



# THE CAPITAL FLYER

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## Survival of the Golden Conure

The plight of the Golden Conure will be the focus of the October meeting of the NCBC. Mr. Glenn Reynolds, a director of the World Parrot Trust (WPT) and the Golden Conure Survival Fund Administrator, will speak on the endangered Golden Conure and the work of the WPT to assist this endangered parrot. He will be showing slides of the Golden Conure, some of which are rarely seen. He will describe how you can help to ensure that this beautiful bird does not become extinct in the wild.

Glenn has owned and bred parrots from 1979, which include Cockatoos, Cockatiels, Hyacinth Macaws, Golden Conures, and Palm Cockatoos. In 1988 he founded 'Avicare' health and life insurance for parrots, which was underwritten by Lloyds of London. In May 1996, he began working on the formulation of Breeder's Blend Bird Food with the assistance of his wife, Julia Jones Reynolds, DVM, and Dr. Edward Moser, Veterinary Nutritionist. In 1998, he began working with Mike Reynolds, a founder of the WPT, to spearhead The World Parrot Trust-USA Golden Conure Survival Fund. Glenn is the Golden Conure Survival Fund Administrator and has raised almost \$30,000 for the Golden Conures over the last two years.

Because of the success of this fund, the World Parrot Trust has now designated 11 other species-specific survival funds to be modeled after the Golden Conure Fund. Collectively the funds are referred to as the WPT 12. They include: The Lear's Macaw, the Golden Conure, the Great Green or Buffon's Macaw, the St. Vincent Amazon, the Echo Parakeet, the African Grey Parrot, the Black Palm Cockatoo, the Kakapo, the Red-throated Lorikeet, and the Moluccan Cockatoo.

Glenn is currently working closely with James D. Gilardi, Ph.D., Director of the WPT, trying to get these funds started and assist others who may wish to head up one of these 12 species-specific funds. Glenn is working as a coordinator/advisor for the WPT-12 and has most recently been given a position on the Board of Directors/Trustees of the World Parrot Trust.

## Golden Conure Fund *Tucurui dam caused devastation*

We have long been concerned about this Brazilian species which has suffered from tremendous loss of its rainforest habitat and being a highly sought after bird for trade. We decided to set up a WPT 'Golden Conure Fund', see August 2000 PsittaScene. We contacted Dr. Carlos Yamashita, Brazil's leading parrot biologist, who has conducted previous research into the Golden Conure. He is anxious to do more to help its preservation. We published a detailed proposal from Dr. Charles Munn III in the August 1999 PsittaScene. The Golden Conure Fund is based in our  
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### FUTURE MEETINGS

October 14\*\*  
November 18\*\*  
December 2

\*\* Note date change

### FUTURE SPEAKERS

Oct - Glenn Reynolds  
Nov - David LaVoy  
Dec - Christmas Party

### Special Note

Birds are welcome at the October meeting but do not bring birds to the November 2001 meeting. The speaker will be bringing his birds and is concerned about disease transmission.

## Rosemary Low's Response to Tom Marshall's "The Scapegoating of Aviculture"

Tom Marshall has supported the WPT for much of its existence, which I appreciate. During that period of 12 years the disturbing problem of unwanted (and abused) parrots has increased to the point that it has become a major issue. We must all change our attitudes and actions in an attempt to alleviate this problem.

Tom Marshall states that it is not the responsibility of the breeder or the pet shop to determine the suitability of purchasers of companion parrots. I know owners of pet stores who will not sell a parrot to someone they deem unsuitable and I applaud this responsible attitude. Most pet store staff do not have the option to make such a decision as they are merely sales people. It is for this reason that caring breeders never sell their young to pet stores. I also know many breeders who refuse to sell to individuals who do not measure up to their expectations of a suitable owner, because they care deeply about the future of the parrots they have raised. Breeders who do not care have motives which are commercial only. Unfortunately, there are too many of these breeders.

During recent years I have seen an

increasing trend among caring breeders to cease breeding parrots (although like myself, they still keep parrots) because they are so disturbed at the trend parrot keeping has taken and have no confidence in finding committed people who will own a parrot over the long term.

The statement that 'breeders primarily breed for pleasure' used to be true of all breeders a couple of decades ago. Anyone who believes this today is deluding themselves. If this is true, why are the majority of breeding pairs kept in totally inadequate conditions from the aspects of space and stimulation? There is little pleasure to be gained (except monetary) in keeping intelligent, playful and sensitive birds in this way. Why do so many breeders' set-ups resemble all-wire breeding factories?

Tom suggests that I and others who suggest that breeders are partly to blame for unwanted parrots, should first solve the problem of unwanted cats and dogs, and even human babies and he can then get a grasp on why so many unwanted birds need to be rescued. The bottom line is that it is breeders and (outside the USA) importers who provide the birds which sadly become unwanted. The

statement that the law of supply and demand will dictate when a breeder should cease breeding a certain species sounds logical but is not borne out in practice – at least in the UK. The over-breeding and importation of some species results in very low prices and this is partly why so many parrots quickly become unwanted. Little thought is given to the purchase and disposal of inexpensive items. It is sad that the monetary value of some living creatures is so low. The only way to increase it is to reduce numbers bred and (outside the USA which country had the sense to stop parrot importation nearly a decade ago) to prohibit importation.

I do agree with Tom that it is not only breeders who are to blame. Many of the parrots they sell have the potential to make wonderful companions. That potential is never realized because too many owners have neither the time, commitment nor sensitivity to care for a parrot. Those who are giving up breeding them are well aware of this.

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### My Opinion

by Carol Rees

The problem of unwanted, abused, neglected, and discarded parrots seems to be causing some dissension within the pet bird community. It is my belief that almost all big problems do not have a single cause nor a single easy solution. They typically are complex with many causes and require multiple solutions, which in most cases we don't have much of a clue as to what they are. While it is often desirable and satisfying to jump in with a solution, most times it is

prudent to step back and examine the problem before jumping to any conclusions.

Our society continually performs a balancing act between personal freedoms and its needs. The world is overpopulated, yet only China has placed restrictions on the number of children people may have; a large number of parents neglect their children, yet you don't have to pass a test to become a parent; millions of unwanted dogs and cats are euthanized yearly by animal shelters, yet I am personally grateful to the breeders who saw fit to breed the parrots that I own.

It does upset me to hear that there are many unwanted, abused, and neglected pet birds that need a home. And it does appear, considering the long lifespan of most parrots, that this will be an ever increasing problem.

My hope is that this issue becomes a main topic for discussion in the pet bird community, as to exact problem and possible solutions. There are many varied abilities and experiences of the pet bird community that when combined can accomplish so much more than when divided.

## Golden Conure Fund

### *Tucurui dam caused devastation continued...*

WPT-USA office, and Glenn Reynolds (8338 Terra Grande Ave., Springfield VA 22153, USA, fax: 703-644-6415, e-mail: goldenconurefund@breedersblend.com) will be pleased to hear from anyone who has a special interest in this species, or wishes to contribute.

Glenn and his two businesses are consuming all of the overhead expenses of this fund, so we can guarantee that 100% of any contributions will go directly to the field study. We suggest that everyone who holds this species should consider sending \$20 for each bird to our fund. (Paradise Park, UK have five and have already sent \$100 to get the fund started.) WPT-USA has matched the first single donation of \$1,000 from WPT member Susanne Shrader. The outstanding wildlife artist Grant Hacking has provided a painting of the Golden Conure, which will be auctioned off later to benefit the fund. He let us produce 250 limited edition prints of the painting. Cyd Riley of Fire Fly T-shirts has created a beautiful Golden Conure T-shirt. Golden Conure prints and the T-shirts are available through our US and UK administrators.

#### **Glenn Reynolds writes**

The initial study being done by Dr. Yamashita started on January 1, 200. Its purpose was to locate and map active nesting sites. Thirteen geographically dispersed sites were located in the first two months of the study. The native inhabitants living in the area of the study were found to be heavily infected with malaria, which has somewhat slowed the study and increased the risks of Dr. Yamashita's work. Yamashita has now started on the second phase of the study. He is trapping adult birds for genetic blood testing. These testes are revealing that most of the birds trapped from

various nesting sites are closely related. Yamashita has stated that the degree of relatedness is much closer than would usually be expected in a geographically diverse group such as the one that he has tested. This could indicate real trouble for this species if action is not taken immediately. Interestingly, he is also finding what seems to be an unrelated 'helper' within the family clan. More testing and observation needs to be done to fully confirm and understand this phenomenon. Although we have had a field study team frequenting the area, Yamashita states that trapping for the illicit market continues to be serious. He doesn't seem to think that their presence has had any effect on the numbers of Golden Conures being trapped.

The construction of the Tucurui dam, which lasted from 1975 to about 1984, dispersed as many as 35,000 forest colonists from their homes into surrounding territories. This displacement rapidly stimulated the deforestation in the area that we are now studying. It was estimated that 294 species of indigenous birds were also dispersed, including Hyacinth, Red and Green, Red-bellied, Chestnut-fronted, and Scarlet Macaws, Hawkheaded Parrots, Vulturine Parrots, White-eyed, Peach-fronted, Painted, Golden-winged, and Golden Conures, Green-rumped, and Blue-winged Parrotlets, Canary-winged Parakeets, Tui Parakeets, White-bellied Caiques, Short-tailed Parrots, Blue-headed, and Dusky Pionus, the Festive, Orange-winged, Mealy, and Kawall's Amazons, and Harpy Eagles. Many mammals were also displaced, which consisted of giant and river otters, jaguars, manatees, and at least seven species of primates. The resulting reservoir flooded 888 square miles of rainforest. Sixteen hundred islands were

formed by existing hilltops once the area was flooded, which have been heavily deforested.

The land was not properly cleared prior to the completion of the dam. The decomposing of the rainforest below the water's surface has resulted in the release of methane gases and carbon dioxide, which has spoiled the areas surrounding the reservoir. The quality of the water is almost unusable and has seeped into the ground water tainting wells for miles around.

#### **Deforested for settlement**

The decomposition also resulted in the surface of the water being covered with aquatic macrophytes immediately after the initial flooding. Aquatic macrophytes are known as a primary medium for mosquitoes. The area has been so infested with mosquitoes for more than a decade that it has become mostly uninhabitable for humans or animals. Because of this, the natives who had been displaced into these surrounding areas were once again forced to pick up and move resulting in further deforestation. Additional resettlement took place in areas, which often proved to be inappropriate. These areas were deforested for settlement and then later abandoned. These people have never recovered; financially or socially, and are willing to do most anything to afford survival. Some of them have become parrot trappers to support their families. They and others readily lease or sell their property to logging companies, who either selectively log the land, or completely clear it to the ground after logging by burning the remaining trees and brush. The areas are burned to 'clean' the land for planting. Selective logging destroys nesting sites *continued on page 5...*

## Featured Pet Bird: Quaker Parakeets

By Carol Rees

The quaker parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*), otherwise known as the monk parakeet, has become a popular pet bird in the U.S. Although its mainly green coloring may not be as colorful as other parrots, these 11" birds are noted for possessing a good talking ability and being playful companions. In recent years blue and yellow mutations have become available for purchase.

Quakers originate in Southern Brazil, central Bolivia, western Argentina, and Uruguay, but over 200,000 of them have been imported into the U.S. since the 1960s. Unlike most wild parrot populations, they are not in danger of extinction and that is part of the controversy. Since they are very hardy and are unique among the parrot family in constructing their own nests, there was considerable concern that sizable feral populations might become established in the U.S. For that reason, many states have either banned these parrots outright or placed restrictions on them.

Some of these restrictions have been lifted or modified in the last few years due to efforts by quaker enthusiasts, who have petitioned for more liberalization. Feral populations currently exist in 11 different states including: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Texas, but are mostly confined to urban or suburban areas.

One reason that they are able to survive as far north as Connecticut is their construction of communal colony nests. Each pair builds its own nesting chamber out of sticks, preferably thorny sticks because they can help deter predators and are structurally stronger. Most nests contain between 2 to 20 apartments, with the occasional isolated nest containing only one pair. Quakers do not use their nests only in nesting season but year-round. Another reason

is that they are extremely tolerant of the cold at temperatures as low as 17 degrees.

It is important that before you consider a quaker parakeet as a companion that you check out the legality for your state of residence. They also can be quite noisy and territorial especially around their cage area.

I purchased my quaker parakeet, Noelle, when she was about four months old over four years ago as my second bird. I have to admit that I didn't do much research, but the breed had been featured several months before in Bird Talk magazine. Instead I played with her at a pet store and fell in love with her. I also thought that she could be company for my other bird, Pierre, a Fisher lovebird.

Noelle is a devoted companion and a welcome condition to my family; however, it didn't turn out the way I

expected. Noelle wants to be the only bird and is very jealous of the other birds. She doesn't even like it when I feed the other birds and becomes positively irate if they are on me. She loves to squawk and occasionally will babble but so far has not really spoken any coherent words.

Noelle has great hearing and can hear me walking up to the front door when I arrive home from work. She begins squawking even before I put the key in the lock and doesn't stop until I go upstairs to greet her. She is a wonderful watchbird and I'm sure that any burglar would definitely reconsider when she sounds the alarm.

Despite not being exactly what I expected, I love her and accept her as she is. Since quakers have a lifespan of 25+ years, I can look forward to many more years of great companionship.



*Above Quaker Parakeet*

Some web sites that provide more information about the quaker parakeet are listed below:

The Quaker Parrot Society  
 Quaker Parrot Mailing List  
 Quaker Legal Status  
 Quaker Information

<http://quakerville.net/qps>  
<http://www.qplist.com>  
<http://www.monkparakeet.com>  
<http://www.petbirdcage.com/quaker.htm>

## New NCBC Web Site

The National Capital Bird Club has a new web site at

<http://members.tripod.com/ncbc-dc>

I hope that it not only provides basic information about the club but also serves as a local resource for bird related issues and products.

If there is something that I have missed that you think should be included, please let me know, or if you object to anything, I would also like to know that. This web site is a work in progress and I will hopefully be adding a lot more information over the next few months.

I need assistance in providing information in the following sections on locally found businesses or services. If you fit in one of the below categories and would like to be listed, please let me know. If you would like to recommend a business or person who is in one of the following categories, then I would also greatly appreciate that.

- *Behaviorists*
- *Boarders*
- *Breeders*
- *Groomers*
- *Sanctuaries*
- *Sitters*

I need assistance in providing information in the following sections on online businesses or services. If you know of a link that you would like to recommend, please let me know.

- *Bird Food*
- *Cages*
- *Cleaning Products*
- *Lighting*
- *Perches*
- *Playgyms*
- *Toys*

It is my intention after the data is compiled to put it together in a booklet that can be distributed to members as a resource guide. I would expect the booklet to be put out sometime in the beginning of next year.

## Free Parrot Class “Be a Bird Brain”

**Tuesday, October 23, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Arlington, VA.**

This class is being offered for the first time by the Animal Welfare League of Arlington. It is critical that attendance be high, to demonstrate to the League that there is an interest and a need for further classes on avian education. (Classes on birds in the past have been poorly attended, so they have not offered any since.) This is your voice to tell the local shelters that there is a strong interest in further classes on birds. If this one is successful, we hope to follow with a class on handling “difficult” and “second-home” birds. **The class is free, but you do need to make reservations by calling Arna Cohen at (703) 931-9241, ext. 216. Please vote with your attendance — and bring your friends!**

Guest lecturer will be Kimberly Manthy, ably assisted by her parrots, Robert, A.J., Bumbershoot, and Hearsay. Hope to see you there!

### Golden Conure Fund continued...

or leaves them unprotected increasing the chances for trappers; furthermore, unprotected nesting trees are easily blown over during high winds.

Along the Transamazon highway the resettlement process consumed 100,675 hectares. Bordering another road that parallels the right side of the reservoir another 311,025 hectares were deforested for relocation. Just these two areas of resettlement alone have depleted 411,700 hectares or 1,017,310 acres of rainforest. Seventy-one percent of the total deforestation occurring in Brazil since 1977 has taken place in the northeastern regions where the Golden Conures reside. All but thirteen percent of that seventy-one percent has occurred since 1988. There are a lot of human

factors behind the decline of the Golden Conures, which need to be addressed if we are going to save this species. From the research that I have done on the area and the correspondences that I have had with Dr. Yamashita it seems that the building of the Tucurui dam has had a ripple effect on the entire region. Displacement, poverty, poor quality of drinking water and disease has broken the local people. One apparent solution would be to stimulate the economy in the area. Yamashita and Dr. Charles Munn have both proposed setting up ecotourism in this region, which in my opinion would be of obvious benefit. Eco-tourism should result in pumping revenue into the area and possibly provide employment for some of the local people. Moreover, a further increase of presence in the region may discourage some of the illicit trapping.

### \$20,000 raised for field study

As of March 2001 we have raised over \$20,000 for the field study and the future acquisition of pertinent tracts of land. We have sent an initial \$10,000 to Yamashita and his team to fund the study. It is estimated that much more will be required to save this species from extinction. Since we are the financiers of the Golden Conure Fund, the fund-page <http://www.breedersblend.com/goldenconurefund.html> will provide you with the most up-to-date information that is available on this species.

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## Avian Veterinarians in DC Area

According to the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) an "avian veterinarian" is a veterinarian who is willing to treat birds. Therefore, any veterinarian can call him/herself an avian veterinarian. A "certified avian veterinarian" is a veterinarian, who has obtained certification from the ABVP by providing documentation of at least six years of significant avian practice experience or a formal residency plus scientific papers, in addition to a series of examinations. As of February 2001, only 89 veterinarians had been certified worldwide.

There are many excellent avian veterinarians that have not yet been certified. Many of these belong to the Association of Avian Veterinarians (AAV). Membership in the AAV, however, infers only that annual dues were paid and does not signify anything more than that.

The following list was obtained from personal knowledge, and information supplied by the ABVP and the AAV. In the next couple of months, I hope to obtain biographies for each avian vet along with a more complete list. If you know of an avian veterinarian in the Washington, DC area that is not listed, please let me know so they can be included. Those that are certified by the ABVP are indicated in parentheses.

### Avian Vets in MD

#### *Gaithersburg Animal Hospital*

Deborah Alls-Temples  
280 N Frederick  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877  
Phone: (301) 948-2828

#### *Pulaski Veterinary Clinic*

William Boyd (**Certified**)  
9707 Pulaski Highway  
Baltimore, MD 21220  
Phone: (410) 686-6310

#### *Kingsbrook Animal Hospital*

Adrienne Cardella  
5322 New Design Road  
Frederick, MD 21703  
Phone: (301) 631-6900

#### *Lynn Animal Hospital*

Thomas Carman  
6215 Baltimore Avenue  
Riverdale, MD 20737  
Phone: (301) 779-1184

#### *Brookeville Animal Hospital*

Marcie Engel  
22201 Georgia Avenue  
Brookeville, MD 20833  
Phone: (301) 774-9698

#### *Four County Animal Hospital*

David Goodman  
26528A Ridge Road  
Damascus, MD 20872  
Phone: (301) 253-6144

#### *Avian House Calls*

Jennifer Ramelmeier  
11854 Linden Chapel Rd  
Clarksville, MD 21029  
Phone: (410) 531-9213

#### *Feathers, Scales, & Tales Hospital*

Thomas P. Ryan (**Certified**)  
330-140 Village Road  
Westminster, MD 21157  
Phone: (410) 876-0244

#### *Jim A. Stunkard (**Certified**)*

Edgewater, MD  
Phone: (301) 261-4518

#### *Lutherville Animal Hospital*

Kenneth Volk, Jr  
506 W. Seminary Ave  
Lutherville, MD 21093  
Phone: (410) 296-7387

#### *Fallston Veterinary Clinic, Inc.*

Donald Zantop (**Certified**)  
2615 Belair Road  
Fallston, MD 21047  
Phone: (410) 877-1727

### Avian Vets in VA

Valerie Campbell  
101 A Maple Ave  
Purcellville, VA 22132  
Phone: (540) 338-7387

#### *Eastern Exotic Veterinary Center*

Carol Canny (**Certified**)  
4001 Legato Rd.  
Fairfax, VA 22033  
Phone: (703) 654-3100

#### *Potomac Valley Veterinary Hospital*

Rose Ann Fiskett (**Certified**)  
Twinbrooke Centre  
9553 Braddock Rd  
Fairfax, VA 22032  
Phone: 703-425-7387

#### *All Pets Veterinary Hospital & Avian Medical Center*

James Gaines  
43112 John Mosby Hwy  
Chantilly, VA 20152  
Phone: (703) 327-6666  
Phone: (703) 478-0233 (metro)

#### *Stephens City Animal Hospital*

Max Mandel  
101 Highlander Rd  
Stephens City, VA 22655  
Phone: (540) 869-2100

#### *Cedarcrest Animal Clinic* William Olkowski (**Certified**)

PO Box 375  
Fishersville, VA 22939  
Phone: 540-943-7577  
Fax: 540-942-7828

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## Adoption: Birds That Need Homes

The increasing number of birds needing new loving homes is becoming a major issue in the avian community, with the twist that most pet birds will live much longer than a domestic cat or dog. Unwanted cats and dogs have reached epidemic proportions in the U.S. and the concern is that unwanted birds may eventually join them in numbers.

There are many reasons why birds need to find new homes including allergies, owner's death, owner moves out of the country, excessive noise, neglect, abuse, and abandonment. Owning a pet bird is a serious commitment that may last past the owner's lifetime. Many larger parrots will probably outlive their owners and will need to find new homes.

A previously owned bird can be a great blessing and addition to your family. Please consider adopting a bird in need of a home. Every pet bird deserves a loving home. Before purchasing a bird, consider if the needs of the breed are compatible with your own lifestyle and living arrangements.

If you own a bird that needs a new home, you can contact me to have it listed for adoption in the newsletter and also on our new webpage.

### Birds for Adoption

A friend of NCBC member Shirley Coggon is leaving the country and needs to find a home for their bird.

#### 1 male cockatiel (6 years old)

Email Shirley Coggon at [shirleycog@hotmail.com](mailto:shirleycog@hotmail.com) or call 703-793-9800.

Three birds were given to wildlife rehabilitator Eva Bell. None are hand tamed. All are 1 year or older. She has cages if needed.

#### 1 male parakeet (budgerigar)

#### 1 female peach-faced lovebird

#### 1 male cockatiel

Eva Bell can be contacted at (703) 356-8845. Please leave a message.

Elaine Baughman needs to find a loving home for her pet birds.

#### Blue-headed Pionus pair

Email Elaine Baughman at [baughmans@reginacoeli.org](mailto:baughmans@reginacoeli.org) or call (703) 573-2023.

### Life Expectancy

Here are some estimated life spans of pet birds in years from Birds USA.

African Grey	40+
Amazon	25-50+
Budgerigar	10-15
Canary	5-15+
Cockatiel	15-30
Cockatoo	30+
Conure	10-35
Eclectus	30+
Finch	5-7+
Lorikeet	25+
Lory	15+
Lovebird	10-15+
Macaw	25-60+
Mynah	8+
Parrotlet	10-20+
Pionus	25-50+
Poicephalus	30+
Quaker Parakeet	15+
Ringnecked Parakeet	15-30+
Rosella	15-25+
Toucan	12+

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*Eastern Exotic Veterinary Center*  
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Fax: 703-449-0673

### Parrot Humor

Mrs. Brown's refrigerator quit working, so she called the repairman. When he came the next morning, she was just ready to leave for work. She told him: "Here's the key. Fix the refrigerator, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you the check. By the way, don't worry about my Doberman. He won't bother you. But, whatever you do, do not under any circumstances talk to my parrot!" The repairman was looking at the biggest and meanest Doberman he'd ever seen. But, just as she had said,

the dog just lay there on the carpet, watching the repairman go about his business. Unfortunately, the whole time he was there, the parrot drove him nuts with his incessant squawking and talking. Finally the repairman couldn't control himself any longer and yelled: "Shut up, you miserable bird!" To which the parrot replied, "Get him, Max!"

This funny story was submitted by NCBC member, Kathy Craig.

# CLUB NEWS

## Treasurer's Report September 2001

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$2406.80</b>
Income	
Magazine Sales	85.00
Key Ring	2.00
Dues	22.50
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$109.50</b>
Expenses	
Postage	31.96
Key Ring	25.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$56.96</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$2459.34</b>

## National Capital Bird Club Meeting Minutes 9/9/01

Tammy Ellison introduced two people who have urgent requests for new home for parrots that need adoption.

First, Eva Bell told about 3 birds that were given to her because she is involved in animal rehabilitation. The owners didn't want these birds anymore and gave them to her to find new homes for them. There is 1 male budgie, 1 peach-faced female lovebird, and 1 male cockatiel. None are hand tamed. All are 1 year or older and she has cages if needed. She can be contacted at 703-356-8845.

Second, Shirley Coggon has a friend who is leaving the country and needs to find a new home for a 6 year old male cockatiel. She can be contacted at 703-793-9800.

The speaker for this meeting was Dr. Dex Hinckley. He showed slides of local native wild birds and talked on how to attract wild birds to your feeders and yards.

## Volunteer!

The following positions in the NCBC are still open.

Vice-President  
Audit Committee Chair  
Publicity Committee Chair  
Ways & Means Committee Chair

Speakers are also needed. Anyone who has any ideas, please let Tammy Ellison know. Her email has changed and is now [elton.tammy@verizon.net](mailto:elton.tammy@verizon.net)

Next month's newsletter will describe the different positions of service in the NCBC in preparation of election of next year's officers at the December meeting. I hope that everyone gives serious consideration to how they might contribute and participate in the club.

Laurel Rosinger brought this Cold Vegetable Pizza to the September NCBC meeting. It is based on a recipe by Linda Wigglesworth with her own modifications.

## Cold Vegetable Pizza

2 packages 8 count crescent rolls  
16 oz. low fat cream cheese softened  
1 envelope original Hidden Valley Ranch DRESSING mix  
1 bunch broccoli cut small  
1 head cauliflower cut small  
1 or 2 chopped green bell peppers  
2 or 3 chopped tomatoes\*  
1 cup fat free cheddar cheese grated fine

Spread crescent rolls out on a cookie sheet, pressing the seams together. Turn up the edges like pizza crust. You can make one large pizza or two smaller ones.

Cook the crust in a preheated 375° oven for 11-13 minutes.

Let the crust cool while you blend the cream cheese and dressing mix. Spread the cream cheese mixture over the crust.

Top with the chopped vegetables. Sprinkle the cheese over the top.

Press lightly. Cut & serve cold.

\*To prevent a soggy pizza, soak up the tomato juice with paper towels before spreading them on the pizza.

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**Hospitality Committee Chair**

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From Capital Beltway (I-495): Exit onto Rt. 123 EAST (toward McLean). Follow Rt. 123/Dolly Madison through watching for small blue sign that says "police substation." Turn left onto Lewinsville Road. Take immediate right on to Balls Hill Rd.

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 Poicephalus Parrots  
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**October 13, 2001**  
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Khedive Temple, Chesapeake, VA  
(757) 488-5114 or [www.pbav.org](http://www.pbav.org)

**October 20, 2001**  
**Baltimore Bird Fancier's Bird Mart**  
Tall Cedars Hall  
Parkville, MD (410) 239-1928

**October 19-20, 2001**  
**Int'l Canary Society's**  
**7th Annual All Canary & Finch Show**  
Best Western Inn, Lockport, NY  
(716) 825-8271 or [sacca@gte.net](mailto:sacca@gte.net)

**October 23, 2001**  
**"Be a Bird Brain" Free Bird Class**  
Arlington, VA  
Call Arna Cohen at (703) 931-9241 ext 216  
to make reservations

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**African Grey Conference**  
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**November 11, 2001**  
**Liz Wilson All-day Seminar**  
Tysons Westpark Best Western  
McLean, VA (703) 771-9678  
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**November 14-17, 2001**  
**Nat'l Cage Bird Show**  
Manchester, NH -- Holiday Inn  
(800) 792-8687

**December 9, 2001**  
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