

# Birdy Bytes

## Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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### Upcoming Events

**Mar 26<sup>th</sup>** – General Meeting - **CANCELED**  
Covid19 Virus Quarantine Restrictions  
RGSCC Albuquerque, NM

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – General Meeting  
DVD Movie: Bill and Co  
RGSCC Albuquerque, NM

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – General Meeting  
Parrot Treat Competition  
RGSCC Albuquerque, NM

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### Words from the Prez

Happy Spring Everyone!

As glorious as this time usually is for us all, sadly this year, it isn't.

As the birds and their humans look forward to the warmer temperatures, working in the garden or taking the birdies outside for some sun fun, we instead have found ourselves encouraged to stay inside, stay out of public places, and now the dreaded "social distancing." Is this really going to be our "new normal" through June or possibly July?

The HDBC hotline cell phone has received many calls from people asking if their parrot can contract the Covid19 virus. I refer these calls to their vet, but I have spoken with a few different doctors. For now, they believe our parrots cannot get the Covid19 virus. However, should you become infected; consider having someone else care for your feather babies until you are feeling better.

Hopefully this will all soon pass and we can get back to our normal routines.

If anyone out there is experiencing a shortage of parrot supplies, please reach out to the club. I know I can speak for the membership that we all want to help one another and keep our babies tummies happy and full.

Stay safe everyone!

**Margaret Johnson**



## Bird Club Biz

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High Desert Bird Club of NM  
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**Bird Rescue Hotline: (505) 554-0804**

### General Meetings

**Fourth Thursday** of the month

Meeting time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Location:

**Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center**  
9800 - 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Albuquerque, NM  
Map link: <http://goo.gl/maps/tk52Y>

### Club Officers

President: Margaret Johnson  
Vice President: Dorothy Newbill  
Secretary: Available  
Treasurer: Jennifer Catron

### Committee Chairpersons

Advertising/Publicity: Available  
AFA Delegate: Jennifer Catron  
Bird Rescue: Margaret Johnson  
Education: Dorothy Newbill  
Fundraising: Available  
Hospitality: Available  
Library: Available  
Membership: Available  
Newsletter: Jennifer Catron  
Raffle: Available  
Website: Jennifer Catron

### Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance (stmt 1/31/20)	\$1,597.87
Revenue	
Memberships	\$110.00
Birdy Bingo	40.00
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 2/28/20)	<b>\$1,747.87</b>

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501(c)(3) educational, public charity  
recognized by the IRS.**

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### Membership Requirements

Any person interested in cage birds who agrees to support the objectives in the HDDB By-Laws is eligible for membership.

### Membership Dues

\$20.00 Individual  
\$30.00 Household  
\$15.00 Junior (17 or younger)  
\$15.00 Senior (60 or older)  
\$25.00 Senior Household

Dues are payable in January of each year or at a quarterly pro-rated amount upon joining the Club.

### Newsletter Policy

*Birdy Bytes* is generally issued on a monthly basis. Content from members is encouraged. Content deemed obscene, inflammatory, overtly personal, copyrighted without permission to republish, or insufficiently bird-related may not be published at the discretion of the newsletter Editor.

### Newsletter Advertising Policy

Any individual or business that supports HDDB through the donation of money, goods, or services may have a near business-card sized ad published in the newsletter for three months for no cost.

Members may have a text ad of up to 50 words and a reasonable number of supporting photos for no cost. Ads run for two months and may be renewed for two-month increments. Members are responsible for contacting the newsletter Editor to renew their ad.

Advertising space may be purchased. A half-page ad costs \$25 for six months. Additional ad sizes and corresponding rates are available.

Newsletter Editor reserves the right to accept or reject any advertisement based on the appropriateness for *Birdy Bytes*.

To submit content for *Birdy Bytes*, contact Jennifer Catron, Editor, at [jcatron@Q.com](mailto:jcatron@Q.com), or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



## General Meetings

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### March - Canceled

Our meeting this month is canceled due to actions and measures to prevent the spread of the Covid19 virus.

Our meeting place, Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center, is closed starting March 16, 2020 through April 15, 2020.

We hope to resume our regular monthly meeting in April. We'll keep you posted as we know more about restrictions being lifted and reopening of our meeting venue.

Thank you for understanding. Stay safe and remain calm. This too shall pass.

### April

DVD movie night: Bill and Coo! This movie premiered in 1948 and won a special Academy award for artistry and patience blended in a novel and entertaining use of the medium of motion pictures.

All the actors are animals and most of them are birds. This heartwarming story is about the town of Chirpendale, its residents, and how they pull together to defeat a crow menacing their town.

The video quality is not the best, but it's just fascinating to watch all these birds act and perform tricks.

### May

Parrot treats competition. Do you make or bake some special treats for your birds? Think your recipe can win over our panel of experts on parrot treats?



For our May meeting program, everyone is encouraged to bring in samples of their choice of a parrot treat.



The panel of experts will be all the birds at the meeting. Winners will be determined by the most eaten parrot treat. First, second and third places can pick a prize from the HDBC prize bin.

It's a lot of fun for our birds and people alike.

## Meeting Minutes

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Several people renewed and joined the bird club. Thank you everyone.

Proposal to remove "Your Pet Magazine" from the HDBC Facebook page. They were flooding our page with advertisements for their magazine and non-bird-related topics. We also received some complaints about two of their postings. Your Pet Magazine will be blocked from our Facebook page and existing postings will be removed.

Some DVDs from the HDBC library were presented for the next meeting. The movie, Bill and Coo, was selected. Bird treats competition was selected for the following month's meeting activity.

Birdy Bingo was the meeting activity for February. A good time was had by all and there were no incidences with the bingo dabbers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

## Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

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A wide variety of birds are available for adoption at Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico (BFPR). HDHC is partnering with BFPR to help with receiving, fostering and rehoming pet birds.

If you're interested in adding a feathered friend to your family, please contact Dorothy Newbill (BFPR) at (505) 980-6166, or you can call our HDHC Pet Bird Rescue Hotline at (505) 554-0804 for assistance.

If you are interested in fostering or adopting a parrot, BFPR is a **very** active parrot rescue. They are always working with a variety of different pet birds from Amazons to Macaws, and the smaller birds like budgies and cockatiels. They've even had some hand-tame doves available for adoption.



**Scarlet Macaw**



**Double Yellow-headed Amazon**

For more information, call Dorothy Newbill at (505) 980-6166 or check out their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafeathernm/>.

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



**Goffins Cockatoo**



**Parakeet - Budgie**

## Friends of HDBC

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## Facebook Fun

	To warm my head
	To warm my feet
	To warm my hands
	To warm my heart

## Facebook Fun

My hobbies include drinking and hanging out with my parrot.



**Bird Version of Self Quarantine**

