

Squawk 'n Talk

January 2017

Greetings from the Presidential Perch!



Gateway Parrot Club



Meeting Announcement

Sunday, January 15, 2017

Varieties Bird Store

Valley Park, MO

2:00 p.m.

The program committee is excited to announce that our speaker will be Anne Tieber, Zoological Manager - Bird Department at the St. Louis Zoo

The following is a short description of Anne's presentation: "The St. Louis Zoo is committed to connecting people to animals and is renowned for its innovative approaches to animal management and conservation. Learn about our Wildcare Institute centers and how they are making a difference in the lives of animals and people around the globe. Anne Tieber, Zoological Manager in the Bird Department will share information about the three avian Wildcare centers that the zoo participates in: Center for Conservation in Punta San Juan, Peru; Center for the Conservation of the Horned Guan (Pavon) in Mexico; and The Pacific Bird Conservation Program."



Come join us for a fun Sunday afternoon:

Program
Food
Fellowship
Raffle
Meeting



Gateway Parrot Club had a great 2016. Thank you all for your participation and support. A clear reminder of how fortunate we are - January 1, 2016 we got the news that the flood wall behind Varietees held, a truly great beginning for all of us.

Our Election results are:

President Georgia Fletcher

Vice President Dick Grommet

Board Members:

Carole Grommet

Bryan Gilchrist

Tracy Schwartzrauber

I really looking forward to our January Education by Anne Tieber, Zoological Manager from the St Louis Zoo. I'm sure we will be wowed by the information she will be sharing with us.

Be there, bring your friends and family to our meeting at Varietees on January 15th at 2:00pm. See you then!

Georgia Fletcher

INFORMATION FROM THE PERCH.....

We hope you can make it to the January meeting on the 15th. Just hoping the weather cooperates! If you would like to know more information about the Wildcare Centers that the zoo participates in, check out the St. Louis Zoo website. Anne will be sharing information about the centers in her presentation.

Come and enjoy the fun and bring a bird (as long as it is clipped). It's so enjoyable seeing all the different species of parrots and talking to other parrot owners.

You don't have to be a member to attend, but we would love to have you join. Meeting starts at 2:00 and it will be a full afternoon of meeting, socializing, eating, program, and raffle. For members who have not renewed their membership for 2017, now is the time to do it. Renee Davis, our membership chairman, will be at the meeting to sign you up. An annual membership fee of \$20.00 includes your

family (two voting members) and brings you our monthly newsletter by email. Thank you for joining and helping support the parrot community in St. Louis.

We meet at Varietees Bird Store, 60 Meramec Valley Plaza, Valley Park, MO. Varietees will be open in the afternoon so you can purchase bird food, supplies, toys, cages, play stands, etc.

We do have a raffle most months so if you would like to donate item(s), they are always welcome. It does not have to be bird related. We sell raffle tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Chef Christine will be making chili, cornbread and a fruit pizza this month. Feel free to bring something to add to the buffet (snacks, salad, dessert, etc.).

The Program Committee (Heidi Hellmuth, and Dick and Carole Grommet) work hard to provide members with informative programs each month. Your input is appreciated and if you have ideas for future programs, please let one of us know.

Below is a list of the 2017 GPC Club Affiliations that the board approved:

- The American Budgerigar Society (ABS)
- American Federation of Aviculture (AFA)
- National Finch & Softbill Society (NFSS)
- Quaker Parakeet Society (QPS)
- The Society of Parrot Breeders and Exhibitions (SPBE)
- North American Parrot Society (NAPS)
- Association of Avian Veterinarians (AAV)
- American Cockatiel Society (ACS)
- National Cockatiel Society (NCS)

Our Christmas party last month was well attended and the parrots and attendees really had fun. I sometimes think the parrots have more fun than members! The gift exchange was exciting and the turkey dinner with all the trimmings was exceptional. Chef Christine really knows how to cook for a crowd.

FAIR UPDATE:

Preparations and planning have begun for this year's fair. Be sure to add the date to your calendar: August 26th, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Machinist's Hall in Bridgeton (same place as last year). We will need volunteers so please consider volunteering for a couple hours or more. The vendors start setting up at 7:00 a.m. and it would be very helpful to have some additional people early.

GPC December Meeting Attendees:

Georgia Fletcher
Dick Grommet
David Kinkade
Cathy Timma
Renee Davis
Bryan Gilchrist
Carole Grommet
Heidi Hellmuth
Christine Kinkade
Tracy Schwarztrauber
Barbara Agathen
Paul Agathen
Jorg Augustin
Megan Augustin
Jim Berk
Debra Bragg
Cindy Burquin
Dixie Danzeisen
Katya Emelyanova
Jim Hermann
Esther Hermann
Nancy Marron
Beth Poll
Shawn Poll
Pat Seiler
Christy Sigwerth
Perry Sigwerth
Angie Britt
James Britt
Nick Britt

Brian Goetz
Jenni Goetz
Susan Kendig
Katherine Mueller
Richard Mueller
Dorene Olson