



# BIRD LINE NEWS

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## Wild Quaker Parrot Protection Bill Moves Forward in NY City Council

Tony Avella, a NY City council member with an outstanding 100 percent score on the League of Humane Voters checklist, is putting together a bill to protect the wild Quaker Parrots of Brooklyn and New York City, and that he plans to introduce such a bill before National Bird Day (January 5, 2009). While the final language of this bill has not yet been formulated, it will protect our beloved wild parrots from the poaching and other inhumane treatment that have afflicted wild parrot flocks in the past several years. This bill is important, because New York's wild Quaker Parrots have no legal protection now from those wishing to do them harm. But it must be passed in order to have effect. This is why I ask you to express your support for such legislation by writing directly to Mr. Avella's office.

For those wishing to write letters, here's the info:  
NYC Council Member - Tony Avella

38-50 Bell Blvd., Suite C, Bayside, NY 11361

For those wishing to write e-mail, please send it to the attention of Rebecca Sheehan, of Councilman Avella's office: [m19sheeh@council.nyc.ny.us](mailto:m19sheeh@council.nyc.ny.us)

Lady Biya Sama (<http://biyasama.com>), Knowne World Aviculturists

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[Online Calendar](#)

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January 2009 - Dr. Len Donato

February 2009 - Dr. Bob DiGregorio

March 2009 - Dr. Kimberly Bowers

## Upcoming Events

Maryland Pet Expo JAN 23, 24 & 25

[www.worldofpets.org](http://www.worldofpets.org)

## Parrot of the Month A-Z

The wild parrot is formally known as a Quaker parrot, Quaker parakeet, or Monk parrot or parakeet. 'Parakeet' is the common classification for smaller members of the parrot family. They are scientifically known as *Myiopsitta monachus*.

**Origin:** South America, including parts of Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Bolivia and Uruguay. Due to owners releasing these birds either deliberately or accidentally, and well-documented events in the Northeast of a more massive release of the breed, wild parrots have established themselves in the U.S. from Florida to Illinois. [\(find out more online\)](#)

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### MEMBER PROFILES

All members are encouraged to create a profile of themselves and their birds. Send a picture and a brief bio to [golato@mac.com](mailto:golato@mac.com)





**Erika's "Green Scene"**

Since this is a new article for the newsletter and we are starting off a New Year, I thought I would provide you a list of items you might consider purchasing to convert your home to a more environmentally friendly place for you and your birds:

- White Vinegar
- Baking Soda
- Lemon Juice
- Tea Tree Oil
- Washing Soda/Borax
- Liquid Soap
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Cinnamon Sticks or other aromatic herbs
- Coarse Salt
- Cream of Tartar

Well that is a long enough list to get you started. Look around your home, you might be amazed at what you already have. Next month I will start the cleaning recipes! Hope your holidays were joyous!

Erika Scarborough

**Saving My Bird...and her Babies**

Early one morning last month, I visited my aviary and discovered that one of my breeders had a night fright – a very unusual occurrence for my birds. I checked the cage and noticed that my Whiteface hen’s wing was all the way down and covered with blood. Checking her wing for any injury, I saw that her wing socket and tendon were all damaged.

I knew that bringing her to the vet would cost her life so I made the kind of professional judgment I saw when I was a practicing OR Nurse....saving a life even at the cost of losing a limb. I hurriedly took my emergency kit and cauterized the bleeders (to prevent further blood loss) and partially removed her wing. Making that decision was hard but I knew how important it was. Everything went well and the procedure relaxed her.

This lifesaving measure not only saved my bird’s life but the lives of her babies. Four eggs were incubating in her nest and that day, to my amazement, the male took over the job of incubating their eggs. This made me think that he was aware that she was injured.

The next day, I placed the female back in the breeder’s cage and, after a few minutes, she replaced her partner in incubating their eggs. As the days passed and their routines went back to normal, I heard the tweeting noise in their nest box. The first egg hatched, followed by the second and then the third one (the last one was infertile).

I was so happy and felt proud that I had saved my bird’s life as well as those of her babies! She may have less of a wing but her will to not give up for the sake of her eggs (and soon-to-be-babies) made her more very special to me. Now she and her partner have three babies that are growing bigger every day. Soon they will flap their wings to say good-bye to their mother who never gave up in spite of having the pain and not having that other wing to give them comfort during their incubation period.

I am pretty sure that if the mother had died, I would have lost the three babies as well. This experience not only shows how my profession as a nurse saved my bird’s life but also that that my bird and I share an important trait – never give up easily!

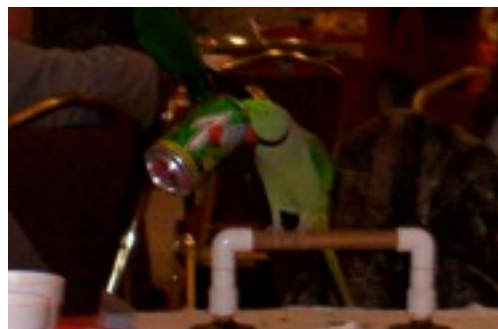
Francis D. Hilario

**2008 HOLIDAY PARTY**



Good Food, Good Friends and Good Conversation are the ingredients for a successful club and something we come to expect from our monthly meetings but add in some funny hats and glitter and you get one “Santa Sized” good time. Click the Link for photos of the festivities: [BIRD LINE PHOTOS](#)

**FUN & GAMES**



WHO AM I???

Guess the name of this bird, the Species and the owner. You need to have at least 2 of the categories to get a point for that picture. You can e-mail your response to [frandelhisflyers@rcn.com](mailto:frandelhisflyers@rcn.com) and the winner will be announced during that Newsletter’s monthly meeting

**IN MEMORIAM**

*Barry Tothero June 1, 1954 - December 3, 2008*



Barry’s love for birds all started in 1980 while he and his wife Linda were vacationing in Florida. He fell in love with a Cherry Headed Conure while at a Pet Stop. Barry and the Conure had an instant connection and this consequently changed his life. This one bird led to another and then another until his family included 2 Scarlet Macaws, 2 Green Wing Macaws, 1 Blue and Gold, Severe Macaws, a Moluccan Cockatoo and a Sun Conure. Barry was very active with DELCO Bird Club. He was always part of the raffle table during our Bird Marts, joined outreaches and other club activities in spite of his busy schedule. His love and knowledge of birds is something we will all truly miss. Wherever you are, we are forever grateful for sharing your love with our "feathered" friends and we are here to spread the wings that you always wanted to be for all. (Photo Page 11)

**Our thoughts are with you...**

We would also like to send our condolences to Keith Flury and his family on the passing of Keith’s father-in-law. Keith has been a long time and active member of the Delco Bird Club. Please remember his family in your thoughts during this tough time.

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January 2009

# Foster



*Species: Eclectus*  
*Owner: Diane King*

*Frandelhi*

**This information gathered from:**

<http://www.honolulu zoo.org>

**ECLECTUS PARROT:** There are several subspecies of eclectus parrots and the female feather color patterns in those subspecies vary according to the subspecies, from having a blue breast and belly ( *E. r. aruensis*, *E. r. biaki*, *E. r. polychloros*, and *E. r. solomonensis*), to having a lavender breast (*E. r. vosmaeri*) or purple breast (*E. r. roratus*). Males will also vary from a bright yellowish green (*E. r. solomonensis* and *E. r. vosmaeri*) to a dark emerald green (*E. r. polychloros*, *E. r. biaki* and *E. r. aruensis*).

**DISTRIBUTION:** Eclectus parrots are found in Lesser Sundas, Solomon islands, New Guinea, and NE Australia. In the early 1980's they

were found to be among the most common parrots in the Moluccan

widely through the upper canopy in search of fruits, nuts, nectar and leaf

four times. While feeding they have a wailing cry or a mellow flute-like call.



**Since Foster is our Bird of the Month, here are some basic facts about Eclectus Parrots**

Islands. They are birds of lowland forests and clumps of tall trees.

**BEHAVIOR:** These birds are strong fliers and on long flights, they fly high above the forest canopy. Calling loudly, pairs or small parties travel

buds. In the evening they engage in display flights before gathering in large groups of up to 80 birds to roost for the night.

They have two distinct calls. In flight a harsh, screeching is repeated three or

**DIET:** Eclectus parrots feed on fruits, seeds, nuts, berries, leaf buds, blossoms and nectar, all of which are procured mainly in the treetops.

**GROWTH AND REPRODUCTION:** The nest is in a hole in the trunk of a tall tree standing near the edge of the forest or in a clearing in the forest.

Two eggs are laid on wood chips lining the bottom of the hollow. The female, who sits at the nest, is fed at frequent intervals by the male. Only the female broods, and does so for 28 days. She leaves the nest about twice a day to be fed by the male. The young birds leave the nest at a little over 12 weeks after hatching.

**Cockatiels**

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Send an e-mail to [Frandelhisflyers@rcn.com](mailto:Frandelhisflyers@rcn.com) and I will be happy to send pictures and discuss further details.

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**For Sale (3 items)**

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[www.thebrooder.com/model.htm](http://www.thebrooder.com/model.htm)  
Used once to pick up baby African Greys from out of state. Practically new and comes with car charger. Original cost was \$369.99 asking \$200.00.

Cage used for an African grey: purchased new for about \$300 asking \$100.

Price negotiable, extra bowls included with the cage. Two custom breeder cages, used for African greys and are still in good shape. Asking \$100 for both.

Contact Richard Elijah at 215-490-6464. I can deliver, or items can be picked up at my house in the Germantown section of Philadelphia.

**Finches For Sale**

Gouldians, shafttails, red faced parrot finches. Call Dave for availability at 610-566-5103

For Sale - Green Rump Parrotlet babies: I have several of these little gems available. All have been hand fed and are tame, price \$225 - \$250.

Also have a few birds that I would be interested in trading for other Green Rump blood lines. Call Lori Castle at 717-957-4241

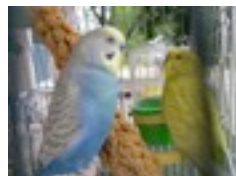
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**PARAKEET BABIES AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION**

Baby parakeets available for adoption from DelCo Bird Club member. Tweety and Charie had 6 babies! They are only a little over 1 month old, so I cannot distinguish the sexes yet. 2 are yellow and yellow-green like Charie, the mother; 2 are blue and white like Tweety the father; 2 are pale gray and white. Please call Maria Ciafre at 610-331-9833 if interested. Please eave a message if no one answers.



**DECEMBER 2008 BOARD MEETING**

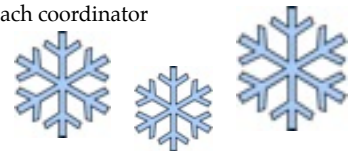
The December board meeting was held on Tuesday 12/15. Once again it was lively and productive. We are moving right along with the new format for the newsletter. We now have Nic Golato for our new newsletter editor. He has lots of great experience and ideas to keep us on track and help with the electronic changeover. Also, the board unanimously accepted Ray Butler's nomination as our new 1st Vice President. Kudos for Ray!! We discussed possible opportunities for a membership drive, such as having a table at Media Day, the Upper Darby High School Flea Markets, or Penn State. We will also be putting our brochures in local vet offices to advertise our club. If you have any other ideas please let us know. We will be including a general Q & A time at our monthly meetings. If you should have any questions about bird care or anything about the club please speak up. No question is silly and I guarantee someone else in the room will also want to know the same thing!!

Margie Lyon  
DELCO Bird Club Secretary

**OUTREACH UPDATE**

The cooler months are upon us. We will be curled up by the fire keeping warm  
Unless there is the rare request for an Outreach at this time of year.  
I will keep you posted as requests come in.  
Many Thanks to all our members that participated in our Outreaches this past year.

Esther Scholz  
Outreach coordinator



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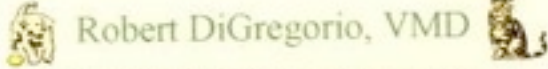
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*The Adventures of the DELCO Bird Club*

## JANUARY 2009

**Online and on the street • The DELCO Bird Club is the place for Exotic Bird Enthusiasts in Delaware County, Pennsylvania • Spread your wings & fly with us**



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