

# Birdy Bytes

## Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 2023

### Upcoming Events

#### Jan 15<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting

**Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

#### Birdy Bingo

Private Residence, RSVP Required  
Albuquerque, NM

#### Feb 2023 – General Meeting

**Date, Time and Place to be Determined**

#### April 15<sup>th</sup> – Bird Toys and Stands Sale

**Saturday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

#### Location: Inez Park

2027 Wisconsin Street NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

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### Bird Words

Greetings Everyone and Happy New Year.

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is behind us. The first month of each New Year gives us the opportunity to reflect on where we've been and where we want to go. Winter is a good time to rest and recharge. Let go of what doesn't work and make room for new and good things.

A good thing could be finding your tribe (or flock) and building community. HDBC partnering with Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue (BOAF) is growing with people that love parrots. We share knowledge and ideas and learn from one another. This is a good thing.

We learn from our birds. Every morning and evening, parrots can get very vocal. They do their flock calls. They call out to other birds or their humans to gather or check in and make sure they are not alone. This is a good thing.

Consider building your community or even expanding your flock. Numerous meetings and events are being planned for HDBC and BOAF. Come to a meeting, attend an event, or volunteer. It's all good.

BOAF is at capacity with surrendered birds. Consider adding to your birdie family or fostering. Reach out to Dorothy Newbill if you are interested in adopting or fostering and she can help guide you through the process.

Our birds know. When you find your tribe or flock, you don't have to go it alone.

Our next bird club meeting is Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting event is Birdy Bingo and it's a lot of fun. It's a great opportunity to find your tribe and hang out with the flock. See you there.

**Jennifer Catron**



**Snow on Feathers**

## Bird Club Biz

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

### General Meetings

**Monthly, Usually on a Sunday**

Meeting time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

### Location:

Private Residence, usually, but may change depending on weather and availability of space. Location is posted in newsletter and website.

### Club Officers

President: Victoria Collier  
Vice President: Lauren Forbes  
Secretary: Sparky Newell  
Treasurer: Carolyn Newell

### Committee Chairpersons

Social Media/Publicity: Victoria Collier  
AFA Delegate: Lauren Forbes  
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

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning balance (stmt 11/30/22) | \$1,266.05        |
| Revenue                           | \$0               |
| Expenses                          |                   |
| GoDaddy web domain name           | (\$21.17)         |
| Trafone refill                    | (\$111.94)        |
| Ending balance (stmt 12/31/22)    | <b>\$1,132.94</b> |

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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 HDDB 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 HDDB 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 [jcatron@Q.com](mailto:jcatron@Q.com), or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



## General Meeting

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**January 15, 2023**

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

### Birdy Bingo

Our January meeting event is Birdy Bingo! Birdy Bingo is just like regular bingo except all the prizes are for birds! Winners will get to pick their prize from the HDHC prize bin.



Bingo cards are six cards per sheet, and six sheets per pack. Each pack is \$5.00. Bingo dabbers will be provided.

It's great fun for both people and birds. Buy some cards, play some bingo, shout BINGO! when you win.

We will be meeting at a private residence again, so RSVP is necessary. Let's celebrate another year of growing the pet bird community with good company and good food.

**Date: Sunday, January 15, 2023**

**Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Location:   RSVP to:**

**Jennifer Catron**  
**JRCatron@Q.com**

## Meeting Minutes

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Meeting called to order. Club officers, members, and guests were present.

Club expenses incurred in November were renewal of the HDHC website domain name, and refilled days and minutes for the Tracfone HDHC Hotline.

Election of club officers was conducted. Nomination and election was approved by unanimous consent.

President – Victoria Collier  
Vice President – Loren Forbes  
Treasurer – Carolyn Newell  
Secretary – Sparky Newell

No HDHC meeting in December. Next meeting is January 15, 2023. Meeting topic/activity will be Birdy Bingo.

Jennifer Catron participated in a networking conference call with other bird club officers in the United States. All are affiliates of the American Federation of Aviculture (AFA).

Ideas were shared for club meetings, fund raising, and growing club membership. Future Zoom meetings will be held on a quarterly basis. This was a great opportunity to share ideas and discuss what works and doesn't work as the bird community changes.

Meeting adjourned by 5:30 PM.

## HDHC Hotline

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Calls for November, December and January so far were mostly regarding surrenders. One caller was interested in adopting but

the pause on adoptions was already in effect. Caller was advised to complete an adoption questionnaire and submit it to the Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM.

A FedEx delivery person called with some abandoned wild bird seed and was looking for a place to donate rather than throw it away. She was unable to reach the Wildlife Rescue of New Mexico, so we gave her contact information for Mikal Deese (On a Wing and a Prayer).

For bird adoptions, surrenders, and lost and found birds, Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM is the go to place.

## Hospitality Table

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Do you like snacks? Do you like to share? HDHC invites you to share some snacks at each monthly meeting. Everyone is encouraged to bring snacks when they can. We're very informal about who brings what and when. Donations are always welcome.

For our January meeting, our meeting host will be providing some BBQ beef sliders. Side dishes or desserts are encouraged.

Thank you for your contribution and support.

## HDBC Elections

Our HDBC officer election was conducted during the November meeting.

We had three new volunteers willing to serve and one officer willing to continue to serve.



Thank you to those who served in the past year and welcome to our new bird club officers.

HDBC Officers for 2023 are:

President: Victoria Collier  
Vice President: Loren Forbes  
Treasurer: Carolyn Newell  
Secretary: Sparky Newell

Some Committee Chairperson positions are still available. Volunteers for the following position include:

Social Media/Publicity: Victoria Collier  
AFA Delegate: Lauren Forbes  
Bird Rescue: Jennifer Catron  
Education: Dorothy Newbill  
Newsletter: Jennifer Catron  
Website: Jennifer Catron

Committee Chairperson positions are listed under the Bird Club Biz section on Page 2 of each newsletter. If you are interested in any available chairperson position, please reach out to any bird club officer.

## Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

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.

The bird adoption process resumes on January 15<sup>th</sup>!



A lot of birds were surrendered during the holiday time pause for adoptions. The rescue is at capacity and a waiting list for surrenders is in place for other than emergency situations.

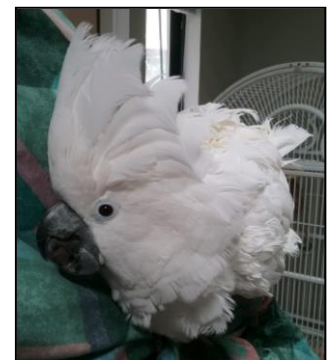


If you are interested in adopting or fostering, please reach out to Dorothy Newbill at (505) 980-6166 or check out their Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafeathernm/>.

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

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



## Friends of HDBC

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