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Monday, May 4, 2020, 7 P.M.



David A. Weeshoff will discuss on ZOOM
"The Cause and Consequences of Marine Plastic Debris"

**** Due to COVID-19 SBBS will hold their MAY MEETING ON ZOOM!***

Information on how to access ZOOM is explained on pages 3-4.

David will share how we can reduce the plastic debris in our oceans and insights into the issues regarding plastic recycling. Learn how poor water quality and habitat impact the health of aquatic birds. Also, he will discuss how we can reduce the use of single-use plastic products.

Mr. Weeshoff became a volunteer and docent with International Bird Rescue in San Pedro, CA in 2005 after a 35-year career with IBM. At the Center, he assists the veterinary staff in the care of sick and injured aquatic birds, as well as rehabilitation of birds involved in oil spills. While at the Center he directly observes the impact of poor water quality and habitat on the health of aquatic birds and people.



In February 2006, Dave joined the Speaker's Bureau of Heal the Bay, an environmental organization focused on improving the water quality off the California coast, and is a speaker on related environmental issues, including ocean pollution and climate change.

Dave has represented avian issues for the Marine Life Protection Act, and helped design the marine-protected areas off the southern California coast. Dave is Past-President of the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society and currently is their Conservation Chair, where he addresses contemporary issues involving aquatic birds.

He travels extensively to the Arctic, Antarctica, Midway Atoll, Alaska, Greenland, Iceland, Galapagos, Patagonia, Madagascar and other interesting birding destinations worldwide. ***You won't want to miss this important topic and how we can reduce plastic debris! Learn how to access Zoom on pages 3-4.***

SEE IT ON ZOOM! SEE INFORMATION ON PAGE 3 & 4

For more information visit: www.sobaybirdsoc.com

Or contact: Janet at (310) 376-5954

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The President's Notes By Janet Ragonese

GREETINGS:

SBBS MEMBERS, SPONSORS AND FRIENDS

LOVE THE RAIN. LOVE THE BLUE SKIES. LOVE THE SUNNY DAYS AND QUIET NIGHTS.

Our California weather is unique in every way. We experience the best of what MOTHER NATURE provides us. All creatures feel a change with longer days, and the opportunity to find a mate. From the 4 corners of this earth nature is spreading her wings like a breath of fresh air. My dreams and my wishes are for all to experience the best of nature.



GOOD NEWS FOR OSCAR, THE AMAZON PARROT

Oscar is a 20-year-old Amazon parrot. He had lived with his family his entire life. Oscar's dad was ill and could not longer take care of him. So, Oscar's mom needed to rehome him per doctor's orders. Oscar, who loves men, has a great vocabulary and sings. Marie Calleja recommend a acquaintance, Ruben, that has a big heart and experience with Amazons. To make a long story short, Ruben met Oscar and they bonded almost immediately. With a step-up on Ruben's finger, Oscar was ready to go to his new home. This was a new beginning filled with love. Thanks Marie, Ruben, Oscar and his family for loving him!



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

Is a Public Benefit Corporation and a qualified tax-exempt organization under IRS Code Section 501 (C) (3).

APRIL MEETING



Our SBBS April meeting with Sherry Roberts on the Monarch Butterflies was postponed due to the social-distancing requirements as a result of Covid-19. Sherry is looking forward to speaking with us later this year.

SBBS is dealing with our new reality of social distancing, by holding our May 4th meeting via ZOOM!

This technology was new to some of our board members and they wanted to see how it works. So recently, the SBBS board held a meeting to see how we connect with each other using Zoom. David Benjamin, who maintains our website, set-up our ability to use Zoom and it was so easy to use! He sent us a link which we each clicked on and we downloaded Zoom on our computers. To my surprise, each of the board members became visible at the top of the screen as each signed on! Cool! We all agreed this a way we could continue to meet and see each other and importantly we could **INCLUDE OUR BIRDS!** *(See page 3 for more information)*

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JOIN THE SBBS FLOCK AT OUR ONLINE SOCIAL,

"PARTY WHERE YOU ARE!" ON MONDAY, APRIL 27th at 7:00 PM

While learning how to join together on ZOOM!



Our website coordinator, David Benjamin, has set up Zoom for our club! We will have an online social (with our birds) on Monday, April 27 at 7:00 pm for our membership to become familiar with Zoom.

New to online meetings? No fear! David is here to help us. Use this opportunity to get set up so you can enjoy the upcoming exciting SBBS online meetings. Our May 4th meeting with David Weeshoff will be held on Zoom!

At this social, let's get together, sharing joys and not germs! Join us and share what has brought your flock a moment of joy this past week. You can even have your birds nearby for everyone to see! I invite you to post a photo to the gallery at this meeting.

SBBS recognizes that some of us may be experiencing extreme hardships and tragedy. Our aim is to maintain a little normalcy to make our current situation a little better. This would be a good opportunity to get any safer-at-home companion pet questions answered, too. Can I get my bird groomed? How do I deal with the added stress? How do I get supplies?

This online social will be held using Zoom. Zoom works on most smart devices: PC; Mac, iPad, Android, iPhone. For first timers: David is happy to help you set up. This social is your opportunity to be set up and get some practice for the upcoming SBBS live online presentations and Q&As. If you would like to set up in advance, send a message to David at: Davidsbbsr@dbenjamin.com. Members can find David's phone number in our e-mails sent directly to them.



For your information, this social may be recorded and your image used in promoting SBBS activities. *(Don't worry, none of us have been able to visit a hair salon for over a month!)* Zoom allows each participant to record and SBBS cannot be responsible for how that gets used. Please be aware of background images *(empty pizza boxes and discarded Tostitos chip bags)* and activities *(birds hanging from the chandeliers)* might get recorded.

The first concern of SBBS is the health and safety of our flock, human and otherwise. In-person meetings will resume when conditions are appropriate.

This social **"Party Where You Are!"** will allow you to learn how to sign-on to Zoom prior to our presentation with Dave Weeshoff May 4th.

TO JOIN THE ZOOM SOCIAL MEETING ON APRIL 27TH AT 7 PM:

Click the link below at the meeting time. *(If you are asked for a meeting ID or password, come back to this message and click this link again).* **Join early at 6:45 PM** if you think you might need assistance joining this Zoom online social meeting on your PC, Mac, or smart phone. For technical assistance, you may e-mail David Benjamin or call him using his phone number sent to all SBBS members via an e-mail.

Click on this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89853723282?pwd=aS9mcGJFaUxSdk9VK1VXNUZrTUK3QT09>

Skip the following meeting technical details unless you learn you need them. Details to join online social meeting: Meeting ID: 898 5372 3282, Password: sbbs2020

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OPTIONAL MEET-UP RSVP FOR SBBS MEETINGS

In an attempt to reach-out to the community, SBBS is listed as an pet/animal activity on the "Meet-up" website that is available to the public. Our meetings and activities, including our socials and meetings via ZOOM, are listed. Each of you who plan to participate in any one of these activities may consider an RSVP on this site. *(This is not necessary to participate, but is optional)*. The more members who say they are participating, the more attractive our group looks to the public and hopefully will draw new members to our club. The following is the link to access this site:

<https://www.meetup.com/Redondo-Beach-Birds-Meetup/events/2701702981>

Thank-you for your help in spreading the word about SBBS to other companion bird owners.

ATTEND THE MAY 4 MEETING BY USING ZOOM!

Now that we are "Sheltering in Place" we have decided that Zoom would be fun way to connect with each other and be able to **include our birds** at the same time. *(See page 3 for more information how to use Zoom)*.

Click the following link at the time of the meeting, 7:00 pm May 4, 2020:

(You may come in a little early if you think you might want assistance from David).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82498415170?pwd=elZsNE1NV3JxL1o3SUczOEdpL3BvZz09>

Please help us by, optionally, RSVPing on [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) using this link:

<https://www.meetup.com/Redondo-Beach-Birds-Meetup/events/270269540>

Our May 4 meeting with Dave Weeshoff will be presented on **ZOOM!** Dave's topic is:

"The Cause and Consequences of Marine Plastic Debris"

(See the flyer on page 1 for more information about his topic and background)



The health of you and your feathered and non-feathered family is of the utmost importance to all of us. We will continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation and re-invent when necessary on how we continue to achieve the goals of SBBS. We will keep you apprised of the on-going activities of our club via e-mails and through the monthly newsletter.



We want to stay healthy and available to anyone who needs extra assistance during this time. If anyone needs or wants help, please contact me at ragonesi@att.net or call (424) 247-4447 and we will support each other. We are all facing this challenge, but we will get through this together. I look forward to when we can meet in person together again.

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LISTED BELOW ARE SOME OF OUR UPCOMING SPEAKERS PLANNED FOR 2020

DUE TO IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEB SITE ON THE STATUS OF THESE MEETINGS

(Members will receive updates on meeting changes, Zoom meetings or cancellations through e-mails)

Monday, May 4, 7 PM on ZOOM: David Weeshoff of International Bird Rescue
 “Causes and Consequences of Marine Plastic Debris”



Monday, June 1, 7 PM Josefina Madunich, 17-Year Galapagos Naturalist **TENTATIVE**
 “The Galapagos Islands & the Rain Cloud Forest of Ecuador”



July No Meeting, “Happy 4th of July”

Monday, August 3, 7PM Julie Scardina of Sea World
 “Animals, Travels and Conservation Stories”



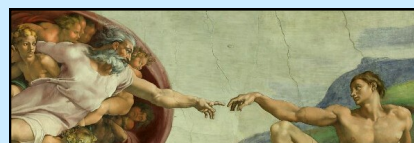
Sunday, September 13, 12 Noon-3 PM, Annual Picnic Columbia Park. This year’s theme: **Mardi Gras!**

Monday, October 5, 7 PM TBA

Sunday, November 8, 2 PM TBA

Sunday, December 6, 1-3:30 PM Annual Fundraiser and Silent Auction

Be a part of our flock and reach out “wing to elbow”
 to support one another during this difficult time.



Painting by Michelangelo on the Sistine Chapel ceiling

PEARLS OF WISDOM

Our lives have changed due to this virus; it is unpredictable! I encourage each of you to ask yourself, what do you want your future to look like? Not just imagine it; ask yourself and believe you can renew, restore and bring out the best in one another. Our future is NOW! Ask what you need to do, not just want you want to do. Ask how you can be in service to others? You can bring compassion, truth, trust, laughter, joy and kindness into the lives of all you touch (from a distance). A kind word goes along way. Mother Nature is giving us the opportunity to find the best in each of ourselves for the well-being of humanity!

The board will monitor the current health situation in our community and we will keep you informed of any updates via e-mails and the monthly newsletter. The health of you and your family is our priority.

For now... LET’S ZOOM!

Cheers, Janet

Stay safe. Karen Allen reminds us to wash our hands often and vigorously for 20 seconds. Singing the Happy Bird Day song TWICE is perfect timing. Avoid people that are sneezing and coughing. Wear a mask in public. Keep a distance of at least 6 feet away from other people.



Palos Verdes/South Bay

AUDUBON SOCIETY PROGRAMS 7 PM

At The Madrona Marsh Nature Center

3201 Plaza del Amo, Torrance, CA 90503

At this time, all Audubon activities are canceled due to Covid-19

(Check the website to confirm cancellations and re-start dates)

Third Tuesday, 7 PM

Meeting with a Speaker

***BIRD WALKS:**



4th Sat. each mo., 8:30-

10:30 am: Madrona Marsh with Audubon leaders

1st & 3rd Sun., 8-11 am:

Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park with Audubon leaders. 1st Sun. meet in the parking lot, 3rd Sun meet in the parking lot closest to Anaheim & Vermont for Regional Park 2.

3rd Sun., 8-11 am:



South Coast Botanic Garden with Audubon leader David Quaadhamer

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

THANK YOU to everyone for your donations of **FOOD & RAFFLE ITEMS at the SBBS MEETINGS.**

We look forward to the day when we can meet together again,

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



The Orange County Bird Breeders May Meeting Is Canceled Due to Covid-19

Balearic Center, 1975 Balearic Center Ave, Costa Mesa
www.ocbirdbreeders.org

America's Family Pet Expo



is canceled this year due to COVID-19

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A BIRD OWNER IF:

1. You never wear dry-cleaned clothing.
2. Your phone rings with bird chirps.
3. You look in the freezer to make something for dinner and all you see is bird seed and birdie bread.
4. You keep the toilet seat lids closed.

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

ALL OF BOB'S BIRD WALKS THRU MAY ARE CANCELED

BIRD WATCHING WITH BOB SHANMAN

When: **(4th Wednesday), 8:30 am**

Where: **GEORGE F. CANYON**
27305 Palos Verdes Dr. East, Rolling Hills Estates, CA

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

Where: **MADRONA MARSH**

When: **(3rd Sunday), 8:00 am**

Where: **BALLONA WETLANDS**

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

Where: **WHITE POINT NATURE PRESERVE**
1600 Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro, CA

Other BIRDING Locations:

Where: **BALLONA WETLANDS, KEN MALLOY HARBOR PARK** (see PV/SB Audubon Society in the top, left, yellow box), **BIXBY MARSH**

(See "Events" on Wild Birds Unlimited web site: redondobeach.wbu.com or call (310) 543-2473 to know more)

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy
RSVP: at pvplc.org, select "Events & Activities"

FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP REDUCE PLASTIC



IN OUR OCEANS BY ZOOMING WITH SBBS AT 7 PM ON May 4th. SEE DETAILS ON PAGES 3-4.





Tentative Program

Check on-line and SBBS e-mails for updates!

Monday, June 1, 2020, 7 P.M.

Josefina (Pepy) Madunich will share her experience of "The Galapagos and the Rain Cloud Forest of Ecuador"



Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the Galapagos Islands from Josefina (Pepy) Madunich, a naturalist guide, who lived and worked there for 17 years!

The Galapagos is a group of 13 main islands and some smaller islets, located 600 miles west of Ecuador. This unique geographical situation allowed for the establishment of some remarkable species, giving the Galapagos its reputation as a laboratory of evolution. Her talk will address isolation, endemic species and gigantism on the islands. The Galapagos is also a Natural Park and Patrimony of Humanity. As one of the smallest countries in South America, Ecuador is notable for its diversity of climates and vegetation zones, which also makes it a paradise for birding.

Though Josefina now lives in California, she maintains strong connections with the island and the people who live and work there. She regularly brings groups of visitors to see this amazing place. Join us for an intimate and personal view of one of the world's great wildlife destinations.

UPDATES WILL BE SENT TO MEMBERS VIA E-MAILS AND IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.



For information about Josefina's next private charter, contact her via email at: pepygalapagos@gmail.com or call at (909) 532-0850. See her website at: <https://hellogalapagos.com>

During this period of "SHELTER IN PLACE," SBBS WILL NOT be meeting in person.

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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 Roskopf 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 What size cage should my bird have and is there a way to judge sizes?

A That is a loaded question. First of all, there are some variables such as what size is your bird, and what kind of space are you dealing with? We have to face the fact that some small birds love big cages, and some big birds like small cages. Your bird's personality is a big part of this answer. Three of my African Greys love smaller cages, and two of them love the bigger cages. This is a theme you have to play with: some birds love toys in their cages while some won't go near them; some birds love their dishes on the side of the cage, and some will only eat if you put the dishes on the bottom of the cage. You need to be a bird designer and physiologist rolled into one. So my smart-alec answer is to play it by ear and good luck!



Q My bird destroys his toys. Is there a toy he can't demolish?

A You are a dreamer. What an innovative thought!



Plastic or acrylic toys are certainly sturdier than the wooden ones, however not all birds will play with these. There are some woods that are harder than others and, depending on the bird and his likes and dislikes, it's a crap shoot as to which he will go for.

My bird's life goals are to destroy all toys. It gives them something play with while plotting their destruction.

By providing our birds with these type toys, we're helping to distract them from feather plucking or being noisy. I think their secret goal is to destroy toys as fast as they can, to see if they can get it done before we have empty wallets.

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Q I have a new bird and it hates my boyfriend with such a passion it's scary. He dives at him and tries to nail him whenever he walks by the cage. I don't dare let him out of the cage when my boyfriend is over because he chases him.

A Grown men running from birds is not a pretty picture. This might be a good time to look for a new home for the bird because it seems the boyfriend was there first. On the other hand, if the bird was first, you might want to take a good look at the boyfriend. The bird may sense something you don't see!!!! It is a good idea to look for a bird as a joint venture, and get one that likes both of you.



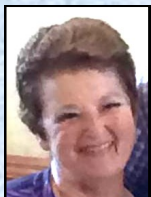
Q My bird is destroying its perches and tearing up papers with a vengeance. Is this correctable?

A To quote our dear Dr. Rosskopf, "You probably have a horny bird." Spring, sexual maturity and making a family all fall into place at the same time, and birdie behavior can be taxing, to say the least. Birds making nests can even change many bird's personalities. They can become very territorial, and they would just as soon bite you as look at you. There are medicinal injections that help curb the raging hormones that your avian veterinarian can better advise you about. If you are looking forward to being a grandparent, be prepared to deal with a pregnant woman and her hormones, as well as cranky dads that are protecting Mom and the nest from the rest of the world.



Q People love my bird and want to know if birds make good pets. I am not sure how to give a good answer.

A The answer starts with, "It depends." Do you have a house or an apartment? Are you prepared to deal with a 3 to 5 year-old child, with matching intelligence? Can you handle a bunch of loving, noise, some mess, and another being that depends on you? When you can answer yes to most of the questions, you are good to go! Just remember to adopt or buy a feathery child as you would love a human one, not something to entertain you or match your furniture, PLEASE!!!



*Stay well and healthy.
Keep all of your feathery and furry animals safe and loved!*

**HUGS FROM,
Karen, Your 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



Get Work Done: Tips To Keep Your Bird Happily Distracted

April 6, 2020 by [Laura Doering](#)

Your bird might be thinking “What are we going to do today?” when the reality is, you have work to do.

As we hunker down at home to do our part in stopping the spread of coronavirus, many of us might find ourselves in a conundrum: how exactly to get work done when our birds and other pets beckon nearby?



While one positive to self-isolation is the extra time we get to spend with the flock, we should keep in mind that our birds don't need to be handled all day. Companion birds should still know how to keep themselves entertained during certain times of the day. After all, tapping the computer keyboard, scrolling through reports, or attempting to log in to an online meeting can prove quite challenging with a parrot on your hand or shoulder. And a parrot on your shoulder during a meeting might leave some bosses and co-workers distracted, if not bemused and amused!

With You, Not On You

Let your feathered friend spend time with you, but not on you, so you can get work done.



You can hang out with your bird without having your bird hang on you. Most pet birds, just



like most dogs (and some cats!) are content with simply being in the same room as their people. So instead of being subjected to incessant contact-calling from your parrot in another room, try wheeling the cage or play gym in the room you're in so your feathered companion can keep a relatively quiet eye on you as you get work done.

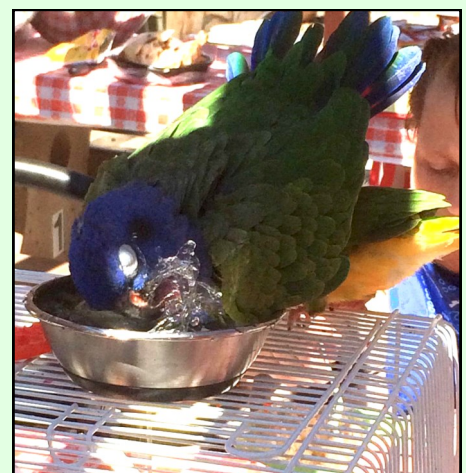
But, if you find yourself trying to dissuade your bird from snagging your pen/pencil, attempting to shred up your paper report, or competing with you when you answer a phone call, it's time to bring out some tried-and-true solutions in regard to healthy distractions.



Bath Time Leads To Preen Time

Parrots love to preen after a bath, giving you some time to make that phone call.

Have a scheduled conference call or online meeting and worried about your parrot competing with you? If your bird has a habit of mimicking your intonations or screeching a reply to every word he/she hears you utter, it's good to have a game plan in the minutes leading up to when you have to hop on that call or answer that Skype call. Give your bird a spray bath or let your friend jump around in a bowl of water first. He or she will forget all about what you're up to while fluttering out feathers and devoting a good amount of time preening them.



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Donna Crossley and her Greenwing Macaw, Jasper, have found ways to spend time together during this "Shelter-In-Place." Jasper loves to swirl around her rubber ducky in the water. Then, Jasper squishes the toy to fill it with water and then squirts it into her mouth. Smart bird!

Sometimes, Donna encourages Jasper's to flap her wings for fun and to get the bird's energy out!

Get more ideas how to enrich your bird's life while spending this "family time" on page 14.



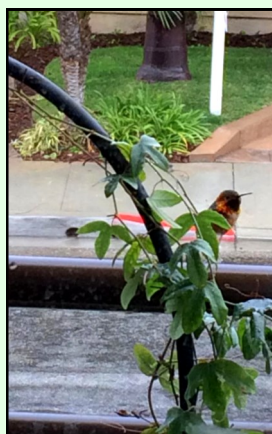
Get The Energy Out

Amp Up The Foraging Fun

Busy beaks are often quieter beaks. A lot of parrots are up to the challenge when it comes to the pursuit of a favorite treat. Instead of dropping your bird's favorites in the bowl, wrap them in pieces of paper or cover with a layer of shredded paper. Place [Nutri-Berries](#) in a paper cup and fold the sides so they're hidden or place in a favorite toy for your bird to find.

A Window To Distraction

See if your bird enjoys seeing what's going on outside by offering him a window view. Roll your bird's cage in front of a window so your buddy can see what's going on outside. If your bird isn't used to being in front of a window, cover part of the cage or gym in case he wants to temporarily retreat from something that might spook him, such as a wild bird or a car passing by.



It works with children and it should work with parrots. Before you have to settle down into your work, have a dance session, song duet, or exercise session to get all the energy out. Encourage your bird to flap her wings. Have her climb up a ladder and then place her back on the bottom of it for her to traverse again. Let her feel like *she earned the down time.* (Use common sense of course. Don't send your bird into a state where it's difficult to catch a breath. Always stop if the activity appears to be stressing out your bird.)

Bring The Energy Down

Keep your bird engaged (and quiet so you can get work done) with some ambient noise like mellow music or an ambient visual like TV.

Offer some indirect entertainment, such as leaving the TV or radio on in your bird's room. A little background noise and/or visual distraction from the small screen can help put your bird in a state of quiet contentment while you get work done.



Posted in [Behavior](#), [Everyday](#), [New](#)



Singing "[Happy BIRD Day](#)" 2 times (for 20 seconds) while you are washing your hands vigorously to help keep you and your family healthy!





SBBS Welcomes
New & Returning Members

RENEWALS: Lori Kendall, Marie Calleja,

Mike & Julia Comella, Len Vanderhoof

LIFETIME MEMBERS: Cary & Anita Pao,

Karen Allen, Ron & Perry Ellwood, Donna Crossley,

Dr. Roskopf, Jack Ford, Janet Ragonesi, Don Hand,

Bree & Deven Brozey

MEMORIAL LIFETIME MEMBERS:

Lorrie Mitchell, Diane Bock

Number of Current Members: 64

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

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

To join SBBS, please print page 18 of the newsletter or go to www.sobaybirdsoc.com and click on "Membership" to find a membership application. Fill the form out, include a check and send it to SBBS, P.O. Box 3863, Redondo Beach, CA 90277-3863. If you 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

*The May meeting is

CANCELED due COVID-19

We will post updates when the club can resume their monthly meetings

At the American Legion Hall

5309 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City

www.westlabirdclub.com

For info. Contact
President, Doreen at
djseelig@aol.com
or (310) 488-9749



BLISS By Harry Bliss



"Good day, Mrs. Warbler. This is my grandson Theo I was telling you about."

"Laugh Kookaburra"

Teaching others to talk with the animals

Long Beach Bird Breeders

ALL MEETINGS ARE CURRENTLY CANCELED DUE TO

COVID-19 It used to meet 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

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 information.

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



Gala & Kahlia

- ☀ In **“Wing Tips,”** share a tip that could 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 of what you would like to SEE, along with your SUBMISSIONS to: gidgetscal@aol.com.

The deadline for the next newsletter is *Tuesday, May 12th*

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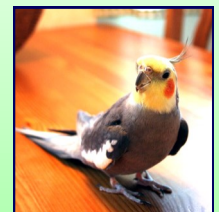
There are so many birds needing homes out there.

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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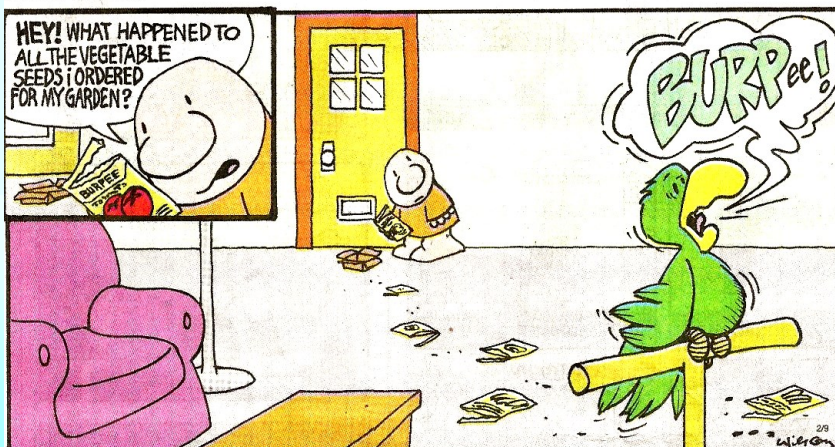
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ZIGGY: By Tom Wilson

“Laugh Kookaburra”

Cartoons submitted by June Baker & Marie Calleja



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Parrot Drawing by 7-year-old Patrick Allen

Recently, on an afternoon stroll in Redondo Beach, Gala Burkholder and her parrot, Kahlia, met a mother with her 2 boys. Her older son, Patrick, who is 7 years old, told me he loves art. So, when he went home, he drew this picture for me of a parrot, which his mother sent to me. I love it! Patrick has a natural sense of composition with his shapes and use of color. I look forward to seeing more of Patrick's artwork!

While you are "Sheltering At Home," make a drawing or painting of your birds a family art project and send it to me, Gala Burkholder at gidgetscal@aol.com. Have fun!

The deadline is Tuesday, May 12 for sending your family art projects featuring your birds to Gala so it can be included in the May-June newsletter. Make a memory you'll enjoy!

Thank-you to Patrick Allen for sharing your parrot drawing!

WING TIPS: PROVIDE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR BIRDS

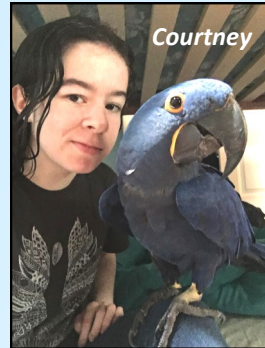
SBBS member, Donna Crossley, has some ideas how to give your parrots interesting and new challenges while you are spending this "family time" in your home. You may want to have a container in the cage for some of the play items. Just make sure to not put items that can become nesting material or nesting boxes.

- Take a left-over toilet paper roll (if you were lucky enough to find one) and stuff it with shredded paper, cardboard, sticks, etc. with a treat for your feathered friend to tear apart.
- Put different dishes in the cage (if it does not scare them) and rearrange the toys inside of the cage and play stands. Birds are intelligent beings and can get bored easily.
- Put a wide, very shallow bowl or crock in the bottom of the cage with water and plastic toys in it for your bird to play with in the water. (See *Jasper having fun* on page 11).
- Get a small cardboard box and put a nut inside of it for your bird to tear it apart to get to the tasty treat.
- Put toys and other bird-safe items just outside of the cage for the bird to reach out through the cage bars for them. Birds like a challenge!
- Hang chains and bird-safe leather strips inside of the cage.
- Put food in toys for your birds to forage for their favorite treats. Some toys are made for this activity.
- Using a clean towel, knot it and soak it in water. Put it into the freezer to make a cold toy for a hot day.

If your bird has its wings clipped and it is a warm, sunny day, allow your bird to perch outside on a plastic chair while you sit near it. **NEVER allow your bird to be outside without you near them at ALL times.** I know someone who had put their parrot on a fence post only to turn around to see a hawk glaring at the bird from only 6 feet away! That was scary for the bird and her owner! **Have fun and share your enrichment ideas by sending them to Gala Burkholder at gidgetscal@aol.com by Tuesday, May 12th. Thank-you!**

SEBASTIAN

(May 15th, 2002 – April 10th, 2020)



The Calleja Family with Sebastian

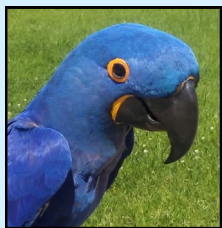


Words cannot truly express how heartbroken we are to share the sad news of the loss of a very special celebrity – Sebastian, our beautiful Hyacinth macaw, has left this world and we would like to believe that he is now with his former owner Raul Rodriguez, award-winning artist and Rose Parade float designer who loved him dearly. For many years, Sebastian, together with Raul, were seen by many people around the world, riding atop one of the Rose Parade floats, and that, in itself, made him SO very unique and special! He was stunning and made an impression on everyone he met!

Our big blue bird was certainly one to be remembered – from the tip of his imposing black beak, to the longest of his brilliant blue tail feathers. Gazing into his large luminous dark eyes, surrounded by those brilliant yellow rings, you couldn't help but be drawn in to his presence. Sebastian weighed close to 3 ½ pounds, and was very adept at throwing that weight around and getting what he wanted! He was playful, though sometimes quite loud and demanding and delighted in ringing his big metal bell again and again!

Sebastian's time with us was likely not as exciting for him as being in the Rose Parade, but we cherished every moment that we shared with him.

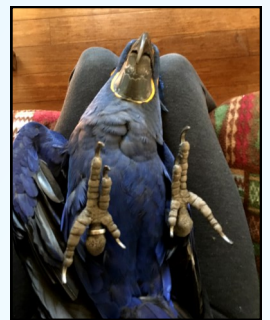
Until we meet again, 'Big Blue' – we love you!



Raul Rodriguez and Sebastian before the Hyacinth Macaw moved-in with the Calleja Family.



Sebastian watches the Rose Parade he used to ride in. He slept after he watched the whole thing!





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

Some meetings are now being held via ZOOM. Most meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 pm.

* Sometimes, special meetings are held 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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To help us plan programs and activities, please tell us what kind of birds 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 species and the names of those you might be bringing so we can label the photos: _____

Mark ways you will volunteer: Hold a Board Office ___ Help with Pot Lucks ___ Help with Community Outreach Events ___ Help with the Silent Auction/Fundraiser ___ Take Photos of Meetings ___ Foster Birds ___ List Other ways _____

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