

# Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the

**High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico**



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## Upcoming Events

### 2022 – Happy New Year!

#### January 16<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting

##### **Date, Time and Location Change**

Topic: Potluck Dinner, Italian Food Theme  
Private Residence, RSVP Required  
Albuquerque, NM

#### Next Meeting – General Meeting

Topic: TBD  
Location: TBD, Albuquerque, NM

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## Words from the Prez

Greetings Everyone and Happy New Year.

January is a good time to reflect on the year past and plan for the year future. If anything, 2021 taught me to be really flexible when planning and learn to adapt.

Reflecting on last year, we learned to cope with restrictions and lock downs, some lifting of restrictions, and then reinstituted restrictions. Through it all, we adapted.

We moved our club meetings to a private residence until we can meet in our community center again without restrictions.

We had an outdoor event that included a bird toy vendor from Arizona, food, and a place to visit and socialize with other birdy people.

We partnered with Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM (BFPR) to help birds and people. I have fostered birds in the past, but never four cockatoos at the same time. It's been an experience I wouldn't trade for anything.

This year, we continue to meet at a private residence until restrictions are lifted. We are planning another outdoor event with the same bird toy vendor; this time she's bringing another vendor of unique and beautiful bird stands. (See page 4)

The need for parrot rescue remains strong. All the rescue calls that come into HDBC are referred to BFPR. If you are not ready to adopt another feathered family member, consider being a foster. A lot of birds need a safe place to land until their next home is found. There are also other ways to help the parrot rescue and every bit helps.

The parrot community in New Mexico is growing. Together we can help each other be more flexible and adaptable to whatever changes head our way.

**Jennifer Catron and Riley**



## Bird Club Biz

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High Desert Bird Club of NM  
P.O. Box 67855  
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[www.HighDesertBirdClub.org](http://www.HighDesertBirdClub.org)

**Bird Rescue Hotline: (505) 554-0804**

**General Meetings – Unless Posted Otherwise**  
Fourth Thursday of the month

Meeting time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Location:

**Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center**  
9800 - 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Albuquerque, NM  
Map link: <http://goo.gl/maps/tk52Y>

### Club Officers

President: Jennifer Catron  
Vice President: Dorothy Newbill  
Secretary: Ramona Buzard  
Treasurer: Carolyn Newell

### Committee Chairpersons

Social Media/Publicity: Victoria Collier  
AFA Delegate: Available  
Bird Rescue: Jennifer Catron  
Education: Dorothy Newbill  
Fundraising: Available  
Hospitality: Available  
Library: Available  
Membership: Available  
Newsletter: Jennifer Catron  
Raffle: Available  
Website: Jennifer Catron

### Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance (stmt 11/30/21)    \$1,349.17

Revenue	\$0
Expenses	
Website domain name –annual fee	\$21.17
Trafone –new phone	\$5.38
Trafone – minutes/days refill	\$112.06
Checks for club account	\$27.01

Ending balance (stmt 12/31/21)    **\$1,183.55**

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**The High Desert Bird Club of NM is a  
501(c)(3) educational, public charity  
recognized by the IRS.**

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### Membership Requirements

Any person interested in cage birds who agrees to support the objectives in the HDBC By-Laws is eligible for membership.

### Membership Dues

\$20.00 Individual  
\$30.00 Household  
\$15.00 Junior (17 or younger)  
\$15.00 Senior (60 or older)  
\$25.00 Senior Household

Dues are payable in January of each year or at a quarterly pro-rated amount upon joining the Club.

### Newsletter Policy

*Birdy Bytes* is generally issued on a monthly basis. Content from members is encouraged. Content deemed obscene, inflammatory, overtly personal, copyrighted without permission to republish, or insufficiently bird-related may not be published at the discretion of the newsletter Editor.

### Newsletter Advertising Policy

Any individual or business that supports HDBC through the donation of money, goods, or services may have a near business-card sized ad published in the newsletter for three months for no cost.

Members may have a text ad of up to 50 words and a reasonable number of supporting photos for no cost. Ads run for two months and may be renewed for two-month increments. Members are responsible for contacting the newsletter Editor to renew their ad.

Advertising space may be purchased. A half-page ad costs \$25 for six months. Additional ad sizes and corresponding rates are available.

Newsletter Editor reserves the right to accept or reject any advertisement based on the appropriateness for *Birdy Bytes*.

To submit content for *Birdy Bytes*, contact Jennifer Catron, Editor, at [jrcatron@Q.com](mailto:jrcatron@Q.com), or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



## General Meeting

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**January 16, 2022**

**\*\*Sunday\*\***

**Date, Time and  
Place Change**

Our last potluck dinner was so much fun we decided to do it again. This time, we have an Italian food theme with lots of warm comfort food. Join us for a good meal, bird company, and friendly conversation.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite food and some to share. HDBC will provide the plates, utensils and soft drinks.



The mask requirement at the Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center is still in place. To avoid a safety issue with our parrots who could have negative reactions to people who wear a mask, we will continue to meet at a private residence.

We respect everyone's right to wear a mask, but be aware you may elicit negative and possibly unsafe reactions from birds that will be present. Attendee discretion is advised.

**Date: Sunday, January 16, 2022**

**Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Location: RSVP to:  
Jennifer Catron  
[JRCatron@Q.com](mailto:JRCatron@Q.com)**

If you wish to attend, please RSVP for location address.

## Meeting Minutes

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The meeting began with dinner first. We all enjoyed a variety of tasty food including home-made posole. The business meeting part was called to order at 5:15 PM.

Three of four club officers, members, and guests were present.

The Treasurer's report is posted in the newsletter, *Birdy Bytes*, every month.

Expenses for the HDBC domain name annual renewal, more checks for the club checking account, a new Tracfone and annual days/minutes renewal were incurred in December.

Future bird club meetings will continue to be held at a private residence until the mask requirements are lifted.

Official voting for club officers was done. All officers were running unopposed and were re-elected for another year. New member, Victoria Collier, volunteered to be our Social Media/Publicity chairperson. Thank you to everyone for your service and volunteering to serve HDBC for another year.

Meeting adjourned by 6:00PM.

## HDBC Hotline

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Only a few calls came in during November and December. One person was looking for a bird sitter, and few other people inquired about adopting birds. A few calls were about wild birds and were referred to wild bird rescues.



For bird adoptions, surrenders, and lost and found birds, Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM is the go to place. They have a website at: [www.birdsofafeathernm.org](http://www.birdsofafeathernm.org), and a Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafeathernm>.

## HDBC Elections

All nominated club officers were re-elected to serve for another year. Thank you very much for your time and energy.

President – Jennifer Catron  
Vice President - Dorothy Newbill  
Secretary – Ramona Buzzard  
Treasurer – Carolyn Newell



We also have a new committee chairperson for HDBC social media and publicity: Victoria Collier. The position was formerly called Advertising/Publicity Chair. Because we do all our advertising through social media now the name change is more descriptive. Thank you Victoria for volunteering.

We have several other committee chair positions available and they are listed under the “Bird Club Biz” section on page 2. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to any club officer for more information.

## Bird Toys and Stands Sale

Mark your calendars! Another bird toy sale is scheduled for April 9, 2022 with Creations by JT Bird Toys. Another vendor, Avianica, will also be at this sale. They specialize in natural wood parrot stands.

The location and time are pending. As we get closer to April, these details will be posted.

All the toys and perches are high quality, locally sourced, and made in the USA. If you want a specific size perch, stand or bird toy, reach out to Tina with your request and to place an order.

Creations by JT Bird Toys does not have an online store, but you can contact Tina by email, phone, or Facebook.

**Email:** [creationsjt@aol.com](mailto:creationsjt@aol.com)

**Phone:** 623-341-3375, or

**Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/Creations-By-JT-Bird-Toys-270955316336106/>



**Racks of Bird Toys for all Types of Parrots**

Julie of Avianica also has a Facebook page where you can see more pictures of the variety of stands.

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/avianica/>

**Email:** [dandjconcepts2020@outlook.com](mailto:dandjconcepts2020@outlook.com)



**Table Stands**



**Floor Stands**



## Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

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A variety of birds are available for adoption at Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico (BFPR). HDBC is partnering with BFPR to help with receiving, fostering and rehoming pet birds.

If you're interested in adding a feathered friend to your family, please contact Dorothy Newbill (BFPR) at (505) 980-6166, or you can call our HDBC Pet Bird Rescue Hotline at (505) 554-0804 for assistance.



**Greenwing Macaw**



**Umbrella Cockatoo**

If you are interested in fostering or adopting a parrot, BFPR is a **very** active parrot rescue.

They are always working with a variety of different pet birds from Amazons to Macaws, and the smaller birds like budgies, cockatiels, canaries and finches. They've even had some hand-tame doves available for adoption.



**African Grey Parrot**

Adoptions have resumed for 2022.

For more information, call Dorothy Newbill at (505) 980-6166. Their Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafeathernm/>

Their website is: <https://www.birdsofafeathernm.org/>

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



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## Membership Support

HDBC depends on your support. One of the easiest ways to show your support is to renew or become a member. Membership dues helps HDBC fulfill Club charter objectives to educate members and the general public in the best care, keeping, maintenance, and breeding of caged birds. In addition to supporting bird conservation and fellowship, funds also support the HDBC bird rescue, foster and adoption program.

Membership benefits include:

- Subscription to the Club newsletter *Birdy Bytes*.
- Early notification and the opportunity to adopt birds received through the HDBC rescue.
- Access to the Club library to check out bird-related books and DVDs.
- Fellowship with others interested in companion birds.



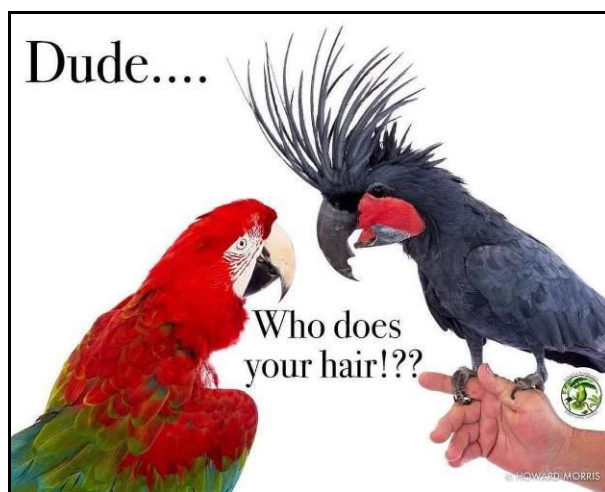
**Thank You Joining or Renewing Your HDBC Membership**

Membership dues begin each calendar year and are prorated on a quarterly basis. Membership classification and annual dues rates are listed under the Bird Club Biz section of each newsletter. Information about membership is also contained in our Club Constitution and By Laws posted on our website: [www.HighDesertBirdClub.org](http://www.HighDesertBirdClub.org).

For everyone who has joined HDBC or renewed their membership, thank you! If you're not a member, join today and support a good cause. We're all about the birds.



**HDBC Wishes Everyone a  
Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous  
New Year!**





## Friends of HDBC




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## Facebook Fun

Fun with cups.

