



parrot poop

Contents...

Parrot Daze p. 2

Parrot Points -
Changes. p. 2

Strange Birds p. 3

Reading Phillies . . . p. 3

New Members . . . p.4

Committee Updates .
. p. 4

Cabin Fever Festival
. p.5

Meeting of the Minds
. p. 6

Golf With A Purpose
. p. 6

Support our
Advertisers. p. 7

It's 5 O' Clock.
Somewhere p. 8

HELLO from the President's Perch



The Party wasn't at the end of the world. But our annual winter Cabin Fever Festival was at a different end of town and what a great time. In five quick hours we raised \$12,000 to benefit

Opportunity House. I think Bubba would be proud. The Reading Country Club location was a great venue and we'll be back again. Thank you sponsors.

We announced at our April general meeting that our check presentation for Cabin Fever helped us to surpass the \$100,000 mark in donations in just four years. Now that's something to shake our tail feathers about! But beyond the monetary donations, our Club members donate hundreds of hours of personal time every year to help make our functions successful, keep our highway clean, donate toys, and assist other non-profits with their events. Thanks Club members for all you

do for our Berks County community. Partying with a Purpose can be fun, profitable and very rewarding.

We have a lot of events coming up – a golf outing, summer Parrot Daze, Reading Phillies Buffett night, Adopt-a-Highway cleanup, and our 5th birthday party. Check out the listing in our "award-winning" newsletter and support our events, charities and sponsors. And don't miss the birthday party. It's one of the only events we have that's just for gratuitous fun and for members only.

We have a great lineup of bands and lots of fun planned for Parrot Daze on July 14th at the Fish Pond West. This year's event will benefit Berks County Crime Alert. There are sponsorships and program ads available. Please don't miss out on this event. It's always an adventure. We hope the weather matches your clothes this year.

Fins,

Denny

GROWING OLDER BUT NOT UP



Poker for Puppies

On Friday, March 2nd, the Parrot Heads held a Casino Night event to benefit the Animal Rescue League of Berks County.

ARL is a non-profit organization that provides shelter and care for unwanted and homeless animals. You can visit the "residents" at Kennel Road off Route 724 near Route 176 in Cumru Township or call 610.373.8830.

At our April general meeting, a check for \$1000 was presented to ARL from the Poker with a Purpose event with the promise of a tour of the ARL facilities for interested Club members.

Parrot Points Changes

In the June 2006 issue of the Parrot Poop, we discussed a key benefit of your BCPHC membership. Besides receiving our award winning newsletter, you are eligible to earn points toward the purchase of Jimmy Buffett concert tickets. Please refer to the June 2006 article or our Web site for the full list of how you can earn parrot points.

The Executive Board recently made changes to the point system:

- Recruit new members: 10 points per person (previously was 5 points);
- Annually renew your membership by December 31: 5 points (this is new);

Reminder – It is your own responsibility to sign in at every meeting you attend.

Swine Not?

I know we announced the release date of "A Salty Piece of Land" in a previous issue of the Parrot Poop & it came out a year later than anticipated. However, the scoop is that Jimmy has authored another book which is expected to be released the end of November 2007 called "Swine Not?" While this is a children's book, adults will like it also.

Shall we run a pool to see if the release date is real?

I know what I want for Christmas.

Berks County Parrot Head Club
www.BerksCountyPHC.org
P.O. Box 6167
Wyomissing, PA 19610

If you have questions about this newsletter or would like to contribute articles, information, photos or advertise please contact Dot at dmimbody@natpennbank.com

Crime Alert Berks County chosen as beneficiary of the 5th Annual "Parrot Daze" event

Join your pfellow Parrot Heads and Crime Alert members to Party with a Purpose Part II.

Saturday, July 14

1:00 – 10:00 p.m. at Fish Pond West (100 Swiftwater Lane, Bernville, PA 19526)

Music, food, beverages, raffles and LOTS of fun!

We will be entertained almost all day long so don't miss out.

1-4:00 – Nautical Wheelers

6-9:00 – Jimmy and the Parrots

Contact: Jodi Blatt for tickets – meandmyboz@aol.com or attend the monthly general meetings where tickets will be available.

Aiding in the Fight for Safer Neighborhoods across Berks County

Crime Alert Berks County is a nonprofit volunteer organization of local citizens and business people dedicated to the reduction and prompt solution of crimes, and to rewarding persons who provide information that leads to the arrest of criminals.

Crime Alert Berks County celebrated their 8th anniversary in 2006. In those eight years, they have received 2,200 tip calls, aided in 200 arrests, and paid out \$75,000. If you have information about a crime or a criminal, you could be eligible to receive a reward of up to \$5,000! You can make a difference. The free tip hotline is 1.877.373.9913.

If you'd like to make a tax deductible donation, please call 610.779.6585 or see one of the Crime Alert volunteers at Parrot Daze. Please help Crime Alert make our communities a safer place to live and work.



Crime Alert Berks County
P.O. Box 6786
Wyomissing, PA 19610
alertberks@aol.com



You too can be a Parrot Head!

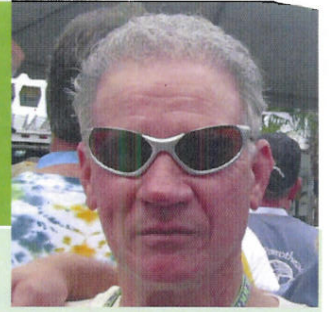
New members contact – Sue Gromis at sign4sue@ptd.net or go to: www.BerksCountyPHC.org





Strange Birds

Barry Sangrey



This "coastal confession" is from our newest Club Vice President, Barry Sangrey. Barry was born in Lancaster, PA and grew up in Paradise. He currently resides in Mohnton (pronounced "Mo - ton" for everyone not familiar with the area.) Karen Bish has been his significant other for 17 years. Barry says she makes life fun and always an adventure. He refers to Karen as "Caribbikaren" because she loves the islands.

Barry is self-employed and builds formica countertops and cabinetry. However, he has his pilot's license so he'd prefer an occupation of pilot flying tourists from island to island. And get this; Barry's first job was taking tourists on Amish buggy rides on weekends!

Other than listening to JB, Barry is a competitive water skier and snow ski racer. He has won nine national and two world water ski medals.

Barry was originally a member of the Tri-State PHC but joined our Club when he heard it was forming. Here's how Barry responded to other questions asked by the Parrot Poop:



Where will you go when the Volcano blows?: Jamaica - they have 5 Margaritavilles

What is your favorite JB song?:

My favorite changes often, but to pick one I'll say "Margaritaville." That song started the whole thing. When it plays, the party starts!

What is your favorite line from a JB song?:

"I got a Caribbean soul I can barely control." We go to the islands four times a year. We recently added Meeting of the Minds in Key West.

How long have you listened to JB?: Since the late 80's.

How many JB concerts have you been to & are any more memorable than others?

Five or six. At one concert, Jimmy played acoustic guitar to the lawn section. My seat was right beside him!

Have you read any of JB's books and if so, which was your favorite?

I started to read them but never finished. I must have had too many Boat Drinks!

If all your Buffett music was lost or stolen, who would you listen to?: Bob Marley and The Eagles

Favorite food: Hot roast beef sandwich with gravy

Favorite movie: Star Wars

Favorite restaurant: At home it's Red Lobster. Away it's The Banana Boat in Florida.

What do you like on your cheeseburger in paradise?:

I like mine with just ketchup and, of course, a cold draft beer.

Favorite frozen (or unfrozen) concoction: Dirty Banana - they make them in Jamaica.

What one thing would you like to do in life that you haven't already done?:

Play guitar with Jimmy! (oh yeah, I can play.)

Where the heck is Margaritaville?:

It's wherever and whenever a bunch of Parrot Heads get together and play Buffett music. The party starts with Margaritaville!



Play ball!

Tuesday, June 19th is Jimmy Buffett Parrot Head Night at the Reading Phillies. The R-Phils play Binghamton (in case you care.) Game time is 7:05 and gates open at 5:00. Get a Reading Phillies Parrot Head t-shirt at the gate and enjoy John Hain playing the songs we know by heart before the game in the Classic Café. As a special treat, John will be joined by a portion of the Mango Summers Band, wife Pat and Marlene.

Our Club will have 50 tickets to the pool pavilion (the pool is heated!) and a few tickets have already been reserved. Contact Rick Gromis if you're interested in joining in the fun. Price is \$25 which includes a picnic dinner.



New Members

Welcome to the pflock. And thanks to the Coral Referrers who will receive 10 Parrot Points!

New Member

Jean Adams
Steve Barbon
Glenn and Pat Barrell
"parakeet" Dayna Breitegam
Keith Burian
Duane and Kathey Cahill
Denise Clark
Harold and Joyce Fries
Scott and Steph Gaul
Joe and Cindy Gimont
Tim and Karen Gromis
Wendy Kershner

Coral Referrer

John Hain
Grandparents Norm & Diane Heilenman
friends
Denny Lorah
Sherrie Hollowell
John & Pat Hain
Rick & Sue Gromis
Bryan & Leigh Gentry

New Member

Michael Leifer
Joanne Muzyka
Dave and Brenda Owens
Yoni and Lorri Oziri
Barrie and Barbara Pease
Ryan R. Rhode
Dennis and Gail Schell
James Walters
Ronda Wolfe
John and Karen Woytko
Tanya Woytko

Coral Referrer

Eileen Davies
Kris Johnson
Denny Lorah
friends
parents Bob & Diane Rhode
newspaper ad
Kris Johnson
Sherrie Hollowell
Sherrie Hollowell

Also, welcome back to Rick and Cordy Kemmerer.

Did you move to a new cage? If you need to make changes to your mailing or email information, please contact the membership committee.

In 25 Words (more) or Less **Committee Updates:**



Stars on the Water (volunteer committee) – chairperson Kris Johnson

I would like to thank my committee for the support and help they have given me as I start my quest as the Volunteer Committee chairperson. The support and commitment that this Club's members give to charities is what makes us great

We need More Junior Mints (sponsorship committee) – chairpersons Dave & Sherrie Hollowell

The sponsorships for Summer Parrot Daze are underway. We are aggressively asking for support. So far, it is going well. Thanks Mortgage America for being our major sponsor.

Parrot Poop (newsletter committee) – chairperson Dot McGlinn Imbody

Don't keep it under your hat. Tell us some juicy news – and you'll earn Parrot Points for doing so. Anything fit to print is appreciated.

Pfeeding Pfrenzy (merchandise committee) – chairperson Tina Shenk

Our committee is getting ready for "Parrot Daze". The auction tables will be full of great items but we still need merchandise donations. Your generosity is appreciated. Dance by the merchandise table and see all our tropical goodies. Make sure to get your collectable tee's ~ we sold out last year so order them now!

Party with a Purpose (events committee) – chairperson Jodi Blatt

Come one, come all! Put some purpose in your partying, check out the list of events we have planned for the rest of this year. Everyone is discovering the fun we have at our events. Don't be left out, get tickets as soon as they become available. The best part is the good we can all accomplish for the charities!

Changes in Attitude (charity committee) – chairperson Gary Kraft

The Charity Committee continues to look for worthy Berks County charities like Opportunity House, Animal Rescue League, Family Guidance Center and Crime Alert which are being sponsored in 2007. Members are encouraged to nominate their favorite charity for consideration. Please include contact information.

If the Phone Doesn't Ring (membership committee) – chairperson Sue Gromis

Our Club has received some great press recently, and in effect caused the membership to increase by approximately 15% since January: keep up the GREAT WORK and don't forget that referring members is a good way to build up Parrot Points!

Cabin Fever Festival

The Cabin Fever Festival was held on Sunday January 28th at the Reading Country Club. John Hain and the Mango Summers Band played, and even though John barely had a voice, he persevered and we had another successful event. We raised \$12,000 for Opportunity House, who did a great job of helping to promote the event and selling tickets. It was a pleasure working with them and we can all take pride in knowing that once again, we put on a great event!



THANK YOU to the following businesses for sponsoring our 2007 Cabin Fever Festival. Please support their businesses.

- MAJOR Sponsor:** Coldwell Banker
- Gold Level:** Land Displays
The Plumbing Works
- Band Sponsor:** Denny's Electric Service
Gioielleria Jewelers
- Silver Level:** Berkshire Bank
GTS
Spokes Bike Shop
- Bronze Level:** Reinsel Kuntz Leshner – Alan Carman
Tina's Salon & Spa



From the Opportunity House Web Site

(<http://www.opphouse.org/events.asp>)

Berks County Parrot Head Club Cabin Fever Festival - A Success Story!

On Sunday, January 28th, Opportunity House discovered "Where's the Party?" and how to "Party with a Purpose." The Berks County Parrot Head Club held their Cabin Fever Festival on this date at the Reading Country Club for the benefit of Opportunity House. Parrot Heads know how to party and how to raise funds. At their February meeting, they presented Modesto Fiume, President of Opportunity House, with a check for \$12,000!

We cannot thank the Parrot Heads enough for choosing Opportunity House for their winter fundraiser. We also need to personally thank the sponsors.

It was a great trip partying with these "cool birds," and we're proud to have the Berks County Parrot Head Club as an active part of our community.

Berks County Parrot Head Cookbook

We still have cookbooks for sale. I've tried several recipes and they are great. I highly recommend the buffalo chicken dip (and the olive fettuccine recipe given to me from a friend.) They make great gifts – graduation, birthdays, Mother's Day, housewarming, etc.

Price is \$10/each. Checks can be made payable to the Berks County Parrot Head Club and mailed to the address on the back of this newsletter. For more information, contact Brenda Beissel at greenparrot1@msn.com



Meeting of the Minds, Key West – November 2006



Golf with a Purpose

Family Guidance Center (FGC) is a private, non-profit, 501 (c)(3), United Way member agency whose mission is "to promote and support the personal and professional growth of adults, children and families in Berks County and surrounding areas by providing counseling and related services that empower people to improve the quality of their lives". FGC is licensed by the PA Department of Public Welfare and the PA Department of Health as an outpatient mental health and drug and alcohol provider. Counseling concerns addressed include issues such as: depression, anxiety; physical and sexual abuse; addictions; grief and loss, relationship and parenting difficulties; work and health issues; and mental illness. The goal of the program is to assist persons in improving their quality of life by providing affordable, accessible, quality services. Specifically, these goals are achieved through: 1) providing services on a sliding scale fee; 2) locating services in accessible areas; 3) assessing outcomes based on a reduction of presenting symptoms and an increase in functioning; and 4) utilizing qualified, credentialed, competent staff.

FORE!

Join us for a fun filled afternoon of golf followed by a relaxing picnic dinner at our 4th Annual Golf Outing to benefit the Family Guidance Center.

Date: Friday, May 11, 2007

rain or shine

Location:

Perry Golf Course
220 Zions Church Road,
Shoemakersville
610.562.3510

Time: 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

lunch and registration

1:00 p.m. – shotgun start,

foursome scramble

6:00 p.m. - dinner

Cost: \$75 per person

includes greens fees, golf cart, prizes, lunch, dinner, beer and soda. Lots of Contests and Prizes!

Golf Registration Form

Payment must accompany registration form - \$75/golfer (no refunds for no shows)
(Deadline: Friday, May 4, 2007)

Return registration form with check payable to: Berks County Parrot Head Club

Mail to: **407 Frederick Street**
Sinking Spring, PA 19608

For more information, contact JR Koch at JRKoch@col-elec.com or 610-374-2134 ext. 101

- 1 Team Captain _____ Phone _____
2 _____ Phone _____
3 _____ Phone _____
4 _____ Phone _____

Hole Sponsorship donation \$100. Name of business or sponsor:

Dinner guest only \$25 per person. Guest name:

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____



RE/MAX

of Reading

Independently Owned and Operated

Eric J. Miller, GRI, CRS

Claudia Barnett, Happiness Director
Stephanie Loscig, Marketing Coordinator

1290 Broadcasting Road

Wyomissing, Pennsylvania 19610

Office: (610) 670-2770, (800) 206-0015

Residence: (610) 374-3507, Fax: (610) 678-6737

E-Mail: EMiller@GoBerksCounty.com

www.BerksCountyUpscaleHomes.com

"Your Personal
Real Estate Advisor
for Life"
"By Referral Only"



Newsletter
images created by...



Suzy Rae Design

ADVERTISING & GRAPHIC DESIGN

928 Penn Avenue
Wyomissing, PA 19610

610-376-1128

info@suzyraedesign.com

www.suzyraedesign.com

Berkshire
BANK

MEMBER FDIC

Open 7 Days A Week

For All Your Personal &
Business Banking

E-mail: info@berkshirebnk.com

Phone: 610 376-7200 Fax: 610 376-8200

1101 Woodland Road Wyomissing, PA 19610

Berkshire Mall West



DENNY'S

ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC.

Residential • Commercial • Industrial

PHONE: 610-775-9735 • FAX: 610-775-2583

100 Liberty Street • Shillington, PA 19607

www.dennyelectricservice.com

HEFFLEGER
KITCHEN CENTER

3609 POTTSVILLE PIKE
READING, PA 19605

(610) 929-3435
FAX (610) 929-3405



Designing Women
Resale Boutique

412 Penn Avenue, West Reading, PA 19611 (610)375-3855

Tangles
HAIR SALON

610-372-5444

404 PENN AVENUE
WEST READING, PA 19611
ASSOCIATED WITH TINA'S SALON • SPA



UNIQUELY

TINA'S
SALON
Day Spa

610-374-5991

DIFFERENT

**Thank
You!**

The BCPHC thanks
Westlawn Graphics for
donating a portion of the
printing of the Parrot
Poop.

Newsletter design by
Suzy Rae Design.

Just
Gorgeous!
SHOES

9 South 4th Avenue • West Reading, PA 19611 Tina Shenk
(610)374-7292 phone (610)372-9454 fax Owner



It's Five O'Clock Somewhere

a.k.a. Upcoming Events:

Friday, May 11:

Annual Golf Outing to benefit Family Guidance Center – 1:00 (rain or shine) at Perry Golf Course, Shoemakersville

Contact: JR Koch – JRKoch@col-elec.com

\$75 per person (includes lunch, dinner, beverages, & golf) Lots of prizes

Tuesday, June 19

Parrot Head night at the Reading Phillies – game time 7:05 p.m.

Contact: Rick Gromis - beer4ric@ptd.net for tickets

The Club will have 50 tickets for the pool deck - \$25/ticket

Tuesday, June 26

Jimmy Buffett concert in Camden

Contact: Janice Kraft - COOKNCLEAN247@aol.com re: bus information

Saturday, July 14

Parrot Daze to benefit Crime Alert Berks County

1:00 – 10:00 p.m. at Fish Pond West (100 Swiftwater Lane, Bernville, PA 19526) Music, food, beverages, raffles and LOTS of fun!

1-4:00 – Nautical Wheelers

6-9:00 – Jimmy and the Parrots

Contact: Jodi Blatt – meandmyboz@aol.com for tickets

Saturday, September 8

"A Pirate Looks at 5" – Club Birthday Party – members only
Check the Web site for more information

Sunday, October 21:

Biannual roadside cleanup – Rte 222 between Lowe's (on Rte 724) and the Penn Avenue exit in Wyomissing.

Contact: Brandy Lorah – blorah@boscovs.com

Friday, December 7:

Toys for Tots Holiday Gathering

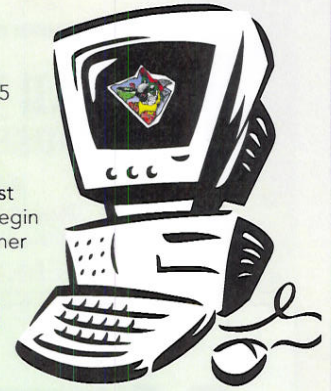
3rd and Spruce Café, West Reading

5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Admission is a toy or \$5 towards the purchase of toys.

General Membership Meetings – 3rd & Spruce Café - upstairs, West Reading. 1st Tuesday of every month. All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Join Club members for dinner at 6:00 p.m.

For more information on these and other events scheduled after the publication of this issue of Parrot Poop, go to:

www.BerksCountyPHC.org



The next issue of Parrot Poop will be issued in Fall 2007.



Berks County Parrot Head Club
P.O. Box 6167
Wyomissing, PA 19610

