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*December, January &
February*

Alzheimer's Association

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Words from our President

From Deanna's Window on the World
Deanna "Diego" Steggall - President

Happy New Year to all of you!! I hope 2011 brings much happiness and joy to each and every one of you! With the New Year comes time to reflect on the past year and a time to decide on what plans we need to make for the upcoming year.

As the president of this great club my reflections are all positive and that makes me smile! This club is an amazing bunch. We all come together for the cause and do so with such energy and spirit it is sometimes beyond belief! You never cease to amaze me on your generosity and kind hearts. Thank you!!

As the Board begins to plan events for the upcoming year, I think it is a perfect time to remind and encourage everyone to come to a Board Meeting. See first-hand how we decide on venues for One Particular Harbor, Monthly Meetings and Special Events. Every Board I have had the pleasure of being on is made up of several people who care about this club so much that they are willing to help make it thrive and grow. Though our opinions on how to do it may differ, we come together and make decisions for the best of the club and we all take that responsibility very seriously. We are in the process now of renewing our membership with PHiP and are putting the numbers together on money donated, volunteer hours and total membership, which we will forward on to the General Membership as soon as it is completed!

Speaking of the Board it is that time of year when we

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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, 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.

need to start thinking about whether or not we want to help the club by volunteering some time as a Board member. We need to have nominations in for all positions on the Board by Sunday, February 27, 2011.

Again, Happy New Year! Continue doing the great things you do and if you have some spare time, consider running for a position on the Board.

As Kermit the Frog sings in "A Smile Connects Us"

"A smile is simple as a moon in space

It fills a room, it lights a face

It's a kind of message anyone can send

A smile connects us friend to friend."

Keep smiling friend!!!



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

Downtown Get Down

Sandy Young

Fast Facts:

What: Monthly Meeting

Where: Downtown Fieldhouse, 411 First St. S.E., CR

When: January 20, 2011

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

It seems like forever since we've had an official TCB (Takin' Care of Business) meeting, but it will be here before you know it. I'm sure the Board has lots of exciting things to tell us, such as up-to-date information on the upcoming Chili Challenge.

The charity for our quarterly raffle of December/January/February will be Alzheimer's.

We accept donations for Waypoint Services, such as canned goods and non-perishables. I'm sure they are low on everything with the holidays just behind us. The need for plastic shopping bags is always paramount, as well as empty plastic food containers. Please go to their website at www.waypointservices.org for an updated list of their needs, or see the list in this month's newsletter.

We will also be collecting beverage tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities.



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Are the Stars Out Tonight?

Sandy Young

Fast Facts:

What: One Particular Harbor (OPH)

Where: Starlite Room Tavern, 3300 1st Ave. NE, CR

When: January 5, 2011

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Are the stars out tonight? I don't know 'cause I'm not very bright. But, I do know OPH will be at the Starlite Room this month. Their super burgers have been rated the best hamburgers in Cedar Rapids on surveys The Gazette has taken, so come and find out for yourself. They have an extensive menu if you'd like to try something else and, of course, drinks at reasonable prices.

The next One Particular Harbor will be February 2 at City Beat, 304 3rd Ave. SW., but subject to change, so watch the Listserv for updates.

Because it's hard to please everyone on locations for OPH, the Board will gladly consider any suggestions you may have for a place to meet on the first Wednesday of the month. Just remember the establishment should be a place large enough to hold between 20-30 people and have food available as well as drinks. Next month, on January 5, 2011, we will be heading to the Starlight Room at 3300 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, for our One Particular Harbor.

Tidbits to Ponder

Joey Adams – Comedian

Economy

The trouble with today's economy is that when a person is rich it's on paper, and when they're broke it's cash.

It takes twice as much money to live beyond your means as it used to.

"Darling", one husband announced happily to his wife. "I've got good news. We don't have to move to a more expensive apartment – the landlord just raised our rent."

I asked one economist if he had any reliable rule for estimating the cost of living. He said, "I sure do. Take your income, whatever that may be, and add 25 percent."

This economy has even reached the antique dealers. One owner explained to his customer, "We had to raise the prices of the antiques because the cost of labor and material has gone up so much lately."

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Information on the Phlock

Blues 'n' Buffett Chili Challenge

Fast Facts

- **Where:** Marriott Hotel, 1200 Collins Road NE, CR
- **When:** February 27, 2011
- **Time:** 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

The Isle of Iowa Parrot Head Club (IIPHC) and the Linn County Blues Society (LCBS) will hold their 11th annual Blues 'n' Buffett Chili Challenge on February 27, 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 20 by calling Deanna Steggall at 651-9494, 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.

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 committee chairpersons: Steve Petersen 395-9520 - Kate Sanders 842-2393

Information on the Phlock

Hawkeye Area Community Action Program, Inc.

"A help up, not a hand out."

Deanna Steggall

Thank you to everyone that bought an item for our Adopt-A-Family!! Our family was very appreciative! We bought them enough food that they said "We could be snowed in for a month and wont starve." As we brought in all the food and gifts their eyes lit up and all they could say was "Thank you...thank you so much!"

Thanks Paula for helping me deliver the items and sorry to those that offered to help and I did not read my email beforehand!!

Iowa Soldier Care Packages

Deanna Steggall

The Isle of Iowa Board, at a suggestion from members of the club, has agreed to form a committee to collect and distribute items in care packages for Iowa soldiers away in combat areas. It is our plan to have these packages ready to ship for Valentine's Day.

We are looking for names of family and friends who are currently deployed to receive a care package. We are also looking for people to be on the committee and those wishing to help with donations.

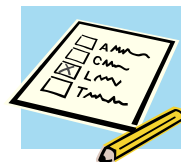
The Isle of Iowa wants to make sure our soldiers know how much we appreciate their dedication and service to our country!

Please contact anyone on the Board if you'd like to participate in any way. Your help will be most appreciated!

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 Chairman on or before Sunday, February 27th. An Elections Chairman will be determined at the next Monthly Board Meeting and announced to the General Membership ASAP.

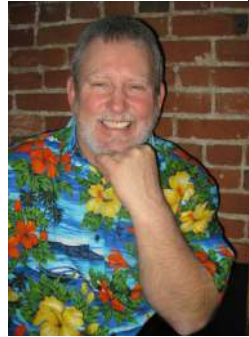


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Photos of the Phlock



Christmas Gathering



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Parrot Head Happenings

Cedar Rapids Downtown Districts Calendar of Events 2010

Fast Facts:

What: Conquer the Corridor! (www.conquerthecorridor.com)
Where: Cedar Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce (424 1st Avenue NE)
When: January 18, 2011
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
RSVP: klammer@cedarrapids.org or 319-730-1427
Cost: FREE-Light breakfast and beverage provided

Our community is filled with things to do and ways to get involved, but where should you go to find it all? Join Kari Lammer (Priority One) and Quinn Pettifer (Cedar Rapids Downtown District) as they share their stories of resource triumph through Conquer the Corridor-an interactive presentation designed to get you familiar with everything Corridor. Discover the where and how of culture, nightlife, events, the downtown scene, volunteer opportunities, and more! Whether you're new to the area or have lived here your entire life, this FREE guide through our community will open your eyes to what the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City area has to offer! Attendees will be given a resource packet along with a calendar of upcoming Corridor events!

For more information on what is happening in Cedar Rapids, go to: <http://www.downtowncr.org/Events>

Condolences

Our condolences go out to the family of Amy Beenblossom in the loss of her father, Paul Beenblossom, on December 3, 2010. Please keep Amy and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Our condolences go out to the family of Laurie & Heather Sexton in the loss of her father/grandfather, John Booze, on December 12, 2010. Please keep Laurie, Heather and their family in your thoughts and prayers. A celebration life will be held on January 15th at Papa's Sports Bar.

History of our Club

10 YEARS AGO

Deanna Steggall/Sandy Young

January 2001

One Particular Harbor was at the Blue Note Bar downtown on the 3rd.

Several members of the IIPHC worked at the hockey game on the 9th and made \$300 for charity.

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Regional Events



HAVANA
daydreamin'
2011

7th Annual

January 22, 2011
RiverCenter, 136 E 3rd St, Davenport, IA

Doors Open: 6p
Bands: 6p until Midnight

ENTERTAINMENT BY:

- Tall Paul & Crowdaddy
- The Boat Drunks

Joined by:

- Coral Reefer,
- Doyle Grisham
- John Patti

Presented by:
Quad City Parrot Head Club

www.qcph.com
info@qcph.com

Tickets:
\$20 Advance, \$25 Day of

Limited number of reserved tables available for \$225 (includes 8 tickets)

Silent/Live Auction
50/50 Raffle
Cash Bar & Concessions

A Fundraiser for SEAP (Supplemental Emergency Assistance Program)

VIP pre-party (1-5pm) at RME, 131 W 2nd, Davenport. Separate charge of \$15 adv. (\$20 day of). Incl. Heavy hors d'oeuvres. Music by the Whoozdads ... and guests.

Tickets Available from QCPH Now

*"Cigar smoke did swirl...
he thinks about the girl.
He'll be movin' in a little while,
Havana Daydreamin'
Oh he'll be dreamin'
his life away."*

T. Smith 2010

Regional Events

4th Annual

Parrot Heads From Somewhere Other Than Here

Boats, Beaches and Bars Tour



Presented by the Omaha Nebraska Parrot Head Club

February 6-13, 2011

Cruising the Mexican Riviera on the Carnival Splendor



Activities

Silent Auction
Scavenger Hunt
Theme Days
Poker Run/Pub Crawl
Pool Parties
Pre - Cruise Party
Party in every Port
Capt. Josh performances
Prizes and more!



Balcony Cabins 795.00
Ocean View Cabins 695.00
Inside Cabins 595.00

Itinerary:

2/5/10 Pre-Cruise Party
2/6/11 Long Beach, CA
2/7/11 At Sea
2/8/11 At Sea
2/9/11 Puerto Vallarta
2/10/11 Mazatlan
2/11/11 Cabo San Lucas
2/12/11 At Sea
2/13/11 Long Beach, CA

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Price also includes a 50.00 per person donation to the Spirit of Courage.

www.SpiritOfCourage.org

For those who would like to fly into Los Angeles/Long Beach a day early we will have hotel rooms available as well as our annual pre-cruise party on 2/5/11

For information or to book a cabin contact

Terry Oldenburg at Beacon Vacations

Toll Free 1-877-298-9948 Local 712-256-4781

Email terry@beaconvacations.com

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Club Calendar

Event	Date	Time	Place
New Year's Day	1/1/11 (!)		
One Particular Harbor	1/5	5:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.	Starlite Room 3300 1 st Ave. NE CR
Newsletter Deadline	1/15		
Cedar Island Band at Gus'	1/15	5:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.	
Board Meeting	1/18	6 p.m. Snacks 6:30 p.m. Meeting	Randy Havlik's 3705 King Dr. SW, CR
Monthly Meeting	1/20	6 p.m.	Downtown Fieldhouse 411 1 st St. SE,
Havana Day Dreamin'	1/22	5:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.	Rivercenter 136 E 3rd St. Davenport
One Particular Harbor	2/2	5:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.	TBD
Happy Valentine's Day	2/14		
Board Meeting	2/15	6 p.m. Snacks 6:30 p.m. Meeting	
Monthly Meeting	2/17	6 p.m.	Downtown Fieldhouse 411 1 st St. SE, CR

Dis & Dat

THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

'Twas the day after Christmas, and all through the house,
Every creature was hurting, even the mouse.
The toys were all broken, their batteries dead,
And Santa's passed out with ice on his head.

Wrapping and ribbons just covered the floor, while
Upstairs the family continued to snore.
And I in my T-shirt, new Reeboks and jeans,
Went into the kitchen and started to clean.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the sink to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the curtains and threw up the sash.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a little white truck, with an oversized mirror.
The driver was smiling, so lively and grand;
The patch on his jacket said "U.S. Postman."

With a handful of bills, he grinned like a fox,
Then quickly he stuffed them, in our mailbox.
Bill after bill after bill they still came.
Whistling and shouting he called them by name:

"Now Dillard's, now Younker's, now K-Mart and Sears.
Here's Kohl's and Target's – yes, they're all here!
To the top of your limit, every store, every mall,
Now charge away, charge away, charge away all!"

He sprang to his truck, and he drove down the road,
Driving much faster with just half a load.
Then I heard him exclaim with great holiday cheer,
"Enjoy what you got – you'll be paying all year!"

(Reprinted from The American Legion magazine December 2005 issue)

Dis & Dat

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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 6:00 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 the fastest way of getting the latest information about the club, and to keep track of events' dates or changes. Since we are a social group, it is okay to post social events on the one Listserv that you would like to invite members of the club to. With that being said, we would like to remind everyone of a few maintenance issues.

Appropriate Posts for the Listserv are:

1. Club information
2. Club events
3. Personal parties
4. Jimmy Buffett news
5. Recipes

Okay, I think you get the idea.

Things not allowed on the Listserv:

1. Profanity
2. Anything offensive
3. Anything pornographic

If you have ideas, questions, concerns or suggestions for the Isle of Iowa, you can e-mail any member of the Board individually; or – something new – collectively at board@isleofiowa.com.

January Birthdays

Kathleen Nessler - 7
Bob Randklev - 8
Bob Arnold - 13
Charlotte Bonar - 13
Kathy Mullen - 15
Dave Metz - 24
Carole Ford - 29

February Birthdays

Jim Roman - 1
Michele Mason - 6
Mary Halford - 8
Tina Coppess - 9
Cindy Gardner - 11
Penny Holthaus - 16
Ron Ott - 16
Gordy Smith - 18
Lucas Ptacek - 20
Karen Mahannah - 22

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

New Members

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