



# South Bay Bird Society

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# Notes from Janet

Our California weather has been a mixture of rain, sun, snow and cool, cool temperatures, and the rainfall total is 218% above normal. It DOES rain in Southern California! Please keep your birds and other animals safe, warm and out of the elements!



**GOOD NEWS!**

I would like to welcome Patte Fisher as our SPONSOR RAFFLE COORDINATOR. Thanks, Patte! We appreciate you stepping up for SBBS.

**VERY SERIOUSLY – SBBS NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!**

We are looking for additional members to step up in 2017 to assist us as follows:

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & SUPPORT**

- Setting up and monitoring the audio and video equipment during our monthly meetings
- Assuring that our equipment is compatible with our speaker's computer

**ADDITIONAL HELP NEEDED AT THIS TIME**

The SBBS Board of Directors have volunteered to ensure that our technical support and raffle coordinator duties were fulfilled during 2016. Along with their regular responsibilities and duties, they also worked tirelessly to ensure that our Silent Auction/ Fundraiser was a success. It is becoming increasingly difficult to take on the technical support without additional help from our members.

As well, we are asking members to arrive early to assist in setting up the tables and

chairs for our monthly meetings and cleaning up afterwards.

SBBS needs your help! PLEASE Step Up NOW! Contact Janet at (310) 376-5954

**WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME AND CONTRIBUTING TO YOUR BIRD CLUB. WE HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU!** We would also appreciate speaker and meeting topic suggestions for 2017.

**SPONSORS AND ANGEL DONORS**

**SBBS ANGEL DONORS** are the best! An anonymous financial donation has been made in support of our newsletter. We also received a \$1000.00 donation from members Barbara Goodfellow and Jimi Anderson. We thank our angel donors for their continued support.

**YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

Thank you to Courtney Calleja for being SBBS Youth Ambassador for several years. Courtney has been helpful at our community outreach events, speaking and interacting with young people about "Responsible Pet Ownership". Courtney is now a young woman with a bright future ahead of her and I am confident that we will see her at future SBBS meetings and events. All the best to you, Courtney!

Your support as SBBS members is welcomed and necessary in 2017.

Please see Elaine Dunn, our Director of Membership, to pay your dues. I look forward to seeing you at our "Evening With the Macaws", February 6th.

Cheers  
**Janet**



**Pancho**  
Photos courtesy Marie Calleja.



**Courtney Calleja and Indie**

# Annual "Official" Potluck

January 2, 2017 • By Diane Sivas

SBBS January Potluck took place at the end of a long holiday weekend, and we were pleased to see so many members in attendance. We appreciate the fact that folks resisted the temptation to stay at home on a cold night and watch football.

Janet kicked off the meeting by asking members for help during the new year. We need folks to assist with monthly meeting set up and clean up; specifically help with audio set up (thanks to David Benjamin who kept us going through the meeting), set up of chairs and tables, and clean-up of the room at the conclusion of the meeting. And the request seemed to work because so many of you pitched in, so thanks for that. Let's keep it up in 2017



Kona



Cheeto

Usually our potluck meeting is a chance for people to sit down and visit (which we did do), but this time we also had the pleasure of listening to Dr. Teresa Micco talk to us again about her hummingbirds. Unfortunately, when she was with us a couple of

months ago, our audio visual system was not up to the task, but fortunately, she agreed to come back with visual aids and give us another look at those amazing hummingbirds. Her presentation was aptly titled, "The Tiny, Mighty Hum-



JoJo

Photos Courtesy Janet Ragonesi

mingbird." Teresa's home and outside aviary are filled with hummingbirds in various stages of age, health and readiness to be released back into the wild. We saw photos like, "how many hummingbirds can you fit into one nest?" Turned out that the answer was 7...or maybe 8. Those little ones were huddled so close together that it was hard to tell. It's probably a great way to stay warm. There was also the video of the little guy who walked on water, and the one enjoying a bath. We watched and listened to the humming sound they make when they're flapping those tiny wings. Is that how they got their name? Teresa brought along a few young ones to share with us, and everyone had a chance to see them at the end of her presentation. Thanks, Dr. Micco. Our very own hummingbird lady!

And, as I've said before, we have some great cooks in our midst. Thanks to everyone who brought food for the table. There was some good cold weather comfort food, along with salads and sweets. Everything was great.

Next month will be "Macaw Night," and it will be a great opportunity to ask and answer questions about our Macaws, share stories, and have a good time doing it. Macaws are fun, affectionate, and a joy to have, so let's share them on this special evening. Everyone is encouraged to bring their Macaws, large and small, to the meeting. We never get tired of talking about our Macaws. The date is February 6 at 7:00 p.m. See you then!



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