



# Message from the Isle

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## Views from the Volcano's Top

Mike "Volcano" Sion – President

There is a mist over the water and as the bright sun cooks it off you can see the islanders' boats coming in. They are arriving from Alpine Valley. Another celebration has past and there is already talk of next year's trip. Maybe we could get a couple of war canoes to take a large group to Alpine and stay overnight Friday and Saturday, then come home Sunday.

Friday was great parking on the driving range at Two Season's Bowl, and hearing the Cedar Island Band's wonderful music in the distance put my mind at ease. We partied with old friends and made new ones – eating, drinking, singing, and dancing the night away. And, just think, we still had Saturday night to go!

Seeing at least ten virgins from our island having a great time at the tailgating party Saturday and watching their eyes open wide to the carnival-like atmosphere was a laugh to say the least. Many of you have been to Alpine in past years and know what I am speaking about. There is nothing like it anywhere! I heard one person say we have been here for every kind of weather except snow; and don't think that didn't cross my mind a couple of times during the show.

We will remember this year for a long time. If you were there Saturday night you will understand what it was like, as one virgin said, "To see 40,000 Parrot Heads doing fins in the rain." Sleet, rain, snow, nor dark of night will deter us from hearing and seeing Jimmy!!

Jimmy played on, even when he came back on stage with a coat on. Vertical rain was soaking everyone, and yet we had the time of our lives! Who cares about a little rain? After the concert we listened to the Cedar Island Band and let the parking lot clear out. All of this was made possible by the CIB getting us VIP passes. Again, many thanks CIB! You folks are the best!!! On the ride back to our rooms we laughed and again spoke of next year and how not having a group trip was missed.

As the sun sets and we lay our heads down for much needed rest, tomorrow will bring...

# From the Editor

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## Contribute to the *Message From the Isle*

Any appropriate articles such as letters, reviews, recipes, Parrot Head related stories, and/or personal experiences, are welcomed and should be e-mailed to Sandy Young, Assistant Editor, at [sandy@classicphotocr.com](mailto:sandy@classicphotocr.com). Parrot Head related pictures are welcomed as well, and should be e-mailed to the Editor, Charlotte Bonar, at [cbonar@russellsprinting.com](mailto:cbonar@russellsprinting.com).

Deadline for articles in the monthly newsletter will be the 15th of each month. Any articles received after this date will be used in the following month's newsletter.

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For more information on our international organization of Parrot Head clubs, please go to the Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc. (PHiP) Web site at [www.phip.com](http://www.phip.com). You can read their quarterly newsletter, TradeWind Times, and be kept up-to-date on Parrot Head clubs across the country and internationally.

## Newsletter Committee

Sandy Young

### Fast Facts

#### • We need your help!

Have you ever thought of traveling around the world risking your life being a successful news journalist? Me either. But, like me, do you enjoy the creative process of writing articles, proofing articles, or even finding interesting articles; and would you like to help the newsletter committee do that for our Message from the Isle newsletter?

If you would enjoy this creative process, please join our team and contribute your ideas to make this newsletter more fun and informative.

If interested, please contact Charlotte, Editor, at [cbonar@russellsprinting.com](mailto:cbonar@russellsprinting.com) or Sandy, Assistant Editor, at [sandy@classicphotocr.com](mailto:sandy@classicphotocr.com).

# Information on the Phlock

## Down at Cherry Hill Park Sandy Young

### Fast Facts

- **Where:** One Particular Harbor Family Picnic
- **Where:** Cherry Hill Park, Cherry Hill Pavilion on Stoney Point Rd. SW, CR
- **When:** September 2, 2009
- **Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

The weather has been so cool that this might be our last picnic of the season, so let's have as good a turnout as we had at August's picnic at Noelridge. The Cherry Hill Pavilion is located near the swimming pool, right off Stoney Point Road. In case of inclement weather, the phlock will gather at City Beat, 304 Third Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids.

The family picnic starts around 5:30 p.m. for Parrot Heads, Parakeets and well-behaved pets. Meat and tableware will be provided by the club, and a couple of board members will be manning the grill. Please bring a dish to share and your beverage of choice.

A donation jar will be provided to help defray the cost of the meat. Please be generous, as we all know how much meat prices have increased recently!

Please watch the Listserv for updates.



# Information on the Phlock

## Alzheimer's Memory Walk

Sandy Young

### Fast Facts

- **When:** September 26, 2009
- **Registration:** Harding Middle School, 4801 Golf St. NE, CR, 8 a.m.
- **Walk:** Noelridge Park, 9 a.m.

The Parrot Heads are participating in the Alzheimer's Walk once again. We always have fun and raise money at the same time. Doesn't that sound familiar?

Registration is online, and then sign-in for the Memory Walk will be September 26 at 8 a.m. at Harding Middle School and the walk will be around the Noelridge trail starting at 9 a.m. Please check the Listserv for further information as the time draws nearer.

A chairperson is needed to get the ball rolling. This is probably the easiest committee to chair because you can go online to register and then just show up the morning of the 26th. If you're interested in chairing this committee, please contact any board member.



## Adopt-a-Highway Fall Clean up

Doug Rassler

The fall clean up will take place on Sunday, October 18th from 10 a.m.-noon. We will meet at the BP gas station at the Swisher/Shueyville exit #10 on I-380. We are cleaning both the north and southbound ditches, so we will need plenty of help. Volunteers are asked to dress appropriately with long pants, sturdy shoes or boots, and gloves. Safety vests and garbage bags will be provided. Sign up sheets will be at the September and October One Particular Harbors and the September club meeting, or you can e-mail me at [drassler@netins.net](mailto:drassler@netins.net) to volunteer.

# History of our club

## 10 Years Ago

Susan Freundt - Founder

September 1999

A garage sale to benefit the Alzheimer's Association was held at the home of Lori and Kevin Krezek. Chairpersons were Janice Reid and Denise Pudil. The end result was a \$1,600 donation to the charity.

# Information on the Phlock

## Round and Round We Go

Sandy Young

### Fast Facts

- **What:** September Monthly Meeting
- **Where:** D.C.'s River Walk, 411 1st St. SE, CR
- **When:** September 17, 2009
- **Time:** 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Round and round we go and it's back to D.C.'s River Walk where we were at July's monthly meeting.

We are trying a new format. The business portion of the meeting will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. - at least we'd like it to. Then we can party, party!

Our raffle charity for the quarter of July-August-September continues to be the Crisis Center, 1121 Gilbert Court, Iowa City, IA. They offer crisis counseling services, suicide intervention, a food bank, and short term emergency services for the people of Johnson County. For further information please go to [www.jccrisiscenter.org](http://www.jccrisiscenter.org).

We are continuing to take donations for Waypoint Services' two shelters - Madge Phillips Center for the Homeless and the Domestic Violence Shelter. They need plastic shopping bags, small food containers, and especially the non-perishable canned and boxed food. Please go to their Web site at [www.waypointservices.org](http://www.waypointservices.org) for an updated list of their needs.

Plus, we will have the Mini Mart run by Don and Deanna Steggall. They are running specials on t-shirts, ball caps, and sweat shirts as they get ready to order new items. You may contact Deanna "Diego" at [secretary@isleofiowa.com](mailto:secretary@isleofiowa.com) if you have any questions. She assures us that new stuff is on its way!

And, too, don't forget the pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City.

Please watch the Listserv for any updates.

## Phlockin' Calendar

Event	Date	Time	Place
One Particular Harbor Picnic	9/5	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Cherry Hill Park, Cherry Hill Pavilion Stoney Point Rd. SW, CR
Labor Day	9/7		
Newsletter Deadline	9/15		
Monthly Meeting	9/17	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.	D.C.'s River Walk 411 First St. SE, CR
Board Meeting	9/22	6:30 p.m.	Longbranch Hotel 90 Twixt Town Rd. NE, CR
Alzheimer's Memory Walk	9/26	9:00 a.m.	Harding Middle School, 4801 Golf St. NE, CR
One Particular Harbor Picnic	10/7	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.	TBD

# Dis & Dat

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## Monthly Board Meeting

The monthly board meetings are scheduled for the first **Tuesday** following the monthly membership meeting, and will start at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

These Board meetings are open to all members, not just Board members. Come and join us as we discuss the business of our Club and plan upcoming events, etc. It's a great chance to help the club and to become more involved.

For the location of this month's board meeting, please see the Phlock calendar. Visit us online at: [www.isleofiowa.com](http://www.isleofiowa.com)

## Join the Listserv!

To join the Listserv, visit our Web site at [www.isleofiowa.com](http://www.isleofiowa.com) and enter your e-mail address on the Listserv box found on the homepage. The Listserv is limited to club business and events only and is the fastest way of getting the latest information about the club, and to keep track of events' dates or changes.

## Join the Coconet!

[IsleofIowaCoconet@YahooGroups.com](mailto:IsleofIowaCoconet@YahooGroups.com). This is the Isle of Iowa Parrot Head Club's open communications group for non-official discussions of club members. The only limitations of this group are no profanity, no defamation of character, no indecent photos or comments, and no illegal activity. Other than that, people are free to advertise, discuss non-club events, or whatever those members wish to communicate. Please keep in mind that common sense, kindness, and courtesy shall rule.

To join the Coconet, go to <http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/isleofiowacoconet/> and sign up. The existing Isle of Iowa Listserv mentioned above will still be used, but limited to club business and events only please.

If you have questions about the Listserv or Coconet, contact the board President listed under Contact the Club in this newsletter.

## September Birthdays

Sandy Young - 3  
Randy Havlik - 6  
Pam Brown - 9  
Linda McCallum - 9  
Steve Petersen - 15  
Lisha Coffey - 18  
Cheri Young - 23  
Linda Barger - 25  
Deb Kloos - 26  
Matt Arenholz - 28  
Steve Douglas - 28  
David Becker - 30

## October Birthdays

Linda Davenport - 3  
Mary Murray - 4  
Bryan Phillips - 8  
Cindy Ek - 11  
Cindy Ballew - 18  
Gerald Ptacek - 18  
Eric Gardner - 29

**Be sure and attend  
the monthly meeting in  
the month of your  
birthday to get your free  
birthday drink!**