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Animal Communicator  
& Medium  
with J. Morgan Saifer

Sunday, November 4, 2018  
2 - 4 pm, see flyer page 5  
(\*note special date & time)

**South  
Bay Bird  
Society  
Invites you  
to our  
Annual  
Fundraiser  
& Silent  
Auction  
  
Sunday,  
December  
9th, 2018  
\* 1:00pm-  
3:30pm**



See flyer page 7.

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# Prepare For An Emergency

Oct. 1, 2018  
By Diane Sivas



Our October 1st meeting was relaxed, informative and fun. The featured speaker was veterinarian Dr. Teresa Micco, who was on board to tell us about how to make sure our pets are properly cared for in our absence. When travel, illness, or something else takes us away from our homes or make us otherwise unavailable, we need to be sure that someone is looking after our pets.

But before the main event, we had announcements, introductions and the early bird drawing won by Marie Calleja. On a sad note, Janet and Karen both announced that lifetime member and dear friend, Lorrie Mitchell, had passed away rather unexpectedly. She will definitely be missed. The club needs a member to step up and assume kitchen duties at the monthly meetings. We have shifted roles which has left the kitchen spot open. If you can help, please contact Janet. Past president and all-around helper, Ron Ellwood, is back and has taken on the duties of membership coordinator. Welcome back, Ron! The November meeting will be on Sunday afternoon 11/4 from 2-4 p.m. And it's time to start gathering items together for the December auction. Watch the newsletter for more information.

Then it was time to hear from Dr. Micco. She started by telling us how important it is to have written permission for others to seek out emergency treatment for our pets when

we are not able to do so ourselves. She had printed copies of a sample "release" form for us to use as a guide. This (or something similar) should be filled out, signed and left with the pet sitter/caregiver and our veterinarian of choice. If something happens, the caregiver will know exactly what to do and where to go to have the animal treated. You can also designate a high dollar amount for treatment of the animal – a "not to exceed" amount - and whether or not the treatment can take place if the vet or caregiver is not able to contact us. The form can also specify if we want extreme measures taken (CPR) or not and allows us to authorize medical transport if the vet thinks it is necessary.

Since this was an informal presentation, Dr. Micco welcomed questions throughout her talk. The subject of family or spousal authorization came up. If the "owner" has a release on record, the spouse of the owner can authorize treatment even if the owner of record objects. In this case, the spouses are considered one entity. In the case of a minor child giving permission, the treating vet could not honor this and would need to defer to the adult owner. If an adult child authorizes it, against the wishes of the adult owner, then the adult child would be liable for the cost.

The subject also came up about home emergencies, and how to alert first responders that there are pets in the home. A note on a



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window or door can be effective and can specify what animals are in the home. There was also a suggestion that a note about animals at home be placed with the owner's driver's license in case of an accident that requires transportation to an emergency room.

The questions were great, and Dr. Micco gave us a good lesson in how to

be prepared. She has made it easy by providing the form; all we need to do is fill in the blanks and sign it. What it gives back is peace of mind while we are away. Thank you, Dr. T!

Our November meeting will be with Morgan Saifer, an animal communicator and medium. These meetings are always fun so don't miss it. (And because

it's on Sunday afternoon, there's no reason to miss it!) If you are interested in getting a reading, bring your bird or a picture. Morgan will be able to do a few readings at the meeting and will be available to anyone else who is interested. Be advised that there will be costs associated with readings outside of her presentation. Have a great month. See you in November!



Flynn and Rhys  
Krista Renta's Birds



Gala Burkholder w/ Kaliha



Winkie Sylvia Skidmore bird



Lisa Cooley w/Tiki



Laura Zahn Amazon Franklin



Joni Malukas and Pio

# Notes from Janet

## GREETINGS!

### SBBS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND SILENT AUCTION UPDATE:

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1:00 – 3:30 PM**

Mark your calendars and save the date on your cell phone for the annual SBBS Fundraiser and Silent Auction! Check out the flyer on page 6.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THE SBBS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH OTHERS!

### HOW CAN YOU HELP? You can help in three ways:

- You can DONATE items or certificates
- VOLUNTEER to help prepare for our fundraiser
- SHOP at our Annual Fundraiser and Silent Auction on Sun., Dec. 9, 1 - 3:30 pm

### DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE SUCCESS OF THIS FUNDRAISER!

We encourage individuals, our sponsors and our members to MAKE A \$\$\$ DONATION.

**DONATIONS CAN INCLUDE** a wide variety of items. Here are some suggestions:

- Service and Retail Certificates - manicures, hair styling, pet sitting, spa days, classes or training instruction, music lessons, flower arrangements, specialty or grocery stores and restaurants
- Individual Items - pet gifts, jewelry, art, bird toys, games, sports equipment, children's toys, memorabilia, household items, wine and/or spirits, candy, homemade crafts, bird cages, paintings, framed photos, museum tickets, vacation packages, books, travel vouchers, china, collectibles, movie or theater tickets, crystal, hand painted or artisan clothing, beauty products and sporting events
- Gift Baskets
- A variety of items we can use to create themed gift baskets
- Empty baskets we can use to create gift baskets (medium-size are preferred)

**ITEM CONDITIONS** - All donations must be new or gently used, in working order, clean, safe, include any necessary batteries and packaged food within current expiration dates. We cannot accept anything that is worn or outdated. This is a FUNDRAISER and we are obligated to provide working, quality items. SBBS will accept donated items at their discretion and they will become property of SBBS upon donation.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION -

- SBBS is a registered California 501 ©3 public benefit corporation, therefore your donations may be TAX DEDUCTIBLE! Your support, however, large or small is essential to our continued success and operation.
- NO BIRDS OR ANY OTHER ANIMALS WILL BE AUCTIONED.
- FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR BIRDS, please leave them at home. Thank-you.
- We also welcome cash donations!

### WHEN CAN YOU DONATE ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION???

Bring your donations on Sunday, November 4th

**BEFORE** the SBBS meeting between 1:15 - 1:50 pm

- Please include your name, cell phone number and approximate value.
- We must start our meeting at 2:00 pm with our guest speaker, J. Morgan Saifer, "Animal Communicator and Medium," so come early to donate.

You may also drop off your donations to Janet Ragonesi's home on the following dates: October 26, 27 and November 2, 9, 17, 30 and December 1 between 12 noon - 3 pm or by appointment.

These are the same dates we are wrapping and preparing the donations for the fundraiser. Join in and help us wrap your donations.

For Janet's address in Redondo Beach and to RSVP that you plan to drop-off items and/or help wrap and prepare donations, please contact Janet at [ragonesi@att.net](mailto:ragonesi@att.net) or call Janet at (424) 247-4447.

FYI - Any donations brought to the auction on Sunday, December 9th must be "table ready," with a list of items, and the minimum bid. No items will be embellished or

wrapped at the auction. We will place them on tables where there is open room or wait until the first tables have closed.

### THE SBBS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER IS THE ONLY TIME DURING THE YEAR WE RAISE FUNDS FOR SBBS AND OUR PROGRAMS!

The auction is great fun! We will have food, background music and friendly people to meet. Come and join us for this special event. We hope our fundraiser and silent auction will become a regular addition to your seasonal festivities. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

### Other ways you can VOLUNTEER to help with our Fundraiser and Silent Auction:

- Contact Janet at (424) 247-4447 to help set up, assist and/or take-down for the Silent Auction on December 9.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 SBBS MEETING, 2-4 PM \***

*\* (Remember to turn your clocks back since Daylight Savings Time ends that day)*

You won't want to miss the Sunday, November 4th SBBS meeting from 2:00 - 4:00 pm with J. Morgan Saifer, an Animal Communicator and Medium. She will share how birds and animals think and feel about life with their people. Check out the flyer on page 5.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SBBS member Marie Calleja and I will be speaking at Wild Birds Unlimited on November 10 at 10:30 am about "Responsible Bird Ownership." Come and support our club. This is just one more way SBBS reaches out to the community to educate others about caring for our feathered pet friends. Wild Birds Unlimited has recently found a new home in Redondo Beach located at 1886 Pacific Coast Highway (NW corner of PCH and Prospect).

### AMAZON SMILE

Please remember to select "The South Bay Bird Society" when making those on-line cyber Monday Amazon purchases. A percentage of the amount of your purchases will be given to our club to help support our programs. Thank you.

I look forward to seeing you at our November 4th SBBS meeting with J. Morgan Saifer. Remember to turn your clocks back earlier that day and enjoy the extra hour of sleep.

Cheers, Janet

**SBBS applauds Elaine Dunn for her role as membership director. Elaine has now passed the baton to member Ron Ellwood. Many thanks to both Elaine and Ron from SBBS.**



J Morgan Saifer will give us a personal and professional presentation into her life's journey as an  
Animal Communicator & Medium

➔ Sunday November 4 from 2 - 4 pm ➔



*J Morgan and Pink the cat.*

J Morgan Saifer is a Canadian Animal Communicator & Medium. For the last 12 years, Morgan has been on a mission to educate people about animal consciousness and sentience. She has spent the last decade teaching, practicing and speaking publicly about what animals think and how they feel. Morgan recently published her first book, "Animals & Energy". Morgan currently teaches certification courses in Animal (Interspecies) Communication, Animal Reiki and Mindfulness across Western Canada and the Southwest US.

On Nov 4nd, 2018, join the South Bay Bird Society and J Morgan Saifer for an interactive discussion on how birds and animals think and feel about life with their people. Morgan will select two members and their birds for a brief session. If time permits she will do an additional reading! Please bring your bird or a picture of your bird so that Morgan can provide a connection.

Location: Kiwanis Club of Hermosa Beach

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

For more information: [sobaybirdsoc.com](http://sobaybirdsoc.com) • Janet: 310-376-5954 • Kathy: [winebird1@msn.com](mailto:winebird1@msn.com)

# South Bay Bird Society Invites You to Our Annual Fundraiser & Silent Auction

Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 \* 1:00pm-3:30pm

Sending you Chirpful, Cheerful, Holiday  
Greetings!



## AUCTION TIMES:

Preview

1:00-1:30

Buy It Now

1:30-2:00

General Bidding

2:00-3:30



- *Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, homemade goodies and drinks.*
- *Wonderful gifts for family, friends, pets and you.*
- *Excellent way to contribute to a good cause while finishing your last minute shopping!*

**Location: Kiwanis Club of Hermosa Beach**

2515 Valley Drive • Hermosa Beach, CA  
Cross streets are Gould and Valley Drive

For more information please visit: [www.sobaybirdsoc.com](http://www.sobaybirdsoc.com)

Janet Ragonesi: 310-376-5954 • Krista Renta: [kbarrett2000@yahoo.com](mailto:kbarrett2000@yahoo.com)

## SBBS AUCTION GUIDELINES 2018

1. SILENT AUCTION PREVIEW begins at 1:00pm
2. "BUY IT NOW" BIDDING is open from 1:30 - 2:00 only.
3. All "Buy It Now" bids are final at the "Buy it Now" price  
Please proceed to cashier with winning "BUY IT NOW" ITEMS AND BID SHEETS by 2:00 to purchase Items.  
CASH, CHECK, DEBIT OR CREDIT ACCEPTED
4. General Bidding is open from 2:00 - 3:30. Tables will close every 12 – 15 minutes in number sequence as indicated on balloons on each table.
5. CHANGE YOUR MIND? - If you place a bid and change your mind, you must cross your name off the bid sheet before the table closes for final winner.
6. When table is closed remove, your winning item and bid sheets (the bid sheet attached to the item plus the one taped to the table) and proceed to the cashier).
7. In the event of a "bidding war", a Board Member will call a Live Auction to settle the winning bid.
8. All guests at the fundraiser are entitled to place bids for any items. Please do not block guests from bid sheets at any time.
9. Entry into the Kiwanis Club and exit will be from the front door facing Valley Drive only. Your paid receipt and bid sheet is important at the time you leave the Kiwanis Club. SBBS assistants wearing Santa hats will be available to assist you during the fundraiser, check out and entry/exit.

Thank you!

SBBS Board of Directors



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.

Send your questions to  
Karen Allen, P.O. Box 3863  
Redondo Beach CA 90277-3863  
Email: Birdsnmor@aol.com



## 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** My bird has been acting strangely for a couple of weeks, what should I do?

**A** Holy bird doodoo, if you were sick for even a week wouldn't you go see your doctor? Take that feathery child to your avian veterinarian NOW!!! Birds mask their symptoms when they are ill because in the wild if they show they are sick, the other birds will kill them and eat them. A sick bird in the flock makes the entire flock susceptible to predators. So if your bird is showing illness for any amount of time, it is serious You have no clue as to how long he has been hiding the problem. My suggestion is, never wait. As soon as you see any signs of illness call your avian veterinarian and get his or her opinion as to your next move. It is a good thing to remember, "YOU KNOW YOUR BIRD BETTER THEN ANYONE" SO YOU WILL SEE THE SIGNS OF SOMETHING SOONER THAT ANYONE ELSE.

**Q** I want to purchase a new bird, what do I look for?

**A** Clear eyes, bright colored feathers, healthy looking skin, no saliva or sores in the mouth. Those are out-standing features that are important. However the most important aspect, if at all possible, is that you let the bird pick you. Sometimes that is not possible, so be prepared to do some work to get your new bird's confidence. Words to remember: "Be Consistent." "Be Persistent." "Be Loving and Kind."

Speak softly, move slowly, and remember you might get bit so don't react like an angry maniac! Bite your tongue and follow the above rules. Sometimes it takes a while, but the end results are amazing and you will have a friend for life.

**Q** What reason is there for me to DNA my bird? (I really don't care what it is).

**A** The very first question an avian veterinarian will ask you is "Is it a boy or a girl?" The reason being (you are at the vet for a reason) something is off, correct? Males have testicular problems; females have ovar-ian problems, yolk Peritonitis, and an egg can get lodged inside, or worse break. If the vet has no clue what sex it is, you could lose the bird in the process of finding out. Wouldn't you rather be safe and have the answer? "DUH, I DON'T KNOW" seems a bit flaky, don't you agree?





# Responsible Bird Ownership

10:30am

Wild Birds Unlimited  
1886 S. Pacific Coast Highway  
Redondo Beach 90277

The South Bay Bird Society is dedicated to educating bird owners and potential owners of the proper way to care for pet birds. The Society's President, Janet Ragonesi, and a fellow member Marie Calleja will explain the joys and challenges

associated with owning a bird and what it takes to keep a bird physically and emotionally healthy. They will be joined by a few of their parrot ambassadors to give us a special up-close look at these beautiful and intelligent birds.

SAVE THE DATE  
for the annual West Los Angeles Bird Club

# HOLIDAY PARTY

**Wednesday, December 12th at 7PM**  
Culver City Legion Hall, 5309 S. Sepulveda

RSVP by **DECEMBER 7th**  
Contact WLABC President, Doreen Seelig, at  
[djseelig@aol.com](mailto:djseelig@aol.com) or 310.488.9749

## Having Fun at 2017 Fundraiser and Auction



### 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!

## *A Tribute to Lorrie Mitchell*

*In each life time, if you are lucky, a wonderful person explodes into your world and leaves a lasting mark, touches your heart and remains a part of you even though they are gone. Lorrie Mitchell was one of those angels that qualified. The help she gave to the bird world, the hope she instilled in the people she knew, and even the ones she didn't know, was larger than life itself. For those of us that were honored to have known her, we are so lucky and privileged.*

*The loss of Lorrie to her bird family, her family, to her friends, to the people whose pets she baby sat, to the students she taught and the people she nurtured over the years, there is not anything one can say that will make this loss any easier. The exception being that the Rainbow Bridge was filled with those waiting for her. Jimmy her Dear Husband, her Dad and Mom, the birds, Camille, Rudy, Joey, and Carla, Singing her heart out, happy to finally get to see their loved one again.*

*There is a special spot, a star shining bright in the heavens, overlooking all she loved, and all she cared for. She accomplished what she needed to in this lifetime and, where ever the Universe has taken her, she will make it a better place just the way she did here. We will miss you pretty Lady and you will be with us always.*

*South Bay Bird Society and Karen the Parrot Lady*





*Johnd and his conure Sara*

## Just Ask Krista

Well it is that time of year again where Halloween kick-starts the Holiday Season and the hustle and bustle begins. I was recently at the First Lutheran Church in Torrance representing the South Bay Bird Society for their special event. The event "All God's Creatures Blessing of the Animals" was wonderful. I think our table received the most attention. Families with their children were excited to see our beautiful birds.

I want to thank Joni who brought her parrots Tango and Pio. I want to thank Raquel for bringing her parrots Sunni and Max (and staying for the entire day) and also thank Jackie for bringing her bird Christie. It would have been exceedingly hard without your help ladies!

I hope in the future more members come to that event. It is very rewarding to see the smiles on everyone's faces. I was too busy to get my own parrots and Chinchilla blessed, so maybe I will go a tad earlier next year. Here are a couple of pictures from the event:



## West L.A. Bird Club Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 14  
7:00 pm

**Dr. Frank Lavac**  
See flyer below:



American Legion Hall  
5309 Sepulveda Boulevard  
Culver City, California  
[www.westlabirdclub.com/](http://www.westlabirdclub.com/)



### Welcome SBBS New & Returning Members

#### New and Returning

Anne & Conor Sullivan, Patti Ash, Diane Berlin,  
Oliver Dean, Laura D. Zahn

#### Renewals

Linda Jensen, Luana Feigelstock, Norma Schrader,  
Irene Templeton, Jan Stevens, Jackey Harkey, Chris & April House

#### Lifetime Members

Diane Bock, Cary & Anita Pao, 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](http://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 Ron Ellwood (310) 850-0594. Other names will follow in upcoming months.

*Join us at our November meeting for guest speaker, Dr. Frank Lavac!*

**Wednesday, November 14 at 7 P.M.**



**Presentation Topic TBD**

*With Dr. Frank Lavac*

**LOCATION: Culver City American Legion Hall**  
5309 S Sepulveda Blvd, Culver City, CA



Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each month. Orange County will be welcoming International Cockatiel Association representative Leslie Heugerich who will be discussing the finer points of cockatiel showing. She will hopefully be accompanied by a local cockatiel judge who will discuss what they look for when judging the birds.

## Long Beach Bird Breeders Club

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

November meeting 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

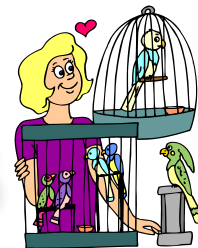


PEAC is not taking in any parrots right now, but they do have a lot of nice birds ready to be adopted. There are classes going throughout the month. The San Diego location has classes the last weekend of the month. Classes in Orange County are on the third Saturday of the month. There is a new class 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](mailto:parroted@cox.net) or visit their website [www.peac.org](http://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	<a href="http://www.parrotsfirst.org">www.parrotsfirst.org</a>
The Lily Sanctuary	(714) 442-9474	<a href="http://www.lilysanctuary.org">www.lilysanctuary.org</a>
Parrot Rehabilitation Society	(619) 224-6712	<a href="http://www.parrotsociety.org">www.parrotsociety.org</a>
Southern Nevada Parrot Education, Rescue & Rehoming Society		<a href="http://www.southernnevadaparrotrescue.org">www.southernnevadaparrotrescue.org</a>
Santa Barbara Bird Sanctuary	(805)-565-1807	<a href="http://www.sbbird.org">www.sbbird.org</a>
Fine Feathered Friends Foundation	(310) 541-2468	<a href="mailto:curtismyrna@verizon.net">curtismyrna@verizon.net</a>



# American Canary Fanciers Association and the National Finch and Softbill Society

(ACFA andshow!)

**Saturday, December 1, 2018**

at

The Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanical Garden  
301 North Baldwin  
Arcadia, CA 91007-2697

## FAQs

- Show is open to the public
- No entrance fee for visitors or exhibitors (look for signs)
- \$3/bird member exhibition fee
- There WILL be birds for sale
- Visit our website for updates to show information:  
[www.acfa-canaryclub.com](http://www.acfa-canaryclub.com)

### More questions?

- Email **Canary** Show Manager at [mabuckles2@hotmail.com](mailto:mabuckles2@hotmail.com)  
(Use “canary” in the subject line.)
- Email **Finch** Show Manager at [huntington.sally@gmail.com](mailto:huntington.sally@gmail.com)  
(Use “finch” in the subject line)