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Views from the Volcano's Top

Mike "Volcano" Sion – President

The view from the top of the Volcano today is somewhat cloudy and a small storm is approaching the island. You see, one of the island's lovely flowers, Laurieloo Sexton, was injured and she is very special to all of the villagers. Her accident will surely affect the village; yet with the support of her phellow villagers she will heal and again put forth the positive spirit that we all know.



I now see the clouds are starting to clear and the bright sunshine is starting to peek through, just like the smile of our island girl. I have never been surprised by how the islanders respond to help no matter what the task. While talking with another villager at the local outrigger races we spoke of how we all ended up on this island individually, yet with all of our talents can create and amaze everyone including ourselves.

Last month's view was of having fun. While some of us gathered at the hospital, we spoke, laughed, cried, and hugged but, most of all, thought about how we can help our sister and have fun while helping. She would expect nothing less from us.

As Laurieloo and I have spoken in the past about future events and happenings, we would say "SOON COME", and so will the times of needing the villagers' help. Like the impromptu "Love Fest" gathering at Papa's on June 27 for Laurieloo, we will come together again to help. Whatever the task, we will meet it as a village of "can do" islanders.

As the sunset again allows us to view its colorful show, we look in amazement and tomorrow will bring...

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Quarterly Charity
July, August & September

Crisis Center

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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@classicphoto.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.

Correction

On Page 9 of June's newsletter, the board position of Social Director Laurie Sexton was inadvertently left out due to too many Margaritas consumed by the Assistant Editor Sandy Young.

Information on the Phlock

There's No Doubting, Thomas Sandy Young

Fast Facts

- **Where:** One Particular Harbor Family Picnic
- **Where:** Thomas Park, 335 Marion Blvd (Bus. 151), Marion
- **When:** July 2, 2009
- **Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

There's no doubting that our One Particular Harbor picnic will be at Thomas Park in Marion this month - unless it rains! In case it does, we will gather at City Beat, 304 Third Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids.

But, let's hope we can have as successful a picnic in July as we had in June. The picnic starts around 5:30 p.m. for Parrot Heads, Parakeets and well-behaved pets. Meat will be provided by the club and a couple of board members will be manning the grill. Please bring a dish to share, your tableware, and beverage of choice.

A donation jar will be provided to help defray the cost of the meat. Please be generous, as we all know how much meat prices have increased recently!

Please watch the Listserv that day for updates if you have any doubts on whether we will be having the picnic or meeting at City Beat.

Jimmy Buffett Night at the Ballpark Gerald Ptacek

Fast Facts

- **Where:** Cedar Rapids Kernels Ballpark, 950 Rockford Rd., SW, CR, IA
- **When:** August 14, 2009
- **Time:** 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Attention baseball fans and Cedar Island Band followers! It is not too late to join all your friends at the Cedar Rapids Kernels game on August 14. The Cedar Island Band plays before the game from approximately 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. and after the game from approximately 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. For an added bonus, Doug Rassler, lead singer with the Cedar Island Band, will be singing the National Anthem!

To further entice you, a pre-game picnic package is available. The package (see price below) includes a club ticket, which is usually \$9.00, and all you can eat and drink from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. They will have hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, potato chips, popcorn, peanuts, pop and beer. The picnic will be located in the area behind the left field concession stand. We will then all be seated together as a group for the game. They will give you a wristband and you can come and go from the picnic area to get your food and beverage.

The Price:

- Ages 13 & above: \$20.00 each
- Ages 4 - 12: \$16.00 each
- Ages 3 and under: FREE

You do not have to be a club member to participate in this. Invite your family and friends.

If interested, contact me by e-mail at gcptacek@hotmail.com or by phone at 319-551-9006. Money must be paid right away.

Thoughts to Ponder Authors Unknown

- You shouldn't believe everything you think.
- People will think you're a fool whether you dance or not, so you might as well dance.
- Schizophrenia beats being alone.
- Heck is where people go who don't believe in Gosh.
- Hard work never killed anyone; but why chance it?
- Ham and Eggs – A day's work for a chicken; a lifetime commitment for a pig.

Information on the Phlock

Parrot Head Campout

Lani and Pat Albrecht

It's not too late to reserve your spot for the Annual Parrot Head Campout! Dates are July 17 and 18 at West Overlook Park at the Dam Complex, Coralville Reservoir. We have a couple of spots left, so please contact Lani Albrecht or Chrisann Overman to choose your site. Reservations are first come, first serve, and must be paid for at the time of the reservation.

When all the sites are gone, they're gone!

Sites are \$18/night or \$36 for Friday and Saturday. Sites will accommodate two tents or one wheeled vehicle and one tent. If you like, double up with one of your phriends! Sites are all electrical and there is a water supply in the middle area. The boat ramp and extra parking are nearby, as well as clean modern facilities and a playground. Parakeets and Parapets are welcomed and encouraged!

The Isle of Iowa will be providing some of our food, and the annual brunch potluck will be in the center area on Sunday morning. Bring your guitar, bring your peeps to roast, firewood, and campfire songs to West Overlook and let's have a great Parrot Party again this year!

For more information, or to get addresses to mail checks to, please contact Chrisann Overman at bove554503@msn.com or Lani Albrecht at laninpata@mcleodusa.net.

Parrot Head of the Year – Randy Havlik

It was announced at our 12th Birthday Party on May 9 that our new Parrot Head of the Year for 2008 is Randy Havlik. Congratulations, Randy!! This most deserved award was presented to Randy along with a "goody bag". Randy will also receive his next year's membership free.



KC Liki Tiki Luau

Dan Blanchette – President

Pirates of the Prairie PHC

The Pirates of the Prairie in Kansas City, MO are holding their 4th annual event on July 27th

Place: Volleyball Beach 13105 Holmes Rd.,
Kansas City, MO
<http://www.volleyballbeach.com>

Entertainment: The 12-Volt Band
<http://www.myspace.com/twelvoltband>

This Hotel Room: Courtyard by Marriott,
500 East 105th St. KCMO (w/shuttle to venue)

Courtyard Kansas City South >>

Have an RV?: Contact President at
dannyblanny@yahoo.com

Admission \$10

Silent Auction benefits the Pediatric Brain Tumor
Foundation. www.pbtfus.org

Further info. can be found at www.finsleft.com

You have to try the Human Foosball court.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Information on the Phlock

PHins to the Left, PHins to the Ri...verwalk!

Sandy Young

Fast Facts

- **What:** July Monthly Meeting
- **Where:** D.C.'s Riverwalk 411 First Street SE, CR
- **When:** July 16, 2009
- **Time:** 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

The board heard many favorable comments from members regarding D.C.'s Riverwalk Pub and Eatery when the club was there for One Particular Harbor on May 6, 2009. Therefore, the board has decided to try the Riverwalk for our monthly meeting in July. Be watching the Listserv and the Isle of Iowa Web site for possible drink specials that evening.

Our new raffle charity for the quarter of July-August-September is the Crisis Center, 1121 Gilbert Court, Iowa City, IA. They offer crisis counseling services, suicide intervention, a food bank, and short term emergency services for the people of Johnson County. For further information please go to www.jccrisiscenter.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.

Plus, we will have the Mini Mart which has been taken over by Don and Deanna Steggall. They are always looking for suggestions on new items, so be thinking about it and let them know that evening, or contact Deanna at secretary@isle-of-iowa.com.

We're hoping for a great turnout at Riverwalk, so come and enjoy what they have to offer and let the board know what you think.

Phlockin' Calendar

Event	Date	Time	Place
One Particular Harbor	7/1	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Thomas Park, 335 Marion Blvd. (Bus 151), Marion
Independence Day	7/4		
Newsletter Deadline	7/15		
Monthly Meeting	7/16	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.	D.C.'s River Walk 411 First St. SE CR
PH Campout	7/17-18		Coralville Reservoir W. Overlook Park at Dam Complex
Board Meeting	7/21	6:30 p.m.	TBA
One Particular Harbor Picnic	8/5	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.	TBA

History of our club

10 Years Ago

Susan Freundt – Founder

July 1999

“Jimmy Buffett Night” was held at The Country Club Bar (since closed). Janice Reid introduced the choreographed version of “I Will Play for Gumbo” and gave lessons.

At the Alpine Valley Pre-Concert Bash a record of \$210 was raised by Jamie Gorecki who was nick-named “The Raffle Stud” because of his efforts.

Gordy Smith chaired the Alpine Valley bus trip and Lori Krezek and Sandie Smith made it to the Big Screen during intermission, dancing in their Margarita costumes.

The club held an event at the Kernels to benefit the American Cancer Society. In spite of the low attendance due to the record breaking high temperature that night, \$500 was donated to ACS.

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Jerry Davenport

Recently, Jerry Davenport was presented with the “A+ for Education Award” from KCRG-TV9. Jerry, a retired school counselor, was honored for his work at Wilson School in Cedar Rapids where he is a full time volunteer and teacher for a class on Leadership Development. Jerry was nominated by a parent and several sixth grade students. The award, which totally surprised Jerry, was presented by Claire Kellett of TV-9. We all join in congratulating Jerry for this honor!

Gary and Doris Olson

Gary “Goman” and Doris Olson celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary on June 21, or at least they were supposed to. Family obligations put Doris with her sister and Gary with his father (who was celebrating his 88th birthday) and his brother. Besides, Gary and Doris seem to celebrate every day they’re together anyway! Congratulations you two!

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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.com

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!

IsleofIowaCoconet@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.

July Birthdays

Lori Hennessey - 7
Sandie Smith - 8
Jerry Freundt - 10
Don Ford - 14
Jerry Davenport - 17
Freddie Maneely - 21
Doug Rassler - 24
Lowell Buchholz - 29

August Birthdays

Susan Freundt - 6
Gary Ballew - 9
Terry Osmanski - 10
Chris Levy - 12
Brad Manard - 12
Laurie Sexton - 14
Tammy Hill-Maneely - 29

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