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Quarterly Charity

January, February & March

*Ronald McDonald House of
Iowa City*

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View from the Volcano's Top

Mike "Volcano" Sion - President

As I'm writing this the view is a wonder to the eye. There is a blue moon shining over the water, the night sky is illuminated, and the stars show their infinite numbers. The islanders are celebrating the New Year and 2010 is expected to be a fabulous year.

At this time we usually look back on the past year and try to learn from any mistakes we have made, and also change some bad habits we have acquired. We give thanks for the good phriends and phamily whom we were able to share time with, and remember the time spent with those who aren't with us for the New Year. A new year also is a time for fresh beginnings and a time to set goals for ourselves and for our club. Together we will accomplish our goals and fine tune some things so that our events and gatherings get even better, if that is possible; we do such a great job!

How ever you are bringing in the New Year I wish you all a very Happy 2010! I can't say it enough - thank you for all you do; and will do in 2010. Our next event is the Blues 'n' Buffett Chili Challenge, so get your recipes ready, your crock pots warmed up, and we will again set out to help the people in our community! Again thanks for everything.

As the sun rises the new day and year will bring.....

from the Editor

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Sandy Young

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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, Deanna Steggall, at deannajs@q.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.

Things I've Learned

Andy Rooney

- The best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
- Being kind is more important than being right.
- No matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.
- You should never say no to a gift from a child.
- A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks

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.

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Monthly Meetings

But, Baby It's Cold Outside!!

Sandy Young

Fast Facts:

What: One Particular Harbor
Where: Zeppelins, Edgewood Rd. near Hy-Vee
When: January 6, 2010
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

It definitely is cold outside, but where the Parrot Heads phlock it's always warm, at least in spirit, so it will be worth putting on those long johns and braving the elements!

This month we are meeting at Zeppelins, which is in the mall north of the Hy-Vee grocery store on Edgewood Road NE, near Blairs Ferry Road. They have an early happy hour which lasts until 6 p.m. and there are two for one specials on everything but shots and bottles of wine. Sounds like a winner!

For you new members, One Particular Harbors are social get-togethers where Parrot Heads can visit and relax in a casual atmosphere and get to know one another better. They start around 5:30 p.m. and officially go until 10 p.m., but please come when you can.

As always, the board welcomes any ideas you may have for a location for the One Particular Harbors, whether indoors or in the summer at our outdoor picnics. You may contact any board member with your ideas. The indoor establishment should be a place large enough to hold between 20-30 people and have food available as well as drinks.



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Information on the Phlock

Welcome the New Year - Again

Sandy Young

Fast Facts:

What: Monthly Meeting

Where: D.C.'s River Walk, 411 1st St. SE, CR

When: January 21, 2010

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Due to the fact that Monday falls on Tuesday this Wednesday, the Thursday meeting Friday will be held on Saturday, because Sunday is a holiday. Please plan accordingly.

Well, never mind; it's too confusing. The January monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, just like always. The business portion will start precisely at 7 p.m.or thereabouts. It is our intention to keep the business meeting short and to the point so that we may enjoy each other's company during the social time.

Our raffle charity for the quarter of January/February/March is the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC). The mission of this charity is to create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. For further information please go to www.rmhc.org.

Linda and Terry Barger, the new Mini Mart King and Queen report they will have the following available at the meeting:

Baseball Caps, Purple and Navy Tanks, Lt. Blue Long Sleeve T-Shirts, Men's and Ladies Polo Shirts, Bottle Koozies, Black Cups, Flashing Glasses (Yeah, we've still got some), Pirate and Parrot Door Mats, Picture CD's of the Club, Tiki Idols.

We will continue to take donations for Waypoint Services this year. They need plastic shopping bags, small food containers, and non-perishable canned and boxed food. Please go to their Web site at www.waypointservices.org for an updated list of their needs.

And, as always, we will be collecting the pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities.



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Blues 'n' Buffett Chili Challenge

Fast Facts

- **Where:** Marriott Hotel, 1200 Collins Road NE, CR
- **When:** February 28, 2010, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

The Isle of Iowa Parrot Head Club (IIPHC) and the Linn County Blues Society (LCBS) will hold their 10th annual Blues 'n' Buffett Chili Challenge on February 28, 2-5 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel on Collins Road. The Chili Challenge is a friendly competition between the two clubs to raise money for charity. Proceeds from the event will go to the H.D. Youth Center and the Free Medical Clinic of Cedar Rapids. The IIPHC chose the Free Medical Clinic to help support costs for those who need medical assistance that is not affordable for them. The LCBS chose H.D. Youth Center, which provides a safe place to go as well as food to under-privileged youth. Last year, the event raised over \$5,000 for these two fine organizations.

Over \$16,000 has been raised and donated to local charities in the first ten years of the event's existence.

You, your family and friends are invited to attend and taste the various chilies and vote for your favorite. Admission is \$6 at the door which includes five vote tickets and the tasting of the chilies. Children ages six and under will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult, and senior citizens ages 65 and older receive a \$1 discount on admission. Additional vote tickets for the People's Choice award will be available for 50 cents each throughout the event.

Advance tickets are available for \$5 through February 28 by calling Steve Springer at 395-9516, or Keith Wright at 377-4913, and will also be available at our January monthly meeting.

The club receiving the most votes will receive a plaque and their club's charity will receive 51% of the proceeds from the event; the runner-up club 49% of the proceeds for their charity.

Chili Challenge contestants are members of the two clubs and each contestant brings their own special chili to share. There will be up to 30 chilies for tasting. Celebrity Judges will be on hand to taste and vote on the Best Chili. The club receiving a majority of judges' votes for the Best Chili will receive a traveling trophy and bragging rights for their club.

Information on the Phlock

(Chili Challenge cont. from pg. 5)

A Silent Auction will again be featured at this year's event. All monies raised from the auction will be included in the donations to charities.

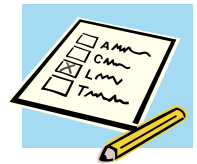
Thanks in advance for your support. If you have questions, please contact one of the following volunteers:

- Steve Petersen 395-9520
- Kate Sanders 842-2393
- Steve Springer 395-9516

Elections

Deanna Steggall

It is that time again when we all must take some time and think about whether or not we feel we can make a difference and serve as a member of the Isle of Iowa Board. If you feel you would make a good impact on this club we all love, then consider putting your name in to run for a position on the Isle of Iowa Board. Anyone wanting to run for a position needs to write a letter of intent and turn it into the Elections Chairmen on or before Sunday, February 28th. An Elections Chairman will be determined at the next Monthly Board Meeting and announced to the General Membership ASAP.



History of our Club

10 Years Ago

Susan Fruendt - Founder

January 2000

The club was awarded the 1999 Outstanding Club Fundraising Award from The Alzheimer's Association. Janice Reid was awarded the Outstanding Individual Fundraiser.

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Photos of the Phlock



Pictures from the
December Holiday
Party

A great time was had
by all who attended!

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More Pictures from the Holiday Party

What a great event!



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Parrot Head Happenings

Thank You

To all our PHlocking PHamily ~

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, memorial donations, or attended the wake/funeral for Tom Randklev, Bob's father. We appreciate knowing how much we are cared for by the tremendous outpouring of love from you, our extended phamily.

Thanks again for your thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

The Randklevs

Condolences

Our condolences go out to the family of Jamie Gorecki in the loss of his mother, Frances "Frankie" Theresa Gorecki, on December 12, 2009. Please keep Jamie and his wife, Sue, and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Save the Date

Deanna Steggall

Don and I would like you to save the date of Saturday, August 14th, 2010 as we have decided to renew our wedding vows and would like as many of our friends and family in attendance as possible. Because I have never had a real wedding and all the fun things that go with it, Don and I have decided we would like to make this moment in our lives that much more special by having a wedding and reception in honor of the love and commitment we have for one another.

Sometimes in life the small things become important to us! A formal invitation will follow in the months to come. Again the date to save is Saturday, August 14th, 2010!

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Club Calendar

Event	Date	Time	Place
Happy New Year!	1/1		
One Particular Harbor	1/6	5:30 p.m.	Zeppelins 50 th Edgewood Rd. NE, CR
Newsletter Deadline	1/15		
Board Meeting	1/19	6:30 p.m.	Longbranch Hotel Gold Zone Bar 90 Twixt Town Rd. NE, CR
Monthly Meeting	1/21	6 p.m.	D.C.'s River Walk 411 1 st St. SE, CR
VOICE the VISION Rally	1/26		KGAN Studio in Cedar Rapids
One Particular Harbor	2/3	5:30 p.m.	TBD
Valentine's Day	2/14		
Board Meeting	2/16	6:30 p.m.	Longbranch Hotel Gold Zone Bar 90 Twixt Town Rd. NE, CR
Monthly Meeting	2/18	6 p.m.	D.C.'s River Walk 411 1 st St. SE, CR
Chili Challenge	2/28	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Marriott Hotel, 1200 Collins Road NE, CR

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Contact the Club Board Contacts

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Monthly Board Meeting

The monthly Board meetings are scheduled for the **Tuesday before** 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. You can also 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

isleofiwacoconet@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, members 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/isleofiwacoconet/> 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** on this page.

January Birthdays

Chrisann Overman - 1
Bob Randklev - 8
Charlotte Bonar - 13
Kathy Mullen - 15
Joe DeLory - 17
Dave Metz - 24
Denise Manard - 27

February Birthdays

Jim Roman - 1
Paula Vasquez - 5
Cindy Gardner - 11
Jim Klinger - 11
Penny Whiting - 16
Karen Mahannah - 22
Julie Macauley - 18
Gordy Smith - 18

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

New Members

Blake and Carole Ford