

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

October 22nd – General Meeting - **CANCELLED**
Covid19 Virus Quarantine Restrictions
RGSCC Albuquerque, NM

Next Meeting – General Meeting
DVD Movie: Bill and Co
RGSCC Albuquerque, NM

Next Next Meeting – General Meeting
Parrot Treat Competition
RGSCC Albuquerque, NM

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Bird Words

Greetings Everyone,

Albuquerque is still in Covid19 quarantine lockdown with even more restrictions recently mandated by our Governor. Our meeting place continues to be closed for evening community gatherings until further notice.

In lieu of in-person meetings, what kind of interest does everyone have in participating in an online Zoom meeting? Reply to the email for this newsletter with your thoughts and ideas.

October is the month where we nominate officers for the bird club starting in January. Like most other activities now, we will have to conduct the process online. Guidelines and details are listed on Page 5.

The American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) also moved their annual conference online. The topics and speakers were interesting and very much like what an in-person conference offers. The only thing missing was all the bird stuff vendors, raffles, and socializing with other birdy people. Maybe next year the AFA conference will be in-person again.

Make the most of this holiday season. Enjoy the bounty of season fruits and vegetables. Don't be afraid to reach out if you need help with food or supplies. Use social media to stay connected. This too shall pass.

Jennifer Catron



Bird Club Biz

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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 - 4th Street NW
Albuquerque, NM
Map link: <http://goo.gl/maps/tk52Y>

Club Officers

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

Committee Chairpersons

Advertising/Publicity: Available
AFA Delegate: Jennifer Catron
Bird Rescue: Jennifer Catron
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 8/31/20)	\$1,767.87
Revenue	\$0
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 9/30/20)	\$1,767.87

**The High Desert Bird Club of NM is a
501(c)(3) educational, public charity
recognized by the IRS.**

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, or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



General Meetings

October - Cancelled

Once again our monthly general meeting is cancelled due to actions and measures to prevent the spread of the Covid19 virus.

Our meeting place, Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center, is closed to community group meetings until further notice.

When we can resume our regular monthly meetings is unknown. We'll keep you posted as we know more about restrictions being lifted and reopening of our meeting venue.

Our November and December meetings are typically combined because of the holidays. In the past, we met at a buffet restaurant which doesn't look like an option this year. At this point, all we can really do is wait and see when the state will open back up to normal commerce.

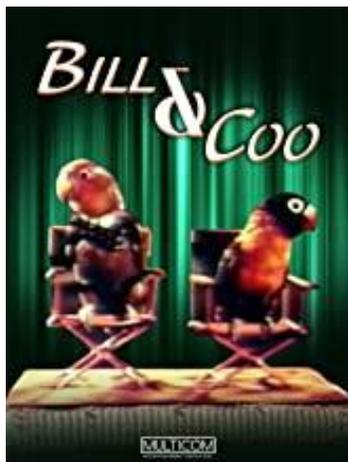
Thank you for understanding. Stay safe and remain calm. This too shall pass.

Next Meeting

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.



Next Next Meeting

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 next next 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

No meeting. No minutes.

Annual Expenses

October is the month for two reoccurring expenses for HDBC. We have a Post Office Box and a website domain name. Our Tracfone, which is used for the HDBC hotline, requires purchase of days and minutes in November.

Our P.O. Box is used for our IRS mailing address and other official documents, AFA correspondence, bank statements, and any correspondence from members or others interested in the bird club.

The website domain name, www.highdesertbirdclub.org requires an annual

fee. This applies to all domain names. Because we are a 501(c)(3) organization, we enjoy complimentary website hosting from DreamHost. That is a considerable savings.

Tracfone is our HDBC pet bird rescue hotline. We purchase days and minutes to minimize the cost of a cell phone and still provide a community service.

Our October bank statement will reflect the following expenses:

USPS Box rental	\$148.00
Go Daddy .org domain renewal	\$ 21.17

Our November bank statement will reflect the expense for our HDBC hotline:

Tracfone 365days/800 minutes \$113.81

HDBC Hotline

The number of calls regarding wild birds has decreased now that nesting season is wrapping up. However, we still get calls about injured pigeons, roadrunners, and fledglings that just look like they are in distress. We're not authorized to receive wild birds, so most of these calls are referred to the Wildlife Rescue of New Mexico or Mikal Deese.

We've had calls from people interested in adopting birds, surrendering birds, general parrot care questions, and even a cockatiel found in someone's front yard. Another person called with a budgie in their backyard, but the bird flew away, so there wasn't much we could do.

For bird adoptions, surrenders and lost and found birds, Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM is the go to place. Effective November 1st, adoptions are paused to January 1st. This is to discourage people from adopting parrots as holiday gifts. However, the rescue remains open and available for bird questions and emergency intake.

Air Quality

It's that time of year again for many of us that have evaporative coolers. The coolers are shut down and winterized; and the heater is tested and set up for the colder season.

Professional HVAC companies will test the air quality going through the heater for carbon monoxide. This is highly recommended. If possible, minimize your bird's exposure to this process to avoid possible exposure to potential toxic air. Open some windows or even move your birds outside during the testing or furnace initiation.

Also, take into consideration the type of filters used in the furnace. Some filters include additives to make the house smell good, but could have a negative effect on birds.

Read labels and use your own good judgement. Awareness of hazards goes a long in staying safe and healthy.



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AFA Online Conference



This month AFA hosted its first online, virtual conference. With only a few minor technical glitches, the event was excellent.

The two-day conference included topics that had something for everyone.

The speakers and topics included:

Dr. Don Brightsmith – Non-invasive Parrots in the Wild

Eric Peake – Breeding Budgies

Robin Shewokis – Creating Goal-based Enrichment

Dr. Caroline Efstathion – APEC

Dr. Jason Crean – Avian Raw Whole Food Nutrition

Hila Niemann – Dealing with Aggressive Parrots

Dr. Rainer Niemann – Parrots and Other Birds of Costa Rica

Mindy Patterson – Going on Offense to Protect Your Animals and Animal Enterprise

Jack Pine – These Are Parrots, Not Penguins: in the Face of Natural Disasters

Laurella Desborough – Keeping Eclectus Parrots: Pets and Breeders

Gabriela Vigo Trauco – Fostering Connections: Saving Wild Macaw Chicks Through Conservation Aviculture

All but one presentation was recorded and attendees will have access to replay it online through the end of this year. I will follow up with the AFA to see if we can have a copy of a recording to use for a bird club meeting topic.

One presentation that might be of interest to many was by Dr. Jason Crean on Avian Raw Whole Food Nutrition. It was very well done with many slides and useful information for good bird nutrition.

The Covid19 restrictions cancelled the annual AFA Conference this year, but this was the next best thing.

HDBC Elections

It's that time of year again to nominate HDBC officers for the next year.



Only HDBC members may nominate and run for an officer position. Any member, including self-nomination, may make nominations. However, all nominees must agree to participate.

Because of the continued Covid19 lockdown, nominations and voting will be conducted via email.

1. Use the same email from which you receive the newsletter: jrcatron@q.com.
2. Submit all nominations by October 31, 2020.
3. A list of all nominations will be sent out to members on November 1, 2020.
4. Vote for HDBC officers by November 15, 2020.
5. Winners will be announced in the November newsletter.

Please consider running for an officer position or working as a committee chairperson. We're a good club with a noble cause. We should continue our mission to educate and promote good and proper care of caged birds.

Serving as a club officer is both challenging and rewarding. It does require some time, but it is not all consuming. The more members we have participate in leading the club, the easier it is.

Responsibilities of club officers are listed in our bylaws. A copy of our bylaws is posted on our website and can be found using this link: <http://www.highdesertbirdclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/HDBC-Constitution-and-By-Laws-062608-Amend-110712.pdf>, under Article VI - Duties and Powers of Officers.



Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

A wide variety of birds are available for adoption at Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico (BFPR). HDBC 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 HDBC Pet Bird Rescue Hotline at (505) 554-0804 for assistance.



Buster, a Blue and Gold Macaw



Quaker Parrot

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.

NOTE

From November 1st to January 1st, bird adoptions are paused. This is an annual process. Its intent is to discourage birds being obtained and given as gifts during the holidays. Adopting a parrot is a lifetime commitment, not a surprise Christmas present. Bonding and socialization visits are still allowed, and the adoption process will resume beginning January.

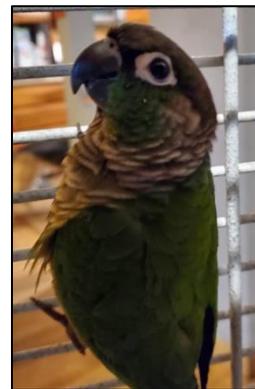


Zeus, an Umbrella Cockatoo

For more information, call Dorothy Newbill at (505) 980-6166 or check out their Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafaethernm/>.

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



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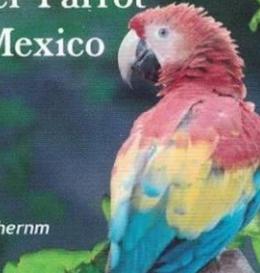
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Facebook Fun



Hyacinth Parrots and Pumpkins



What's Your Favorite Halloween Candy?