



Lakes Area Parrot Heads

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Northern Latitudes, Caribbean Attitudes!

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A frosty welcome for Parrot Heads

Anyone coming into the Lakeside in Detroit Lakes will now know there are Parrot Heads about. Now we just have to wait for the warm breezes of summer to return before we can sit out on the patio and enjoy those Corona specials.

A night at the Knights

January 31 is a landmark event for the Lakes Area Parrot Heads. It's our first meeting in Fargo-Moorhead, at the Knights of Columbus in Moorhead. The Knights building is located at 915 1/2 Main Avenue in Moorhead. Appetizers, ham and cheese sandwiches, Buffett music and plenty of spirit, and spirits, will be available. We're looking for a few more members from Fargo-Moorhead to join up and contribute to the group. Invite any Parrot Heads you know from FM to come and join us. The evening starts with an executive council meeting at 6 p.m., with the social event/regular meeting beginning at 7:00.

Taking it to the streets

You can also try hit the road, Jack, or whatever your favorite highway song may be. We have our adopted highway section on U.S. 10 between Lake Park and Audubon. Once the weather warms up, the Minnesota Department of Transportation will install a sign with our club name. Cleanup will take place twice a year.

Have a story, pictures, a birthday, a special event, an idea?

Well then, we'd love to hear about it! There's always room for news from the phlock. Send your news by the 10th of the month to Darrel, at dvelhd@monetbroadband.net.

Mahube sends its thanks

For those who may have missed it, here's what the Mahube Community Council had to say about our sponsoring the We-Care Christmas Tree: *Mahube Community Council, Inc., wishes to thank you for sponsoring a We-Care Christmas Tree at the Lakeside in Detroit Lakes. The fifty children that your organization sponsored were absolutely thrilled at the wonderful gifts. You made their Christmas a happier time for them because of your generosity. It was a pleasure to work with Jim and members of the Lakes Area Parrot Heads. We were able to distribute over 1,000 gifts in total to children in our service area. What a privilege it is to see the children's faces light up when we hand them their Christmas packages. Mahube Community Council, Inc., would not be able to have a successful We-Care Christmas Project or Adopt-A-Family for Christmas without the support of caring agencies, churches, businesses, customers, and staff that are involved. On behalf of the families we serve, thank you.*

Upcoming meetings and events

Las Vegas Sendoff--Sunday, January 18 at the Barnstormer at Fargo Hector Airport, 2 p.m. Send our travelers off in style

A1A in Sioux Falls--Friday, February 6.

Cross Country Snowmobile Races--At Detroit Mountain Saturday and Sunday, February 28 and 29.

March meeting--March 6, 6 p.m. at Lakeside Tavern in Detroit Lakes.

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No-Name City, No-Name City

It's a sad thing to have no name, and our newsletter is feeling sad. If you want to make our newsletter happy again, we're looking for a name. If you have any suggestions, send them on to Jim or Darrel, and we'll see that you get the recognition you deserve!



What's coming up this summer? Lots of fun stuff for us to do, that's what!

Summertime, summertime. It's never too early to plan what we're going to be up to when the sun is hot, the beer cold and the music is Buffett. Here are just a couple of things to start thinking about: **The Northwest Water Carnival** takes place in Detroit Lakes from July 14 to 18, and since it involves water, sun and good times, we expect to have a major presence there.

Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks are having a Jimmy Buffett Night on Friday, July 16. Expect to see a concert from probably the top Buffett tribute artist in the country. We're talking with the Hawks about being involved with the night, possibly collecting food for a local food bank. More information on these events and many others as we head into the spring.

Dues, oh those dues, are due-be-due be due

Yes, it's that time already. Dues for 2004 need to be paid by January 31. You can pay at the social/meeting that day, mail them or pass them off to another member to deliver for you. Dues, as before, are \$25 annually per person.

New member corner

As of January 9, no new members to speak of, but we expect this spot to be filled for the February, and hopefully the March, newsletter.

Behind Door Number Three...

Are donations to the Lakes Area Parrot Heads. Thanks to Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota, which has generously donated a portable stereo for our gatherings and the use of a digital camera for our newsletter and soon-to-be-launched web site.

Three months, 25 members and now on to 2004

In the words of club president Jim Brogren, we had a hell of a year in 2003. In only three meetings, we've grown to 25 members, accomplished three major fundraisers and are looking forward to even more success in 2004. Next on our plate is fundraising for the Humane Society in Detroit Lakes, which needs financial assistance for everything from a new building to neutering programs for animals (insert your own joke here). To do this, we're planning on selling some light snacks at the cross country snowmobile races at Detroit Mountain on February 28-29.

Additionally, we're considering getting involved in the United Shoe Project in Fargo-Moorhead, which collects shoes for recycling, converting them into cash to assist less fortunate families. We're also tossing around the idea of "adopting" a flower bed in Detroit Lakes, which means planting and maintaining the bed.

These by no means are the end-all and be-all of events this coming year. The group looks forward to any and all ideas.

