



## Lakes Area Parrot Heads

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**Northern Latitudes, Caribbean Attitudes!**

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### Trash Talkin'

Spring is here, which means it's cleanup time. And that includes our stretch of adopted highway by Audubon. This is our first time through the ditches, so it's essential we get as many people as possible to help out so everything can be picked up quickly. We'll meet at the Audubon Liquor Store parking lot at **11 a.m.** on Saturday, May 1. The monthly meeting will be held immediately afterward at the Lakeside in DL, which should be around 3 p.m. Orange safety vests and garbage bags will be provided. Bring rubber gloves (like the ones used for washing dishes) to wear. It's also suggested to bring rubber boots in case the ditches are wet. Ski poles will be available as well to spear some of the garbage our fellow citizens have chosen to share with the world. In case of bad weather, cleanup will be postponed and the monthly meeting will be held at the normal 6 p.m. time. Contact Leigh with any questions.

### Beach Balls... and Bongos

is the theme for our Saturday, July 17 summer event at the Lakeside in DL. It features a performance by Buffett tribute artist, Tom Watt. Tickets are set to go on sale on May 1 and will cost \$5 each. Seven hundred tickets will be available.

To make this event go off without a hitch will require a number of volunteers. Our performers have their plane tickets, and Mike and Mel have offered to bring them down to DL Saturday morning. For the event, we will need volunteers to help set up on Friday, assist in checking tickets, **Continued on page 2**



### Concerts and web site upgrade

With the concert season rapidly upon us, here are the latest updates: There was not enough interest in a bus to Minneapolis, so it will be a driving time. No meeting place has been determined yet, but the Pickled Parrot and O'Donovan's have been mentioned as possibilities. For Alpine, rooms reservations were taken at the last meeting, but there may still be space available. Ask Jim for details. Other members may also have rooms reserved elsewhere. And our web site now features a ticket exchange. If you have spares, contact Web Captain Mike so he can post to the site. It's located under the "What's New" section of the home page.



### Feelin' Hot, Hot, Hot!

Do you like spicy food? Do you like to share your cooking talents with unsuspecting friends? Got a chili recipe you're proud of? In case you're wondering what this is all leading up to, we want you, yes you, to make your best batch of chili and bring it to the June 1 meeting. Why, you ask? We're signing up to take part in the Water Carnival's Chili Cookoff, and we want a winning recipe that will show the world that our favorite foods are not lutefisk and lefse (okay, the lefse part we love, but the lutefisk? Please). The various batches will be judged by the membership, at least those that like chili, and the recipe judged to be the best will be the one entered. So pull out those peppers and start cooking!

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## **Beach Balls and Bongos cont.**

help out with the bartending duties and help sell items at our booth. Proceeds from the ticket sales will go to help out the Humane Society of Becker County. Tickets cost \$5 in advance. To help out the cause (and to ensure you get in), **members will need to purchase tickets.** Humane Society members have already pledged to purchase tickets and will be volunteering time as well. The wait staff at the Lakeside is also donating all tips that night to the Humane Society. Proceeds from our sale of beads, leis and so forth will go to help out an-as-yet undetermined charity, as well as help keep our funding stable. We also need to provide two security people, and two Becker County deputies have graciously agreed to help out. For the rest of the volunteer positions, Jim will have a signup sheet for pholks to sign to make sure we have enough volunteers to make our first major event a success. Join in the fun and make Beach Balls and Bongos a happening that will have the national organization and the Twin Cities pholks talking for months to come.

## **Won't you let us take you on a sea cruise, or something.**

In other words, we need some pholks to help out in decorating our float for the Water Carnival parade, which is Sunday, July 18. We're going with a pontoon, decorated in a tropical sense and pulled by the Eagle 106.9 vehicle. Leigh is putting together a list of everything we'll need and will have it ready to pass around at the June meeting. Contact her or Mel with questions.

## **Membership has its privileges**

We're at approximately 48 members, which shows that there are lots of Buffett fans around the lakes. We've even been noticed by the national organization as an outstanding addition to the phlock, and Jim has the letters to prove it. The next meeting is at the Lakeside on May 1, following the cleanup, with the next meeting on June 5 at 6 p.m.

## **Newman Outdoor Field to be Parrot Head Park, for one night only!!!**

While Beach Balls and Bongos is the big event in July, Jimmy Buffett Night at the RedHawks in Fargo on July 16 is the warmup act. Tom Watt will perform at the park starting one hour before the game, and for an hour and a half following. As part of our presence that night, we will be helping out the Caring Program of North Dakota, a non-profit foundation that provides health coverage for children who otherwise might have none. We'll be selling the program's cookbooks, passing out brochures and pledge cards, and hopefully bringing in some donations. We'll also be giving away door prizes, including three baseball shirts from Margaritaville Las Vegas. Volunteers will be needed to man the table at the main entrance. Contact Darrel for more information on volunteering. As for tickets to the game that night, they haven't gone on sale yet, but if you're interested, be sure to let Darrel and/or Denis know as soon as possible. Tom Watt is a known draw at Northern League games, and this one will sell out fast! There will also be a pre-game gathering at the Knights of Columbus in Moorhead. Details on that are upcoming.

## **And the Parrot Head of the Month is...Jim Brogren!**

Club president Jim Brogren was given the monthly honor at the April 3 meeting for keeping this group of miscreants in order and moving forward. It was a unanimous vote, showing that we truly appreciate Jim's leadership and his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty. Which brings the question, does anyone have a picture of Jim for the web site?

