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Views from the Volcano's Top

Mike "Volcano" Sion – President

The view is wonderful today – sunshine, white fluffy clouds, and birds gliding on a cool ocean breeze. The islanders are dancing, singing, and playing their favorite game of croquet with coconuts and mallets. Some of the islanders just lie on the beach and soak up the rays. Soon, some of them will be migrating to Alpine Valley bringing sacrifices to the gods and spending the 29th celebrating.

I remember my first trip to Alpine; Flatlander, aka Jeff Krabacher, treated me to a concert and bus ride for my birthday. We traveled with Bob and Karen Randklev on a magical bus trip. This was one of the events that started me thinking about joining the club. I learned that you can do a Jell-O shot an hour and still finish two fifths of Scotch. We partied and played; some even passed out. Those who were able to migrate to the amphitheater witnessed one of the best shows ever.

Rules to remember if you haven't been to Alpine before: Stay in the zone; if you don't know what that is, ask Gordy Smith! Always use the buddy system; never wander away alone! Remember where you docked your boat! You can have your boat drinks, but be sure and drink lots of water! Don't forget your tickets. (That rule is from Keith Wright.) If you want to bring a camera into the show, hide it in your buddy's underwear. If you are one of our island girls and somebody throws you some beads, thank them and run away fast! Never accept a mystery drink from a stranger because it may contain who knows what. If you have lawn tickets FIND FLAT LAND TO STAND ON!! If you are an Alpine virgin, beware!!!! If you are going up Friday to the bowling alley to see CIB, remember when taking action photos of the band don't try and slide on the sand. (That rule is from Bob Randklev.) Most of all, have a great time and enjoy one the best places to see Buffett. According to Jimmy, he loves Alpine Valley!!!

And now, as the colors of the water and the sunset combine into one, tomorrow will bring...

From the Editor

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Contribute to the *Message From the Isle*

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.

Message From the Isle is the official publication of the Isle of Iowa Parrot Head Club. *Message From the Isle* is published monthly for all members of the club and sent to many other chapters and contacts nationwide. The views expressed in the *Message From the Isle* are solely those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Isle of Iowa Parrot Head Club, its members, or Board.

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.

Newsletter Committee

Sandy Young

Fast Facts

• We need your help!

Have you ever thought of traveling around the world risking your life being a successful news journalist? Me either. But, like me, do you enjoy the creative process of writing articles, proofing articles, or even finding interesting articles; and would you like to help the newsletter committee do that for our Message from the Isle newsletter?

If you would enjoy this creative process, please join our team and contribute your ideas to make this newsletter more fun and informative.

If interested, please contact Charlotte, Editor, at cbonar@russellsprinting.com or Sandy, Assistant Editor, at sandy@classicphotocr.com.

Information on the Phlock

In the Shelter Sandy Young

Fast Facts

- **Where:** One Particular Harbor Family Picnic
- **Where:** Noelridge Park,
Council St. & 42nd. St. NE, CR
- **When:** August 5, 2009
- **Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

We're going back to a favorite place for our August picnic, Noelridge Park, at the shelter by the duck pond. In case of inclement weather, the phlock will gather at City Beat, 304 Third Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids.

The family picnic starts around 5:30 p.m. for Parrot Heads, Parakeets and well-behaved pets. Meat and tableware will be provided by the club, and a couple of board members will be manning the grill. Please bring a dish to share and your beverage of choice.

If we're lucky, maybe Steve and Mary Flock will be bringing their Mean Margarita Machine. If you'd like, help them out by bringing fixin's for a Margarita.

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.

Next month's picnic will be September 2 at Cherry Hill Park on Stoney Point Rd, Cherry Hill Pavilion.

Suggestion Box Sandy Young

At all monthly meetings we have a Suggestion Box. The board would appreciate any input, whether it is compliments, suggestions, or complaints. Contents of the Suggestion Box will then be on the board meeting agenda so that your voice can be heard.

It is important that we have good communication between club members and the board, so take a few minutes and voice your opinions. You may also come to the monthly board meetings which are held the Tuesday after the monthly meetings, where you will have the chance to voice opinions in person. Board meeting locations are found on the newsletter's Phlockin' Calendar, or you may check the Listserv.

A Gem from Laurieloo

Excerpts from Message from the Isle, Vol. 11, Issue 9, Parrot Head Profile - Laurie Sexton, September 2008:

Biggest Life Lesson: "Don't get too caught up in material stuff. Love is the only real lasting gold/silver - that's number one. Friends are golden, too."

Favorite Buffett Concert: "Any Buffett concert with my Parrot Head friends."

Thoughts to Ponder Steven Wright - Comedian

- OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
- What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?

Information on the Phlock

A Lovely Cruise

Anyone interested in cruisin'? We've got some cruises for you that will be put on by various Parrot Head clubs and travel organizations. And, they are:

- * Coast of Carolina Parrot Head Club – “Adventures in Parrotise Cruise”, a Jimmy Buffett tribute cruise taking place 11/7/2009 to 11/14/2009. For further information please go to www.tributecruises.com.
- * Omaha, NE Parrot Head Club – 3rd annual “Parrot Heads from Somewhere Other Than Here - Boats, Beaches and Bars Tour” taking place 1/10/10 to 1/16/10. For further information please go to their Web site at www.omahaparrotheadclub.com or to the 4 Corners Travel Web site at www.4ctgetaways.com.
- * Quad Cities Parrot Head Club – Their first Quad Cities Cruise taking place 2/21/10 that will be a six day Western Caribbean cruise. For further information please go to their Web site at www.qcph.com.
- * Parrot Head Pirates Cruise – “Captain Morgan’s Revenge Cruise”, Costa Atlantica, taking place 3/6/10 to 3/13/10. For further information please go to their Web site at www.parrotheadpiratescruise.com.

“Ask not what your Parrot Head Club can do for you,

Ask what you can do for your Parrot Head Club.”

— Bob Heffelfinger

- * Participate regularly in Club meetings and functions;
- * Give Club members a chance to know you better, and to build lasting friendships with you;
- * Strengthen your PHC by lending your talents and special skills where they are needed;
- * Speak out and share your ideas with others;
- * Recognize other club members for their contributions to the organization and the community;
- * Strengthen your Club by inviting your friends to join and participate.

In short, help make your Parrot Head Club the number one service organization in the community today ... And have a **BLAST** while doing it!

History of our club

10 Years Ago

Susan Freundt - Founder

August 1999

The first official club Web site was developed by Terry Barger. The Isle of Iowa Listserv was also started.

The first Beach Party was held at the Coralville Reservoir. About 50 club members attended. It was a day event which eventually evolved into the camping event that is now held each year.

Information on the Phlock

Back to the Big Twig Sandy Young

Fast Facts

- **What:** August Monthly Meeting
- **Where:** Longbranch (aka: Big Twig), 90 Twixt Town Rd., NE, CR
“ Time: 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- **When:** August 20, 2009
- **Time:** 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

The board heard many favorable comments regarding D.C.'s River Walk, the location for our monthly meeting in July, and we may go back there in the future. In the meantime, it's back to home base for our August monthly meeting while we try to get by without our lovely Social Director Laurieloo Sexton.

Our raffle charity for the quarter of July-August-September continues to be 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 or on colors/designs for t-shirts, so be thinking about it and let them know that evening, or contact Deanna at secretary@isleofiowa.com.

And, too, don't forget the pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City.

Please watch the Listserv for any updates.

Phlockin' Calendar

Event	Date	Time	Place
One Particular Harbor Picnic	8/5	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Noelridge Park Council St. & 42nd St. NE, CR
JB Night at the Ballpark	8/14	5 p.m. - 11 p.m.	CR Kernels Ballpark 950 Rockford Rd. SW, CR
Newsletter Deadline	8/15		
Monthly Meeting	8/20	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Longbranch Hotel 90 Twixt Town Rd. NE, CR
Board Meeting	8/25	6:30 p.m.	Longbranch Hotel 90 Twixt Town Rd. NE, CR
One Particular Harbor Picnic	8/5	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.	TBA

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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.

August Birthdays

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

September Birthdays

Sandy Young - 3
Randy Havlik - 6
Pam Brown - 9
Linda McCallum - 9
Steve Petersen - 15
Lisha Coffey - 18
Cheri Young - 23
Linda Barger - 25
Deb Kloos - 26
Matt Arenholz - 28
Steve Douglas - 28
David Becker - 30

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