

## May 2011 Newsletter

### Meeting Notice:

Keep the date of **Sept. 10** open for our next club meeting. We will be discussing last minute expo details. Any club member who was not able to participate in the Spring Expo will need to participate in the Fall Expo to keep their membership active for voting privileges in the Nov. elections. Our meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 2:00 pm prompt.

### Location:

Rosie's Family Dining  
31301 Harper Ave.  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48082  
(586) 296-9390

### Upcoming Events:

**No meetings in June or July**

**August – tentative – Fall Expo preparation meeting for all members**

**September 10th, 2011** Club Meeting  
September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Friday expo set up 12 noon until 6 pm

**October 1st, 2011 - Fall Expo!**

**October 8th, 2011** - Post Expo Meeting  
**November 5th, 2011 – nomination of officers**  
**December 3rd, 2011** – election results, officers instated, and Christmas party - location to be determined

\*\*\*All meetings will be held at Rosie's Family Diner unless specified otherwise.

### Bird Bands:

Bands will no longer be available through the breeder's club. We encourage you to use [Red Bird Products](#).

**President:** Lori Kanas  
**Vice President:** Sheryl Fisk  
**2nd Vice President:** Gordon Johnson  
**Treasurer:** Ron Girling  
**Secretary:** Sheryl Fisk  
**Show Manager:** Jeffrey Olivier  
**Public Relations:** Lori Kanas

### Dues:

Dues for 2011 were due at the November meeting. Couples' dues include only husband/wife teams, not family members. If anyone wishes to change this in our by-laws it can be discussed at any upcoming meeting.

### Miscellaneous Information:

If you have something you would like to convey or advertise, let Sheryl Fisk, Jeffrey Olivier or our webmaster know so we can put it in upcoming publications. This is a free service to club members and is also available on the website.

### For Sale:

Jeffrey Olivier has cockatiel babies ready to go: \$50 and up; one of these is a white-face.

The officers would like to wish all of the members a happy and safe summer. We would like to thank you for your dedication and participation in enhancing the lives of our caged birds and feathered companions. We look forward to hearing from you throughout the summer and seeing you in August at the Fall Expo preparation meeting. Together we will make the Fall Expo a success.

### What & Who's New?

The MCBB is pleased to welcome **Amanouil Lazar** and **Nancy Cavanaugh** (May) as the newest members to our ranks!

Amanouil has been breeding African Grey Congos for ten years and likes all kinds of birds. He has also bred canaries, eclectus, and rose-breasted cockatoos. He hails from Troy, MI.

Nancy currently owns pet birds and has raised them for over 25 years.

We'd like to extend a hand in feathered friendship and let her know we are glad to have her! Welcome aboard, Amanouil and Nancy! We look forward to hearing from you!

### Education:

We were excited to have Fran Anderson come from Grand Rapids to talk about the breeding and care of the Lineolated Parakeet. She has been breeding Lineols for 14 yrs. Her website address for anyone interested in knowing more is [www.atfeathersend.com](http://www.atfeathersend.com). Fran is our representative for the AFA in the state of Michigan. Lineols are from western Mexico and the northwestern edge of South America. In the wild they are green. They tend to live in small flocks 85 feet high up into the trees. Lifespan is controversial. They need more fruits and vegetables and are insect eating birds when they're nesting. Insects can be purchased live at your local pet stores or reptile shops. They don't tend to make a great deal of noise and are therefore ideal for apartment living. They freeze when they're startled and then decide whether to fly or not. Their cages require extra attention for cleaning due to their high need for fresh fruits. Herbal teas are great

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supplements for birds either dried or weak brewed. Harvey's teas could be used also. Coconut oil and palm oils—essential fatty acids are an essential part of the diet. GSE (grapefruit seed extract) maintains water quality and builds the immune system. Oregano is added to the mixture of fruits and veggies because of its antifungal agents. You can find a list of edible flowers on her web site. Lineols would rather climb than fly and love to forage. When sleeping, the head will hang lower than the perch and the tail will be above the perch. Lineols reach maturity at 1 year of age. A bird hatched late in the year will mature more slowly than those hatched earlier in the year because of the breeding season. Shredding and weaving is how they prepare nests. Aspen wood for nesting is much

cleaner than pine and not as sharp smelling. Use wood backs on the nest box or a material that is not see through. Don't use clear acrylic or glass. If they can see you, they are more likely to abandon the babies. After about 4-5 days you can look in the nest box and they will not mind. Incubation period: eggs are laid 3 days apart, yet some breeders have reported as little as 1 day between eggs. Lineols are very good mimics. At about 7 weeks of age, they will want to fly, fly, fly. This lasts for about 3-4 weeks. You must continue to handle them during this time or they will revert back to being wild. Weight should be around 50-60 grams in adulthood. The Lineol Show will be in San Francisco in August.

### Tips & Tidbits:

#### Recipes: Birdie Bread

Mix 2 boxes of Jiffy corn bread mix with the following:

- 3 eggs
- 2/3 c. milk
- 1 Gerber's Jr. size of sweet potatoes or carrots
- 1/2 c. frozen peas
- 1/2 c. frozen corn
- 1/2 bird seed –optional
- 1/2 c. pellets

Bake in muffins tins @ 450 degrees for 20-25 mins or until toothpick inserted into the middle comes out clean.

This is a great recipe for feeding to breeder birds who are feeding babies.

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HAPPY DAY!!! Summer is finally on its way. The April showers that bring May flowers should be coming to an end soon.....hopefully.... The flowers are blooming and the sassiness or extra affection they exhibit toward us if they have no feathered mate during the breeding season should be in full swing. If you have any crab apple, apple or cherry trees nearby, our birds love to chew off the blooms and

chew on the sweet wood. You can get a list of all the safe flowers for your birds through [www.atfeathersend.com](http://www.atfeathersend.com). Now is a great time to check all wing feathers for their length. We don't want our companions to escape and be injured by hawks or other animals on the prowl.

Sheryl~