

Squawk 'n Talk

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Greetings from the Presidential Perch!

Once again December has arrived. Along with it will come the cold and snow of winter. Although it can be a pain when going to and from work, it can also be a thing of beauty on those days you don't have to get out into the winter elements. So, bundle up, put another log on the fire, and enjoy the beauty of winter the best you can.

As a reminder, elections for the upcoming GPC officers and board members will take place at the December 16th meeting, at 2:00 PM, before the Holiday Party. Please make an effort to attend the meeting for the voting and then join in the party that will follow.

Niki Shaffer will be planning the games including a special gift exchange game called "Rob Your Neighbor". If you wish to participate in this game, please bring an exchange gift in the \$10 range.

We will also have plenty of food to eat. Christine Kinrade will be bringing a turkey along with dressing, mashed potatoes, and gravy. You are welcome to bring a side dish or desert of your choice.

Please join us as we celebrate the holidays and look forward to another exciting new year.

See you at the Meeting. ---- Dave

Tidbits

Trey Shaffer

Elections – Elections will be held at the December meeting. See separate articles about the election, and our new absentee voting.

Holiday Party – The December meeting is also our Holiday Party. So as soon as we get the serious business out of the way, it is time to celebrate! Christine said she would bring a bird... a turkey, suitable for feasting. The Club will provide beverages. Please bring a "dish" to share; you know, the pot-luck thing, and your appetite.

Newsletter articles – I have a standing request for content, so please... Send me links to material we can reprint, or better yet, write something. You don't have to be a scholar, author or laureate; just someone with something to share about birds.

Sue Owens – Has an introductory article in this issue; hopefully the first of many... Let her know what you think. Sue uses the following quote from Mark Twain as a signature to her email:

She was not quite what you would call refined.

She was not quite what you would call unrefined.

She was the kind of person that keeps a parrot.

Discounts at WBS – In recognition of our donation to the World Bird Sanctuary, WBS gave us some discount cards for merchandise at their store. If you would like one, please see Carole Grommet or Cathy Wendler at one of our meetings.

Dues are Due – It's that time of year again. Please renew your membership for 2008. You can pay online at our web site. You can't miss the scrolling marquee at the top of the home page. Click it to go to the form. You can also mail your check to:

Gateway Parrot Club Membership
1425 Silverleaf Lane
St. Louis, MO 63146

Or hand it off at a meeting...

Meeting Topics – We are looking for suggestions for educational topics for upcoming meetings. Let us know what you would like to see presented. We would also like to have two people step up and take responsibility for coordinating our topics and speakers.

2007 Nominations

At the November meeting, as is our tradition, we nominated candidates for offices and Board of Director positions due for election in December. As a quick review, all terms are two years. The Board has six positions. Three are elected each year. There are five officers:

- President
- Vice President
- General Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Secretary

The President and Vice President are elected in even-numbered years, the others in odd-numbered years.

We had only one nomination for each office.

General Secretary – Cathy Wendler

Treasurer – Nancy Marron

Membership Secretary – Niki Shaffer

So there is not much suspense with that part of the election. Three members of the Board of Directors will be selected from the following four nominees,

- Jim Berk
- Dawn Breer
- Suzanne Dohack
- Christine Kinkade

BTW, in presenting these names, in various places, I elected to use alphabetical, by last name, order.

So there is some competition for the Board. Please vote! The best way to vote is to come to the December meeting. New this year (see article later) we will have absentee voting. There is a prior attendance requirement for absentee voting, so if you would like to vote, and have not attended four meetings this year, you must come to the meeting, at which any current member may vote.

Absentee Voting

At the November Board meeting we decided to allow absentee voting in the upcoming election. A ballot is included in the printed December newsletter. If you are reading this electronically, you can [get the ballot online, here](#). Active members in good standing may complete the ballot and return it to Dave Kinkade, by Saturday December 15, the day before the election. *Member in good standing*, means your dues are paid for 2007. *Active*, means you have attended four meetings since the last election.

Ballots will be validated and included in the vote count at the regular December meeting. You may also FAX your ballot to, (314) 427-3679. Fax ballots must be received by midnight 12/10/2007.

All Our Children

Carole Grommet

For our September meeting/program members of GPC spent a wonderful afternoon at the World Bird Sanctuary where the staff treated us to their rainforest program. We all fell in love with Quasimodo, the Thick Billed Parrot who danced and performed the Tequila song for us, ending his dance with the word “Tequila”. He was so cute. We also were fortunate to see other insects, snakes, birds, etc., of the rainforest. If you haven’t been to the World Bird Sanctuary, add it to your list of places to visit. In addition to birds of prey, mammals, reptiles, etc., they do have parrots and several of them perform in their shows. The sanctuary does a wonderful job with all the educational programs they offer to groups, classes, scouts, retirement homes, etc. Throughout the year they also provide many special programs. Check out their website:

<http://www.WorldBirdSanctuary.org/>

The Gateway Parrot Club donated \$500.00 to the sanctuary this year and to adopt several parrots. We adopted Rodney (Red Lored Amazon), Quasimodo and Arizona (Thick-Billed Parrots), Nemo (African Grey), Rio (Green Winged Macaw), and last but not least, Romeo (Cockatiel). Below is a brief description and summary of the parrots we adopted. I would like to state that the descriptions are copied directly from the information provided us by the sanctuary.

Rodney (Red Lored Amazon)

Rodney is one of the sanctuary's orphans. He was left on the doorstep of the Milwaukee County Zoo's Bird Shows in the mid 1980's, therefore his age is uncertain. He has been part of the Office of Wildlife Learning (O.W.L.) programs ever since. Rodney helps educate audiences about the plight of exotic birds who are purchased (sometimes illegally), and then abandoned by their owners when they discover how much care a parrot needs. Most recently he has been part of their Care of Critters presentations. Rodney is a real favorite with visitors and staff alike. He has a very good vocabulary and can be heard saying "Hi", "Hello", "Hello Cookie". He also squeals like a guinea pig, and meows. If you listen very closely, you might also hear him say "I want my ball back!"

Quasimodo (Thick Billed Parrot)

When Quasi hatched in 1998 it was apparent he had wing and foot deformities. He was not able to join the flock of free flying Thick Bills, however he could become an education ambassador for this endangered species. Quasi has become a very popular AND VOCAL member of the Education Department.

Quasi has been part of the Clarksville, MO and Milwaukee Zoo education team, and now entertains visitors to the Nature Center with his happy-go-lucky personality and surprising vocabulary. Even though he is a special needs bird (can't crack large nuts without help, has special needs when on the glove of perching, can't fly), no one would ever know it because of his engaging nature. He loves shows, rooms that echo, people, baths in a shallow bowl, grapes, sunflower seeds, apples; however, he's not too crazy about spray baths.

Arizona (Thick Billed Parrot)

Arizona was bred at the World Bird Sanctuary (hatch date of August 28, 1996) from their captive flock of Thick-Billed Parrots. He was later selected to participate in the sanctuary's education programs. He has a great personality with a large vocabulary and often asks staff to sing. Without any help at all Arizona can sing the entire "Tequila" song. Arizona loves to ask questions and really enjoys playing outside in the sun. He also loves to ring the bell in his cage.

This endangered species was the focus of the Milwaukee County Zoological Society's fundraising project in 2004. They raised money by selling buttons featuring a photograph of this endangered species. All of the money raised was sent to the sanctuary to help care of the sanctuary's Thick-Billed Parrot flock. Because of his great personality, Arizona is often used as a "teaser" bird

before the sanctuary's shows. In 2007 he has part of the sanctuary's tour in Texas and New Mexico.

Nemo (African Grey)

Nemo hatched on November 2, 2003 by a local breeder and acquired by the sanctuary in May 2004 to become a member of their Care for Critters program. From May until September 2005 he was a part of the Milwaukee County Zoo Bird Show. Nemo has a very sweet, happy-go-lucky personality and is fast becoming a favorite of all who work with him. True to the African Grey Parrot's reputation of being one of the most intelligent of their species, Nemo appears to learn very quickly. He has a vocabulary that increases almost daily and learns new behaviors in an amazingly short period of time. He learned to wave in less than a week! He loves unusual sounds and whistles, and his favorite foods are grapes, bananas, and peanuts.

Rio (Green Winged Macaw)

Rio was hatched March 18, 1996 at Reg-Mar Aviary, Royal Palm Beach FL. He joined the cast at Reptile Gardens, where he underwent training and performed until September 2000 when he was given to the sanctuary. They reported him to be very territorial and an unreliable flier. Upon arrival at WBS he underwent evaluation and observation by the staff at the Educational Training Center (ETC) and was judged to be a good display bird that could be retrained with patience and positive reinforcement. He will do anything for bananas!

Rio was sent to the Clarksville Nature Center where he was given the one on one attention that he needed. In March 2002 he was transferred to the Office of Wildlife Learning (O.W.L.) at the sanctuary where he receives the attention and training that macaws need on a daily basis. He is everyone's favorite. He has learned to recycle, and is acquiring quite a vocabulary.

Rio loves to shout out the vacuum cleaner. Macaws and other parrots can be extremely noisy; one of the reasons many private individuals find they cannot keep their bird. Also, they are very long lived; often outliving their owners. If you are considering a parrot, be sure to name a guardian for him in your will.

Romeo (Cockatiel)

Romeo was hatched in 1987--that makes him 20 years old! He belonged to the sanctuary's Director of Education, who felt that he could play a more important role as an education bird than as a family pet. Cockatiels are a very social and gregarious species, traveling in large flocks in their native Australia. Because of this

they love to be around people, and interact very well with humans. They are very popular as family pets. Most people, however, are unaware that cockatiels (especially the males), are good talkers. Romeo whistles back when you whistle to him. He can say "Pretty Bird", "Hi Romeo", "Hi Twerp", "Pretty Twerpie Bird", and makes up his own combinations of those words.

This happy, sociable little bird is now an important part of the sanctuary's Girl Scout programs, teaching children the responsibilities of having a pet. Most days he can be found in the Office of Wildlife Learning's Nature Center sitting under his bell which he likes to wear as a "hat".

The Gateway Parrot Club has a nice variety of "foster" parrots at the sanctuary. If you visit, be sure to ask the staff to see our adopted parrots. Our adoption donation helps the sanctuary feed, house and train the birds for the coming year. If you would like a discount card (10%) for any item in their gift shop, check with me (Carole Grommet) at the meeting, and I will provide you with one, or email me (rcgrommet@charter.net) and I can send you one via snail mail.

The parrot club received a nice package on all the birds we adopted which included a picture, life history, certificate of adoption, and many other items. These packages will become part of the GPC library.

St. Louis is fortunate to have the World Bird Sanctuary so close. I love volunteering in the office every Tuesday morning. They can always use more volunteers so check their website if you are interested.

If you would like to learn more about the Thick-Billed Parrots, check out this website or do a search for other articles on them: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thick-billed_Parrot

Editor's Note: The GPC has been involved with the Thick Bills since their arrival at WBS, more than five years ago. We funded an early study of the Thick Bills. That information can be found on our website; available as a [Word document](#) and printed in the [June 2003 newsletter](#) as PDF.

Pierre's Story

By Cliff Patterson

Pierre was a sweet, quiet little baby Quaker, born at The Baby Bird Farm with several brothers and sisters. He slept in a big fuzzy pile with them in the brooder when he was small, then grew into a fine young male Quaker.

He moved to a big weaned baby cage with all the toys and things, but unfortunately for him, he was preceded by several large clutches of other baby Quakers. This meant that he didn't get a home of his own right away.

Then one summer's afternoon, a very nice lady from a college town in Wisconsin called The Baby Bird Farm. She had decided that their family needed a baby Quaker to teach responsibility to her young teenage daughter, who had always wanted a bird. The woman had done some research and decided that the Quaker's personality and talking ability would be perfect, and she had already gotten a cage for the new addition.

Pierre and his brothers and sisters were loaded into a carrier and driven up to Wisconsin. All the babies were let out to run around and play on the family room floor, and the family spent an hour chasing them and cuddling with them. Each family member had a preference, but the daughter liked the quiet little guy who snuggled with her, and Pierre was selected!

He was a lucky little guy. Everyone in the family liked him, and he willingly went to all of them. He had a nice cage in the family room, and he got regular love and attention. Best of all, on warm afternoons he would get to sit on his boing on the big screened-in porch on the side of the house. Pierre would watch the woman of the house gardening and call back and forth to the birds. He even had a special whistle he used to communicate with the cardinals that frequented the yard. Going out to the porch was his very favorite thing to do.

Pierre never learned as many phrases as some Quakers did. His favorite phrase was "PEEK-a-boo!," which he would say whenever someone asked "Where's Pierre?" He also used it in the morning to remind folks that he was waiting patiently for his cage cover to be removed.

He quickly learned how to beg treats when the family was eating, and often would be allowed to share meals with his family. He

Sue Owens

Hello, readers. My name is Sue, and I am servant to six parrots. They are (in order of seniority) Koko, age 18 (Congo African Grey)... he's been here 13 years now. Jojo (age 11) is next in seniority. She is a feisty and lovely normal grey cockatiel lady, and she's been with us for nearly as long as Koko... 11 years.

Then comes Harley, age around 11 (Greenwing macaw). Harley is really a girl but I called him "he" for so long that it's kind of stuck.

She/he's been here for nine and a half years. Next in line is Phoenix (Catalina macaw), who is somewhere around 12 years old. She came here in 1999. The smallest, greenest and meanest family member is Dash, a Quaker parrot (age around eight).

He was a freebie, a gift from someone who saw our parrot web page and didn't want him anymore so gave him away. After a month or so, I could see why! Dash has been here since 2003. Last but not least, we have Tooie, age 14... he's a Mollucan cock-
atoo. He adopted us last year so he's the new kid on the block.

Human members of my family are Jackie ("Why Can't We Just Have a Quiet Cat?") - college student and reluctant care-giver. Then there's my life partner, Boy Bird Toy ("Why Didn't I Fall In Love With a Normal Woman?"), who also doubles as food provider, jungle gym, and porta-potty. We'll refer to him in future stories as BBT.

I've been an on-again-off-again Gateway Parrot Club member for probably around ten years now. Mostly off, sad to say. I love to talk about my guys, and I love to read about parrots in general. I hope by writing a bit in the newsletter, I can share what I've learned over the years, and spark you into sharing your stories too.

You've probably woke up in the middle of the night to hear contented beak grinds, got up to get a snack, stepped on a nut shell and said @\$)# and wondered why the \$(#)\$ you have birds, haven't you? Admit it! I bet you've tried to watch an important movie or TV program, only to have the soundtrack drowned out by BWWWAARCKK! (said repeatedly), haven't you? Admit it! Sometimes it all seems like a horrible mistake, doesn't it? Admit it! But then... dammit... you touch the soft feathers, have your eyebrows groomed gently, get a loving deposit of food in your hand - and you know why you're hooked. Admit it!

also loved to share showers with family members, sitting happily on his shower perch and fluffing up in the mist.

Last month the family decided to go up north to their summer cottage. Not only was Pierre included, but they even invited a neighbor family to go with them too, including their children and small dog. It was a big happy group, and that Saturday afternoon Pierre was out of his cage, sitting on the side of a bowl and sharing a small piece of potato chip with the daughter.

He jumped off of the bowl and down to the table top and came waddling toward the daughter to beg another piece. Suddenly there was a flash of brown fur, and Pierre was gone! He was snatched up when the neighbor's dog made a big jump and got him off of the edge of the table.

They immediately caught the dog and rescued Pierre from him, but it was too late. The mother described to me how she felt watching her daughter sobbing, cuddling Pierre to her breast and telling him how much she loved him as he closed his eyes for the last time.

I can't write this without tears coming to my eyes. When you raise a lot of babies, you only stay in contact with a few of the adopting families. I used to receive regular Pierre updates, and I felt like I still knew the little guy.

Everyone packed up and headed home early because the vacation was spoiled, of course. Everyone blamed themselves for the awful thing that happened. The women were starting dinner, and the children were playing and there was a lot of commotion. The dog had been outside and must have followed someone back through the door when they reentered. He had been near Pierre's cage before and had never shown any interest in the bird.

The dog was a friendly little guy. This wasn't his fault because he was just following a sudden instinct. Remember, our dogs are descended from hunters.

Our birds depend on us for their safety. Please, don't ever allow something like this to befall your Quaker. Don't ever trust your dog or cat just because he's never made a move on your bird before. It only takes a second for Pierre's story to happen to you.

I'm happy to report that the daughter just took home another baby Quaker, which she promises will never get within snatching distance of any other pet. The baby isn't Pierre, of course, but he's helping the daughter recover from a cruel lesson.

Cliff Patterson is a GPC member, proprietor of the [Baby Bird Farm](#), and regular participant in our annual Fair.

I love these guys for their intelligence, their emotion, their beauty, their interactiveness, their unique and fascinating personalities, their ability to adapt to a totally foreign world with totally foreign beings (i.e., us) with grace, humor, courage, tenacity. With the exception of Miss Jojo, all my guys came here as used parrots, some from abusive backgrounds. Of most of them I have little or no knowledge of their backgrounds or former households, other than what I've gleaned from their speech and initial interactions with us. It's humbling to know that (as preschool teachers know) our interactions with these wondrous beings will be recorded and repeated to everyone else they contact, for the rest of their very long lives.

I hope to write of my adventures and misadventures with my family - feathers and naked --and entertain and enlighten you. I'll ask our Esteemed Editor to include my email address with each and every post and if you have comments you'd like included, please send them. Hey, if I can write an article, so can you! I'm a nurse by trade, not an author. The newsletter can really make this club a lot of fun, don't you think?

Contact Sue at Sue.Owens@GatewayParrotClub.org

Recipe of the Month

Birdie Lunch

Posted by: Julia Waldman - August 6, 2003

- 1 part small red beans
- 1 part hulled millet
- 1 part lentils
- 1 part brown rice
- 1 part chopped walnuts

Cook the beans, millet, lentils, and rice and mix together with walnuts. Add any other additions you think of such as egg, carrots, etc. Freeze and thaw in microwave.

Recipe from the [Birds n Ways website](http://www.birdsnways.com), www.birdsnways.com

Book Picks of the Month

Christine Kinkade

Dear Readers,

I will not be bringing any Library Picks to the December meeting, due to the fact that we will be having a very busy meeting with elections and the Christmas Holiday Party. However, if you have any library requests that I can bring to the December meeting, I will be glad to do so. A complete list of books can be found on the GPC website. You can also return any books from the November meeting at the December meeting.

A complete listing of the GPC library is available on the GPC website www.GatewayParrotClub.org. If you wish to check out any of these, or any of our books, please contact me prior to the next GPC meeting by phone (636) 343-8097, or email at Librarian@GatewayParrotClub.org, and I will bring them to the next meeting.

Please note that some books are quite old and some of the information may be a little outdated. Please keep this in mind when reading the books.

All books checked out should be returned at the following GPC meeting. If that is not possible, please return the books by mail to Christine Kinkade, 2412 Angela Dr., High Ridge, MO. 63049-2848.

Happy reading!

Christine

AAV Article

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Clinical Management of Feather Damaging Behavior
Associated with Inflammatory Skin Disease in Parrots

Susan L. Clubb, DVM, Dipl ABVP Avian

Inflammatory skin disease (ISD) in parrots can be a reflection of an underlying systemic inflammatory disease, and is associated with feather damaging behavior (FDB). ISD is mostly likely analogous to hypersensitivity or allergic dermatitis in mammals.

The predominant clinical signs of ISD are pruritus and plucking or damaging the feathers. Some birds also have dry, flaky skin. The skin often has insufficient subcutaneous fatty tissue, giving it a reddish color from muscle layers below. In severe cases, birds may mutilate the skin as well. Owners may describe the bird as having severe episodes of obvious discomfort, often jumping, twitching, or vocalizing as if irritated.

Onset may coincide with molting and may indicate follicular inflammation associated with the emergence of feathers. Birds may discontinue the behavior when moved to a new location, which may logically remove it from the offending allergens. Owners often report that they brought a FDB bird into their home and the behavior stopped. They may associate this change with improvements in diet or providing more toys while the response may actually be due to removal from the source of allergens. This response may be temporary as the bird becomes sensitized to new allergens in the new environment.

ISD cannot be definitively diagnosed by physical exam. Diagnosis is based on paired skin biopsy as previously described. In this procedure, the bird is anesthetized and two growing feathers with a small section of skin surrounding each are biopsied for histopathologic examination. One sample is taken from an area of skin where the bird is plucking, and another sample is taken from an area of skin where the bird is not plucking or cannot reach.

Therapy for ISD is based upon reduction or control of the allergic response with antihistamines (depending on species—not all bird species benefit from antihistamines), provision of a hypoallergenic diet if possible, elimination of allergens as much as possible, and provision of optimum levels of specific nutrients that help to control inflammation, and enhance metabolism. I have found supplementation and balancing omega 3 and omega 6 fatty acids, which is often used in other species to reduce inflammation, is also clinically beneficial in birds.

The standard approach when dogs are suspected of having food allergies is to simplify the diet as much as possible, excluding foods, especially proteins, that are suspected to be allergenic. The author has found that feeding an exclusion diet to birds may consist of a simplified balanced formulated diet to be clinically beneficial. I have used a hypoallergenic extruded diet based on rice and with high levels of flax seed and found it successful in some birds, but acceptance is often challenging (Kaytee Products, HA Prescription Diet, Chilton, WI, USA). Manufacturers of hypoallergenic diets for dogs generally recommend that the exclusion diet be provided as the sole diet for at least 8 weeks to assess success.

This can be challenging for many bird owners. Preferably, birds should be fed at the owner's mealtime to reduce begging for human foods. Supplemental foods and treats should be provided from the list below.

- Cooked or canned salmon
- Cooked chicken
- Spinach or kale
- Green peppers
- Green beans

- Cooked eggs
- Almonds
- Shelled Brazil nuts (raw unsalted)
- Spirulina—(if marine algae)
- Olive oil
- Strawberries
- Cantaloupe
- Tofu
- Garlic
- Chickpeas
- Pinto beans
- Soybeans (roasted)
- Cottage cheese
- Sunflower seeds (shelled-limited quantity)
- Black beans
- Lentils

In the initial exclusion phase of dietary restrictions, additional foods should not be given. After the first two months, new foods should be added — one item a week—in order to detect specific items to which the bird may be sensitive.

Bathing, even with only fresh water, helps to reduce skin inflammation. I recommend bathing the bird at least twice weekly. Soak the bird with tepid, fresh water. Ideally, the bird should be allowed to dry in sunlight. A solution of aloe vera may be sprayed on the feathers and skin once or twice weekly, especially if the skin is very irritated (Aloe Vera Detoxifying Formula, Naturade, Inc, 14370 Myford Road, Irvine, CA, USA). One oz. contains 29.6 ml of aloe vera gel, 600 mg aloe vera pulp. Aloe vera gel or solution is mixed 2 tsp in 8 oz. water to spray on skin. To prevent buildup of aloe vera on feathers, intermittent fresh water baths are recommended. Aloe vera may also be administered in drinking water at the rate of 1/4 tsp in 1 cup water.

It is important to avoid getting oil supplements on the bird's feathers because they can cause matting and discoloration. If feathers become soiled with oil, they can serve as a substrate for saprophytic fungi to grow on the feathers.

Release #11, November, 2006. The Association of Avian Veterinarians welcomes membership from veterinarians with an interest in avian medicine. Annual meetings and a quarterly journal provide a format for the latest in avian medical information. Is your veterinarian a member?

2008 Schedule

Here are our meeting dates for 2008. We will post more information about meeting topics as it becomes available. Unless noted, all meetings are at the Kirkwood Community Center, on the third Sunday of each month. The Board meeting is at 12:30 PM, followed by the general meeting at 2:00 PM.

January 20
February 17
March 16
April 20
May 18
June 8 (second Suncay)
July 20
August – Fair
September 21
October 19
November 16
December 14

Our Mission

The Gateway Parrot Club, Inc. is a not for profit organization established in 1988 to:

Bring people together in a friendly atmosphere in the interest of exchanging information on bird care and breeding.

Create interest in bird care and responsible breeding through monthly educational programs and annual bird fairs.

Reduce neglect, cruelty and abuse of captive birds through education and public outreach.

Educate the public, as well as ourselves, on the ever present danger of extinction in the wild.

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We welcome your comments and suggestions...

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