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Photos by Randy Harwood, Gala Burkholder and Courtney Calleja

A Quiet Moment of Reflection!

Marie Calleja and Ruby Tuesday, photo by Courtney Calleja



Birding in Africa with Randy Harwood

August 6th, 2018

Submitted by Marie Calleja



With several of our SBBS board members away due to injury, illness or vacation, not to mention the extreme summer heat, it was certainly a challenge to ensure that the meeting would run smoothly. President Janet managed to have the vacant spots filled for the evening so the meeting went off without a hitch. We missed you Kathy, Diane and Deborah! Krista Renta stepped up to cover the welcome desk and sign-in sheets, June Baker did a fabulous job laying out the delicious potluck and yours truly (Marie) took notes!

Janet opened the evening with a warm welcome to everyone in attendance. We had quite a few guests and visitors and several people joined SBBS! Awesome! All the guests introduced themselves and any birds that had accompanied them. I think we had more guests/visitors than members that night!

Our annual SBBS picnic at Columbia Park, 4045 W. 190th Street in Torrance, is approaching quickly! Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 9th, 2018. Birds, family and friends are all welcome! This year's picnic theme is "Love Our Colorful Birds". SBBS will be providing the BBQ goodies – burgers, hot dogs, condiments, charcoal for the grill, drinks and water. Myrna Frame will be our "Grill Boss" as in past years! We encourage you to bring along your favorite summer picnic dishes, entrees, salads, side dishes and desserts – enough to serve 8-10 people – or a \$10 donation if you would like to eat. Don't forget that your birds are welcome – bring their stands

or carriers, food, water, along with your lawn chairs and blankets. There is plenty of on-site parking and a great raffle! Assistance with set up and tear down would be appreciated!

Patte Fisher gave a quick raffle report and mentioned that any certificates on the table have expiration dates, so please use them as soon as possible!!!

Janet shared a bit of sad news. Lee and Sharyn Bolivar, owners of Thee Birdie Bordello, dear friends of SBBS for many years, are re-locating to Chicago to be closer to family. And, sadly, they are giving up their birds. One has already been re-homed, but their 40+ year old wild-caught Yellow-Naped Amazon, "Guermo William", Sharyn's dear friend for MANY years, is currently at Myrna's Fine Feathered Friends Foundation, looking for a new home. Compassion and kindness go a long way and we have the opportunity to show that every day so we offer up our love and best wishes to Lee and Sharyn as they transition to their new location. You will be missed!

Krista Renta spoke briefly about the new suggestion box situated on the sign-in desk and reassured all in attendance that any notes and suggestions placed in the box will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. Krista also mentioned that it is important for all of us to be able to contact one another in the case of an emergency, so, with that being said, she will be passing around a clipboard at the pic-
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Notes from Janet

RUBY AND MARIE ON FRONT PAGE

Knowing Ruby's history - After her previous owner passed away, others neglected her and she was food-deprived and left alone and nearly forgotten inside a dark building. Eventually, she was rescued by a man named James Krembs and rehabbed for six weeks. He then contacted SBBS in need of a loving home for a very old and ailing Scarlet macaw. Marie Calleja stepped forward to adopt RUBY TUESDAY, sight unseen, seven years ago. These dear, dear souls are truly bonded, Ruby Tuesday and Marie. This photo captures a tender moment of "REFLECTION", of love and respect! I hope this image touches your soul with tears of joy!

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

I cannot believe summer is almost over! For us here in Southern California, September is usually outstanding beach weather! I love to walk in the evenings and take in the beautiful sunsets! Enjoy the long holiday weekend with family, friends, and your pet companions. KEEP HYDRATED!

Our August meeting with Randy Harwood was fantastic! Read Marie Calleja's report and check out the photographs taken by Randy! Thanks, Marie, for stepping in for Diane Sivas! View pages 2,6 and 7.

SBBS ANNUAL PICNIC, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 – "LOVE OUR COLORFUL BIRDS". WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR COLORFUL CLOTHES!

The details for the picnic are in the flyer on page 4! Set up is at 11:00 am at Columbia Park. Arrive early and help us to set up, as the picnic starts at 12:00 noon and ends at 3:00 pm. Myrna Frame will be grilling up the hamburgers and hot dogs, with all fixings provided by SBBS. YUM! Please bring a side dish or dessert to serve 8 -10 people or make a \$10 (ten dollars) donation if you plan on eating with us. SBBS will also provide water and drinks. We could sure use extra drink coolers if you have an extra to loan us for the afternoon. The picnic is a fun event for our members, guests, friends and our birds! The public loves to meet our birds and this is a fabulous opportunity for us to share them (and our experience) with people in the park!



OCTOBER 1, 2018 MEETING, TOPIC IS A DOOZIE! "EMERGENCY" WHAT COULD HAPPEN IF YOU HAD A PET EMERGENCY AND YOU DID NOT LEAVE WRITTEN PERMISSION WITH YOUR PET SITTER, BOARDING FACILITY OR YOUR VETERINARIAN TO TREAT YOUR PETS! FROM A VETERINARIAN'S EXPERIENCE, DR. TERESA MICCO WILL DISCUSS THIS TOPIC!

This topic is very serious! What if you became ill and were hospitalized, or a family member needs your help unexpectedly? You were travelling, and you could not be reached, and your pet became ill? All these situations have come up this year with some of our members and clients. Dr. Micco will discuss this topic and possibly include a Power Point presentation. An evening not to miss. See page 5 to view the flyer!

SPECIAL RAFFLE - DR. MICCO WILL DONATE A CAGE

The tickets are \$5 (five dollars) each! All the proceeds from ticket sales will go towards the rescue, rehab and release of hummingbirds that have been, or are in, her care. Dr. Micco has helped approximately 200 hummingbirds this year alone!

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2018 MEETING FROM 2-4 PM.



We will have a very special guest speaker, Ms. J. Morgan Saifer. Morgan is an Animal Communicator, Medium and Reiki Master. She lives in Canada with her cat Pink. Morgan has dedicated her life's focus to the healing and wellness of animals. She will give us a personal and professional presentation into her life's journey. She will also be conducting two readings, and possibly three, depending on the time.

If you are interested in a reading, your bird must be present at the meeting. If your bird is ill, or has passed, then bring a picture. We will have special tickets to be drawn for the readings. If your ticket is pulled, you will receive a reading from Morgan at the meeting! You may want to have some questions ready for her to ask your bird - maybe your bird will have questions for you they might share with Morgan

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“Love Our Colorful Birds”

Birds, family and friends are Welcome!

Sunday September 9, 2018 • 12:00 Noon - 3:00 pm • Columbia Park



Krista and Sydney



Paul and Bella



*SBBS Guest with
Kahlia, Gala Burkholder's bird*

SBBS will provide the following:

BBQ goodies - Burgers, hot dogs, condiments, charcoal for the grill, drinks and water

Bring Along:

Your favorite summer picnic dishes, entrees, salads, side dishes and desserts

Enough to serve 8 -10 people or \$10 donation and your birds, their stands, food, water, lawn chairs and blankets

Plenty of parking and a Great Raffle!
We need your help with setup and tear down.

Columbia Park in Torrance

4045 West 190th Street Torrance

For More information: sobaybirdsoc.com

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Emergency!! What could happen if you had a pet emergency?

**You did not leave written permission for your pet sitter,
boarding facility or your veterinarian to treat your pets.**

From a veterinarian's experience Dr. Teresa Micco will discuss this topic!

Monday October 1, 2018 • 7 p.m.

Dr. Teresa Micco received her DVM in 2011 from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, located on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts, completing her clinical year at LSU in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Prior to veterinary school, Dr. Micco was a Registered Veterinary Technician for 25 years, working primarily with birds and exotics. Currently an Associate Veterinarian at Point Vicente Animal Hospital, in Rancho Palos Verdes, she is an active member of the Association of Avian Veterinarians and the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association. She continues to work with companion and wild birds, exotics, dogs and cats. Each year, she rehabilitates over 200 hummingbirds under the license of South Bay Wildlife Rehab as well as numerous songbirds and local wild baby and injured adult parrot species.

Dr. Micco lives in Redondo Beach with her husband Bill. They share their home with 3 African Grey parrots, 4 budgerigars, and 3 cats.



Location: Kiwanis Club of Hermosa Beach

2515 Valley Drive • Hermosa Beach • Cross streets are Gould and Valley Drive For

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Birding in Africa with Randy Harwood, continued from page 2.

nic for members to write-down their phone numbers/email addresses, etc., if they choose to participate.

Early Bird Winner – Krista Renta

Buy/Sell/Trade – Myrna Frame, Fine Feathered Friends Foundation, has a 15-year old male Blue and Gold macaw named “Baby” looking for a new home. He is slightly plucked but is a great bird with a wonderful personality! There are also numerous parakeets of various colors available for adoption, too!

Janet introduced the board members in attendance. Elaine (membership) and Karen (Education – Q & A) spoke briefly about their duties and encouraged new and returning members to join/renew, and to submit any bird questions that they may have.

The year is moving along quickly – our October speaker has not been confirmed yet, but will be announced soon. In November, we will welcome J. Morgan Saifer, of Solstice Spirit, who is an animal communicator from Canada. Both Janet and Marie shared brief stories of how Jill/Morgan performed readings on their birds (Indiana and Sebastian) earlier this year. This promises to be a very interesting evening! There will be an opportunity for several readings so plan to attend with your birds. December is, of course, the Silent Auction and Holiday Party, our only fundraiser of the year! It’s not too early to start thinking about donations of gift baskets/certificates, etc., as well as volunteering your time to assist with this great event!

Gala was next on the microphone and asked a question about the newsletter with regards to bringing a new flock

member into your home. Two very important points – quarantine your new bird from the rest of your flock for at least thirty days, and be sure to visit your avian vet for a Well-Bird check as soon as possible.

Gala then had the privilege of introducing Dr. Randy Harwood, our guest speaker for the evening. Randy coordinates excursions around the world, has published books, and has been fortunate to have taken a couple of trips to Africa and photographed many of the native birds and other wildlife during his travels. He delighted us by sharing his most recent adventure to Africa. His incredible photography, accompanied by an



SBBS Guest with Kalhia

entertaining narration, was most enjoyable. Through his amazing photos of the native African birds, along with other familiar wildlife such as elephants, giraffes, zebras, rhinos, hippos, Cape buffalo, Nile crocodiles, hyenas and African wild dogs, not to mention the big cats like lions, cheetahs and leopards, we were treated to a mini-tour through ten countries within the very large continent of Africa. Randy mentioned that this trip was a life-changing experience for both he and his wife and they really fell in love with Africa, it’s people, the animals and the broad expanses. Their travels took them through Botswana, Congo, Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, South Africa, Madagascar and Tanzania, where the Masai people haven’t changed very much over time. We learned that the women do all of the hard work and set out on fifty-mile hikes for firewood and water, through very hostile territory. The Masai are a very colorful group of people!

The title of Randy’s presentation was “Birding in Africa”, and we had such a treat viewing all of the wonderful photos that Randy shared with us. Lots of “oohs and aahs” as hornbills, wydahs, ostriches (largest bird in the world, at 9 ft. tall!), vultures, African greys (of course!!) Secretary birds, Lilac-Breasted Rollers, Maribou storks (only a mother could truly LOVE those homely faces!), weavers, cattle egrets, Go-Away birds (named for their call), guinea fowl, birds of prey, just to name a few, were projected up on the screen! Of course, it’s difficult NOT to photograph all of the other fabulous wildlife while in Africa, so the slide show also included many scenic photos of the expansive African savannah, vistas as far as the eye could see, various wildlife, as well as pictures of the different modes of transportation that Randy and his small group utilized – Range Rovers, canoes, and of course the guided walks, many of them without marked trails! That, combined with the thoughtful use of morn-



ing and late afternoon golden light, enhanced the stunning and awe-inspiring photography! Randy’s group was also fortunate to hike up to see the wild gorillas

(a hike NOT for the faint of heart!) and were delighted to be able to observe an entire family interacting with one another. It is not permitted to approach these dangerous creatures, but nothing stops them from checking out the humans! Randy told us that a baby gorilla rolled down the hill and came to rest on the top of his foot!

In closing, Randy encouraged each and every one of us to visit Africa – there we will find an incredible balance between prey and predator where the weak, sick, old and young are the first to go. Truly
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the "circle of life" is very evident all over this fascinating continent!

Check out Randy's website – www.rkh-photography.com

Photos by Randy Harwood unless noted otherwise.

From Randy's website -

Randy Harwood has been traveling and photographing the world's wild places, animals, birds and marine life for over thirty-five years. He tries to find ways to use these images to give people a better awareness of the beauty and value of the natural world. Hopefully some of these photographs.



Uganda - Elephant



Long Crested Eagle



Lilac Breasted Roller



Guest with Sidney



Lisa Cooley with Tiki



Jordan loves his carrots



Leopard



Guests Roxanne & Kimura Carlsten



Karen has been involved with birds 35+ years, has been an SBBS member 35+ years, and has become an honorary lifetime member of SBBS. She has her own bird shop, she counsels and trains new bird owners, and is a published writer.

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Q & A by Karen the Parrot Lady

The answers to your questions are MY opinion based on nearly 50 year's experience. I donated my time to Avian and Exotic Animal Hospital, working with Doctors Rosskopf and Woerpel. Hands-on experience owning my own exotic bird shops, raising and breeding, grooming and caring for parrots of all kinds.

Ask me your questions and I will answer to the best of my knowledge, if I don't have an answer I will make every effort to find one for you and tell you my source.!

Q Can my bird eat an avocado if I remove the peel?

A NO! Not raw, not cooked, NO WAY AT ALL!!! Avocado is deadly to your birds. Next to the skin is toxic, next to the seed is toxic There is so much oil in the meat that it is indigestible, and cooking an avocado gives off a vapor that is pure death! Don't try it!

Q My bird seems to understand what I say to him. How is that possible?

A Your bird has the mentality of a three to five year old child (and sometimes they are smarter than some of the adult people we know, don't tell anyone I said that}. Just like our human kids, they can listen, comprehend, and follow directions - but sometimes they don't! You teach them with repetition and kindness and they will honor you with intelligence and charm. However, like all children, they can be stubborn and ornery, You can say "I love you" a hundred times and they refuse to say it, but say a bad word once and they have it down pat.

Q I want to buy a baby parrot and hand feed it but cannot seem to find anyone who will help me learn?

A In California it is against the law to sell an unweaned baby bird to anyone that is not qualified to feed it. A baby must be weaned and eating ON ITS OWN for two weeks before it is legal to sell it and for you to take it home. It is so easy to hurt a baby, and worse. If the formula is too cold it will cause crop rot. If too hot it will burn the crop and a fistula (scab) will form and drop off leaving a hole in the crop making surgery necessary. If you put the food into the opening to the lungs, which is right next to the crop where the food is supposed to go, you have killed the baby. SOOOOO let a professional feed the baby and you can visit it during the process, bond nicely and take home a happy healthy bird.

Q Can you tell the sex of a bird by whether it likes men or women best?

A Are you kidding me? Can you tell if veggies are better for you if they match your shirt? To tell the sex of a bird you DNA test through a qualified person and laboratory. As far as the veggies go, eat them all because they are good for you!



Association of Avian Veterinarians

July 2018 AAV Bird Club News Release

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Wing Trimming: A Simple Question, But No Simple Answers

By Jodi Berls, CVA,

One of the questions avian veterinarians and their staff get asked most often is, "Should my bird's wings be trimmed?" Although that may seem like a simple yes-or-no question, the answer actually is rather complicated, and you'd be wise to think carefully before deciding either way.

Also note that wing trimming (or clipping, depending on the terminology you want to use) is somewhat controversial. That means you're likely to get different advice from different experts who may not agree with each other. With careful planning and training, some birds may be allowed free flight in a safe area. The Association of Avian Veterinarians recommends that trimming wings should have as its goal not to make the bird incapable of flight, but to prevent it from developing rapid and sustained flight and to prevent escape. It should be noted that serious long-term complications and blood loss could occur if a wing trim is not done properly. If you feel wing trimming may be necessary for your bird, consult with your avian veterinarian who can help you make an informed decision and complete the trim safely in an office visit.

Let's take a look at some of the reasons wing trimming may be beneficial or detrimental to your bird.

The Natural State of Things

Your bird's normal, natural state is to be able to fly, and fly a lot. Altering or removing that ability is neither normal nor natural, and there can be consequences to the bird's health and happiness, some of them potentially serious.

Wild birds spend a great deal of time in the air seeking out food, finding nesting or breeding sites, collecting material for nests, and to escape danger. The

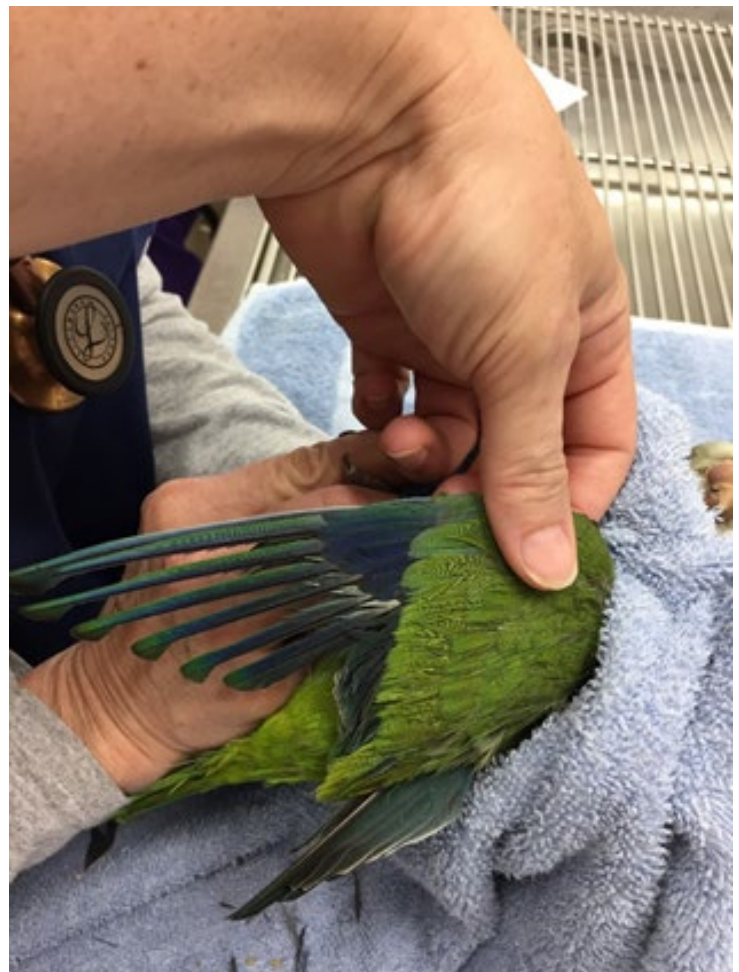


Photo credit: Jodi Berls, CVA, LVTA "skinny trim" performed on the wing of a Quaker parrot whose neurological symptoms made it difficult for her to engage in controlled flight. The length of the feathers has been left unchanged, but the width of the feather vanes has been reduced. The trim allows her to fly more slowly and land more safely. This method of wing trimming was developed at The Avian and Exotic Animal Clinic of Arizona.

Instinct to fly remains very strong in caged pet birds, and even birds whose wings have been clipped for many years occasionally may try to launch themselves into the air when frightened or excited – birds sometimes seriously injure themselves in such attempts.

That said, trimming a bird's wings doesn't necessarily prevent flight entirely. The goal of a proper wing trim is to prevent the bird from taking long or high-altitude flights while leaving enough flight ability to prevent dangerous falls. Thus, a bird with trimmed wings that is taken outside could easily be carried off in a gust of wind if not restrained by a cage or harness.

Some reasons in favor of trimming wings include:

- **Safety:** Birds seem to know an infinite number of ways to get themselves into trouble, from spook-flying into windows or mirrors to landing in an open toilet or on a hot stove. Trimmed wings limit – but don't eliminate – your bird's ability to do things like zoom up into the ceiling fan or fly away through an open door.
- **Behavior and training:** Birds are more likely to stay in an area where they're easily supervised, such as on a play stand or cage top, if they know they can't simply fly off at will. Some birds appear calmer and less aggressive, and thus, more amenable to training, when their flight ability is limited. They are more dependent on their owners, which may facilitate bonding. Note that this doesn't apply to all birds – some may instead become more territorial when their options are reduced.
- **Protection for your belongings:** As far as your bird is concerned, your whole house and everything in it are potential chew toys. If he can fly anywhere he wishes, there's no end of expensive, difficult-to-replace items that can be subject to the effects of beak and claws. This may include drywall, cabinet doors, curtains, furniture and houseplants. Your bird doesn't know how much you paid for your laptop computer, and he sees you messing with it all the time, so why shouldn't he play with it, too?

Some reasons not to trim wings include:

- **Predator avoidance:** If you also share your home with pets that are predators (e.g., cats, dogs, ferrets), flight ability is your bird's best defense against them. No matter how well trained or well behaved your dog or cat is, he or she may not always be able to resist the instinct to go after your bird.
- **Trauma prevention, part 1:** A bird whose flight ability is intact is much less likely to fall and injure himself. He's also less likely to suffer injury resulting from a near fall. This is especially true in cases where a bird that has been flighted is suddenly trimmed or a bird has had a severe trim recently. These birds are quite susceptible to falls that can result in broken feathers, beaks and bones, as well as bruising, lacerations and general soreness. A bird whose wings have been trimmed should always retain the ability to glide downward at least a few feet to prevent serious injuries.
- **Trauma prevention, part 2:** Flight is a natural instinct for birds, but baby birds have to learn how to land safely and gracefully. If your bird is to retain that landing ability, he needs to practice it. Since good wing trims don't eliminate flight entirely, your bird still needs to know how to land well to be safe from injury.
- **Psychological effects:** Birds are extremely intelligent and sensitive creatures that become bored easily if they're not stimulated and occupied most of the time. Standing in or on a cage is unlikely to provide them with the activity they naturally crave. Some research suggests that birds that can't fly also can't respond appropriately to stressful events or situations. Instinct and evolution tell your bird the best response to stress is to fly away, and if that response is unavailable, he may turn to other responses, such as feather destructive behavior.
- **Health problems:** Being a cage potato is just as unhealthy for your bird as it is for you to be a couch potato. Obesity among pet birds is a serious and very common problem that can contribute to serious health problems, such as heart disease and hepatic lipidosis, also known as fatty liver disease. Some avian veterinarians believe that clipped feathers contribute to conditions such as feather destructive behavior (plucking), self-mutilation and pododermatitis (bumble foot). New research has shown that lack of exercise is among factors that can lead to development of osteoporosis, and the best exercise for a bird is flight.

Finding a Middle Ground

There are a couple of compromise positions for bird owners who want to provide as much safety as possible for their pets while also preserving their birds' natural ability to fly. A common option is to acquire a harness and leash for the bird. This allows the bird some limited flight while providing the security of easy supervision by the owner. Some of these devices also provide a padded insert that functions like a diaper to prevent bird droppings from landing where they're not wanted.

Note, however, that not all birds will tolerate a harness, and even those that do may require a lengthy period of training and acclimation to it. You also will need to pay attention to the condition of the harness often, as your bird may not be able to resist the temptation to chew on it.

Another option is what's called a "skinny trim," which leaves the length of the feathers intact while removing some of the width of the individual feather vanes. This technique, which was developed at The Avian and Exotic Animal Clinic of Arizona, reduces the forward speed of a bird's flight as well as making it more difficult to gain high altitude while providing better landing control.

When the Answer is "Yes"

If you do decide to have your bird's wings trimmed, the best way is to have it done by your avian veterinarian. Having a professional do this will help ensure you don't encounter problems like bleeding from a new feather that gets cut accidentally. Your vet can ensure your bird isn't trimmed too much or too little - trimming should always be tailored to the individual bird to prevent falls and injuries. In addition, because many birds find wing trimming stressful, having a veterinarian perform the clip allows someone else to be "the bad guy," keeping your bond with the bird undamaged.

Overview

Whether to trim your bird's wings or not is a question that deserves some serious thought, because it can have long-lasting, important consequences for the bird's health and happiness.

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Just Ask Krista

Hello SBBS Members!

I know that you recalled that in the last meeting I stressed the importance of having an emergency contact if you should fall ill. Not everyone has extended family or friends that are nearby to lend a hand. The board has come up with a smart solution to better serve our members.

As you know, a member had a health scare and no one was able to get to her aid for almost a full day. She has fortunately recovered. Our love for our birds is infinite.

They are the most precious beings! We are immensely fortunate that we get the privilege to share our lives with them.

The board has suggested a communication system. Just a quick group text once a day to all the SBBS Members who participate. Just text "I'm okay": Preferably by 12 noon each day. We would also like for you to include your email and Facebook. As backup means of contact. Facebook is ultimately the way we were able to send help to our beloved SBBS member. This is about saving your life and ensuring the well-being of your animals. We all know that not all of our friends and family are keen on our birds.

I will be passing out a sign-up sheet at our Annual Picnic in September.

Participation is voluntary. If you change your mind once you have signed up, all you need to do is email or text me and I will take you off the list. Your information will be kept confidential and will only be shared with members who are participating.

Once again please feel free to contact me about any concerns or questions you may have. My cell is: 562-212-5040 and my email is: kbarrett2000@yahoo.com.

We cherish our SBBS members. All of us want to extend our thanks for your participation and attendance. We do have a big need for volunteers (in the kitchen, meeting set up and community outreach). Please see Janet, our President, for details.

Aloha and Mahalo

*Krista Renta
Communications Coordinator*



West L.A. Bird Club Meeting

Wednesday, September 12,
7:00 pm

**Hillary Hankey,
Bird Trainer
will speak to us on
Myth Busting
Parrots Behavior**

American Legion Hall
5309 Sepulveda Boulevard
Culver City, California
www.westlabirdclub.com/



**Welcome SBBS
New & Returning Members**

New and Returning

Anne & Conor Sullivan, Patti Ash, Diane Berlin

Renewals

Linda Jensen, Luana Feigelstock, Norma Schrader, Irene Templeton

Lifetime Members

Diane Bock, Cary & Anita Pao, Lorrie Mitchell,

Jimi K. Anderson, Bree and Deven Brozey

Don't fly off the membership list. Please pay your dues!

SBBS is currently upgrading our membership files. To help us, please go to www.sobaybirdsoc.com and click on Memberships to find the new membership application. Please fill it out and include your check and send it to SBBS, P.O. Box 3863, Redondo Beach 90277-3863.

If you want to join and have received a hard copy or found the membership application on the back of the newsletter, fill it out and send it to the above address. If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Elaine Dunn at (714) 306-5513. Other names will follow in upcoming months.



Joey Senegal (left) loves soft balsa wood! He managed to rip, chew and tear the entire lot in one evening. Right - You go Joey! He lives with Diane Bock and the balsa wood is from Jungle Toys.



Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Speaker TBA

Long Beach Bird Breeders Club


Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month 7 p.m.

August speaker TBA

American Legion Hall
5938 Parkcrest Street
(S. of Carson, E. ast of Woodruff Ave.)
Long Beach, CA For Information call
562-881-9847




PARROT EDUCATION & ADOPTION CENTER



PEAC is not taking in any parrots right now, but they do have a lot of nice birds ready to be adopted. There are classes going throughout the month. The San Diego location has classes the last weekend of the month. Classes in Orange County are on the third Saturday of the month. There is a new class now being offered in Hemet on the first Sunday of the Month. Please check the website for topics, times, and directions.

Please contact PEAC at parroted@cox.net or visit their website www.peac.org for more information.



Adoptions



There are so many birds needing homes out there. If you are considering another bird, please think about adopting one. Call one of these rescue/adoption groups. They all have many wonderful birds just waiting for someone to come and take them home. Many of these groups have websites – take a look!

Organization	Phone	Contact
Parrots First	(866) 248-7670, ext. 5937	www.parrotsfirst.org
The Lily Sanctuary	(714) 442-9474	www.lilysanctuary.org
Parrot Rehabilitation Society	(619) 224-6712	www.parrotsociety.org
Southern Nevada Parrot Education, Rescue & Rehoming Society		www.southernnevadaparrotrescue.org
Santa Barbara Bird Sanctuary	(805)-565-1807	www.sbbird.org
Fine Feathered Friends Foundation	(310) 541-2468	curtismyrna@verizon.net

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and hopefully you will be able to provide answers only you can give or assist with issues that you can help solve.

I have had both experiences with my birds - asking Morgan a question to ask me, and I them. Morgan has written a book "Animals and Energy". She will bring about a dozen copies with her for sale. Everyone is welcome at the meeting!

SBBS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER SILENT AUCTION AND HOLIDAY PARTY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 9, 2018

Donations are needed and appreciated! If you have items for the auction, please contact Janet at ragonesi@att.net or by phone at (310) 376-5954. Leave a message with your phone number. All donations must be new, or slightly used. Most items are welcome and accepted at the discretion of SBBS. Donations can include gift baskets, gift cards, service gift certificates, bird toys and accessories, cages, art, new children's toys, games, books, jewelry, tools, cars with titles (just kidding!), plants, collectibles, homemade candy and goodies. NOTHING BROKEN OR DIRTY - ALL MUST BE IN WORKING ORDER WITH FRESH BATTERIES. No BIRDS OR PETS will be auctioned! If you are not sure about an item, ask a board member. You can begin bringing your donations to the meeting on October 1st, or call (or email) Janet for drop off at her home. We will have a flyer and announcement with donation deadlines, help needed and with important dates soon!

Remember - this fundraiser and holiday party is held each year to raise money for SBBS, to cover our operating costs, speakers, community outreach, emergencies, supplies, and more! All members, friends, families or businesses are encouraged to donate to the silent auction. Everyone is welcome to attend the auction and holiday party.

But first, we must organize the fundraiser with your donations and help. When donating items, please provide your name, item description(s) as well as approxi-

mate value(s) when you bring them to the meeting, beginning October 1st. Contact Janet. More details to follow!

LANEY'S LEGACY, "SAVING THE BLUES"

Laney's 20 years of working to save the rare Blue Throated Macaw in Bolivia will be remembered with the naming of a newly acquired 1,680 acre reserve after her. **Announcement on page 16.** For those of us who knew Laney we are thrilled by this announcement!

HELP NEEDED IN OUR KITCHEN EACH MONTH – KITCHEN COORDINATOR

We have kitchen supplies to bring to the meetings, and we require a person to set up the refreshments and food each month. This is a fun way to help SBBS. If interested, please contact a board member. Thanks!

READ THE SBBS NEWSLETTER - WIN RAFFLE TICKETS!

Gala Burkholder will have a variety of questions for our membership to answer at the August meeting. Answer the questions correctly and win raffle tickets. All you need to do is read the newsletter!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER MEMBERS
KINDNESS IS A SMILE WE SHARE!
PLEASE SUPPORT SBBS SPONSORS**

Cheers, Janet



Scott Byington



Carla and her band.





Laney's Legacy

Laney's 20 years of working to save the rare Blue Throated Macaw in Bolivia will be remembered with the naming of a newly acquired 1,680 acre reserve after her. She will be missed by those of us breeding the Blue Throats. We thank her for her mentoring and inspiration.

Announcement in Bolivian News

(Santa Cruz, Bolivia. August 20, 2018)

The Bolivian conservation organization Asociación Armonía has purchased the most important nesting area of the Critically Endangered Blue-throated Macaw in a joint effort involving four leading conservation groups – American Bird Conservancy, International Conservation Fund of Canada, IUCN Netherlands, and World Land Trust. Over 1,680 acres of savanna and tropical forest in central Bolivia is now protected. In recognition for her dedication to saving Blue-throated Macaws in the wild, Armonía has named the reserve the Laney Rickman Blue-throated Macaw Reserve. This new reserve together with Armonía's existing Barba Azul Nature Reserve establishes a total protected area for the Blue-throated Macaw of 28,862.



Note From Patte Fisher:

SBBS Raffle and Sponsor Director Announces:

SBBS WANTS YOUR OPINION ON THE MONTHLY RAFFLE!!

What would you like to see more of? Less of? What items would you like to see that are not presently offered?

Contact your Raffle Coordinator, Patte Fisher, email; pattefisher@verizon.net, phone 310-316-9843, text 310-418-9096 with your suggestions. All ideas welcome!