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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 (near Gould and Valley Dr.)

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

For More info: www.sobaybirdsoc.com or contact Janet at (310) 376-5954

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Gardening – and the Birds & the Bees

An Evening with Lisa Fimiani

April 1, 2019

By Diane Sivas



Diane Sivas kisses her Blue and Gold Macaw, Cheeto

We were in for a major treat at our April 1st meeting when our guest speaker was Lisa Fimiani. Fun and personable, she was a joy to watch. But first...

...a welcome from Club President, Janet Ragonesi. We had a couple of guests on hand, Mark and Sue, who introduced themselves and told us

that they share their lives with a cockatoo—who, apparently is “in charge.” (I guess we’re all pretty much in that boat). Welcome to them, and we hope to see them again soon. Gala discussed the newsletter and presented questions to see who among us had actually read it. It pays to read it, plus it’s informative, colorful and fun. Gala pours her heart into it and has put out some great looking newsletters. And our membership coordinator, Ron Ellwood, has made it easier by emailing it directly to members. No need to go to the SBBS website and log in – the newsletter comes right to your “inbox” ready to read, no excuses! After announcements and comments from anyone with something to add, we were ready to launch into the main event.



Guests, Sue & Mark Delaney
Correctly Answered
1st Newsletter Question
Winning 2 Raffle Tickets

The subject of the evening was “Gardening with Natives and Look Who You’ll Attract.” Lisa is executive director for Friends of Ballona Wetlands. She is also part of the Dan and Susan Gottlieb Environmental Fellowship at Loyola Marymount University and is an expert in the field of birds and insects. She definitely knows her stuff!!

Originally from the East Coast, Lisa eventually went back to school to become a Master Gardener and is now a local resident. She told us that gardening is a journey – things are alive and constantly moving. She settled into a small rental property and transformed it from a common, everyday looking house into a garden paradise. She planted native plants, which now attract native birds and insects. The recent influx of rain has made everything flourish. And as you can imagine, Lisa is totally against pesticides but says if you must use them, use an integrated pest management system.



Lisa Fimiani

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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.

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Don't know what to plant? Go on a garden tour and figure out what kind of style you like. Make it your own. Lisa added that non-native plants from a similar climate will still attract the wildlife, even though it's not from our region. She talked about an avocado tree in her yard that bears a lot of fruit, but casts shadows in the yard—and how sometimes conditions need to be considered when choosing what to plant. She had some fabulous photos of the bugs that inhabit her yard. Did you know that solid color ladybugs are native, but the spotted ones are imported? The crab spider blends in with the flower and is hard to detect. And of course, we all need to do whatever we can to attract bees and help them thrive. I think that most of us got at least a glimpse of the recent migration through our area of Painted Lady butterflies on their way to Oregon. If you missed it, not to worry. Lisa told us there is another wave that will come through shortly. She also talked about Monarch butterflies and the ways to tell the differences between the male and females.

On a sad note, Lisa told us that populations of all bird species are in decline due to habitat loss. The wild parrots that now fly through our neighborhoods were originally introduced to the area but are now here to stay. Can we call them native?

Finally, Lisa encouraged us to visit the Madrona Marsh and Ballona Discovery Park for tours. If you contact Lisa and give her a heads up, she will even give a personal tour of Discovery Park. You can't beat that!!

Lisa & Janet Ragonesi



The meeting finished up with a great raffle and a giant team effort to get the room picked up, cleaned up and put away. Thanks to everyone who helped. You are making it a lot easier to get out of the room on time.

Big thank you to Lisa. I think we all agree that she was outstanding. Now get ready for May when our speaker will be Chan Quach. Chan is a professional behaviorist and works with free flying birds. Due to the Newcastle's outbreak he won't be bringing his birds, but he'll be wonderful no matter what. The date is May 6 at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss this one!! See you next month.

Chan Quach & His Macaws



Bring your stuffed bird animals to the 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



Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve

(Photo by Janet Ragonesi)

I LOVE SPRING IN CALIFORNIA!

We enjoy seeing the budding of the trees and hearing the sounds of the birds and the bees!

The California Poppy super bloom is now over. Lucky for Myrna Frame and myself, we had the opportunity to visit the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve at the Station National Reserve in Lancaster. We did not go off of the path while viewing the brightly-colored flowers or romp in the fields or took any selfies. This tour was organized! It was an extraordinary day with friends to enjoy the beautiful fields of poppies!

A happy birthday to all of the members with April and May birthdays!



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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SBBS has been invited to give a presentation on "Disaster and Emergency Preparedness" at an upcoming South Bay Animal Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) meeting .

SBBS members Donna Crossley, Marie Calleja and Janet Ragonesi will provide an avian perspective on disaster and emergency preparedness.

All SBBS members friends, sponsors are welcome to attend!

The CERT meeting begins at 6:30 PM, Monday, April 29 at the Redondo Beach Police Department Annex – 200 PCH at Vincent Street, Redondo Beach.

SUSPENDING MOST COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

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



As a safety reminder no birds are allowed at SBBS meetings.

MEETING ON MAY 6th WITH CHAN QUACH - BIRD BEHAVIOR

Chan's goal is to improve our parrots' lives through exercise, proper nutrition and nurturing. Chan's power point presentation is educational, supportive and fun. I had the opportunity to hear Chan speak at Long Beach and West L/A bird clubs. I look forward to seeing all of our members at this meeting! For more information about Chan and the meeting, view the flyer on page 1.



SBBS ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK, 12 noon-3 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

COLUMBIA PARK IN TORRANCE

"MARGARITAVILLE—
We are the Original Parrot Heads!"



(More details later).



Donna Crossley dressed up her stuffed bird animal for Easter complete with a bonnet & basket!

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Happy Mother's Day

CELEBRATING OUR BIRDS FOR

FATHER'S DAY

In celebration of Father's Day, SBBS will pay tribute to every male bird owner who is a club member in the June issue of the newsletter. **Please send a photo of yourself and flock** (or another pet for non-bird owners) to Gala Burkholder at gidgetscal@aol.com. The deadline for submitting photos is **May 15**.

SBBS MEMBERS GET THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SENT DIRECTLY TO THEIR E-MAIL!

I look forward to seeing you on May 6th!

Cheers, Janet



Laugh Kookaburra:



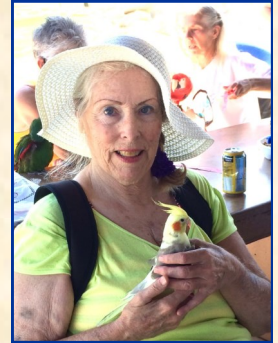
Thank you to those submitting cartoons to share. If yours hasn't been included in the newsletters yet, they will be included in future issues.



Cartoons Submitted by June Baker



Laura Zahn with her Double-Yellow Headed Amazon, Franklin



Jackie Harkey and her Cockatiel, Chris...T

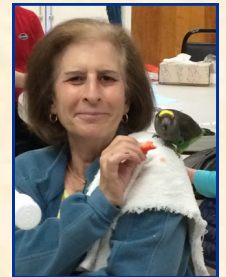


Donna Crossley with her Macaw, Jasper

Sylvia Skidmore with her African Grey, Winkie



Joni Malukas With her Meyers Parrot, Pio



Carolyn Buchman and her Blue-Fronted Amazon



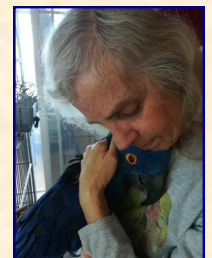
Lisa Cooley and her Sun Conure, Tiki



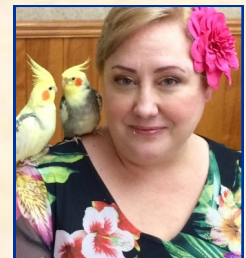
Arienne Kozak with her Solomon Island Eclectus, Franklin



Marie Calleja and her Hyacinth Macaw, Sebastian



Yolanda Keh with her Cockatiel, Bennett



Krista and her Cockatiels Caspia and Cricket

Palos Verdes/South Bay
AUDUBON SOCIETY PROGRAMS 7:00 PM
 held at the Madrona Marsh Nature Center

May 21 "Birds of Colorado Lagoon"
 Presented by: Benny Jacobs-Schwartz

June 18 "Butterflies"
 Presented by: Tracy Drake

www.pvsb-audubon.org

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. 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 **APRIL MEETING:**

RAFFLE ITEMS:

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| Phyllis Levine | Sylvia Skidmore |
| Karen Allen | Jackie Harkey |
| Marie Calleja | |

FOOD ITEMS:

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Yolanda Keh | Ron Ellwood |
| Laura Lee Leonard | Sylvia Skidmore |
| Jackie Harkey | Marie Calleja |
| Myrna Frame | Gala Burkholder |
| Donna Crossley | Patte Fisher |

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



Celebrate EARTH MONTH at the Manhattan Beach Botanical Garden at Pollywog Park located on Manhattan Beach Blvd.

April 27, 10:00 am

Topic: Keeping Butterflies Alive and Other Integrated Pest Management Practices



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 APRIL WINNER was LAURA LEE LEONARD



BIRDING coordinated with the PV Peninsula Land Conservancy, Madrona Marsh, the Ballona Wetlands and more led by Bob Shanman from Wild Bird Unlimited

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

Where: **MADRONA MARCH**

When: **April 17 & May 15 (3rd Wednesday), 8:30 am**

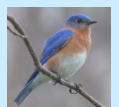
Where: **WHITE POINT NATURE PRESERVE**

1600 Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro, CA

When: **April 24 & May 22 (4th Wednesday), 8:30 am**

Where: **GEORGE F. CANYON**

27305 Palos Verdes Drive East, Rolling Hills Estates, CA



Other BIRDING locations:

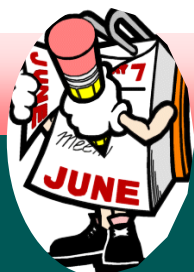
Where: **BALLONA WETLANDS, KM HARBOR PARK, BIXBY MARSH**

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

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy

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

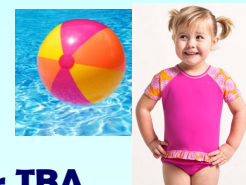
For more information, call (310) 541-7613 or www.pvplc.org.



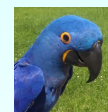
Mark your calendars:

UPCOMING SBBS ACTIVITIES:

Day:	Date:	Time:	What:
Monday	May 6	7 PM	Chan Quach on Bird Behavior
Sunday	June 2	2 PM	NEW! <u>Animal Rescue Presentation by South Bay Community Emergency Response Team</u>
Sunday	July TBA	11 AM –2 PM	Pool Party <i>(Details to follow)</i>
<i>(No regular meeting in July)</i>			
Monday	August 5	7 PM	Regular Meeting with Speaker TBA
Sunday	Sept. 8	12 Noon-3 PM	Annual Picnic at Columbia Park, Tor. <i>(Theme: "Margarita Ville—We are the Original Parrot Heads")</i>
Monday	Oct. 7	7 PM	Meeting with Speaker TBA
Sunday	Nov. 3	2 PM	Meeting with Speaker TBA
Sunday	Dec. 8	1-3:30 PM	Annual Silent Auction <i>(Details to follow)</i>



NEW!



Location: Kiwanis Club of Hermosa Beach Unless Otherwise Indicated

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

No BIRDS ALLOWED at MEETINGS due to a NEWCASTLE Disease Outbreak.

For more information visit: www.sobaybirdsoc.com or contact: Janet at (310) 376-5954.



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. I have 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 only wants to eat Sunflower seed. What can I do to improve his diet?

A First of all, microwave the Sunflower seed for five minutes on high, or bake in the oven for 10 minutes at 350 degrees. (That will kill off most of the bad bacteria like E-Coli). Take two or three tablespoons of the Sunflower seed and mix them in a good seed mix or with pellets. The next day add a few less, and so on, until there is no Sunflower seed left. It takes about 2 weeks, so the bird does not get shell shocked. I will add my "Bird Food for your bird" list so you can get a good idea what to do along the way and in the future.

Bird Food for your bird:

1. Carrots
2. Yams or sweet potatoes
3. Zucchini
4. Broccoli
5. Cucumber

Chop food in chopper or by hand



Add: Chopped Apples, Raisins, Bean Sprouts, Rainbow Pasta - (cooked or raw)

Treats for the top of the dish (different each day for variety):

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Peanut butter on a Ritz | Vanilla Wafers |
| Bite size Shredded Wheat | Cheerios |
| Popcorn, no salt | Graham Crackers |
| Cheese crackers or puffs | |

Use your imagination.

Vitamins every day (I like Lafeber's Avi-Era Bird Vitamins)

All fruits are good for your bird.

Your bird can eat most anything you are eating, with these exceptions:

NO AVOCADO raw or cooked (do not cook avocado in the same house with a bird.)
NO CHOCOLATE, BOOZE, ICEBERG LETTUCE, or CAFFEINE!

You cannot have it in the house: **non-stick cookware I.E Teflon, or a self-cleaning oven!**

For your information: The birds can eat most anything you are eating including: cooked chicken or beef (with or without the bones), spaghetti or macaroni (raw or cooked) and (with or without meat sauce), pizza, couscous, cheese and cooked cereal. Use good sense and have fun with it. Your bird's life will be extended by many years on a diversified diet. You can use frozen mixed veggies -- just run them under the hot water tap; no need to cook.

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Q How often does my bird's cage need to be cleaned?

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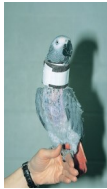
A How often do you bathe? Brush your teeth? Change your clothes?



Every day works for me! The water in the cage should be changed at least 3 times a day. The bottom of the cage cleaned at least once a day. If your bird is a poop machine, then do it more often. When you wash the cage, you can use a cage cleaner or 1 part bleach to 20 parts water, then rinse well. Letting the cage sit in the sun for an hour kills most of the bacteria.

Q My bird has started picking his feathers. What is going on?

A Several things might be happening: 1.) Your bird may be ill and that is his way of reacting. A vet check is in order at this point. 2.) Your bird may be bored. If you don't have toys in the cage, get some now -- at least 3 or 4. Put all but one in the cage (holding one back). Next week, move the toys to a new spot, take out one toy and add the other new one. Rotate the toys weekly, changing their positions to alleviate boredom. 3.) If this is a "I am sexually mature and want a mate" problem, you are on your own! Another remedy is a collar. There are several different kinds, according to your birds' size. Your avian vet can help you with that.



Q How often should I get my bird groomed, and what exactly should be done?

A A grooming generally consists of rounding the nails, clipping the wings and rounding the beak. When the bird is not groomed regularly, they tend to become more aggressive. Six to eight weeks on the large birds and ten to twelve on the smaller ones is a good rule to follow. Of course, that can fluctuate depending on the bird and the weather. If your birds get unruly at 5 weeks: GROOM. If you see that there is not much growth, wait an extra week or two. Use good sense.

A guide is: When the nails are sharp: GROOM. When the wings have long feathers, where you know they are normally clipped: GROOM. When the beak is not fitting properly: Groom.



I had a lady call and tell me she wanted a big blue bird with yellow on its face and no teeth. I swear! AND SHE ADDED THAT SHE WANTED ONE THAT WAS NOT MESSY! I told her I could supply the first three things, but if she really wanted a non-messy bird, she needed to get a stuffed animal bird. (Give me a break folks. There AIN'T no such animal).



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" located at 4301 Redondo Beach Blvd., Lawndale, CA. The phone number is: (310) 370-7550. She counsels and trains new bird owners and is a published writer.

Send your questions for "The Parrot Lady" to:

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Redondo Beach, CA 90277-3863
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Advancing Communication with Birds: Can They Learn to Read?

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



Goffin Cockatoo



Palm Cockatoo

Umbrella Cockatoo

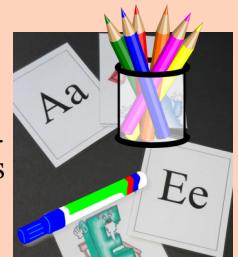


Study

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.

Apparatus

Subjects were trained to discriminate words on standard 3 × 5 and 4 × 6 inch flashcards. The researcher utilized blue, red, and black whiteboard markers, colored pencils, and Times New Roman, 60-point, black typeface to promote generalization of letter comprehension.



Stimuli



Subjects were trained to discriminate colors and letters using Munchkin Bath Letters. The letters are made of foam, are multiple colors, and dimensions are 10.16 × 5.08 × 1.27 centimeters. The subjects were trained to read books through exposure to all of Harriet Ziefert's emerging reader books, including *Snow Bow*, *Crab Shack*, *Wet Pet*, and *Frog Jog*. All tests were conducted in uppercase and lowercase English handwritten and Times New Roman typeface alphabet letters.

Procedure

General procedure

Before training and testing, the researcher asked the subject whether it would like to engage by presenting a flashcard (Vocab) or by verbally stating "Vocab" and then offering the subject two flashcards: "Yes" and "No." If the subject chose "Yes," it was invited to move to a training apparatus (a basket on a sofa or a play stand) either through its own volition or by voluntary transference on the researcher's hand. At all times, the subject could walk away from the training and testing procedures, and if the subject appeared to lose interest by engaging in repetitive or distracted behavior, the training and testing was aborted.

Training sessions generally lasted up to 25 minutes and were conducted either in 2 shorter sessions or 1 longer session. The sessions were generally offered 5 days each week. Often the subjects requested longer training sessions and they sometimes lasted up to 45 minutes.

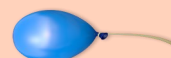
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Habituation and discrimination training

Naïve subjects were habituated to the foam toy stimuli by including them as part of a collection of toys with which the subjects became acquainted over time. The foam toys were hung at play stations and the subjects had the opportunity to approach them and play.

To train the subjects on task discrimination with a reward system on the play stand, the subjects first were conditioned to the colors red, blue, yellow, orange, purple and green. The researcher (JC) stated with encouragement, “Touch red!” and presented the red foam toy within 15 centimeters of the subject’s beak. When the subject touched the stimulus, the researcher clicked the clicker, offered a treat (1 whole or half sunflower seed) and gave verbal praise. The researcher repeated this exercise, moving the red foam toy incrementally further away from the subject’s beak, randomly to the left, right or above the subject, over the course of several minutes, until the subject was trained to walk across the play stand in order to touch the red object. The same procedure was then utilized for the color blue.

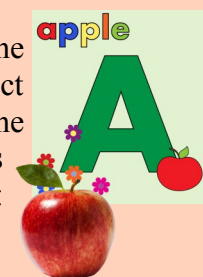


Once the subject repeatedly and accurately touched the presented color, the researcher presented both the colors red and blue, side by side and within 20 centimeters of one another and 20 centimeters in front of the subject. The stimuli were assigned a positive (S+) and negative (S-) contingency, respectively. Then the researcher stated, “Touch red” (S+). The S+ was reinforced with a click, a treat, and enthusiastic praise, and the S- resulted in the researcher dropping the stimuli silently and then recuing within 1-3 seconds. Through trial and error the subject learned to touch the stimulus requested. The researcher provided verbal guidance and praise through initial training, without removing the stimuli, until the subject had 5 or more correct responses in a row.



Once the subject could distinguish between red and blue, 1 additional color was added per day, and training trials conducted on all 6 colors until the subject evidence mastery at 70% or higher accuracy. A video of this training with the pam cockatoo can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OzJ-x1CX5Qw>.

After conditioning to the stimulus-reward pairing through colors, the researcher offered the bath foam letter “A” to the subject, vocalizing all 3 phonetic sounds (ă, ā, /aw/). The subject was conditioned to touch the foam letter A. The researcher then conditioned the subject to the stimulus of an apple, emphasizing the “ă” portion of the word. For instance, it was spoken as follows: “ahhhhhpple.” A video of this training with the palm cockatoo can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dutgPVV3GBM>.



For brevity, throughout this article, when letter-reward conditioning, the researcher always used every phonetic sound for it, but is referenced throughout this paper as only its name in italics. For instance, when the researcher said, “Touch ă, ā, /aw/” it is represented here as “Touch *A*.”

Once the conditioning was complete, employing the same methods as in color training, the researcher offered both the apple and the letter A, with the instruction to “Touch *A*” followed by a request to touch the apple. Every letter taught was likewise paired with a single vocabulary word that was either part of the subjects’ experience or taught to the subject through books, pictures, and YouTube videos.

(See the May –June issue to find out more with the “reading studies” of these cockatoos!)

SBBS Welcomes New & Returning Members

NEW MEMBER: Lauri Lynn Porter
RENEWALS: Cooley/Write, Harriet Diamond,
 Lorrie Kendall, Len Vanderhoof
LIFETIME MEMBERS: Diane Bock, Cary & Anita Pao,
 Jimi K. Anderson, Karen Allen, Ron & Perry Ellwood, Dr. Roskopf,
 Jack Ford, Janet Ragonesi, 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.

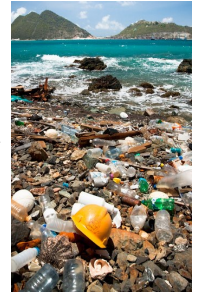
If you want to join and have received a hard copy or found the membership application on the back of the newsletter, fill it out and send it to the above address. If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Membership Director, Ron Ellwood (310) 850-0594.



West L.A. Bird Club

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Speaker: Dave Weeshoff



He is a member of the Audubon Society and a volunteer for The International Bird Rescue & Heal The Bay Foundation

"The Causes and Consequences of Plastic in the Oceans"

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.**

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



Gala & Kahlia

- ☀ 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, men send me photos of you and your bird for the upcoming special Father's Day section in June.

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

☀ *The deadline for the next newsletter is Wednesday, May 15.*

Thank you., Gala Burkholder

Adoptions



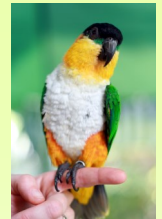
There are so many birds needing homes out there.

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!



Organization

Phone

Contact

Parrots First	(866) 248-7670, ext. 5937	www.parrotsfirst.org
Parrot Rehabilitation Society	(619) 224-6712	www.parrotsociety.org
Southern Nevada Parrot Education, Rescue & Rehoming		www.southernnevadaparrotrescue.org
Santa Barbara Bird Sanctuary	(805) 565-1807	www.sbbird.org
Fine Feathered Friends Foundation	(310) 613-9549	curtismyrna@verizon.net



Contact Patte Fisher,

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

Winner

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

HELP WANTED

Myrna Frame, of Fine Feathered Friends Foundation, is looking to hire a person with experience working with all sizes of birds to help care for birds one day a week. If you are interested, contact Myrna at (310) 613-9549 or curtismyrna@verizon.net.



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PLEASE JOIN US



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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Do you want to volunteer in ANY way for SBBS?

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.

Thank you to all!



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E-Mail Address for Newsletter Delivery: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Other Phone: (____) _____ How did you hear about us? _____

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: _____

Do you keep birds primarily as: Companions ___ Breeders ___ Both ___ Renewal Month: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____