



parrot poop

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HELLO from the President's Perch



Whenever our newsletter girl says I need your President's article I think, what am I going to write about? Then as soon as I sit down I realize how many things happened since the last issue. As the Club has grown, there are things happening continuously throughout the year

Since I last wrote we held our 4th annual golf outing and J.R. Koch did a wonderful job again putting the whole event together. At the July meeting we presented a check to Family Guidance Center for \$6,500. Nice going golf teams. July also gave Wyomissing residents and visitors a good look at our pirate ship float as we won first place in their 4th of July parade. My continued congratulations to the Parade Committee and all of our members who participated in the parade. Then on July 14th, we held our 5th annual Parrot Daze party with more fun and success than any other year. Crime Alert Berks County is going to be so happy when we present that big check at the

September 4th general meeting. All of you should be so proud of your efforts and what we are giving back to this community.

Oh yea! I turned the national speed limit (55) on July 19th. I know most members thought I was 35. Well some of why I included this in this newsletter is to announce the 6th Parrot Daze party will be on July 19th next year and Jimmy and the Parrots will be back for the night show. Mark your calendars now.

We set a Club record for new members in the month of July - 29 adults and five 'keets. Thanks to the Membership Committee and coral referrers.

As always, we take August off to relax with our families and enjoy friends. I hope whatever you are doing is a great time and relaxing for all of you. With all of the time and effort each of you gives, God knows you deserve it. Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your President. I love this Club and all of you wonderful people.

GROWING OLDER BUT NOT UP

The Prez, Denny

Highway Cleanup

We won't be picking up the trash that is stashed in Ecuador but we will if it's along OUR stretch of highway in Spring Township. On Sunday, April 29th, several Club members had quite a daunting task at the biannual roadside cleanup. The crew worked for about 1-1/2 hours to do our share at keeping America beautiful. Afterwards, it was trash talking back at Applebee's about a job well done.



The "strangest item found award" went to Tina Shenk for retrieving a coonskin, Davey Crockett-style cap. She narrowly beat Joanne Muzyka who found a perfectly preserved deer skull.

*Layers and layers of spices and flavours
 Could this be some kind of charade
 Layers and layers of costumes and players
 I think I will join the parade*

And join the parade they did. In both Kenhorst and Wyomissing.

Kenhorst celebrated their 75th anniversary with a parade on Saturday, May 5th. The Parrots of the Caribbean float took 1st place and was the talk of the parade. Thanks to all the pirates, wenches and 'keets that helped sail our ship.

Wyomissing's annual July 4th parade is famous - - and the Berks County PHC took the borough by storm and won Best of the Parade for motorized floats. We've finally developed a good habit! We invited the Boy & Girl Scouts to join us and while we moved the crowd - literally to turn our ship around corners - only one sign took a small hit. The event netted seven new members. Thanks to Bryan and Leigh Gentry for sponsoring the pre- and post-festivities and Cheri and Shawn Guevin for cooking breakfast. Who was responsible for those early a.m. bloody's?

KENHORST

WYOMISSING



Pascagoula Run

~ by Marilyn Baertchy



The winning Pascagoula Run team:
 Top row: Ruthann Woll and Mary Lynn Krippe
 Bottom row: Claire Smith and Joanna Timtishin

Birds of a feather make excuses together and other bird-brained reasons why they couldn't finish the Pascagoula Run:

- Denny Lorah – Mentally challenged at the "Y"*
- Dave Hallowell – The "Y" wasn't a "y"*
- Tina Shenk – Next year we're getting GPS and OnStar!*
- Denny Lorah – Next year, less churches, more bars! I can relate to that!*
- Was Chief Sitting Bull sitting or standing?*
- Look, there's a garage sale!*
- Whoever heard of a tree with blue leaves?!*
- Bob Baertschy & Ed Kenney - We missed the exposed bare breasts, we're losing our sight. We have to go back...again and again!*
- Where was that 3-legged horse?*
- Oh Lord, I'm stuck in Adamstown again; let's get the phlock out of here!*
- We give up, we're dehydrating!*
- Open the envelope please!*
- Where's the party?*

In true Parrot Head fashion, our phlock eventually all roosted at the proper perch to party with a purpose!





Strange Birds

Rick Gromis



This "coastal confession" is about our newest Club Treasurer, Rick Gromis. Rick is a resident of Exeter where he resides with his wife Saint Sue ("she deserves sainthood after 30 years with me"). They have two children: Tim; a member of our pflock, and Melissa; who is married to Steve. Rick and Sue's granddaughter, Macy, is a Club 'keet.

Rick is President of Berkshire Bank but he'd also enjoy being the owner of a successful brew pub. His first job was working in a bingo hall. Other than his real job and volunteering at Club events, Rick enjoys golf, reading and making beer. Rick joined the BCPC pflock "because I followed Denny and Norm around until they finally gave me an application to join." One thing Rick would like to do that he hasn't already accomplished is to write a book. (Hopefully not a tell-all about our Club or members!)

Other info the Parrot Poop wants you to know about Rick:

Where will you go when the Volcano blows?: Victory Brew Pub in Downingtown.
I'll use any excuse for a cold beer.

What is your favorite JB song?: Volcano

What is your favorite line from a JB song?: "I gotta go where it's warm."

How long have you listened to JB?: Since I joined the Club a few years ago.

How many JB concerts have you been to & are any more memorable than others? Three and they were all fun.

Have you read any of JB's books and if so, which was your favorite? I tried reading his last book.

I think Jimmy should stick to music!

If all your Buffett music was lost or stolen, who would you listen to?: The Bacon Brothers or Gaelic Storm (Irish music goes well with beer. See next answer...)

Favorite food: Beer

Favorite movie: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Favorite restaurant: The PIKE

What do you like on your cheeseburger in paradise?: Same as Jimmy; and don't forget the cold draft beer.

Favorite frozen (or unfrozen) concoction: A good hoppy beer like Hop Devil or Stoudt's American Pale Ale.

Where the heck is Margaritaville?: I am not exactly sure but it always seems to be 5 o'clock when I arrive!



Cajun Martinis & Afternoon Golf

Well the second half of the title is correct – we played afternoon golf on Friday, May 11th as 80 golfers hit the links at Perry Golf Course for the 4th annual BCPHC Golf par-tee. The weather was beautiful and our fine-feathered golfers raised \$6500 for the Family Guidance Center.

This year's winning team with a score of 57 or -13 was Kent Arters, John Clemens, Lee Nein and Vince Mallow. The longest drive hole was won by John Miller.



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Thanks to all the golfers, sponsors and volunteers for another great event!



5th annual Parrot Daze - July 14

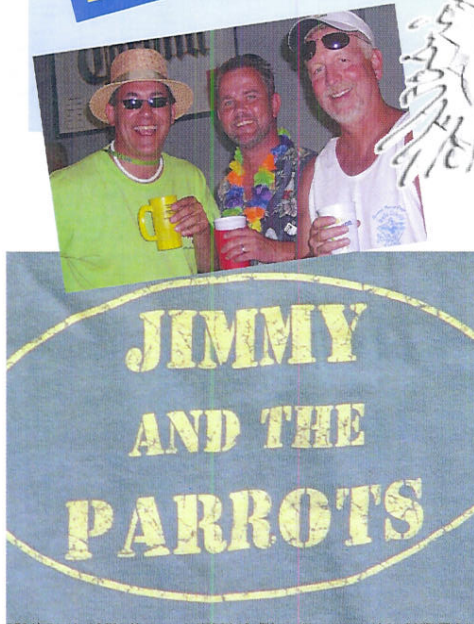
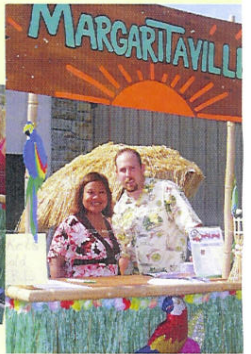
There wasn't French wine and cheeses ... but it wasn't that kind of party anyway. It was our 5th annual summer Parrot Daze, get down and sing, dance, and eat cheeseburgers party with a purpose! And we did it well ... again. Our fearless president obtained an events license and any other license we might possibly need to keep the SWAT crews from dropping in. With our license to chill behind us, our volunteers served up hundreds of cheeseburgers, hot dogs, jambalaya and desserts to our estimated 350 pflock and pfriends. Our bartenders were busy all day with frozen concoctions and libations. The silent and Chinese auction items had everyone jockeying to get the last bid. And the tunes from Nautical Wheelers and Jimmy and the Parrots kept the lawn section rocking.

The weather was with us and so was the generosity of the crowd. Tina Shenk didn't let anyone get in her way and was the highest bidder on a bicycle built for two donated by Spokes Bike Shop. Watch (out) for her and Denny peddling away on the Ocean City boardwalk. Karen Bish walked away as the highest bidder on a week's home rental in Key West, donated by Denny and Tina. We had many happy winners and we thank them for opening up their wallets to support our event. We also thank everyone who donated auction items. Your generosity is appreciated.

While an official tally is not available at press time, we're expecting to hand over a check in excess of \$20,000 to Crime Alert Berks County to help keep our community a safe place. Congratulate yourselves on a job well done. Our party with a purpose was a success once again.

Mark you calendar now for our 6th annual Parrot Daze event on July 19, 2008. Jimmy and the Parrots will be making their 3rd visit to entertain us.

Friends, these events don't just happen on their own. There were approximately 263 volunteer hours involved in putting on this year's Parrot Daze event. Thank you to all who volunteered during the weekend. And we couldn't do any of this without the help of our sponsors, donors and patrons so please support them. Consider helping out at future events. While it's a bit of physical and/or sweat labor, we really do have pfun behind the scenes.



Thank you to the following businesses for sponsoring our 5th Annual Parrot Daze event.

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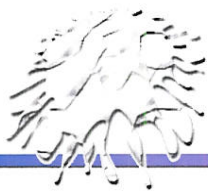
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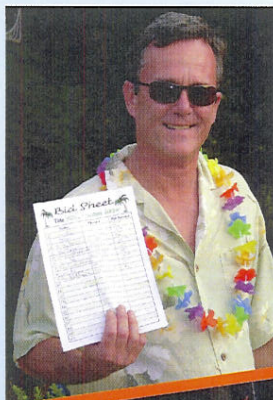
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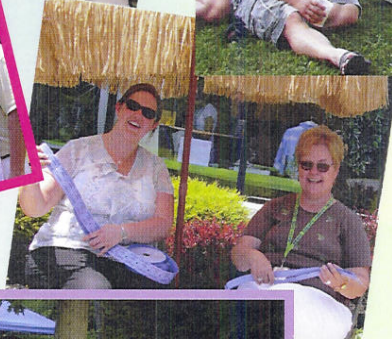
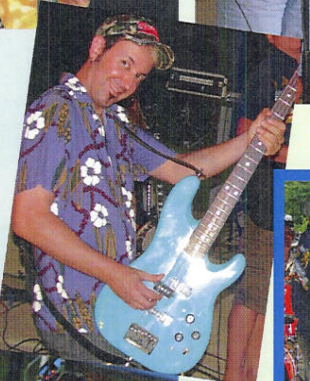
Please support our terrific sponsors who helped make this event a success.





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- ALS
- American Cancer Society
- American Heart Association
- Berk County Chapter
- Crime Alert Berk County
- Animal Rescue League
- Easter Seal Society
- Humane Society of Berk County
- Hub for Humanity
- Make a Wish Foundation
- Reading Public Museum
- Marines Toys for Tots
- Red Cross
- Berk County Choir
- Olivet Boys & Girls Club
- Opportunity House
- Family Guidance Center

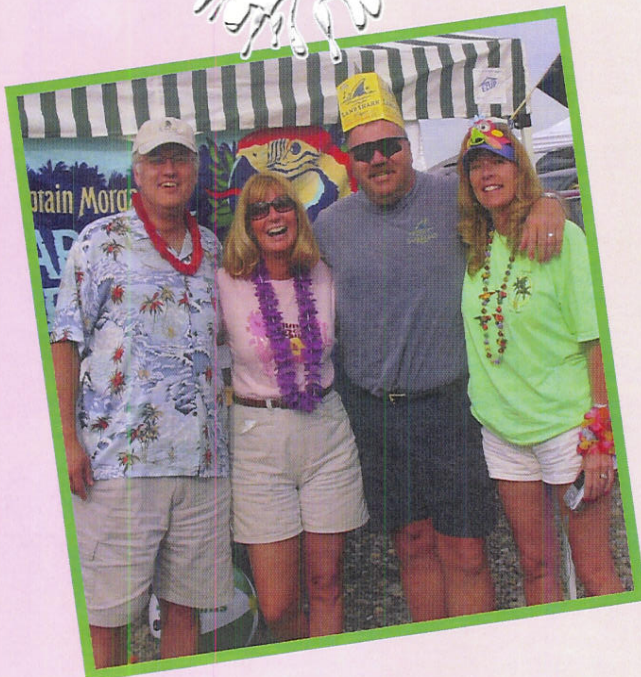
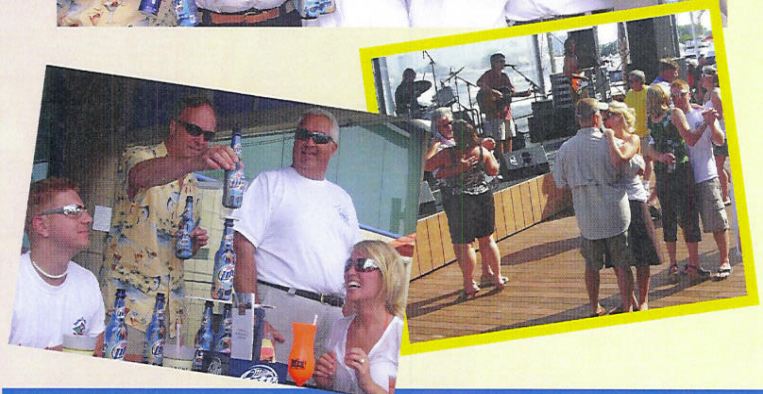


Jimmy Buffett In Concert...

A First for A.C.

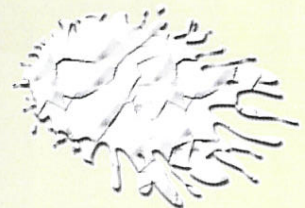
~by Janice Kraft

On June 30th, several Berks County Parrot Heads attended the Jimmy Buffett concert held in the historic Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City. It was a great venue to see Jimmy performing on stage. As usual, the crowd was in party mode and most fans didn't find the need for a seat as they danced the night away. Jimmy entertained his fans with many of his well-known hits such as Margaritaville, Fins, Changes in Latitude and Southern Cross while also singing quite a few songs from his new album, Take the Weather with You. Bama Breeze seemed to be a crowd favorite. A pre-concert party was held at Trump's Marina Deck where John Frinzi performed in the afternoon and members of BCPHC gathered to enjoy some fun in the sun. The talented "Fingers" Taylor, who played harmonica with Buffett and the Coral Reefer Band for twenty-some years, joined Frinzi for several songs. Berks County Parrot Heads were seen building beer can towers and dancing in large circles with members of other clubs.



Pittsburgh Show

Pa. House Resolution #333 designated June 23rd as "Jimmy Buffett Day" and four BCPHC members pflocked to the far side of PA to Buffett's Pittsburgh show - Duane and Kathey Cahill and Rich and Cathy Leiby.



It was 5 o'clock all day at the Camden concert

On Tuesday, June 26th, approximately 40 members of our Club trekked to the Tweeter Center in beautiful Camden, New Jersey to pay homage to Jimmy Buffett during his Bama Breeze tour. Our bus left Wyomissing at noon and we arrived in (beautiful) Camden in about 75 minutes. Our bus driver then took us (hostage?) on a 75 minute tour of Camden (did I mention beautiful Camden?), many streets more than twice, until we settled on a dazzling parking location with a splendid view.

Within minutes the post-ride party began. Everyone scrambled to setup tents, coolers of food and drinks appeared, and the grills were fired up for an afternoon of fun and frivolity under the scorching sun complete with

humidity! Guitars, bongos, tambourines, and vocals set the stage for a Berks County pre-show bash of our own.

This was Buffett's 12th consecutive year playing in the Philadelphia area and we were treated to two songs that are rarely on the concert set list – "Treat her like a lady" and "King of Somewhere Hot". Buffett sang both songs at his Anguilla show after an absence of seven and eight years respectively. He played one or the other at previous Bama Breeze shows but this was the first concert to hear both songs.

"On the Road Again" commenced the evening of music, singing and smiles. And then Buffett and Mac McNally ended the second encore and the show playing acoustic "Tonight I Just Need My Guitar", with Mac slipping away leaving Jimmy to finish alone. A perfect ending to a terrific concert and day. Parrot Heads are the greatest!



Old Mr. Moon had his best friend Magnus right by his side when they soared the Milky Way. And we had best friend-for-the-day Gary Kraft as we sweated our day away at the pre-concert tailgate. Let's follow Gary as he continuously fuels his Club friends with Jell-O shots AND keeps everyone cooled off with a spray bottle of water.

Our cooks can stand the kitchen heat thanks to Gary.



What a guy!

And Gary finally takes a rest from his duties with a bit of tom-foolery.

Thanks Gary!



It's Five O'Clock Somewhere

a.k.a. Upcoming Events:

Friday, September 28

"A Pirate Looks at 5" – Club Birthday Party – members only
3rd and Spruce Café, West Reading
6 – 9:00 p.m. \$10 – includes dinner and one domestic beer

Sunday, October 21

Biannual roadside cleanup – Rte 222 between Lowe's (on Rte 724) and the Penn Avenue exit in Wyomissing.
1:00 p.m. – meet at Applebee's in Wyomissing
Contact: Brandy Lorah – blorah@boscovs.com

Saturday, December 8

Toys for Tots Holiday Gathering
3rd and Spruce Café, West Reading
5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Admission is a toy or \$5 towards the purchase of toys.

Sunday, January 27, 2008

Cabin Fever Festival
Check the Web site for more information

May 2008

5th annual golf par-tee
Check the Web site for more information

Saturday, July 19, 2008

6th annual Parrot Daze – 1 – 10:00 p.m.
6 – 9:00 – Jimmy and the Parrots
Check the Web site for more information

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



Growing Older - But Not Up

PLEASE CELEBRATE THESE BIRTHDAYS IN TRUE PARROT HEAD STYLE!
(WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY TAKE US TO THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE PARROT POOP):

SEPTEMBER

SCOTT KISSINGER	3
DAVID STARON	4
CINDY KAUFFMAN	5
JEN NEIN	5
NICK BLATT	8
CHRISTINE BECHTEL	11
LISA STARON	13
WENDY KERSHNER	15
SANDY KLAHR	15
MARY LYNN KRIPPE	15
AMBER RICE	18
KERRY SWEIGART	19
JOHN WOYTOKO	24
DUANE CAHILL	25
CHARLES KOCH, Sr.	25
PATRICIA HOOVER	27
KRIS JOHNSON	27
AL STEUER	27
CINDY GIMONT	29
BRENT PETERS	29
RICK KLAHR	30

OCTOBER

JAMES WALTERS	1
SCOTT BROWN	3
HOWARD LORAH	5
ERNIE FISCHER	7
DEBBIE KINTZER	8
TONY CALVARESI	9
KAREN GROMIS	9
MICHAEL KATCHUR	10

LEANN WOLF

LEANN WOLF	11
LUCY SEIDEL	12
STEVE BARBON	14
RYAN R. RHODE	15
TIMOTHY ISERT	16
CLAIRE SNYDER	17
MELISSA MCCOY	20
SANDRA MADARA	22
MITCH DARICOURT	24
LESLIE DAVIS	28
STEVE SEIDEL	29
DOUG WOLL	31

NOVEMBER

CLARISSA SMITH	2
ERIC HANCOCK	3
MIKE SNYDER	3
LORI CARMAN	6
TODD FIUCCI	7
SANDI KELLER	9
JOANNA TIMTISHIN	11
SUSAN MOUNTZ	13
JAMES CRESSMAN	16
BOB MOON	19
ROBERT RHODE	22
EILEEN DAVIES	23
ROBERT TREWELLA	25
JOHN MUHR	26

DECEMBER

JOHN WOODWARD	2
BUTCH WHITMOYER	10
BILL LUTZ	14
BRIAN DRESSLER	17
GREG FETTER	22
J.R. KOCH	26
ZACHERY BLATT	27
CINDI FIUCCI	29
KEITH IMBODY	29
JO MOON	31

If your birthday was missed or the date was wrong, please contact the membership committee to update or fix our Club records.

Membership Renewals

Club members – this is a reminder that your annual membership will be up for renewal at the end of the year. It's important to our Club standing with our parent organization, PHiP, to have all renewals by December 31st. Our membership count determines the amount of concert tickets we're allotted so please visit our Web site (BerksCountyPHC.org) and print a membership application OR see Sue Gromis (sign4sue@ptd.net) at a monthly general meeting. Members who joined at the 2007 Parrot Daze event do not have to renew until December 2008.



New Members

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

New Member

Joseph and Cheryl Bean
 Scott and Julie Brown
 Tony Calvaresi
 Tracey Kirk Carabello and
 John Carabello
 Ed and Laurie Curran
 Mitch, Tracy &
 Mason Davidheiser
 John and Leslie Davis
 Lisa Dearborn
 Rick and Wren Dillon
 Mike, Amy, Matthew
 & Brenna Dougherty
 Ernie, Karen & Max Fischer
 Erin Goodhart and
 Chris Kurtz
 Eric Hancock
 Michael and Barbara Katchur
 Scott and Cindy Kauffman
 Mary Lynn Krippe
 Brandon, Megan &
 Hadley Lynch

Coral Referrer

Web search
 event - Reading Phillies game
 Sherrie Hollowell

 Larry Kirk
 family

 Buffett fans

 Mike Gaetani
 Web site

 Barry Sangrey
 Leigh Gentry

 Jagielskis
 Tim Gromis
 friends
 Denny Lorah

 Sherrie Hollowell

New Member

Zac Mace
 Raymond Melcher
 Andy and Lori Meredith
 Patrick and Kelly Miley
 Todd, Carrie & Lucas Miller
 Robert J. and Stacy Moyer
 John Muhr and
 Rose Hemmer
 Jeff Reese and
 Shannon Stump
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 Yvonne Adam
 Jeff and Jane Weeber
 Kristen Davies and
 Joel Wunderlich
 April Rice

Coral Referrer

Mom & Dad Mace
 Sherrie Hollowell
 Denny Lorah
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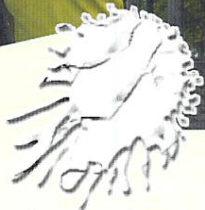
 Denny Lorah

 Eileen Davies
 J.R. and Gary Koch

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

Take the Weather With You

Have you been traveling to the Far Side of the World? Or maybe Southeast of Disorder?
 No matter where you go, Take the Weather With You AND your BCPHC wearables!



J.R. and Tracie Koch recently came back from two vacations. Like a true Parrot Head, J.R. totes his favorite Club shirt along to have his picture taken in Cape Cod and Myrtle Beach.



"Love is a wave building to a crescendo; ride if you will, ride it with me." ~ J. Buffett

On Saturday, May 26th, Bonnie Kraft traded in her hula skirt for a wedding gown & got hitched to Nick Blatt. Our pflock members later cruised the islands on their honeymoon. They are pictured here – Nick wearing his Berks County PHC t-shirt! – at the Grand Cayman Margaritaville outpost. The question remains: Did Bonnie finish that whole plate of Volcano Nachos?

In 25 Words (more) or Less Committee Updates:



We Need More Junior Mints (sponsorship committee) – chairpersons Dave & Sherrie Hallowell

The sponsorship committee did a great job for the Summer Parrot Daze. Kudos to all. Looking forward to the Cabin Fever Festival. Thanks to all!

Parrot Poop (newsletter committee) – chairperson Dot McGlenn 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. Advertisers welcome. Do you have a way with words? Join our committee!

Pfeeding Pfrenzy (merchandise committee) – chairperson Tina Shenk

Members get your logo tee's. Show off your proud to be part of a great organization. Thanks to everyone for supporting the merchandise table at Parrot Daze. Sign up today and join our committee.

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

Hope everyone is having a great time at our events. We're working on the 5th Birthday Party next which is for members only and a great time to kick back and relax after a year of hard work and fundraising. Hope to see everyone there and then it will be back to work with a highway clean-up, Toys for Tots Xmas Party and Cabin Fever Festival! Please remember our events are only as successful as the number of people who come!

Changes in Attitude (charity committee) – chairperson Gary Kraft

The Committee is selecting charities to benefit from four 2008 fundraisers. Preference is given to charities nominated by members. Forward suggestions to Gary Kraft.

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

Thanks to everyone who attended the July gatherings! Between the parade, the general meeting and Parrot Daze, the Club welcomes 29 adult members and five 'keets, raising the total membership to date to 248 adults and 17 children. Welcome to the Club!

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

One of the main reasons I enjoy this Club is how we rise to the occasion. It seems no matter what the obstacle is, we overcome it and exceed our expectations. We are just too KOOL. Thanks To A Great Membership.



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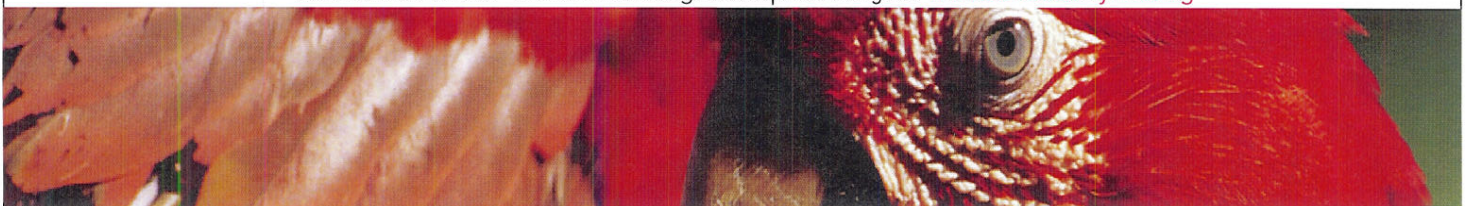
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Swine Not?

I wish someone would have bet with me because I would have said Buffett's new children's book would not be released on time. And it is delayed! I hope the children – or adults – on your Christmas shopping list weren't looking for "Swine Not?" because the release date has been delayed until spring 2008.

BCPHC Web site face lift

Keep checking out our Club's Web site, BerksCountyPHC.org, as it is getting an overhaul. Joe and Cheryl Bean are working hard to bring our information up-to-date, less cluttered, and easy to navigate. If you have anything you'd like to contribute, please setup a time to discuss with Joe & Cheryl. And please have patience. This isn't an easy task.

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"A Pirate Looks at 5" – Club Birthday Party – members only

3rd and Spruce Café, West Reading
6 – 9:00 p.m. \$10 – includes dinner and one domestic beer

Toys for Tots Holiday Gathering

3rd and Spruce Café, West Reading
5:00 – 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