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Mark Hennessey — President

"Spring to Life!"

Even while typing this article and watching the snow fall outside, I'm sure many of our thoughts are turning to spring. The snow is melting, the birds are chirping, and the days are starting to get a little longer. I even had the top down on the Sebring convertible the other day!

The start of spring reminds us that even after the cold gray days of winter, everything springs back to life. It is also the time of year that this club really gets active with two of our major events for the year – the Blues and Buffett Chili Challenge, and the Island Fever Phlocking. Both events typify what is great about this club and its members. The Chili Challenge took place February 22. At the Chili Challenge we supported the Boys & Girls Club, and the Linn County Blues Society supported the H.D. Youth Center. It is hard to find two organizations that are more dedicated to the kids of our area than these.

We all come together to support local charities that are springing back to life after last summer's devastating flood. Last month I asked you to "resolve to get involved" and I'm going to ask again for the support of all our members to make our next major event, the Island Fever Phlocking in April. a success.

City Beat is another business that is springing back to life. We had a great turnout there for our One Particular Harbor in February, and will probably be going back again. And, you know the rest of the city is springing back when you hear talk about the Saint Patrick's Day parade on March 17.

We are also bringing "new life" to our leadership with the upcoming elections. If you are interested in helping your club continue to make a difference in the community, please consider running for the board. The deadline is/was March 1, but if you are interested in running for office and missed the deadline, call the Election Chairman Gary Olson, at 319-294-4844 or e-mail him at goman20@mchsi.com.

I don't know about you, but I'm ready for spring and I hope you'll join me in bringing this club to life!

from the Editor

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Any appropriate articles such as letters, reviews, recipes, Parrot Head related stories, and/or personal experiences, are welcomed and should be e-mailed to Sandy Young, Assistant Editor, at sandy@classicphotocr.com. Parrot Head related pictures are welcomed as well, and should be e-mailed to the Editor, Charlotte Bonar, at cbonar@russellsprinting.com.

Deadline for articles in the monthly newsletter will be the 15th of each month. Any articles received after this date will be used in the following month's newsletter.

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For more information on our international organization of Parrot Head clubs, please go to the Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc. (PHiP) Web site at www.phip.com. You can read their quarterly newsletter, TradeWind Times, and be kept up-to-date on Parrot Head clubs across the country and internationally.

Life in the 1500's

Author unknown

Houses had thatched roofs - thick straw, piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so a lot of them like dogs, cats, mice, rats, and bugs, all lived on the roof. When it rained the thatch became slippery; sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs".

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other "droppings" could really mess up your bed. So, they found that if they made beds with big posts and hung a sheet over the top, it addressed that problem. Hence those beautiful big four poster beds with canopies. To be continued...

Blues and Buffett Chili Challenge

And the winning recipe is....!!!

Keith Wright and Lou Ann Anderson from the Isle of Iowa Parrot Head Club were chosen by this year's judges to have the best chili at the Chili Challenge held Sunday, February 22, 2009. The recipe originally came from Lou Ann's sister, Mary Wignall of Lakeville, MN. Keith made the chili the weekend before the contest and froze it.

There will be a follow-up article on the Chili Challenge in next month's newsletter; also check the Listserv for winners in different categories.

Below is the winning recipe:

Bubba Lou's Tiki Bar Chili

Amount: About 3 gallons

4 cups water

8 large green peppers, diced

10 large onions, diced

2 jars, 52 ounces each, of spaghetti sauce

2 cans, 15 ounces each, stewed tomatoes

29 ounce can tomato puree

29 ounce can tomato sauce

28 ounce can crushed tomatoes

15 ounce can pizza sauce

1 bottle barbecue sauce

1 package Fowler's 2-Alarm Chili Mix

2 ounce jar chili powder

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 tablespoon Italian seasoning

1 tablespoon Tabasco sauce

8 ounce can crushed pineapple

1 bottle of beer (for the chili)1 bottle of beer...or two...for you

6 pounds ground beef, browned and drained

1 pound cubed ham

1 package pepperoni cut in pieces, cooked in microwave and drained of excess fat

1 slow-cooked roast beef, about 3 pounds cut into chunks

111 ounce can of kidney beans with gravy

In an 18 quart roaster, add the water, then the green peppers, onions, spaghetti sauce, stewed tomatoes, tomato puree, tomato sauce, crushed tomatoes, pizza sauce and barbecue sauce. Stir together (and take a swig of your beer).

After mixed, add the Fowler's 2-Alarm Chili Mix, chili powder, Worcestershire sauce, Italian seasoning, Tabasco, beer (a bottle for the chili, a swig or two for yourself), ground

beef, ham, pepperoni, roast beef, and kidney beans with gravy. Take another swig of beer...What the heck, finish it and open the other bottle.

Cook in roaster until vegetables are soft.

Meanwhile, finish your second beer. Invite your Parrot Head friends over for chili and... beer. You can have more beer if you don't drive the rest of the day.





IIPHC Island Fever Phlocking!

Mark Hennessey

Fast Facts

• When: April 25, 2009

• Where: Longbranch Hotel, 90 Twixt Town Rd., NE, CR

• Time: Pre-Phlocking 3-6 p.m. pool area – FREE / Phlocking doors open 7 p.m., Cedar Island Band 8-12 p.m.

• Tickets: Advance \$10; Door \$12

With thoughts of boat drinks and tropical sounds, it's time to gear up for the annual Island Fever Phlocking on Saturday, April 25th at the Longbranch. This year's charity is Camp Courageous, a year round recreational respite care facility for disabled youth and adults. For further information on Camp Courageous, please check out their Web site at www.campcourageous.org.

The Phlocking is our primary fundraiser for the year, and thanks to the Cedar Island Band we plan on having another great event. Last year was record setting and we want to continue the trend. We will have a Silent Auction and some surprises along the way.

We need volunteers to help take tickets, decorate, and assist in the equally important Pre-Phlocking party. At the Pre-Party, you'll have the chance to meet members from other clubs, play games, enjoy Jell-O shots and have a fantastic potluck provided by you, our members.

It is because of everyone's help that we can sponsor events such as this, so please help us out. If you've been to the Quad City Phlocking, it is a HUGE success because EVERY member of the club volunteers and we really need that level of commitment from you.

There will be sign up sheets for the Pre-Phlocking and Phlocking committees along with Silent Auction and Clean-Up at the March meeting, or you can e-mail me at mhennessey@fmtcs.com.

Tickets will be \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. You may purchase tickets online via PayPal on our Web site at www.isleofiowa.com. For further information, please contact any board member.

March to the "Beat"

Sandy Young

Fast Facts

• What: One Particular Harbor

• Where: City Beat, 304 Third Ave. SW, CR

• When: March 4, 2009 • Time: 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Our One Particular Harbor was very successful at the City Beat in February. The food was excellent and the Parrot Head phriends who phlocked there had a great time. With February's successful turnout we decided to go back to the City Beat for March's One Particular Harbor on the 4th. If you missed it in February, we hope you can make it in March.

One Particular Harbors are strictly social get-togethers where Parrot Heads can visit and relax in a casual atmosphere. Please come whenever you can get there and see what they're all about.

As always, the board welcomes any ideas you may have for a location for the One Particular Harbors. With new places opening up all around the city, as well as existing establishments, please share your ideas for a different location! Please contact a board member with your suggestions. Just remember the establishment has to be a place large enough to hold between 20-30 people and have food available as well as drinks.

See you there!

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Because St. Patrick's Day, March 17, falls on a Tuesday, the IIPHC will not have an entry in the parade. For information on the parade and other activities for the day, please go to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Society's Web site at www.sapadapaso.org/.

A letter from your president

I wanted to make the club aware that, unfortunately, we will not receive our allotment of club tickets for Alpine Valley this year. I (the buck stops here) was late submitting our annual report to PHiP that was due January 31st. When the packet was sent electronically in mid-December to my work e-mail, I had already been laid off from PAETEC and did not receive it. By the time I realized what had happened and gathered the dues and additional information, it was past the deadline. I did overnight the packet and personally paid the 25% penalty assessed by PHiP on February 9th, and it was received by Bob Heffelfinger, PHiP Membership Director on the 10th.

However, according to PHiP policy, the Isle of Iowa is NOT eligible for our normal allotment of club tickets for Alpine Valley 2009 since our annual report was submitted after January 31st. I asked them to reconsider their position given all the club has been through in 2008 including the deaths of three members, the flood and the lay-offs that impacted me as well as other members. I pointed out that even with all of this, we still managed to donate over \$10,000 to local charities and had 1,253 volunteer hours on various events EXCLUDING the individual time by members assisting in flood clean-up and recovery; not to mention that our club was founded in 1997 and this was the only time to my knowledge that the annual report was late.

I know I have let all of you down and I cannot apologize enough. As I said earlier, "the buck stops here", and I assume the responsibility and understand that I have greatly disappointed the people who make this club what it is - our members.

What does all this mean if you want pavilion seats to Alpine Valley? I am working with the other regional clubs and the ticker coordinator, Rich Perkins, to obtain their extra tickets for our members. Given that the number of available tickets will be less than the planned 2009 allotment of 22 tickets, the board will be working through the e-mails of the members who have already responded to my request for tickets on the Listserv February 8th, and will provide this to Rick. As soon as I get updates from him in the next few months, I will pass it along.

Again, I am sorry for letting all of you down.

Mark Hennessey

Waypoint Thanks You

Note: The below is a thank you letter sent November 25, 2008 to the IIPHC from Waypoint Services. For further information on Waypoint please go to www.waypointservices.org.

The Board of Directors, staff and clients served by Waypoint would like to thank you for the Isle of Iowa Parrot Head Club's donation of plastic containers, bags, and miscellaneous food items. Your gift helps ensure women, children, and families in need within our community have proper support, advocacy, crisis intervention, safe shelter, quality child care, and access to basic needs.

Because Waypoint's basements were affected by the flood, your gift during this recovery time is allowing us to continue our mission of helping families with as little interruption as possible. Although we were dislocated from our facilities throughout the summer, our staff continued to serve families by appointment, by phone, at hospitals, at churches, at the temporary courthouse, or wherever else we were needed. Now that we are back in our downtown facilities, we anticipate an even greater need for our services for families in need in our community.

Thank you again for Isle of Iowa Parrot Head Club's generosity during this time and for supporting our mission at Waypoint. Please know that you have helped make a difference in the lives of women, children, and families who need our support.

Sincerely,

Liz Hoskins, Executive Director Sharon Carmody-Holmes, President, Board of Directors Michelle Beisker, Development Director

Steve Atherton to be Remembered

Dave Metz

A past member of our phlock, Steve Atherton, is to be honored posthumously by the Kirkwood Student Wetlands organization on March 21 and 22, 2009. Steve passed away in May of 2008 from complications following a sudden heart-related illness.

Steve was a dedicated Parrot Head who attended Cedar Island Band performances and especially enjoyed Jimmy Buffett's annual Chicago and Alpine Valley concerts. He touched the lives of many people through his teaching and mentoring, and countless others through his conservation efforts and inspiring enthusiasm for wildlife.

The Steven J. Atherton Memorial Art Show and Reception will be held at the Kirkwood Center for Continuing Education on the Kirkwood Community College campus in southwest Cedar Rapids.

The event will consist of two parts:

- The Iowa Nature and Wildlife Art Exhibition and Sale, featuring artists from Iowa and the Midwest, Saturday March 21 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday March 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The Wetlands Classic Reception and Auction will be held Saturday evening March 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at the reception, and a cash bar will be available. Reception tickets are \$25 per person, available through the Kirkwood Horticulture Department. Please call 319-398-5899, Ext. 5130 for tickets. A wide variety of stunning wildlife art and related items will be auctioned.

A percentage of art show sales and all proceeds from the auction will benefit the Stephen J. Atherton Memorial Wetland. This wetland will consist of 440 acres in northern Johnson County near the Linn County line.



MOTM 2008 - More Than a Party

A Follow-Up

Articles from PHiP's January-March '09 newsletter Tradewind Times:

"Sometimes It's All About the Raffle Booty..."

"With many clubs, individuals, musicians and other Parrot Head enterprises donating some great Parrot Head booty for the raffle cause, the 2008 raffle sales total was \$7,920.00.

We'd like to thank Joel Oates and his many, many raffle sales Parrot Heads as well as all those Parrot Head clubs and individuals who contributed baskets, trunks, music and many other items to the cause!"

IIPHC Addendum: The IIPHC thanks Jim Roman for creating the beautiful treasure chest that was donated to the Raffle Booty. 2008 was the second year that Jim contributed his time and talent to make the treasure chest, and it was filled with items from our Mini Mart and also contributions from several members; plus it was hauled down to MOTM by John and Sandy Young in their car. Way to go team!

"Margaritaville 'Stuff It For Buffett' Campaign"

"Jimmy Sullivan (Sarasota PHC) won the rights to claim he was Jimmy Buffett's Vice Presidential running mate in the Margaritaville sponsored contest during MOTM '08. Brenda Braley (Miami PHC) came in a close second.

Both candidates raised over half of the charity monies out of a field of eight Parrot Heads who campaigned for 'Stuff It For Buffett'.

Nearly \$25,000 was raised for the Monroe Association for Retarded Citizens!!"

Please see the PHiP newsletter on their Web site at www.phip.com for further information.

MOTM 2009 Registration

Registration is now open for the 18th annual Meeting of the Minds (MOTM), "Floridays", to be held in Key West, FL, November 5 - 8, 2009!

For registration and all MOTM information, please go to www.phip.com and select Meeting of the Minds in the "Go To" box at top left.

Phins to the West

It's that time again – the 6th Annual *PHINS to the WEST* registrations are open.

You've heard about it on Margaritaville Radio, from phriends and in advertisements. The Premier West Coast meeting of Tropical Revealers is only four months away.

This year's event will be held on May 1-3, 2009 at the AVI Resort and Casino in Laughlin, Nevada. In order to maintain our goal of providing a "best value" event, you will see no price change in the registration. As in the past two years, the cost per person will still be \$ 225 (double occupancy).

For this price you receive:

| 2 nights accommodations at the AVI Resort (Friday/Saturday) |
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| □ 3 Buffet Meals |
| ☐ Entrance to all Entertainment Venues |
| ☐ PHINS to the WEST Mementos |
| ☐ Laminates & badge holder |
| ☐ Access to Discount Beer and Margarita Prices |
| ☐ Free raffle |
| ☐ Discount pricing on Limo Service from Las Vegas |
| ☐ Discount Pricing on Kayak/Other pre-event Adventures |
| ☐ Special add-on room price of \$ 50/night (fringe nights) |
| ☐ Discounts on Golf at the Mohave Resort Course adjacent to the AVI Resort |

Even with the maintaining of our price, we are not scaling back the level of entertainment you will experience. We are continuing to book some of the best talent from our Trop-Rock genre. The major entertainment booked for 2009 include:

- ★ Boat Drunks (with Mike Miller) ★
- ★ STARS on the Water ★
- ★ Stinson Brothers ★
- ★ Latitudes ★
- ★ Alonzo and Harvey ★ (past band members with Sam the Sham and Bruce Springsteen)
- ★ Matt Wahl ★

For those arriving early we have pre-event activities to keep you in the party mood. All of the details of these and other activities are available on our Web site at www.phinstothewest.com

We look forward to another great year and a phun time. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us at the Rivers Edge where "The Party Never Ends".

This Hotel Room

John Sherwin "Head Bwana"

Fast Facts

• Who: St. MinneSomePlace Parrot Head Club

What: Annual PhlockingWhen: March 21, 2009

• Where: Canterbury Inn, Shakopee, MN

Island inhabitants!

Here's the latest on This Hotel Room, March 21, at the Canterbury Inn in Shakopee...

We have added a Parrot Head night at Arizona's, the club attached to the Canterbury, on Friday night, March 20. Jambo will be playing from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and there is no cover charge until 8 p.m. We are working with the Canterbury to make it a no cover evening for Parrot Head club members. I will update as we get more information.

The Canterbury has a limited number of rooms available for Friday night at \$49 plus tax. Mention St. MinneSomePlace Parrot Head Club for the discount rates. I know many of you are already booked for Saturday night, and if you want the same room both nights, be sure to request that when you call for Friday night.

The cutoff date for room registration for the St. MinneSomePlace block of rooms at the special price is March 7, two weeks prior to This Hotel Room. In the past, the cutoff date has been one month in advance, but the Canterbury allowed us an extra two weeks for registration.

We have moved the cutoff date for This Hotel Room registration to March 7 as well. If you want to save a few bucks, and even more importantly get one of the extremely coveted BACK STAGE PASSES, be sure to get your reservations in soon!

Jambo JoeBones, Jim Hoehn, and Too Drunk to Fish, along with the old RCA Victrola, will TropRock your evening. The Buffett Buffet, the ShipWreck Lounge, Silent and Live Auctions, along with the St. MinneSomePlace original BRA LIMBO make This Hotel Room one of the best parties of the year!!

For updated information please go to www.stminnesomeplace.com.

Beer Bust at Down South

John Sherwin
St. MinneSomePlace in Paradise Parrot Head Club

Island Inhabitants....

We are having the first St MinneSomePlace Beer Bust at Down South in New Germany, MN on April 18. Admission Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. All proceeds will benefit Second Harvest Heartland Food Shelf http://www.2harvest.org/. There will be a door prize drawing for a Key West Frozen Concoction Maker (\$329 retail value) and you do not have to be present to win. There will also be numerous door prizes throughout the night for those present, and drink and food specials in addition to the three (Yes, THREE) hours of free beer (5-6 p.m., 7-8 p.m., and 9-10 p.m.) provided by St MSP club member and Down South owner, Jill Paelke.

We'll have Down Island Music --- ain't no hurricane gonna cancel this gig --- by our own Island troubadour, Jambo JoeBones --- Alice, Alice, Where the (insert your own word ending in 'ck' here) is Alice???

Here are a couple of links to details about the event and for any donations to benefit 2nd Harvest:

http://st-minnesomeplace.com/Main/Island/island.news1.htm

http://st-minnesomeplace.com/Main/Island/island.news1.htm

http://st-minnesomeplace.com/Main/Island/Phlockings/BeerBust.html

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In order to make this event successful we need to sell at least 250 tickets. We need volunteers to take packets of 10 (or more) and commit to returning with \$30. We can't mail these admission tickets by law, but if you'll email me, we'll figure out a way to get them to you. Tickets will also be available at the March BNB on 3/13 at Kokomo's Island Grill in the Mall of America and at This Hotel Room Phlocking. (Do you know where your THR registration is??).

February Monthly Meeting











Get Ready, Get Set... Spring!

Sandy Young

Fast Facts

What: Monthly MeetingWhen: March 19, 2009

• Where: Longbranch Hotel, 90 Twixt Town Rd., NE, CR

• **Time:** 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Can you believe that spring starts March 20, the day after our monthly meeting? Let's celebrate early by getting together at the Longbranch.

At this meeting we will once again have the American Heart Association as our raffle charity. This is their last month as our charity for the quarterly raffle of January, February, and March. Please buy those raffle tickets to show your support of this worthy cause. You never know when you will be the raffle winner! For information on the American Heart Association, please visit their Web site at www.americanheart.org.

As always, we are continuing to take donations for Waypoint Services' two shelters – Madge Phillips Center for the Homeless and the Domestic Violence Shelter. They need plastic shopping bags, small food containers, and especially the non-perishable canned and boxed food. Please go to their Web site at www.waypointservices.org for an updated list of their needs.

Think spring!

Phlockin' Calendar

| Event | Date | Time | Place | | | | | | |
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| One Particular Harbor | 3/4 | 6 p.m 10 p.m. | City Beat, 304 3rd Ave. SW, CR | | | | | | |
| Newsletter Deadline | 3/15 | | | | | | | | |
| St. Patrick's Day | 3/17 | | | | | | | | |
| Monthly Meeting | 3/19 | 6 p.m 10 p.m. | Longbranch Hotel 90 Twixt Town Rd. NE, CR | | | | | | |
| First Day of Spring! | 3/20 | | | | | | | | |
| Board Meeting | 3/24 | 6:30 p.m. | Mark Hennessey's (Steve Robe, Host) 420 Mary Jo Ave, Robins, IA | | | | | | |
| One Particular Harbor | 4/1 | 5:30 p.m 10 p.m. | TBD | | | | | | |

History of our club

10 Years Ago

Susan Fruendt - Founder

March 1999

The Isle of Iowa made its second appearance in the St. Joseph's Day Parade, and since we were such crowd favorites in 1998 we were asked to lead the parade. According to the crowds on the street we were the life of the party, capturing the Third Place Award.

Jimmy Buffett's charitable foundation "Singing for Change" donated \$10,000 to Polk Elementary School. The money came from concert ticket sales. One dollar from each ticket is designated to go to this foundation. The \$10,000 grant was used to help homeless children with homework and reading, and to fund a mobile unit so these children would have a place to go after school for tutoring before they went back to the shelters.

The band, St. Somewhere, returned to 3rd Street Live! to wow a crowd of over 250. This was strictly a 3rd Street Live! booking and there was no charity involved. However, we were able to set up our Tiki Hut and recruit members, plus we were one of the sponsors.

Parrof Head Happenings

Steve and Sandy Robe

Steve and Sandy took a long weekend February 6-9 and flew to Las Vegas. They got there Friday around noon and came home the following Monday morning. They saw the Blue Man Group show and the Penn and Teller show, and won about \$10 at the slots. They also saw a lot of great sights in the area. Speaking of sights, they saw Michael Jackson walking through their hotel on Saturday night.

Garry Joseph

Probably as you're reading this, Garry is in Hawaii. He left Monday, February 23, and will be there a couple of weeks, staying with friends. Anyone else have friends in Hawaii? I thought not. But, "Everyone's Got a Cousin in Miami", or so Jimmy says. We will all be anxious to hear about Garry's travels when he gets back.

Trivia

Someday I Will

The answer is in the lyrics. These lyrics are written in code. Each letter is represented by a number. Decipher the code and you will discover the lyrics. Two letters are provided to get you started.

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Peanut Butter Conspiracy

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Monthly Board Meeting

The monthly board meetings are scheduled for the first **Tuesday** following the monthly membership meeting, and will start at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

These Board meetings are open to all members, not just Board members. Come and join us as we discuss the business of our Club and plan upcoming events, etc. It's a great chance to help the club and to become more involved.

For the location of this month's board meeting, please see the Phlock calendar. Visit us online at: www.isleofiowa

Join the Listserv!

To join the Listserv, visit our Web site at www.isleofiowa.com and enter your e-mail address on the Listserv box found on the homepage. The Listserv is limited to club business and events only and is the fastest way of getting the latest information about the club, and to keep track of events' dates or changes.

Join the Coconet!

IsleoflowaCoconet@YahooGroups.com. This is the Isle of Iowa Parrot Head Club's open communications group for non-official discussions of club members. The only limitations of this group are no profanity, no defamation of character, no indecent photos or comments, and no illegal activity. Other than that, people are free to advertise, discuss non-club events, or whatever those members wish to communicate. Please keep in mind that common sense, kindness, and courtesy shall rule.

To join the Coconet, go to http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/isleofiowacoconet/ and sign up. The existing Isle of Iowa Listserv mentioned above will still be used, but limited to club business and events only please.

If you have questions about the Listserv or Coconet, contact the board President listed under Contact the Club in this newsletter.

March Birthdays

Jon Shramek - 3
Mark Hennessey - 6
Ro Shramek - 15
Don Steggall - 15
Kim Hamer - 15
Lani Albrecht - 16
Sandy Robe - 16
Dennis McCallum - 18
Gary Olson - 19
Patty Urban - 21
Mary Flock - 31

April Birthdays

Patrick Albrecht - 3 Charlie Ross - 8 Jamie Gorecki - 9 Connie Gross - 6 Deb Rassler - 18 Steve Sanders - 22 Stuart Seiler - 25

Be sure and attend the monthly meeting in the month of your birthday to get your free birthday drink!