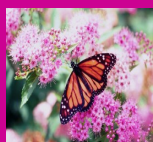




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Monday, April 1, 2019, 7 p.m.

Monthly Drawing Outstanding Food



Lisa Fimiani will be speaking to us about
"Gardening With Natives—Look Who You'll Attract"

Lisa Fimiani will share with us the kinds of plants native to Southern California that will help draw hummingbirds and butterflies to your garden whether the plants are in patio containers or in the ground in your yard.



Lisa holds a fellowship with Loyola Marymount University for the Center for Urban Resilience (CUREs.) She is focusing on bringing birds and native plants to our urban environment in the Los Angeles area. Far too often, our cities do not have enough green space which is shown to benefit all of us for our mental and physical well-being. Who doesn't feel better after a walk in the park or outside near the coast on a warm day?

Lisa will show us how to make our own yards and neighborhoods more delightful by including native plants which help our winged-friends thrive, while providing each of us the joy of sharing our space with these beautiful creatures.

Lisa has a vast experience of installing many native plant gardens and is a certified Master Gardener. She has 30 years experience with such groups as the Ballona Wetlands including as their Director and serving on boards of the California and Los Angeles Audubon Societies.

Plan to come and learn how you can make your space more "wing-friendly" while enjoying it's beauty and health benefits.

LOCATION: Kiwanis Club of Hermosa Beach

2515 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach (near Gould and Valley Dr.)

NO BIRDS ALLOWED at the APRIL MEETING due to a Newcastle Disease Outbreak.

For More info: www.sobaybirdsoc.com

Or contact Janet at (310) 376-5954 or Kathy at winebird1@msn.com

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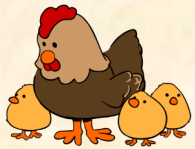
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A Discussion of Avian Obstetrics With Dr. Walter Rosskopf

By Diane Sivas

Monday, March 4 marked the return of Dr. Walter Rosskopf as the evening’s speaker. We love having him back every year because he always brings us the latest and greatest information. His focus for this evening was avian obstetrics.

Janet welcomed everyone and got the meeting started at 7:00 sharp. We welcomed a couple of guests, and then launched into a short discussion about the recurrence of Newcastle Disease. Although there have been no cases reported in parrots, infections in chickens have forced quarantines in several Southern California counties. It is important to be vigilant now and protect ourselves and our birds. The best thing is to do is keep the birds indoors at home, and avoid any areas where chickens are present. We can



bring the virus home on our clothing, so care must be taken if we have been anywhere near chickens, or near anyone who has chickens. Although Dr. Rosskopf later told us that, currently, the threat to parrots is low, it’s wise to take precautions.

Up next was Myrna Frame, who again asked for helpers for her Fine Feathered Friends Foundation. Please contact her if you have extra time and would like to help.



Gala talked about the newsletter and posed several “educational” questions to see who had read the last issue. She spends a lot of time putting it together – and her efforts have paid off with great issues – so please be sure to read it! It’s a lot of fun and contains a lot of useful information. Plus, you can be in line for raffle tickets if you are able to answer any of Gala’s questions.

And, finally, as we have done for several years, we celebrated Dr. Rosskopf’s birthday with cards, a cake, and a round of “Happy Birthday.”



Dr. Rosskopf Talks About Avian Obstetrics

With business out of the way, Dr. Rosskopf began by reminding us that there are several factors that can trigger female ovulation. It can be the time of year, the presence of a male, or the bird’s love for its owner. Once the process begins and the egg is formed, it is released into the body and heads for the ovary. Occasionally, however, it accidentally drops and becomes loose in the body cavity, where major problems can occur. A broken egg in the body cavity can result in egg yolk peritonitis. And from there, things can go from bad to worse.



(“Obstetrics” continued on Page 3)



Diane Sivas kisses a stuffed bird animal, a “Blue-Footed Boobie”



THE SOUTH BAY BIRD SOCIETY

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SBBS MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of SBBS is to study all avian species (native and foreign) and their habitats; to disseminate among the general public and supporting members, information on all aspects of avian care and breeding and the preservation of endangered species and their habitats through written publications, educational lectures, seminars, activities; and to support and promote the propagation and preservation of species that are threatened with extinction.

("Obstetrics" continued from page 2)

"WING TIPS": Best to pet your bird on the head only.

Since prolonged egg laying can be caused by close attachment to the owner, we should discourage breeding behavior as much as possible. Don't put a nest box in the cage and try moving the cage around to different locations to create a new environment for the bird. Excessive egg laying can be stopped by an injection of Lupron, which is the most commonly used medication. Surgery can also be performed, but Dr. Rosskopf advised against it, and told us the hormone injections are the best way to go. Surgery should always be a last resort.



Dr. Walter Rosskopf DVM

Protein and calcium deficiencies can influence egg production. Prolonged egg laying drains the body's resources and can cause the bird to become egg bound. She may be too depleted to push out the last egg. Broken eggs can cause peritonitis which requires treatment with antibiotics and anti-inflammatories. Signs of peritonitis include lethargy, depression, swollen abdomen and high fever. Yolk stroke – when a piece of the shell reaches the brain – can also be caused by a broken egg. As we all know, birds are very good at hiding illness, and the fact that they are generally tough and have a high pain tolerance can make it even more difficult to see what's going on with them. In his practice, Dr. Rosskopf first looks for clinical signs and from that, forms a diagnosis. We, of course, can't do that so the best thing for us to do is watch our birds for any signs of illness or behavior that is out of the ordinary.

We observed a series of slides that demonstrated various illnesses and related medical efforts that were both successful and, sadly, sometimes unsuccessful. Dr. Rosskopf emphasized that treatment of sick birds should be done in stages. That way, the bird does not become overly stressed, and has an opportunity to rest and recover before the next part of the treatment begins. Even so, as he has told us in the past, birds are incredibly resilient. Just moments out of surgery, they will be up, awake and eating.

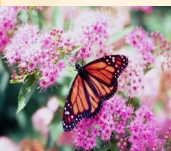


Some other possible obstetrical problems to be aware of include ectopic eggs, oviduct prolapse, abdominal hernia and cloacal prolapse.



Board Member, Karen Allen & Dr. Rosskopf

Big shout out and thank you to Dr. Rosskopf. He was outstanding, as usual, and we look forward to his visit again next March.



For now, though, you won't want to miss **Lisa Fimiani** who will be our April speaker. Lisa will be speaking with us about **"Gardening with Natives – Look What You Will Attract!"** Learn how to draw hummingbirds and butterflies to your garden. Mark the calendar for **Monday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.** Have a great month and see you in April!



Bring your stuffed bird animals to the April 1st & May 6th Meetings !

Since we can't bring our real birds to the meeting during the Newcastle Disease Outbreak, **bring your favorite stuffed bird animals** to the next meeting.

We'll be taking pictures of you and your stuffed bird animal to include in future issues of the newsletter!

The President's Notes *By Janet Ragonesi*



GOOD NEWS ABOUT SBBS NEWSLETTER!!

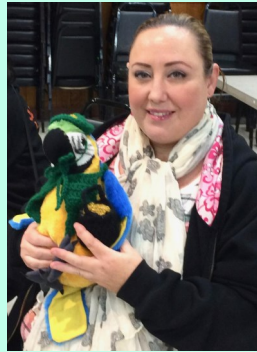
SBBS newsletter will now be e-mailed *directly* to all of our members!

You will *no longer* have to go to our website and type in a password to get the newsletter! SBBS membership director, Ron Ellwood will be e-mailing the newsletter to each of our members, before it is even posted on our web site. This is a welcomed change for everyone!

You can still check out our web site, refer it to your friends and those you meet to go on-line at: www.sobaybirdsoc.com to view the newsletter but they will *no longer* need a password to see any of the newsletters!



Stuffed bird animals hope to win a raffle prize!



Krista Renta holds a stuffed bird animal with a leprechaun costume made by Donna Crossley

Share your love of birds with others by picking up a few of our SBBS business cards to have on hand to give to anyone who may want to learn more about birds, come to one of our meetings or to join our club. Our treasurer, Kathy Powell, who is at the sign-in table at all of our meetings, has SBBS business cards available for you to carry in your wallet for distribution.

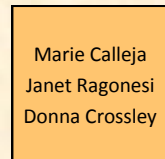
Anyone who goes on the web site will be able to see *all* of the newsletters that have terrific articles, reports on past and upcoming speaker presentations, future special events, fun pictures, cartoons, helpful bird-care tips, community outreach announcements, information on guided bird walks and other bird club activities and more.

The web site will continue to have a vast amount of bird-care information and resources for current and future bird owners.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SBBS has been invited to give a presentation on “**Disaster and Emergency Preparedness**” at the South Bay Animal Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) meeting on **Monday, April 29 at 6:30 pm.**

The South Bay Animal CERT consisting of all volunteers, provide assistance to animals and local agencies by helping with sheltering needs during a disaster and reuniting animals with their families in the aftermath. The South Bay Animal CERT group focuses on all animals affected by a disaster but their experience with birds is minimal!



So, SBBS members Donna Crossley, Marie Calleja and Janet Ragonesi will provide an avian perspective on disaster and emergency preparation similar to the recent presentation given at our general meeting by Donna and Marie. We are pleased to partner with CERT with this presentation!

All SBBS members friends, sponsors are welcome! **The CERT meeting is 6:30 PM, Monday, April 29 at the Redondo Beach Police Department Annex – 200 PCH at Vincent Street, Redondo Beach.**

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**MORE ON COMMUNITY
OUTREACH EVENTS**

Due to Virulent Newcastle's Disease we will be suspending our community outreach events with our birds until the disease found in poultry farms has been eradicated! Which means that no new cases of VND have been found in poultry farms for four months.

As a safety reminder no birds are allowed at SBBS meetings

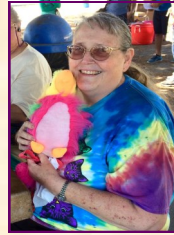


**SBBS APRIL 1ST
MEETING with**

LISA FIMINANI "Gardening With Natives—Look Who You'll Attract!"

Lisa is well known in the South Bay, for her knowledge of native plants. Lisa's presentation will include what to plant and how to attract the birds, bees and butterflies to our native plant gardens. Several years ago, Lisa was a guest speaker at SBBS! I was so impressed with her knowledge of native plants! I welcomed her to my home in Hermosa Beach where we planted a variety of native plants in my Zen Garden! I am personally thrilled Lisa has agreed to return to SBBS! Everyone is welcome including your gardener or landscaper!

Sondra Luther won this stuffed bird animal at last year's SBBS picnic!



**STUFFED BIRD ANIMALS AT
MARCH MEETING**

At the March meeting some of us brought our stuffed birds and other animals to the meeting in place of our feathered children. For fun you are welcome to bring them to our April and May meetings! My mom and baby penguins were a hit! Now top that!!!

**CELEBRATING OUR BIRDS FOR
MOTHERS AND FATHERS DAY**

In celebration of Mother's and Father's Days, SBBS will pay tribute to every bird owner who is a member in the May and June issues of the newsletter. **Please send photos of yourself and flock** (or another pet for non-bird owners) to Gala Burkholder at gidgetscal@aol.com. The deadline for the **ladies is April 10** and **May 15 for the guys**. This is a great way to share with the rest of us your special relationship with your feathered friend! This will be fun!

Laura Zahn & her parrot



**THE PAINTED LADY
BUTTERFLY MIGRATION
FROM MEXICO**



Wow! It has been an incredible site to witness over the past few weeks to see the migration of over a billion Painted Lady Butterflies flying from the deserts in Mexico, through our neighborhoods in California, on to the breeding grounds of Oregon. These beautiful flighted-darlings have captured our attention and hearts. ♡

**SBBS ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE
PARK, 12 noon-3 PM,
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH**



We asked and you heard us. SBBS member, Marie Calleja submitted the winning theme for this year's picnic,

**"MARGARITAVILLE—
We are the
Original Parrot
Heads!"**



So, get out your parrot-themed, picnic outfit and plan to join in fun! This exciting event will be in the same location as our picnic was this past year, Columbia Park in Torrance. More details, including map and flyer to follow.

*I look forward to seeing you on
April 1st.*

**Since we can't bring our REAL birds
to the meetings,
BRING YOUR STUFFED BIRD
ANIMALS INSTEAD!**

Cheers, Janet

Do you attend the monthly SBBS meetings and arrive early? If so, the club could use your help.

Please consider "stepping-up" to ARRANGE the food and beverages on the tables near the kitchen for our monthly potluck. No cooking is involved. All items are provided, so there is no out-of-pocket expense.



If this something you are interested is assisting with or overseeing, please contact the president, Janet Ragonesi at (310) 376-5954. Thank you.

THANK YOU to the following people for their donations at the **MARCH MEETING:**

RAFFLE ITEMS:

- Sylvia Skidmore Anne Sullivan
- Karen Allen Janet Ragonesi
- Marie Calleja

FOOD ITEMS:

- Donna Crossley Yolanda Keh
- Ron Ellwood Marie Calleja Patte Fisher
- Janet Ragonesi Gala Burkholder

Each donator received **2 RAFFLE TICKETS** towards winning a raffle prize for their donations!



Marie Calleja brought two stuffed bird animals dressed in their "lucky" St. Patrick's Day hats!



The SBBS board is working to make our club better in many ways. So now, when you come to the meeting you can renew your membership using your credit card.



You could WIN A PRIZE by helping to clean-up after the monthly meeting. Those who stay around a few extra minutes to lend a hand to help take down tables, put away chairs, sweep the floor, wipe-down dirtied tables or counters, put items for home in cars, etc. will be considered to be the randomly chosen person to WIN A PRIZE. When we all pitch in, the clean-up goes much quicker and easier. **THANK YOU!**

The MARCH WINNER was Nate Williams



BIRDING With Bob from Wild Birds Unlimited

When: **May 8 (2nd Wednesday), 8:00 am**

Where: **MADRONA MARCH**

When: **March 20 & April 17 (3rd Wednesday), 8:30 am**

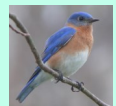
Where: **WHITE POINT NATURE PRESERVE**

1600 Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro, CA

When: **March 27 & April 24 (4th Wednesday), 8:30 am**

Where: **GEORGE F. CANYON**

27305 Palos Verdes Drive East, Rolling Hills Estates, CA



Other BIRDING locations:

Where: BALLONA WETLANDS, KM HARBOR PARK, BIXBY MARSH

(See "Events" on Wild Birds Unlimited web site: wbu.com for more info.)

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy

EARTH DAY: CELEBRATION & FILM

When: **April 20, Activities: 9 am-12 pm/5 pm**

Where: **WHITE POINT NATURE PRESERVE**

RSVP: at pvplc.org, select "Events & Activities"

For more information, call (310) 541-7613 or www.pvplc.org.





Monday, May 6, 2019, 7 p.m.

Monthly Drawing

Outstanding Food

Professional Bird Behaviorist, **CHAN QUACH**

will be speaking to us about **BIRD BEHAVIOR**



Chan Quach (Chan Quach@chanthebirdman) is a professional bird behaviorist, with a goal to improve parrots' lives through exercise and proper nutrition. He would like to help support the lives of your birds by providing education services that will help you nurture your flock. Most importantly, his goal is to educate members of the community about birds so we can co-exist peacefully, and have them accompany us throughout our daily activities and not simply be caged birds.

Chan is an Honorary Science Fellow at Yale and has a degree in Biology. He previously taught science and mathematics at San Francisco City College and currently lives in Los Angeles. He grew up on a farm in Minnesota and always has had an affinity with animals. Mr. Quach attends academic research conferences on animal behavior. He attributes his success with parrots to his experience working with children and those with special needs.

Chan has experience working with the LA Zoo. He provides support to bird owners through his boutique bird boarding and provides training to the birds during their stay.

Chan takes his five large macaws with him almost everywhere, having them share the front seat of a car uncaged, dine at Starbucks and Porto's Bakery, ride on his perch-modified bike or even ride the bus!

So, join us and learn ways to have your birds more integrated into your daily life activities.

Location: Kiwanis Club of Hermosa Beach

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

No BIRDS ALLOWED at the May MEETING due to a NEWCASTLE Disease Outbreak.

For more information visit: www.sobaybirdsoc.com

Or contact: Janet at (310) 376-5954 or Kathy at: winebird1@msn.com



Q & A

By Karen, the Parrot Lady



The answers to your questions are MY opinion based on nearly 50 years 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.

Here we go!!!!

Q My bird fell in the dish water in my sink. Will he be okay?

A After I tell you he should be fine once you rinse and dry him off, let me ask some quick questions:

1. What is he doing in the kitchen? If he can fall into the sink, he can fall into the hot pans on the stove.
2. Do your two-armed, two-legged kids get to play in the kitchen?
3. He is full flighted and does not have a safety room of his own. WHY?

A fluff and blow dry are okay, but no permanents!



Q Why don't you allow your birds to have mirrors?

A Well, your little feathery darling sees that adorable bird in the mirror and falls in love with it. You just got handed your birdie divorce papers. You aren't nearly as cute, you lost all of your feathers and seem to have no desire to mess around!!

The best way to stay bonded to your bird is not to have a mirror, especially for an "only bird".

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Karen Allen has been involved with birds and a SBBS member for over 35 years. She is an honorary lifetime member of SBBS. Karen owns her own bird shop, "Birds & More." She counsels and trains new bird owners and is a published writer.



Send your questions for "The Parrot Lady" to:
Karen Allen, P. O. Box 3863
Redondo Beach, CA 90277-3863

Winner

Contact Patte Fisher, our Raffle Coordinator to let her know what kind of items you would like to see on the monthly raffle table!

E-mail her at pattefisher@verizon.net or Phone (310) 316-9843.
All ideas are welcome!



off the mark.com by Mark Parisi

Submitted by June Baker

Need more laughs??
Submitted by Marie Calleja

ARGYLE SWEATER By Scott Hilburn

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Laugh Kookaburra:

Kookaburra sits on the old gum tree,
Merry merry king of the bush is he.
Laugh, Kookaburra, laugh Kookaburra,
Gay your life must be!



Send your favorite bird-related cartoon to: gidgetscal@aol.com by Wednesday, April 10.

("Kookaburra" is a popular Australian nursery rhyme written by Marion Sinclair in 1932 about a bird "Kingfisher" from that country.)



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Advancing Communication with Birds: Can They Learn to Read?



(Part 1)

By: Jennifer Cunha, JD, and Susan Clubb, DVM Reprinted from 2018 ExoticsCon Conference Proceedings, Session #2265

Abstract: Reading is a complex cognitive process of decoding symbols to derive meaning. It has been assumed that reading is a uniquely human skill, although baboons and pigeons have been observed to successfully master orthographic processes. In this work, 3 cockatoos were trained with modified systematic phonics instruction on grapheme-phoneme correspondence, phonological awareness, and semantic processing (vocabulary). The researchers conducted a variety of grapheme-phoneme processing task experiments under blind and informal conditions to test the cockatoos' mastery of basic reading skills: grapheme-phoneme correspondence (pseudoword and real word reading) and semantic processing of written words—**the ability to understand the meaning of a written word and add it to the cockatoos' lexical vocabulary**. The subjects' overall accuracy was 75% ($n = 496$; $P < 0.000001$; $z = 11.270233$). **These results indicate that cockatoos may have the ability to engage in the complex cognitive processes required by reading.**

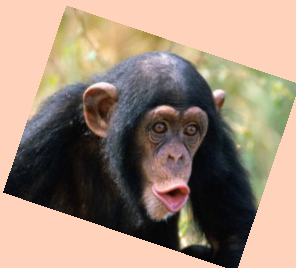
Introduction



Reading is a complex cognitive process of decoding symbols in order to derive meaning. It has been assumed that only humans can develop the ability to read because it requires the acquisition of complex language and that reading is therefore a uniquely human process.¹⁻³

Reading is suggested to be comprised of 4 processes: Orthographic, phonologic, semantic and morphologic. Baboons and pigeons have successfully mastered orthographic processing, acquiring the ability to detect strings of letters and English words from non-English words.^{1,2}

Yet, reading could also be the basis of communication with those who are nonverbal, including large species of parrots and perhaps primates, animals, creating a common language between humans and animals.

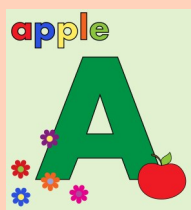


I'm on first!

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Grapheme-Phoneme Correspondence and Semantic Processing



Grapheme-phoneme (sound-letter) correspondence is the basis for understanding that speech can be print, and print can be speech. It utilizes orthographic and phonetic processes, and is **the ability to convert orthographic symbols (such as letters) to sounds, and sounds to orthographic symbols.**

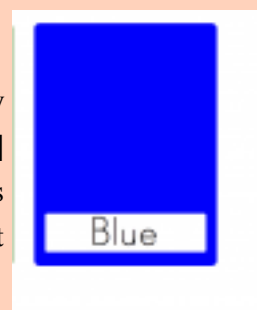
Semantic processing is the knowledge of the meaning of sounds and words. In the English lexical orthography, word decoding often draws on semantic processing for context.

To date, no research has been conducted investigating whether nonhumans have the ability to master phonetic processes, to detect grapheme-phoneme correspondences, or engage in semantic processing.

Study

This study investigates the development of **literacy in 3 cockatoos**. Through their training, they were exposed to modified systematic phonics instruction, including letter knowledge, grapheme-phoneme correspondences, consonant-vowel-consonant (CVC) word reading, and vocabulary development. The blind tests on Ellie comprised novel one- and two-syllable words.

Informal tests comprised: 1) novel one- and two-syllable words; 2) everyday vocabulary flash card review; 3) objects versus words (ie, the researcher [JC] held up a flash card with the word “Blue” and a red object and said, “Which is blue?”; 4) reading emerging reader books by Harriet Ziefert; 5) reading short sentences; and 6) reading comprehension questions.



MATERIALS AND METHODS

Subjects

The subjects are a 5-year-old **Goffin’s cockatoo** (*Cacatua goffini*), a 34-year-old **palm cockatoo** (*Probosciger aterrimus*), and a 3-year-old **umbrella cockatoo** (*Cacatua alba*). The umbrella cockatoo was acquired by the researcher (SC) at 1 year of age as a special-needs parrot with an injured foot, which consequently required amputation and the bird was relinquished. This bird also engaged in feather damaging behavior. After the researcher’s (SC) medical intervention, it was given to a researcher (JC) for care and housing. The umbrella cockatoo’s training began in March 2017. The palm cockatoo resided with researcher (SC) for 9 years after 25 years at Parrot Jungle Island, and its training began in August 2017. The bird began residing with researcher (JC) in December 2017.

Umbrella Cockatoo



Goffin Cockatoo



Palm Cockatoo

(See the April-May issue to find out what happened with the “reading studies” of these cockatoos!)



*SBBS Welcomes
New & Returning Members*

RENEWALS:

Yolanda Keh, Krista Renta

LIFETIME MEMBERS:

Diane Bock, Cary & Anita Pao, Jimi K. Anderson, Bree & Deven Brozey



Don't fly off the membership list!

Please pay your dues.

Your dues help support your club by providing educational programs, newsletters, the website, beverages and more.

SBBS is currently upgrading our membership files. To help us, please go to www.sobaybirdsoc.com and click on "Membership" to find a membership application. Please fill it out and include your check and send it to SBBS, P.O. Box 3863, Redondo Beach, CA 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 Membership Director, Ron Ellwood (310) 850-0594.



West L.A. Bird Club

Next meeting:

Wednesday, April 10

Speaker: Dr. Frank Lavac

"What's Old?
What's New?
Trending Topics in
Avian Medicine"



American Legion Hall

5309 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, CA

www.westlabirdclub.com

President, Doreen (310) 488-9749

The Orange County Bird Breeders Club

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Balearic Center, 1975 Balearic Center Ave, Costa Mesa

www.ocbirdbreeders.org



The West Valley Bird Society

Friday, June 21, 7:00 pm (rain cancels meeting)

Ms. Barbara Herman's House

10450 De Soto Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311

(Bring some food to share.)

www.thewestvalleybirdsociety.com



Long Beach Bird Breeders Club

Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month

at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall,

5938 Parkcrest Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90808

(S. of Carson, E. of Woodruff Ave.)

For info call: (562) 881-9847

Longbeachbirdbreeders.com



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.**

Watch for new additions to the

South Bay Bird Society *NEWSLETTER!*

All members are invited to make bird-related submissions for a future newsletter in any of the following segments:



- ☀ In **“Wing Tips,”** share a tip to take improve the lives of both you and your bird(s).
- ☀ In **“Laugh Kookaburra,”** send a bird-related cartoon, joke or humorous photo.
- ☀ In **“Creative Corner”** send photos of your bird-related drawings, ceramic pieces, needle point, paintings, etc. or texts of poems or photos with a unique point of view.

☀ *Also, send me photos of you and your bird for the upcoming special sections in the May, Mother's Day and the June, Father's Day newsletters*

E-mail your ideas what you want to SEE and your SUBMISSIONS to: gidgetscal@aol.com.

The deadline for the next newsletter is Wednesday, April 10.

Thank you., Gala Burkholder

Adoptions



There are so many birds needing homes out there.

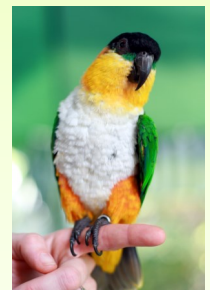
If you are considering another bird, please think about adopting one.

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!

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Meetings are held at the Kiwanis Club of Hermosa Beach

2515 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90245 (near the corner of Gould and Valley Drive)

Most meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. *

* Sometimes, special meetings are held instead on Sunday afternoons, but verify the meeting date by checking the website at: www.sobaybirdsoc.com.

You don't have to own a bird to attend. You are invited to bring a dish to share at our potluck which is followed by a speaker and a raffle.

Members are invited to attend Board Meetings which are usually the 2nd Monday of the month. Call Janet for details and to RSVP.

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If so, contact the President Janet Ragonesi at (310) 376-5954

The people listed above have chosen to “Step-up” to help with our club.

They have listed their contact information for your reference in SBBS business.



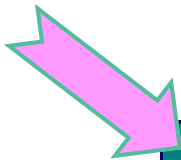
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To help us plan programs and activities, please tell us what kind of birds do you own: _____

_____ How long have you been keeping birds? _____

During the meetings when you are invited to bring your bird, we sometimes take pictures of the birds for our newsletter. We like to identify them by name. If you want, please list your bird type and the name of those you might be bringing so we can label the photos: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____