mostly over for the summer, there is a big one in early September that Connie will be requesting donations for. Connie will email before the market to request donations.

**Membership:** The club is seeking membership representatives, please see a board member if interested.

Ended 8:50 pm

Minutes submitted by Member Rep. Erika Scarborough as sub for Colleen.

## Delco Bird Club's Bird of the Month June 2008

Bird Name: Tiki

**Bird Species: Moluccan Cockatoo** 

Owner: Bill Wasson



### **TOP 10 COMMANDMENTS FOR BIRDS**

- 1. My life is likely to last 10 years or more. Any separation from you will be painful for me.
  - 2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
  - 3. Place your trust in me; it's crucial to my well being.
- 4. Don't get angry with me too long, don't lock me up for punishment, you have your work, your friends to entertain. I have only you.
- 5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your voice when it's speaking to me.
  - 6. Be aware that how you treat me, I'll never forget it.
- 7. Remember, before you hit me, I have a beak that could rip you open or crush your hand, but I choose not to bite you.
- 8. Before you scold me for not being co-operative, lazy, ask yourself if something might me bothering me, not the right food, in cage too long, want to be with you or on your shoulder.
  - 9. Take care of me when I'm old, you'll be old too.
- 10. Go with me on my last journey, never say, oh I can't bear to watch it, let it happen in my absence. Everything is easier if you are there with me. REMEMBER that I love you.

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# Researchers Identify Virus Linked to Proventricular Dilatation Disease Researchers call the PDD virus Avian Bornavirus

# By The BirdChannel News Division Posted: July 31, 2008, 3 p.m. EDT

Researchers at the University of California, San Francisco, say they have identified the virus linked to <a href="Proventricular Dilatation Disease">Proventricular Dilatation Disease</a> (PDD), a fatal disease that causes nervous system disorders in both domesticated and wild birds in the psittacine, or parrot, family. PDD has been found in 50 different parrot species, as well as five other orders of birds, and is considered to be the greatest threat to captive breeding of birds in this family, according to UCSF.

The researchers also developed a diagnostic test for the virus. The virus, which has been named Avian Bornavirus (ABV), is a member of the bornavirus family, whose other members cause encephalitis in horses and livestock.

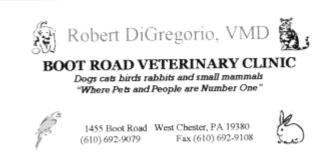
"This discovery has potentially solved a mystery that has been plaguing the avian veterinary community since the 1970s," said Joseph DeRisi, Ph.D., who led the team with Don Ganem, MD, both professors and Howard Hughes Medical Investigators at UCSF. "These results clearly reveal the existence of an avian reservoir of remarkably diverse bornaviruses that are dramatically different from anything seen in other animals."

Drs. DeRisi and Ganem said that the discovery of the ABV virus could have profound consequences on both domesticated parrot species and in the conservation of endangered species.

It had been theorized that a viral pathogen was the source of the disease, but until now, no one had been able to identify it. "This provides a very compelling lead in the long-standing search for a viral cause of PDD," Ganem said. "With the development of molecular clones and diagnostic tests for ABV, we can now begin to explore both the epidemiology of the virus and how it is linked to the disease state."

The study, which will be published in *Virology Journal*, is also co-authored by Amy Kistler, Ph.D., from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the Department of Biochemistry, Microbiology and Medicine at UCSF; Susan Clubb, DVM, from the Rainforest Clinic for Birds and Exotics in Loxahatchee, Fla.; and Ady Gancz, from The Exotic Clinic, Herzlyia, Israel; among others.





### PARROT OF THE MONTH

Watch for a different bird each month from A to Z

### **Hawk-headed Parrot**



Genus: Size:

Deroptyus 35 cm (13.6 in)
Species: Adult Weight:
accipitrinus 190-277g (6.6-9.7 oz)

Races including nominate:

two: D.a. accipitrinus, D.a. fuscifrons

Colorization Adult: *D.a. accipitrinus:* both adults forehead and crown soft white; dark brown lores; feathers of occiput and sides of head brown, streaked with soft white; long feathers of hind neck dark red, edged with blue; upperparts and lower underparts green; breast and abdomen dark red, strongly scalloped with blue; tail green with hidden maroon at base. Bill grey/black. Eye ring grey, eye yellow. *D.a. fuscifrons:* both adults forehead and crown dusty brown, faintly streaked soft white; maroon at base of tail absent.

**Colorization Juvenile:** Forehead cream/buff; crown brown, streaked cream/buff; area towards hind crown washed with green; scalloping on breast green/blue. Bill paler grey with horn colored spots at base and cutting edge. Eye ring grey/white, eye grey.

The Hawk-headed parrot is also known as the Red-fan Parrot, or Hawk-headed Caique. They are found in lowland rainforests, preferring terra firme formations, like foothill terrains. Feeds on leaves and buds of Bombacopsis, unripe fruits and takes Inga and guava in cultivated areas.

The D.a. accipitrinus range is north of Amazon River from Amapa, NE Brazil and Guianas to E Venezuela, in NE Bolivar and probably SW Amazonas, SE Colombia, in E Vichada and south of Rio Guaviare in Guainia and Vaupes, SE Ecuador, in S Pastaza and northern Morona-Santiago, and NE Peru, along Rio Pastaza in Loreto. The D.a. fuscifrons ranges south of Amazon River, in N Brazil from northwestern Maranhao west to upper Rio Madeira and tributaries, and south to upper reaches of Rios Tapajos and Xingu, N Mato Grosso and possibly N Bolivia.

Its call is that of chacking sounds, high-pitched squealing noises. Variety of chattering and whistling notes at rest. Courtship bugling and musical whistles. Some calls resemble those of the Black-headed Caique. In fear, aggression or playful behavior the Hawk-headed Parrot will raise the feathers on its nape to form a fearsome looking fan, to make it appear bigger.

There is some regional decline (south of Amazon River) due to widespread deforestation; threatened by wild-bird trade, which often results in high mortality.

The Hawk-headed parrot is energetic, clownish and very affectionate. They may learn to talk and are fairly common in captivity with a life expectancy of thirty years. Their clutch size is two to four with an incubation period of twenty five to twenty six days. They fledge in nine weeks.

For enrichment they need toys to wrestle with and hang upside down with, ladders, swings, puzzle toys, bird-safe wood and leather chew toys.

### Joke of the Month

Q: When does a teacher carry birdseed?
A: When there is a parrot-teacher conference!

Q: Which bird is always out of breath?

A: A puffin!

Q: What do you call a woodpecker with no beak?
A: A head banger!

### **Events**

**Long Island Parrot Society Parrot Expo** - Oct 11 - Freeport Recreation Center, 130 Merrick Road, Freeport, NY 9:00 am - 5:00 pm - 631-957-1100 - www.liparrotsociety.org

### 5th Annual Parrot Palooza

Saturday and Sunday October 18 & 19, 2008 Bird Paradise 551 E Rt 130 South Burlington, NJ 609-747-7777 http://bird-paradise.biz/ Featuring speakers Dr Irene Pepperberg, Sally Blanchard and Lara Joseph. Discounts, Door Prizes, Raffles. Food and much more.

PDD BENEFIT LUNCHEON-Hosted by Castle Enterprises and the Avian Health Network. Featured activity "Birdie Bingo", with special guest Dr. Branson Ritchie. Sunday October 26, 2008 from 11:30AM to 4:30PM. Held at the Heritage Hotel, 500 Centerville Road, Lancaster PA 17601. Lunch-Roast Turkey or Vegetable Lasagna, Garden Salad, Apple Pie, and Drink (coffee, hot or cold tea, or soda). Ticket Price is only \$17.50 (tax & gratuity included) reservation and payment due October 15th. Lunch begins at 11:30AM, followed by Dr. Ritchie's talk, Birdie Bingo to begin at 1:00PM and run until 4:30PM (a set donation is required to play bingo games). Also, the drawing for the "AHN 2008 Birds of a Feather Quilt" will take place. Tickets can be purchased at www.StopPDD.org, deadline October 15th. All proceeds from the day are a donation to Avian Health Network to support Dr. Ritchie's Proventricular Dilatation Disease (PDD) Research conducted by the Emerging Diseases Research Group at the University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine. To reserve your ticket contact Castle Enterprises at 717-957-4241, info@PetBirdShows.com or www.PetBirdShows.com. You can also visit, Avian Health Network at www.StopPDD.org.

**5th Annual Cradle of Birding Festival** Dear Friends, Volunteers, Exhibitors and other Conservation Partners, It is hard to believe, but we are now just a little over 3 months out from the 5th annual Cradle of Birding Wildlife and Conservation Festival and it is time to lock everyone in for this year's exhibits. This year's date is Saturday, September 20th, 2008 from 7 am to 3 pm, right here at the refuge and will feature Keynote Speaker Paul Baicich, co-author the well known bird book: "A Field Guide to Bird Eggs, Nests and Nestlings." For those of you who were involved over the past years, you know the drill, and for all new folks we hope you can join us at this fun conservation program. For more information call 215-365-3118 or visit http://www.fws.gov/northeast/heinz/ 8601 Lindbergh Blvd, Philadelphia PA 19153

## Chester County Bird Club's 20th Annual Show & Mart



### Saturday November 8. 2008

10am to 5pm

The School at Church Farm 1001 East Lincoln Hwy Exton PA 19341

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28 Vista Drive, Nanticoke, PA (570)735-4316

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Brooder from Deans Animal Supply. www.thebrooder.com/model.htm Used once to pick up baby African greys from out of state. Practically new and comes with car charger. Original cost was \$369.99 asking \$200.00.

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. Contact Richard Elijah at 215-490-6464. I can deliver, or items can be picked up at my house in the Germantown section of Philadelphia.

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For Sale - Green Rump Parrotlet babies: I have several of these little gems available. All have been hand feed and are tame, price \$225-\$250. Also have a few birds that I would be interested in trading for other Green Rump blood lines. Call Lori Castle at 717-957-4241

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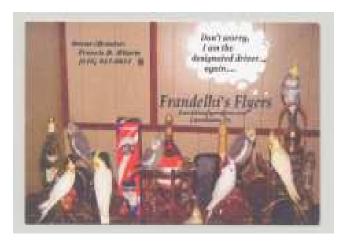
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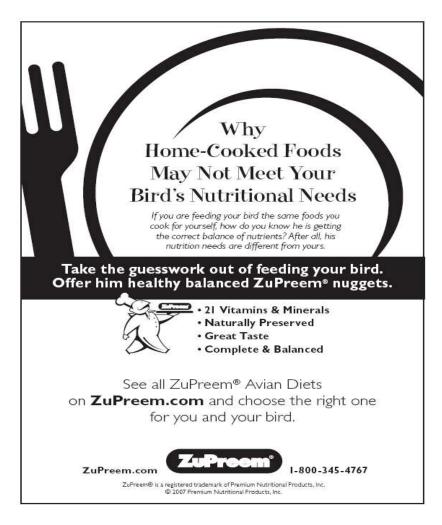
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Take 476 (Blue Route) to the Media/Swarthmore Exit. Turn West onto Baltimore Pike. Follow Baltimore Pike six traffic lights to Monroe Street. Turn right onto Monroe. Turn left onto 4<sup>th</sup> street. The Hall is on your left and is handicapped accessible. If you have any questions, or need more directions, please call Tom Neill (610) 622-2508

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