

# Birdy Bytes

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



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### Upcoming Events

**Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting**  
**Sunday, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM**  
**Parrots and Pies Potluck Dinner**  
Private Residence, RSVP Required  
Albuquerque, NM

**No December 2022 Meeting**

**January 2023 – General Meeting**  
**Date, Time and Place to be Determined**

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### Words from the Prez

Greetings Everyone,

Wow, what a year and we still have a month to go. If 2022 has a theme, it is adapt and assimilate. Learning how to go with the flow has been a difficult, yet important lesson in coping and finding happiness.

Our meetings have been sporadic, the newsletter issues have been erratic, and life in general has been anything but static. A lot of birds have come into the Birds of the Feather Parrot Rescue, and we have many new friends through volunteers, fosters, and new parronts. It's all good.

Our last meeting of 2022 will be our traditional potluck dinner. The theme is any kind of food in the form of pie. See page 3 for more details.

November is also election time for bird club officers. See page 4 for more details and current nominees. If you are interested in running for a club officer position or volunteering as a committee chairperson, reach out to any current officer or chairperson.

We are planning for even more activities next year and already have a tentative schedule for another bird toy and stand sale in April. Thank you everyone for your support and we hope you will continue to participate.

**Jennifer Catron**



**Parrots and Future Pies**

## Bird Club Biz

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High Desert Bird Club of NM  
2003 Southern Blvd. SE, #102-2  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124-3752  
[www.HighDesertBirdClub.org](http://www.HighDesertBirdClub.org)

**Bird Rescue Hotline: (505) 554-0804**

### General Meetings

**Monthly, Usually on a Sunday**

Meeting time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

### Location:

Private Residence, usually, but may change depending on weather and availability of space. Location is posted in newsletter and website.

### Club Officers

President: Jennifer Catron  
Vice President: Dorothy Newbill  
Secretary: Ramona Buzard  
Treasurer: Carolyn Newell

### Committee Chairpersons

Social Media/Publicity: Victoria Collier  
AFA Delegate: Carolyn Newell  
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 9/30/22)	\$1,336.05
Revenue	
(T-shirt and book sales, donations)	\$72.00
Expenses	
Mailbox rental	(\$142.00)
Ending balance (stmt 10/31/22)	<b>\$1,266.05</b>

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**The High Desert Bird Club of NM is a 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 Meeting**

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**November 13, 2022**

**\*\*Sunday\*\***

### **Parrots and Pies Potluck Dinner**

Our last meeting of 2022 will be on November 13, 2022, and is a potluck dinner. The theme is any kind of food in the form of a pie. (Not a parrot pie, stop that.)

Pies can be something like a Shepard's pie, chicken pot pie, quiche, and even a pizza pie. Of course there are pie desserts like pumpkin and apple pie options as well. Bring your favorite pie of choice and it will be fun to see what everyone brings.

We will be meeting at a private residence again, so RSVP is necessary. Let's celebrate another year of growing the pet bird community with good company and good food.

**Date: Sunday, November 13, 2022**

**Time: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**Location: RSPV to:**

**Jennifer Catron  
JRCatron@Q.com**

## **Meeting Minutes**

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Meeting called to order. Club officers, members, and guests were present.

Request for approval to pay expenses for the bird club P.O. Box, website domain name, and Tracfone (HDBC Hotline) was made and approved with estimated costs. Actual costs are pending.

HDBC library was brought to the bird toy/stand sale and some books and magazines were sold. We will continue to offer books to members for a donation and eventually donate remaining inventory to the city library.

Next meeting will be combination of the November and December meetings due to the

holidays. Meeting theme will be a potluck dinner with all foods as pies. Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite pie food to share.

No other topics or business. Meeting adjourned by 4:00 PM.

## **New Snail Mail Address**

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The cost of our post office box rental spiked even more than last year. The rental that started out at \$70 in 2008 has now risen to \$211 in 2023.

Many thanks to our Treasurer, Carolyn Newell, for finding us a less expensive option. Her expert negotiating skills secured us a year of rental for \$11 per month and two keys (\$20) for the much more reasonable price of \$142.

Here's our new mailing address:

**2003 Southern Blvd. SE, #102-2  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124-3752**

Thank you Carolyn and Sparky Newell for securing us a new mailing address and contacting those who send us mail with a new forwarding address.

## **HDBC Hotline**

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Calls for October were an equal number of surrenders and inquiries for adoptions. All callers were referred to Birds of a Feather Parrot

Rescue of NM.

A few calls came in for wild birds. These calls were referred to either the Wildlife Rescue of New Mexico, or Mikal Deese (On a Wing and a Prayer). Both have Facebook pages for more information. Injured hawk calls are referred to Hawks Aloft.

For bird adoptions, surrenders, and lost and found birds, Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM is the go to place.

## HDBC Elections

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It's that time of year again to nominate and vote for HDBC officers for the next year. Usually, in October, nominations are collected and accepted. In November, members vote for the candidate of his or her choice.



This year has been anything but normal. Club meetings have been sporadic with changing dates to work around various schedules.

Current officers have agreed to being nominated for re-election for 2023. If you are interested in running for any officer position, please attend the next meeting scheduled for November 13, 2022. You can be added to the list of nominees and we can vote at that meeting.

Current nominees are:

President: Jennifer Catron  
Vice President: Dorothy Newbill  
Treasurer: Carolyn Newell  
Secretary: Ramona Buzard

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

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A 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.

Every year, the adoption process is paused from November 15<sup>th</sup> through January 15<sup>th</sup>. This is to discourage the gifting of birds as Christmas or other holiday presents.

If an adoption is already in progress prior to November 15<sup>th</sup>, that adoption can continue to completion.

The rescue is at capacity and a waiting list for surrenders is in place for other than emergency situations.

After January 15<sup>th</sup>, if you are interested in adopting or fostering, please reach out to Dorothy Newbill at (505) 980-6166 or check out their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafeathernm/>.

Their website is: <https://www.birdsofafeathernm.org/>

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



**Lovely Luca**

## Friends of HDBC

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## Facebook Fun

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