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Jim and Chet present Jill Mikkelson of the Humane Society with a check for \$10,778.61 raised at Beach Balls and Bongos. Thanks to Chet, his crew and all the volunteers for making this whole event a success. Time to start planning for BB & B-2!!



What a month

It all started on July 9, when a brave group of Parrot Heads departed Detroit Lakes for Janesville, Wisconsin, for the Alpine Valley Buffett show. Pictures are on the following pages, along with a special review offered up by a surprise guest writer.

Now, after that came the CD release party at the Red Bear in Moorhead on July 13, where we got a start on the fundraising for the RedHawks game on the 16th. You've probably heard the numbers by now, but it ended up that the Caring Program of North Dakota had \$370.05 more in its treasury at the end of the night, thanks to the LAPH, plus we helped them sell some of their cookbooks, bringing in even more cash. And, as you see above, the 17th, with Tom Watt performing at the Lakeside, \$10,778.61 was raised for the

A note from Bob Hefflefinger, PHIP membership director, to all Parrot Head Clubs

I just received a note from Mr. Jim Brogren, Prez. of Lakes Area PHC in Detroit Lakes, MN regarding their fundraising effort last weekend.

Seems Jim & his crew threw a big party to benefit the Becker County Humane Society. I'm thinking they had about 123,000 zillion folks from Minnesota there ... and the ENTIRE population of North Dakota!! <G>

I tell ya, there musta been some righteous jubilation & some monster conga lines goin' on there, cause Jim & his crew raised a whopping \$10,778.61 for the dogs & cats of Minnesota.

With the check presentation this evening, I'm sure there'll be photos ...Congratulations on a splendid effort, Jim, and thanks to the entire Lakes Area crew.

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Oh, the stories we could tell, or, an Alpine Valley recap

We now turn this space over to the master of tomfoolery, the prince of panache, the guide of the lost, the....well, okay, it's Oscar.

This is a message from your vice president. No, I am not going to tell you all to go f**k yourselves. This is to announce the 2004 Alpine Valley Awards, better known as the Avas. All my decisions are completely arbitrary and final.

The Biggest Banana In the Bunch Award:

The winner is Mike. Or at least he has the biggest one with Jimmy Buffett's signature on it. I have banana envy!

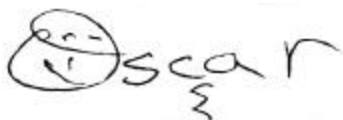
The Growing Older But Not Up Award goes to Mel. The kid actually got to shake Jimmy's hand!! I am so jealous, but I'll get over it. She does play well with others.

The Best Flip-Flops Award: The winner is Susan. She is too cool, although she does need to get Dennis to brush his teeth. Green glowing teeth scare me more than Vampires, Mummies and the Holy Ghost.

The Hula Hoop Contest was won by Leigh— nice hip action! For the second year in a row, Lisa was co-champion of **The Last Man Standing Contest**. Way to go. The Buffett Virgin (aka Ambrose) somehow managed to keep pace with her. A rookie win is rare. Nice job! Cap'n Tony was, unfortunately, a last minute scratch, but I am sure next year he will contend for the title. Yours Truly shared the trophy with Lisa last year, and to no one's surprise, Shannon and Leigh took last place again this year.

Special thanks go out to Chef Jeff and able assistant Sharon for cooking up a tasty feed for a hungry phlock. Also thanks to Trent for hauling tables, coolers, grills and all the other essentials.

Last but not least, a big Fins UP to our president for putting together reservations and keeping everyone up to speed on all the details. Thanks, James!! He and I have been making this trek since 1995, sometimes with other Parrot Heads, sometimes just the two of us, but always having the best of times. For me, it is the highlight of the summer. For those of you who missed it this year, you had to be there to believe it! Don't take my word for it; ask Pam or Juelie. I can't wait till next year. Okay, Deanna, I'll shut up now...

 Oscar

What a Month, cont'd

Becker County Humane Society, which gets them off to a flying start in their drive to build a new home. A good time was had by all, and a sampling of pictures is included in this issue of the newsletter, and watch the web site for even more.

Then on Sunday, Detroit Lakes was introduced to the Parrot Heads as our float made its debut in the Water Carnival parade. Thanks to everyone who helped out, and especially Leigh for hosting the float assembly.

Finally, on Monday night, a symbolic check was presented to the Humane Society. Jill Mickelson of the BCHS sent this letter to the Detroit Lakes newspapers:

A great big thank you to all who attended the Becker County Human Society fundraiser that was hosted by Lakeside on Saturday, July 17. This was a wonderful melding of a business, community service group, municipalities, and individual volunteers to work toward a wonderful cause — raising money for a much needed animal shelter in the county.

There were so many who helped, but a special thank you to the Parrotheads. What a unique and great group you are! Also to Lakeside and all the BCHS volunteers. But a special thank you to the women who bartended and donated not just their time but also all their tips! What hard workers they are!

We raised \$10,778 for a shelter and you all just rocked! We appreciate all of you who worked, attended, and donated to our event. With the continued help and support of all of you, we will have a shelter for all the homeless pets in the county next year. That is our goal! It is time. — Jill Mickelson, Detroit Lakes

(Mickelson is a Humane Society member and volunteer)

And an update on what PHIP thinks of us, after Jim filed our Interim Report at the end of July:

You should be very proud of what you've accomplished to date. Keep up the wonderful works, have fun & please let me know if I can help with anything.

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Pictures from Alpine, RedHawks and BB & B, but first...

Some unfinished business. Roadside pickup time is next month, and we'll need everyone to help pick up our stretch of Highway 10 by Audubon. Last time, we had a great turnout, but let's see if we can top that. Also, the August 7 meeting is at the Dennis and Susan Kadrie lake cabin at 190 Shorewood Drive on Detroit Lake. You'll be looking for two yellow cabins and the JIMMY BUFFETT POSTERS like the ones we had at the Beach Ball and Bongos. Dennis' cell phone number for anyone who has questions or gets a little lost is 701-371-9847. The fun starts at 3 p.m., with burgers and brats provided. Bring anything else you wish to contribute, along with some of your favorite adult/kid beverages. We'll show those WE Festers what fun is all about. Some business will be discussed, but not overly much. We deserve a good time for all the work we've put in so far this year. Finally, the big winners at Beach Balls and Bongos--Karen Prestegord of Ada, MN won the autographed Jimmy Buffett photo (sorry, Jim) and Julie Herman of Fargo (no, the other Julie Herman) won the wildlife print donated by Chet. The winner of the autographed Songs You Know by Heart CD is, sadly, unknown. Forgot to write down her name. And now, those pictures you were promised. Please forgive the quality on the Hawks, Beach Balls and parade ones. The good ones were eaten by the computer, and these are lifted from the videotape. Also, check the web site for other photos that didn't make it here.



A fine day at Alpine

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