



Volume 46 Issue 7 August-September 2019 SBBS Newsletter Established 1974

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 theme: "MARGARITAVILLE..."
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Sept. 8th
12 Noon—3 pm
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EARTHQUAKES! Were You Ready?

August 5, 2019

By Diane Sivas

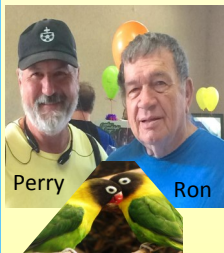


We had some rockin' and rollin' during the month of July when California was hit with some fairly major earthquakes. We all want to



say that we are prepared, but oftentimes real preparation only occurs after the fact. The focus of the August meeting was to recap what we already know and to get new ideas using a round table setting where we could exchange ideas. Fortunately for everyone in attendance, we had some great ideas and suggestions to help get us all pointed in the right direction.

But first up was the Early Bird drawing won by Oliver Dean. Way to go, Oliver! Janet then made the usual board member introductions. We had one guest, Suzanne, who quickly became a member. She has kids, cats, and a tortoise but no bird at the moment (she's looking!). Welcome, Suzanne!



Janet, Ron and Perry recently stepped up to help a couple of lovebirds in need, who are currently being cared for by Ron and Perry. Once the birds have regrown their feathers, they will be available for adoption. Marie announced that Myrna Frame's Fine Feathered Friend Foundation also has birds available for adoption; two Blue & Gold Macaws and 7 Parakeets. Linda Jensen spoke about the continuing threat of Newcastle's and told us that a veterinarian who advises West LA Bird Club discouraged anyone from taking birds anywhere until the threat has passed. We all love to take them out and show them off, but it's not worth the risk. We need to just chill until we know that it's safe. Don't do it!!

Gala asked questions to see who had actually read the newsletter, and it turns out that many of you did. Keep it up! Patte, Oliver and Mike all came up with correct answers and won raffle tickets as a prize. Gala also took a moment to remind everyone about the upcoming picnic that will take place on September 8 from noon to 3:00PM at Columbia Park in Torrance. Remember, no birds!



Diane Sivas kisses her Blue and Gold Macaw, Cheeto



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.

THE SOUTH BAY BIRD SOCIETY
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Raffle Ticket
Winners Answered
the Newsletter
Questions



Patte Fisher



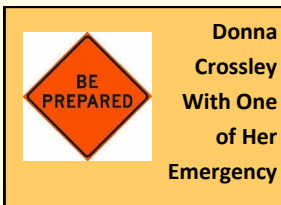
Oliver Dean



Mike Luther

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("Earthquakes!" continued from page 2)



Donna Crossley With One of Her Emergency Kits



Little guy...



Janet started the discussion about being ready for any kind of natural disaster. One thing she mentioned is the importance of having a clear, unfettered escape route from the home. The time to clear a path is now, not when the emergency happens. Donna Crossley had one of her emergency kits on hand for viewing. Her comments included knowing how each of birds react to conditions. One of her birds swings in delight during earthquakes while another one flaps wildly. For the flappers, she suggested having some kind of padding at the bottom of cages to help prevent wings from getting caught on cage bottoms or bars. Another suggestion was to put towels on cage bottoms, with paper over that. (Note: If your bird is a paper shredder, make sure not to use shiny paper which has probably been treated.)

Another important point was to make sure that there is enough water on hand. Stock up and remember that toilet or water heater water can also be used. Other emergency items to consider are flashlights and batteries, shoes, gloves, rope and, if possible, solar phone chargers and generators.



There was an abundance of valuable information and great suggestions. From storing water to posting notes just inside of the home to alert first responders that there are animals present, to making sure we have on hand everything we need. And as Janet suggested, it's smart to save ourselves first before trying to remove pets. As she said, there are times when the animal may actually be safer in their cages and, for the moment, better off in the home.

Thanks to everyone who participated. The round table format was casual and fun! I know that I have my "to do" list now, and I hope everyone picked up some good ideas on how to be prepared. Next month is our annual picnic with this year's theme, "Margaritaville," so check out the newsletter and website for information on that. No birds, unfortunately, but I have no doubt that we will still find ways to have a lot of fun. See everyone in September!



PLACES TO BUY SOME OF THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ITEMS DISCUSSED:

Emergency Kits and Supplies S & O Survival Products: 15705 Strathen St., Van Nuys, (800) 479 7998, sosproducts.com;
 Major Surplus & Survival, 435 W. Alondra Blvd., Gardena (310) 325-8855, majorsurplus.com
 The Surplus Store, 10341 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, Palms (310)841-0289, surplusstoreonline.com
 Amazon On-Line, The Red Cross, Other On-Line Suppliers

Solar & Cranked Radios with Cell Phone Charger (some with flashlights)
www.amazon.com/slp/solar-and-battery-powered-radio/r3dga7kbnt9ag



Stoves (Camp or small propane) Home Depot, Target, Big Five, REI, Smart & Final, Lowes, Dicks

Single-Burner Butane Stove Smart & Final, Target

Tents (See list above except Smart & Final)



The President's Notes By Janet Ragonesi



"WERE YOU READY??"

I felt we had an excellent round-table discussion at last month's SBBS meeting. Everyone had a chance to talk about their experience of being prepared for "The Big One." It was a wake-up call for many of us.

In response to this potential crisis event, newsletter editor, Gala Burkholder had prepared an extended version of the July-August newsletter that included what steps to take to prepare for an earthquake which gave us a basis for our sharing. It was suggested that everyone prints pages 10-13 of last month's newsletter to use as a check-list for their family preparation. (*The July-August newsletter can be found on our website.*) Topics included: what to do in an earthquake, supplies to have on hand including both human and avian first aid kits, various resources and contacts, necessary paperwork to have readily available after an earthquake, storing supplies and more.

We talked about ways we were increasing our emergency preparedness for the safety of our families including our feathered children. We shared what steps we were taking and various items we were purchasing. (*See the list of the items and locations where to purchase them on page 3.*) Donna Crossley brought a basic supply kit for our review. There we also hand-outs for disaster preparedness and earthquake preparedness available at the meeting.

Remember, the potential for a large earthquake in our area is eminent. Recently, there was a 5.0 earthquake on Thursday, August 22, 18 km from Little Lake, CA (Southern CA) with many aftershocks. Be ready!

The end of summer is near which means our annual SBBS Picnic is just around the corner. This year's theme is: **"MARGARITAVILLE -**

We are the Original Parrot Heads!"



was suggested by member, Marie Calleja several months ago and the board thought this theme would be fun! We can't promise Jimmy Buffet will be there, but everyone else, including your family and friends are invited to:



SBBS ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH 12 noon - 3 PM

COLUMBIA PARK IN TORRANCE

We need VOLUNTEERS to help with the set-up beginning at 11 am!



There will be **PRIZES** for the

BEST TROPICAL or other "MARGARITAVILLE" ATTIRE!

Learn how easy it is to

DRAW A *Cartoon Parrot*

with basic instructions from SBBS member and art teacher, Gala Burkholder.

WIN at our monthly RAFFLE.

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By the way,

Please don't risk bringing your birds this year...DRAW ONE INSTEAD!
(See page 1 flyer & page 5 for more information & get tropical!)

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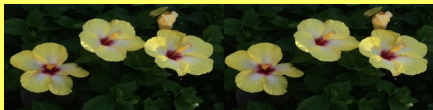
WELCOME TO MARGARITAVILLE!



Sorry parrot ...
no tequila at the park.



Ride a wave on a
burger off of the grill!



Columbia Park Gazebo is
between the large, colorful
playground equipment and
the parking lot & restrooms
off of Prairie Avenue.

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And
Win A
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BOARD DIRECTOR ELECTIONS COMING SOON

SBBS will be accepting nominations for all board positions until **November 1**. If you are interested in serving for 2020, please contact Ron Ellwood@ronellwood1@gmail.com or Gala Burkholder at: gidgetscal@aol.com. Elections will be held at the November SBBS meeting. It takes a flock of bird lovers to keep SBBS vital to the South Bay!

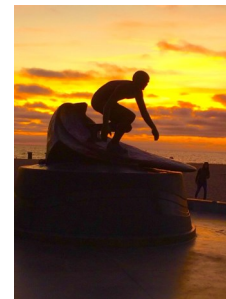
START GATHERING YOUR ITEMS TO DONATE FOR THE ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

This year's auction will be on **Sunday afternoon, December 8th**. Items can be **donated beginning at the October 7th** SBBS meeting. More information to follow.

In preparation of the collection of items, **volunteers are needed** to assist in organizing the garage of president, Janet Ragonesi on **Friday, September 13th from noon to 3 PM**. RSVP to Ragonesi@att.net if you can help.

MONTHLY EARLY BIRD DRAWING

FYI – All members that have paid their dues qualify for our meeting early bird drawing. I would encourage everyone to keep their membership current!



SUMMER IS

NEARLY OVER



I want to wish
each of you:

See you at the fun picnic on
September 8th!

Cheers, Janet

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

September 17: "Chucanti, The Quest To Save A Cloud Forest In Panama" by Guido Berguido, a Panamanian Conservationist.

Sept. 15, 8-11 am: Bird Walk through Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park with Audubon Leaders to witness the birds return to this sanctuary. Meet in the parking lot closest to Anaheim & Vermont.

For Info: www.pvsb-audubon.org
 or call David at (310) 833-3095.



(Linda Jensen gets desert)

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

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. Congratulations to Oliver Dean, the winner of the prize at the August meeting.

When we all pitch in, the clean-up goes much quicker and easier.

Thank-you!



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

RAFFLE ITEMS:

- Mike Luther June Baker
- Linda Jensen Marie Calleja
- Ron Ellwood Janet Ragonesi

FOOD ITEMS:

- Linda Jenson Suzanne Rodriquez
- Patte Fisher Ron Ellwood
- Kathy Powell Marie Calleja
- Janet Ragonesi Donna Crossley
- Sylvia Skidmore Gala Burkholder

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



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.



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

When: **September 11 (2nd Wednesday), 8:00 am**

Where: **MADRONA MARSH**

When: **September 18 (3rd Wednesday), 8:30 am**

Where: **WHITE POINT NATURE PRESERVE**

1600 Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro, CA

When: **August 28 & September 25 (4th Wednesday), 8:30 am**

Where: **GEORGE F. CANYON**

27305 Palos Verdes Dr. 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.



**SBBS Events
Planned for the Next
Three Months:**

**Monday, October 7, 7 PM
SURPRISE SPEAKER TO
BE ANNOUNCED SOON.**



**SUNDAY,
NOV. 3RD,
2 PM**

**JEFF
MAXWELL**

*From the hit
TV Show
"M*A*S*H"*

**FOR THE
OCTOBER &
NOVEMBER
MEETINGS:
MONTHLY
RAFFLE
A POTLUCK
MEAL**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1-3:30 PM
Annual Fundraiser & Silent Auction**

LOCATION: Kiwanis Club of Hermosa Beach

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

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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.

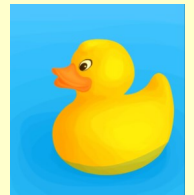
Ask me your questions and I will answer to the best of my knowledge. If I don't have an answer I will make every effort to find one for you and tell you my source.

Here we go!!!!

Q How do I give my bird a bath if he won't bathe by himself?

A Some birds love to bathe and some hate water. It's an individual thing and I will throw some ideas at you.

Put a half inch of water in the sink or tub with a plastic or rubber toy (or 2) that floats with a towel on the bottom of the sink or tub, so the bird does not slip and get scared. Let the bird play and you can splash the water if he doesn't get wet enough.



Use a spray bottle on light-spray. Point up in the air and let the mist drop on him.

Take the little darling in the shower with you...not the tub, as parrots tend not to be swimmers.

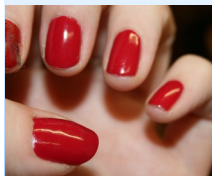


Sometimes all you need to do is to turn on the vacuum cleaner. Don't ask me why it works, but with many birds that is the catalyst to a good bath.

If it is a hot day, just let him air dry. If it's cool, use your blow dryer on low heat. In both instances, you can towel dry slightly if he is soaked.

Q My bird goes after me when I have on nail polish. What is going on?

A It seems that the color can trigger that action—especially if it is red. I think maybe they see blood and it makes them defensive. I have seen birds react to red shirts, red baseball caps and polish. Some could care less!



Softer colors do not seem to cause that reaction.



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Q My bird screams when I am eating, and it is very distracting. What can I do to stop this behavior?



A You have two distinct choices:

1. Do not eat in the same room as the bird.
2. Share! Give him a small plate of what you are eating, and enjoy each other's company and food!





Q My bird talks all of the time and I cannot understand a word he says. He is especially vocal when I am on the phone or have company. Is there anything I can do to correct this behavior?



A Welcome to the human race! You have a feathery child that has the mentality of a 3 to 5 year-old child. They are happy to be able to interact with you and your guests, and they don't need to make sense. They are communicating what they hear, and frankly, to a bird it sounds like gibberish.

Here is a bit of advice that comes from personal experience—no questions are needed. Lock your doors when you are home. This happened to me, and I learned a good lesson. I was coming downstairs in my house and there was a man (someone I had never seen before) standing in my living room. I must have looked really startled as the man said, "You told me to come in, didn't you?" I gulped, tried to gain my composure, and said, "NO!" He replied, "Well, someone did!" It turned out my darling Amazon told him to "Come in" when he knocked. ALL I COULD THINK OF WAS: THANK GOODNESS I HAD MY CLOTHES ON!!!!





Lots of hugs and see you at the picnic on September 8th.

Karen, The Parrot Lady



Karen Allen has been involved with birds and a SBBS member for over 35 years. She is a 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:
 Karen Allen, P. O. Box 3863
 Redondo Beach, CA 90277-3863
 Email: Birdsnmor@aol.com

Do Parrots Understand What You Are Saying?

July 10, 2019 by Irene Pepperberg, Ph.D.



Alex and Dr. Irene Pepperberg

Parrots Can Understand What They Are Saying...But It Depends on You!

Those with companion birds like to think that their birds can understand what both the owner and the birds themselves are saying, and often ask me if that is possible. My answer is that it is definitely “possible,” but that **the answer depends on the type of interactions the parrots have with their owners.** A bit of background will help explain my response.

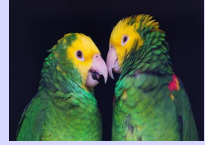
1. Flock Safety

The first, most important, issue is that parrots are flock animals. A parrot alone in the wild has almost zero chance of surviving — it cannot both watch for predators and forage successfully. Thus, parrots are almost always in groups — often small subsets of the entire flock — where they rotate the job of “sentinel”: the bird that keeps watch while the others feed. While in Australia, I saw a juvenile rosella, all alone at the top of a tree, screaming loudly. It was clearly in distress, and being so noticeable would make it a target for any predator in range. The bird knew, however, that its only chance of surviving was to find the rest of its flock; it would not last long by itself.



2. Contact Calling

The second issue is that one of the main ways that parrots maintain their bonds with one another, often while hidden in foliage, is by vocalizing. We know that these vocalizations are so important for identifying who is a flock member that some parrot species have flock dialects to ensure group cohesion. Interestingly, juveniles may learn a novel dialect if they find themselves in a new flock, but older birds are willing to fly long distances to return to their natal flock if they have been displaced by researchers (see Salinas-Melgoza & Wright, 2012). These data provide additional evidence for the importance of being in a flock, particularly for the use of specific “contact calls” to keep in touch with flock-mates.



3. Single Bird Or A Flock Member?

The third issue, that is relevant for bird stewards, is whether their bird is part of a group of parrots or a singleton. A bird that is part of a flock (in captivity, even a mixed-species flock) may or may not care to learn human speech or other human-related noises, as it has natural compatriots with whom it can whistle, call, and interact. The bird’s willingness to learn a human system, therefore, depends on how much it wants to connect with the humans in its life compared to the other birds. A bird that is a singleton, however, will try extremely hard to become integrated into its human “flock.”



Scott Byington

4. Learning the Human’s “Contact Call”

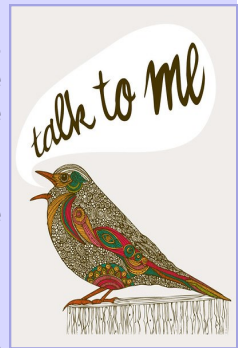
And that brings up the fourth issue: What happens in the singleton case depends almost entirely on human behavior. If the parrot is not given much input, it will use what it observes in its environment in order to develop what it thinks are contact calls. It will see its human run to the microwave when the machine beeps — and figure that maybe a human will pay attention and come to it if it “beeps.” Ditto for the ring tone on a mobile phone, or the routine calls amongst family members, or other sorts of noises that attract humans. Too, if the only thing the bird hears in one-to-one conversation during the day from its human companions is something like “Who’s a pretty boy?” when its cage cover is lifted in the morning, that is what it will learn for a contact call. And that is all it will learn, and obviously it will not understand the meaning of the phrase.

(“Do Parrots Understand” continued on page 11)

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In contrast, if an owner takes the time and energy to work with the bird, the parrot can learn the meaning of the speech it hears and produces. The most effective way to achieve such understanding involves the model/rival technique that I described in a previous blog, in which two humans demonstrate for the bird the use of relevant labels. As many people already know, I've shown that African grey parrots can, for example, learn labels for objects, colors, shapes, numbers, categories, and concepts in this manner. What we try to do in my lab is demonstrate the full extent of possible learning, and, not surprisingly, few owners can invest the same level of time and energy into training as does my research team.

It is therefore up to the human caretaker to decide whether its parrot companion will have the chance to learn to engage in some form of meaningful communication, or simply learn a few party tricks. Given that these birds have the intelligence of about an 8-year-old child (e.g., Pepperberg et al., 2017, 2018), I for one believe that we certainly should give them the chance to develop to their full potential. We humans have to invest our time and energy, but the parrots will very likely try to reward our efforts.



Alex and Dr. Irene Pepperberg

Alex could respond to "What toy?", "How many?", "What's same/different?" and "What color bigger/smaller?"

However, birds can learn some labels simply by association, if the labels represent things that are important in their lives. If an owner consistently labels each food upon presentation, and labels the various toys upon presentation, the colors and shapes of the toys along with the relevant category ("Here's your BALL! The color is GREEN!"); if the owner consistently labels the site where the bird is being placed ("We're going to the CAGE") and various frequently occurring actions ("Want BATH?"), the bird will very often learn these labels so that it can request objects, actions, and to be placed at sites. Different birds will have different levels of motivation, different levels of learning, and different levels of speech clarity, so results are sure to vary. However, parrots are NOT simply mindless mimics — unless their owners treat them as such!



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"Laugh Kookaburra"

Submitted by June Baker



Avian treadmill

SBBS Welcomes
New & Returning Members

NEW MEMBERS: Suzanne Rodriquez
RENEWALS: Sylvia Skidmore, Myrna Frame,
 June Dune, Donna Crossley, Norma Schrader
LIFETIME MEMBERS: Diane Bock, Cary & Anita
 Pao, Karen Allen, Ron & Perry Ellwood, Dr. Roskopf, Jack Ford,
 Janet Ragonesi, Bree & Deven Brozey

Number of Current Members: 73



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.



The West L.A. Bird Club

invites you to the next
 meeting on:

WED., SEPT. 11 AT 7 PM

With Animal Behaviorist:

**CHAN
 QUACH**

At the
**American
 Legion Hall**

5309 Sepulveda
 Blvd., Culver City



www.westlabirdclub.com

President, Doreen at (310) 488-9749

The Orange County Bird Breeders Club

**CHAN QUACH to speak on
 Saturday, September 14**



Balearic Center, 1975 Balearic Center Ave, Costa Mesa

www.ocbirdbreeders.org

The West Valley Bird Society

DATE: TBA

Ms. Barbara Herman's House
 10450 De Soto Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311



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

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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

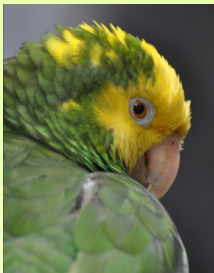
- ☀ In **“Wing Tips,”** share a tip to take improve the lives of both you and your bird(s).
- ☀ In **“Laugh Kookaburra,”** send a bird-related cartoon, joke or humorous photo.
- ☀ In **“Creative Corner”** send photos of your bird-related drawings, ceramic pieces, needle point, paintings, etc. or texts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

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

☀ *The deadline for the next newsletter is Wednesday, September 18*

Thank you., Gala Burkholder, Acting Newsletter Editor

Adoptions



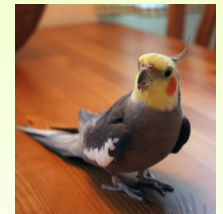
There are so many birds needing homes out there.

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
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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.

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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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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: _____