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FINE FEATHERED FRIENDS FOUNDATION with Director, Marie Calleja, on SUNDAY, MAY 1ST at 1:00 PM



Marie Calleja, Director

We are pleased to have SBBS member Marie Calleja, Director of Fine Feathered Friends Foundation, to be our first in-person speaker after over a two-year break!

Marie took over the Director position in early 2020, with the retirement of Myrna Frame, who founded the 501(c)3, non-profit companion bird rescue in 2003. The Foundation, under Marie's leadership, has rescued, rehabilitated and successfully rehomed over five-hundred pet birds since that time. The birds ranged from finches to macaws and cockatoos. Marie has already placed over 125 birds this year!

The Foundation offers assistance and advice to their adopters, as well as to the general public, through phone calls, texts and emails. Sometimes the questions fall outside the Foundation's scope. It is not unusual for Marie to relay references to other organizations for wild bird and animal inquires.

Marie has conducted numerous presentations at local schools, daycare centers, other bird clubs and with youth groups such as the Girl Scouts and 4-H. Her key message always promotes responsible pet bird ownership.

Marie is looking forward to updating us about the Fine Feathered Friends Foundation. She will share stories about some of the rescue birds and will introduce us to a few of them at the meeting.

The meeting will be held outdoors between the two buildings at the Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Club. Chairs will be set-up on the pavement and there will be access to the building restrooms. Masks may be required and you are invited to bring your own snack and beverage. Your birds are welcome. We look forward to gathering again. *(See pages 2-4 for more information).*

The meeting will be held outdoors at the Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Club

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

For more information, contact Janet Ragonesi at (310) 376-5954 or at Ragonesi@att.net or go on: www.sobaybirdsoc.com

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Marie Calleja Finds Time to Love Her Own Birds and Care For Other Birds While Finding Them New Homes.



Marie Calleja, Director of Fine Feathered Friends Foundation, Finds New Forever Homes for a Wide Variety of Birds



Sometimes Pigeons Need a New Home Too!





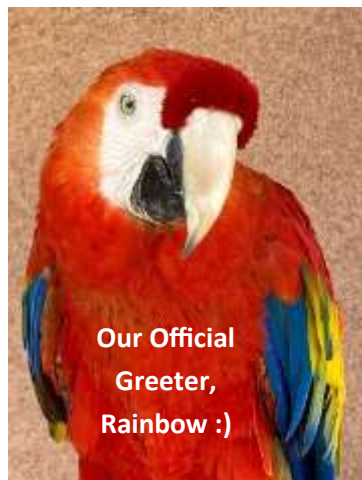
Marie Calleja



Come to the
Sunday, May 1
Meeting at 1 PM
to Hear Updates and
Stories About FFFF!



Marie Placed Over 125 Birds in
New Homes So Far This Year!



Our Official
Greeter,
Rainbow :)



The President's Notes

By Janet Ragonesi

Greetings

SBBS MEMBERS,

SPONSORS AND FRIENDS,

I see the sun peeking through the clouds. I'm really enjoying spring weather and hearing the calls of the wild birds."

Janet



IN-PERSON, OUTDOOR MEETING

ON SUNDAY, MAY 1, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

AT THE KIWANIS CLUB BUILDING IN HERMOSA BEACH

I have good news! On **SUNDAY, MAY 1ST 2022, FROM 1 to 3 PM**, the SBBS will be hosting an **in-person meeting** to be held **outdoors** next to the Kiwanis Club Building in Hermosa Beach. We will be setting-up chairs outside on the pavement between the two buildings. This should give us a slight break from the sea breeze and reduce the noise from other park visitors. We will have access to the indoor restrooms at the facility.

We are fortunate to have **Marie Calleja, Director of the Fine Feathered Friends Foundation**, speak to us on that afternoon. She will bring us up-to-date regarding the care and the placing of birds who are looking for new forever homes. Read more about Marie and her presentation planned for that day on page 1.

This will be our first in-person meeting, other than our picnic, in over 2 years! In order to maintain our health and safety, we will have some guidelines. Masks may be required. You are welcome to bring your birds and to bring your own snack and beverage! **WE WILL HAVE A RAFFLE** with a few **ADDITIONAL ITEMS** for SALE!

The last time we were together in-person was last September at our picnic. I look forward to seeing many of you again. If you need additional information or have questions, please e-mail me at ragonesi@att.net.

SBBS DONATES TO SUPPORT UKRAINIAN PARROTS

At our last board meeting. We voted to make a donation to the **World Parrot Trust in support of Ukraine**. (See **pages 16-17 for references to the donations for parrots in Ukraine**). This is in addition to the donations we made the previous month to go towards two volunteer groups helping with the safety of many Ukrainian animals.

SEE PAGES 7 & 14 to support any of the parrot or other animal welfare groups who are helping to save the animals from danger in Ukraine.



SBBS STEPS UP TO SUPPORT DIANE RACEY & OKIE

Recently, due to health issues, SBBS member, Diane Racey, gave up her 27-year-old, brown-headed parrot, Okie to the Fine Feathered Friends Foundation. Diane and Okie have been together 18 of his 27 years! This was a tough decision for Diane, but she felt it was better to have someone else take care of her bird at this time. Both Marie and I were touched by Diane's love for Okie!

After sharing this difficult situation with the board, they voted to make a donation to the Fine Feathered Friends Foundation in support of Diane and Okie.

HELP US CHOOSE NEW SPEAKERS FOR THE MEETINGS

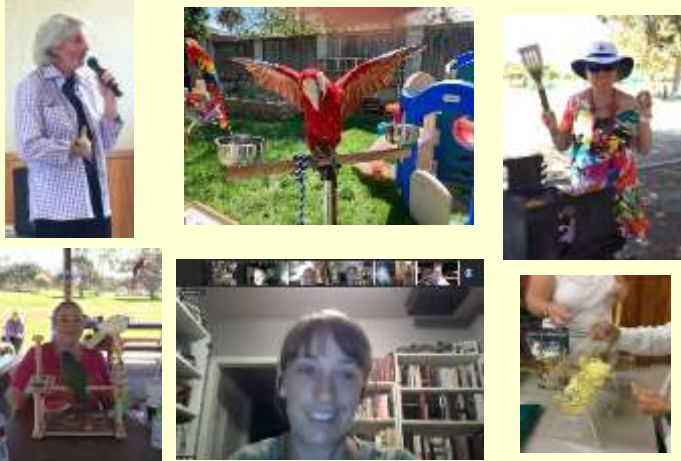
As you probably know, the board is operating with fewer members than before and we are each filling multiple roles.



No one is able to focus their entire time and energy on reviewing and coordinating the speakers at this time. We have lists of potential, exciting speakers, but it requires a bit of time to review and work out the details for each presentation. If you are able to help in any way or have questions what is involved, please contact me at: ragonesi@att.net or (310) 376-5954.

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THE FUTURE OF SBBS MEETINGS

The board reviewed the recent survey of the members and have decided to **move forward with both in-person and ZOOM meetings**. This strategy will address many of the concerns and comments made by those who responded to the survey.

We plan to include **local speakers for our in-person meetings**, and will continue to have our annual **picnic on September 11**. Our **ZOOM meetings** will give us the opportunity to bring a variety of speakers from across the country. **SOCIAL ZOOMS** allow us the chance to discuss various parrot topics, or just have a time for fun and visiting from the convenience and safety of our homes.

Our Communications Director, Gala Burkholder, will keep us updated via the newsletter and e-mails on other local, in-person and ZOOM presentations of avian-related issues. *(See pages 8 & 9 for current listings)* We are lucky to have so many different opportunities to share our love of birds!

YOUR VETERINARIAN KNOWS BEST

I recently encountered a person, who has companion birds who happened to NOT be a member of SBBS. We were talking casually about birds. The discussion was nothing out of the ordinary until I heard him say, **"Some people with bird experience know MORE than our VETERINARIANS!"** Frankly, I was shocked and puzzled to hear his comment. I wanted to know what was behind his statement, so I asked him what he meant? His answer was that **veterinarians are out just to make money!**

I was sorry to hear he had that impression about all vets. Sure, I imagine there are those vets who are unscrupulous, just as we know there are some car mechanics who take advantage of those with limited knowledge of car repairs.

But, that does not mean that ALL vets or ALL car mechanics are only out to scam us for money.

I wanted to put in perspective the risk of relying on a person with ONLY experience with their birds over someone who have extensive avian veterinary training, ALONG with experience with birds. Many of the veterinarians I know, not only have the proper training and vast avian experience, they also have a feathered family of their own!

From a legal perspective, I told him, **"A person with ONLY EXPERIENCE could be LIABLE for treating your birds without the proper training, credentials or a license to practice veterinary care."** I questioned him why he would rely on someone that is unqualified!

To help this bird owner find an avian vet he could trust, I suggested that he should go to the SBBS website. (www.sobaybirdsoc.org). I explained this website has a list of veterinarians that are more than qualified and truly care about the birds they treat. We, in Southern California, as with other parts of the country, are lucky to have a choice of qualified veterinarians that are passionate about birds, are board certified avian specialists and have vast experiences with birds!

I realize, the more experience one has with birds, the better one can monitor the well-being of their flock. As a bird owner, it is our responsibility to observe our flock and learn what to look for. I know members who have joined SBBS just to learn how to better take care of their birds. They have told me they gained knowledge through the speaker presentations, the newsletter articles, Karen Allen's monthly "Q & A" and talking with other bird owners. It is also comforting to know that we can contact one another during non-office vet hours about a bird-care question and help to decide whether an emergency vet visit is warranted. Be sure to have your bird DNA tested to determine its sex. This could help you identify if your bird's abnormal behavior might mean it was egg bound!

When you hear statements from someone who thinks **"they know SOMEONE that knows MORE than VETS," be patient with them. Remember, it is part of the mission of SBBS to educate others about caring for the welfare of birds. We are each ambassadors for our feathered friends. Reach out to others with compassion. We were all "new bird owners" at one time.**

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OPTIONAL RSVP



MEET-UP RSVP FOR SBBS MEETINGS

In an attempt to reach out to the community, SBBS is listed as a **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. **Each month, David Benjamin will send out a RSVP under Meet-up. The following is the link to access this site: <https://www.meetup.com/Redondo-Beach-Birds-Meetup/events/>.** Thank-you for your help in spreading the word about SBBS to other companion bird owners.

LOVE OUR SPONSORS

During the past two years, most of our sponsors have stayed open, so you and your feathered children could have the things and services you needed. Food, grooming, boarding, veterinary care and supplies have been available to you. They follow CDC guidelines to help keep us all safe and healthy.

Please thank our sponsors for their support to our club by using their goods and services.



Forgive your mistakes.

Live wisely in the NOW.

Making mistakes builds character,
which make us become easier to be
compassionate with others.



From The Little Book of Light
By: Mikaela Katherine Jones

CHEERS,

**SBBS President,
Janet Ragonesi
& Her Flock**

**The South Bay Bird Society
donated to the first two charities
listed on the next page,
to help the Ukrainian birds
by going through the
World Parrot Trust.**

**In addition, we donated to
the two animal charities listed next.**

**Our hearts go out to the impacted
people and pets of Ukraine.**

**We are so fortunate to be able to
have our feathered flocks in the
safety of our homes.**

**If you want to help the
parrot and other animal caregivers,
give to your chosen charities
listed on pages 7 and 14.**

WE SUPPORT OUR UKRAINIAN ANIMAL FRIENDS



You can help too
by donating to one of these charities
who are helping the animals of Ukraine

Projekt Ptasia Edukacja: For Ukrainian Birds & Their Parents *(SBBS Donated to this charity)*

Parrot owner and avian nurse, Ola Borwec, has set up this fundraising site with "Projekt Ptasia Edukacja" (Project Avian Education) to try to reach every **Ukrainian parrot parent** in need and do everything to help them. He meets refugees at the border to offer assistance to evacuate them and their birds and provides avian and other pet supplies to be taken into Ukraine. Click on the link to see what he and his volunteers are doing and to donate: <https://zrzutka.pl/en/tu6s7z>

The Polish Association for the Welfare of Exotic Birds *(SBBS Donated towards this charity)*

They are getting food and other supplies into Ukraine for the parrots still there. You can pay with Google Pay or credit card. Learn more and donate here: <https://zrzutka.pl/en/jaewep>

International Fund for Animal Welfare *(SBBS Donated towards this animal charity)*

Emergency and evacuation aid for Ukrainian animal shelters, zoos, wildlife sanctuaries and aid to those animals that cannot be moved. <https://www.ifaw.org/news/emergency-aid-ukraine>

Network for Animals *(SBBS Donated towards this animal charity)*

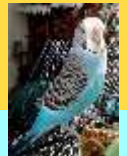
Emergency aid and evacuation aid for Ukrainian animals. They are raising money for a veterinary ambulance to evacuate animals; primarily dogs and cats. <https://networkforanimals.org/>

Warriors of Wildlife in Ukraine, South Africa, UK

Masha, the bear that was rescued in 2018, is to be relocated to Romania to AMP Liberty Bear Sanctuary. They need funds to buy supplies, pet food, blankets, and clothes which will be distributed to the Ukrainian people when they enter from Romania to relocate Masha to Romania. <https://www.warriorsofwildlife.org/donations/>

Mykolaiv Zoo in Southern Ukraine, <https://dailyhive.com/vancouver/ukraine-zoo-help-donations>

The struggling zoo, which has been shut down, is asking the public to donate by buying tickets online. Use Google translate to switch to English. There are about 30 hryvnia to the dollar, so a 100 hryvnia ticket is only \$3.41. When you enter your email, they'll send a verification code. Important – leave the phone number blank!! You can make up a date of birth. You can pay with Google Pay or credit card. https://widget.kontramarka.ua/uk/widget353site12031/widget/index?fbclid=IwAR2w1FEj_JGWJW-nusOsgJRxPyWzBXIkOPNuisKir3UNmNpEESfvPU5HRTw



OTHER AVIAN—RELATED ZOOMS/MEETINGS/BIRD WALKS

Palos Verdes/
South Bay
AUDUBON
SOCIETY



ON ZOOM!

3rd Tue./mo., 7 P.M.

Next ZOOM Meeting is

May 17, 2022 with

Steve Shunk,

North American
Woodpecker
Specialist on

**Lewis's "Black
Woodpecker"**



**Birding has returned with
RESERVATIONS, limited capacity,
guidelines & VACCINATIONS.**

**RESERVATION FORMS and Info
available at www.pvsb-audubon.org.**

Contact the numbers below to know more.

***BIRD EXCURSIONS:**

Sun. May 1, 8-11 A.M.

Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park
with PV/SB Audubon leaders.
Starting point is at the parking lot near
the ranger station. Call (562) 896-3369 for
information and reservations.

Sat. May 21, 9 A.M.:

(Bird Walk with Kids & Beginners):
Madrona Marsh with PV/SB Audubon
leader, Jazin Rios. Call (310) 782-
3989 for information.

For Info: www.pvsb-audubon.org

West Los Angeles Bird Club



Tentatively Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM

Culver City American Legion Hall, 5209 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City

**For more information and to confirm the meeting, go to:
www.westlabirdclub.com or call Doreen at (310) 488-9749.**



The Connecticut Parrot Club



Tuesday, May 10 7 PM (ET), 4 PM (PT)

Join The Parrot Club for a presentation by

Dr. Mauro Galetti on

"The Rewilding of Parrots and Tortoises of the Caribbean"

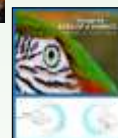
**For information on an upcoming ZOOM or
to watch a previous ZOOM presentation, go to**

www.theparrotclub.org



**You Can View YouTube Videos of Previous ZOOMS from
The Connecticut Parrot Club:**

- **Avian Flu**, Dr. Kristin Sinclair, YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/OfCsl4g35cs> (Over 1,000 views!)
- **The Brooklyn Parrots**, Steve Baldwin
- **A Virtual Tour of The Rhode Island Parrot Rescue**
- **Tables Communication and Play for Parrots**, Jennifer Cunha
- **Journey to Combine Art and Science Through Humor**, Rosemary Mosco
- **Through the Eyes of a Parrot**, Dr. Graham Martin
- **Caring for Elderly & Disabled Bird Companions**, Dr. Kristin Sinclair



Lafeber Webinars are at 12 noon PT unless noted*

- **April 29: "Ask the Vet: Q & A" (Questions about your bird's health, nutrition, care or behavior problem) with Tom Tully, DVM, DABVP (Avian Practice), DECZM (Avian)**
- **May 6: "Pet Bird Housing: Interior Design— Setting Up the Cage for Action" with Ann Brooks from Phoenix Landing**
- **May 13: "Common Medications Your Vet May Prescribe and Why" with Dr. Stephanie Lamb**
- **May 20th: * SPECIAL 2-HOUR Webinar at 11 AM—1 PM, "Avian Bornavirus? Avian Ganglioneuritis? One Last Q & A with Susan Orosz, PhD, DVM, DABVP (Avian), DECZM (Avian) and Bob Dahlausen, DVM**



**For more info or to view a prior webinar, go to:
<https://lafeber.com/pet-birds/category/webinar/>**



OTHER AVIAN—RELATED ZOOMS/MEETINGS/NATURE WALKS

In Association with the PV/SB Audubon Chapter: Motmots' Birding Field Trip Adventures

For Information and Reservations: contact the Eric & Ann Brooks at (323) 295-6688 or text Ann at (310) 913-2798.

- **Tuesday-Thursday, May 3-5 Annual Trip to Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, Whitewater Preserve, North end of the Salton Sea and other desert spots**

Meet on Tuesday at 12:30 PM for lunch and a stroll at the Whitewater Preserve:

http://www.wildlandsconservancy.org/preserve_whitewater.html. Meet on Wednesday at 7:30 AM at Covington Park in Morongo Valley, Big Morongo: <http://www.bigmorongo.org/a2Visistor.htm>.

Thursday, starting point and time TBA



- **Sunday, May 8 Field Trip to Hidden Valley Nature Preserve.**

Meet in the parking lot at 8 AM, \$5 parking fee. <https://www.rivcoparks.org/hidden-valley-nature-center>

- **Sunday, May 15 Field Trip to Huntington Beach Central Park and Bolsa Chica**


Meet at 8 AM in the Slater Avenue parking lot, HBCP.

http://www.ci.huntington-beach.ca.us/Residents/parks_facilities/parks/huntington_central_park/index.cfm

- **Saturday, May 21 Join L.A. Audubon Birdwalk at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area**

Meet at 8 AM in the first parking lot on the left after the kiosk. Entry \$7 per car, senior discount.

<https://parks.lacounty.gov/kenneth-hahn-state-recreation-area/>

Phoenix Landing Foundation
Webinar

Saturday, May 14
10 AM-noon (PT) 1-3 PM (ET)

"Progressive Parrot Keeping"
with Pamela Clark, CPBC

To Register, go to:
www.phoenixlanding.org/



ZOOMS are on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7-8:30 PM, PT
May 26 with Scott Weidensaul on
"A Word on the Wing," A Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds

For information on an upcoming ZOOM meeting or to watch a previous ZOOM presentation, go to www.sfvaudubon.org

Previous ZOOM include topics:

- "Nature: Urban Design"
- "Crows and Ravens"
- "We'll Always Have Parrots" (In Los Angeles)
- "Our Need for Birds"



San Fernando Valley Audubon Society

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY



NATURE WALK:
Saturday, May, 7, 10:30 AM

WHERE:
George F. Canyon

27305 Palos Verdes Dr E
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Naturalists will guide you along a trail through the preserve to discover a unique variety of wildlife in their canyon habitat with amazing views of the LA Basin. Meet on the back patio of the Nature Center and come inside to explore after the hike. Moderate walk. Guides provided by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy.



NATURE WALK:
Saturday, May, 14, 9:00 AM

WHERE:
Forrestal Reserve

32201 Forrestal Drive
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Appreciate some of the best wildflower viewing and dramatic geological formations on the cliffs of this former basalt quarry. See the faults, folds and igneous intrusions visible in the sedimentary bedding. Park in the lot at the Ladera Linda Community Center. Moderate to strenuous. Guides by PVPLC.

For information and reservations: call: (310) 541-7613 or email: info@pvplc.org.



The PVPLC website is www.pvplc.org.



Q & A *By Karen, The Parrot Lady*



The answers to your questions are MY opinion based on nearly 50 years of 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 likes to play in the tree in the yard. Is that OK?

A Yes and No. YES, if you wash down the tree with a hose so that you eliminate germs that might be left behind by any wild birds. They tend to carry different diseases than our domestic birds have. Apply the same procedure to the grass before your feathery child runs rampant on the grass. **Otherwise NO!** (Editor's note: With the possibility of the deadly Avian Flu in your area, it is strongly advised to NOT expose your parrot to anything a wild bird could have come in contact with. At the time of this printing, the H2N5 Avian Flu has been detected as far west as Utah and Texas. Check with the USGS.gov for updates and see pages 14 & 15).

Q I have some leftover medication from when my bird was ill. Can I give that to him?

A Do not medicate or treat your birds without an avian veterinarian's okay. You could very easily give the wrong meds and make the bird a whole lot worse, or even prevent the recovery that would come with a proper diagnosis. If someone acts like they know more than your veterinarian, kindly ask them to see their degree.



Q My bird makes flatulent noises (farts) whenever anyone sits down in the room where he is. It is so embarrassing. How do I stop it?

A Lots of luck, Kiddo! Whoever had the brains to teach that behavior, had a devious sense of humor. It probably gets a big laugh and lots of attention, which makes it even more fun to do. Ignoring it would be my best advice, and hope it goes away ... I repeat -- **LOTS OF LUCK!**

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Q I want to bring a new bird into our flock for companionship. What is the best way to go about it?

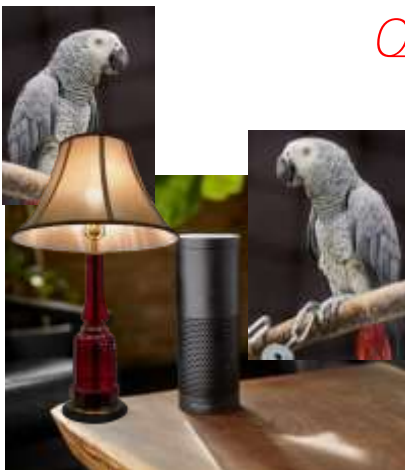
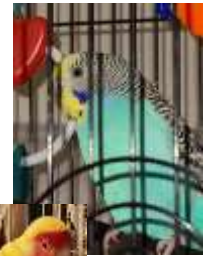
A For starters, if you don't want babies, then pick the same sex bird, or just another kind of bird completely.

Introduce them in separate cages, and they could stay that way forever.

If you are planning to put them together, assuming they get along, start with a completely new/different cage. That way one bird is not invading the other bird's territory. It's a fresh start for all!

If you are not in a position to get a new cage, then completely change the cage that you are going to put them in when no one is in it. Move the perches; change all the food and water cups to different places; put in new toys, and move them to different areas. Make the cage a brand-new territory for both birds.

This takes a bit of time and a lot of patience. Take a deep breath and move slowly.



Q This is not a question for me, but for YOU:

Two of my five African Greys are saying, "Alexa, turn the lights out." So far, Alexa has not recognized their voices, even though they sound like me. I have visions (more like nightmares) of the lights flashing on and off in my house, day and night. It is bad enough that they ask the dogs if they want to go outside, and drive the dogs bonkers. They do compensate by saying, "God bless you!" when you sneeze.

Any words of wisdom to pass on to this "Parrot Lady" to keep me from losing my cool?




HAVE A HAPPY EVERYTHING!




Hugs & Love,
from 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. Contacts: work (310) 370-7550, home (310) 371-9967, text (310) 704-1210. She counsels & trains new bird owners & 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

Texas's Newest Master Sculptor Is a Parrot Named Hannah

Houston sculptor Joseph Havel discovered he was living with a genius. "I thought, 'Oh my God, my parrot can make Giacomettis.'" (We all have talented feathered artists in our own home and we did not even know it)!

By [Molly Glentzer](#) April 8, 2022



Hannah, sculptor Joseph Havel's African gray parrot.

Photograph by Molly Glentzer

The busiest artist in Texas has little to say when we meet, but she lets out a brief whistle.

She quivers slightly as she sizes me up, gazing at me through intelligent eyes the color of fresh-churned butter. She is wary around strangers because in some respects, she might as well be a chicken; pretty much anybody she encounters might want to eat her.

This spring, a lot of folks will want to meet Hannah, sculptor Joseph Havel's African gray parrot. She's not likely to appear in public, but her work will. Hannah is Havel's star collaborator for an exhibition at the nonprofit art space Dallas Contemporary, where "[Parrot Architecture](#)" will be on view until August 21, plus smaller shows at Dallas's Talley Dunn Gallery ("Flight Paths and Floor Plans," May 7–June 18) and New Orleans's Arthur Roger Gallery ("Birdsongs," May 7–July 16).

This would be a pretty big deal for any bird. **Havel's works are in the collections of major museums around the world.** A few days before handlers arrive to haul away the art, the huge downstairs studio of his compound in northeast Houston looks like a museum itself. Several years' worth of new work fills much of the space, including precariously totemic, ten-foot-tall sculptures the artist thinks of as "clumsy humans" and similar but smaller pieces on pedestals. **Frank Gehry**, who is famous for

designing wobbly-looking buildings, might envy the architecture of these works built from stacks of cardboard boxes Hannah has pecked to pieces. Also on display are single boxes that are "pure Hannah," cast in bronze and hung on walls, and a series of monumental collages that are more "almost pure Havel," **incorporating pecked boxes** Havel has flattened and affixed to wood canvases.

The concept may sound gimmicky, but these are the most existential sculptures Havel has yet produced. They look as if they could collapse at any moment, an evocative metaphor for the chaos of the past two years and the demise of our planet's ecosystems.

"She brings her instinct, I bring mine, and somewhere in the middle we meet," Havel says. He provides the formal aesthetics and structural engineering, piling and assembling Hannah's carved pieces into sculptures. After they're glued, the stacked pieces are pulled apart to be bronzed, then reassembled. Havel loves the marvelous details the casting reveals—including marks from tape and glue drips on the boxes. But to balance that preciousness and create a visual discourse, he's cast the newest stacked works in clear plastic, an equally laborious but different process.



Havel and Hannah in their studio.

When she's not on his shoulder during our visit, Hannah perches on one of Havel's index fingers. She likes it when he playfully flips her upside down, but as we walk through the studio, she looks slightly bored. He lifts her toward finished pieces, encouraging her to show me she recognizes them. But like any good artist, she knows when she's done. She has also figured out that once her handiwork has been cast, she can no longer change it.

("Texas Bird Master Sculptor" continued on page 13)

(“Texas Bird Master Sculptor” continued from page 12)

Single
boxes
cast in
bronze

All of those chewed-up Amazon boxes only need a bit of spray paint to make them a work of art!



Hannah’s layers of breast feathers are a soft gray, with white edges that make them look a tad fluffed even when they’re not, like the ruffled mushrooms that grow on tree trunks. Bright red tail feathers add a slightly sassy sensibility to her chill stance. “She’s not super nervous,” Havel says. **“She just pooped on me, though. That’s one of the things you have to get used to with a bird.”**

Hannah, who came into his life as a surprise from a former wife, bonded to him as a fledgling and is now 24 years old, which is about middle age for her species. **Their working relationship began about six years ago, after Havel started offering her wood to chew as a cheap alternative to store-bought toys. He discovered she preferred soft balsa wood to basswood.** She didn’t completely shred it; even better, *Hannah’s distressed wooden blocks looked like miniature versions of famous modern sculptures.* “I thought, ‘Oh my God, my parrot can make **Giacomettis**,’” Havel says.



Giacometti Sculpture of a dog

She only chewed when he was in the room with her, and she’d look up from her work to make sure he approved. **He started giving her cardboard boxes after learning that in the wild, African grays nest in tree hollows.** Hannah pecks her boxes from the inside out, as if she’s creating a view into the world. And she gets excited whenever she gets a new box. She prefers smallish boxes, but as Havel and his wife, the artist Mary Flanagan, isolated at home during the pandemic, their online orders resulted in a mother lode of larger cardboard containers.

In the past, Havel has utilized shirt labels, shirt collars, flags, curtains, Asian joss paper, and shoes as materials for his sculptures. He’s always looking for “something in the everyday that has critical implications about the environment or the economy that work[s] in this place between being personal and being put out in the world,” he says. The loads of pandemic cardboard made him mindful of the Anthropocene epoch and the sixth mass extinction—the whole dismal mess that’s occurring as

humans trash the world. And Hannah herself is somewhat emblematic of this era. Although she was bred domestically, which is common, wild African grays are endangered because of habitat loss and pet-industry poaching.

Havel wanted to find some common ground with his beloved bird. **“This whole thing about communicating with her takes a great deal of empathy on both sides,”** he says. Hannah has a vocabulary of about 25 words, most of which she has absorbed on her own. She also mimics the voices of the compound’s cats, whom she sometimes terrorizes as a kind of defensive measure. (She shows no such animosity to the other house animal, a gregarious four-pound Yorkie named Pixel.) **And she calls to the birds outside. “So, she’s multilingual,”** Havel says.

She also plays jokes on him. She’ll hang upside down in her cage and yell, “Help! Help! Help!,” then right herself and laugh when he comes to check on her. **When she’s hungry, she’s specific about what she wants,** and he’s taught her to say “share” first, to be polite.

“When they say an African gray has the intelligence of a three-year-old, people are referring to a three-year-old human, right?” Havel says. **He believes, along with [some pioneering animal researchers](#), that parrots are capable of abstract or creative thoughts. (Irene Pepperberg and others)** “She probably understands me better than I understand her,” he says. “We’re so human-centric we don’t allow ourselves this understanding that animals might have a way of thinking that’s different.”

Hannah has cages all over the compound: one in Havel’s studio, one in the living room where she sleeps, and another in her own studio (**she prefers to perch atop that one to carve**). She is currently at work demolishing a Topo Chico box. Nearby she also has a glass worktable piled with a mess of partially pecked boxes and blocks of wood where she sometimes works on multiple pieces at once. Havel doesn’t know how long he’ll continue the collaboration after this run of shows, but the parrot obviously isn’t tired of it yet.

An hour into our visit, Hannah is still not speaking to me. However, when I leave her studio and tell her goodbye, she begins to sing, letting fly two lilting notes that multiply into a bright song of a few bars. They’re far more mysterious and beautiful than any words a bird could say, even when a bird can speak through her art.

I head back downstairs to leave, then remember to take a few pictures. Havel retrieves the bird and joins me in his studio again. **Back on his hand, Hannah sees me waiting, and in a surprisingly low-octave, droll voice, she finally says, “Hullo.”**



WINGED NEWS & MORE

Here is information on groups helping the BIRDS in Ukraine



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As we have all seen, the devastation in Ukraine is unimaginable. Because of the war millions of people have become refugees while many more have stayed to continue the fight. In the midst of this tragedy, many Ukrainian people and their companion animals, some of them parrots, have sought safety. Finding food and shelter has proven to be an immense challenge in this war-torn land.

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WINGED NEWS & MORE

Sergii and Roxy

A Ukrainian Survivor and His Beloved Cockatoo's Story

Sergii and Roxy, his Moluccan cockatoo, are in Kyiv trying to survive the invasion of Ukraine.

They are suffering the horrors of war and just trying to survive day to day...

trapped like so many of Ukraine's beautiful people.

This is their story...



Updates on a Ukrainian Bird and his owner trapped in Kyiv

Last month, we heard about a Moluccan Cockatoo named Roxy and his owner, Sergii, who were trapped in a bomb shelter the Ukrainian city of Kyiv. We all have been watching the horrors of this Russian invasion on TV. But suddenly, the tales of trauma and survival felt very real from reading first-hand reports of what it is like to experience a war with one's beloved parrot. As of writing this article for the newsletter, Sergii and his exotic bird, Princess Roxy, are still in Ukraine providing nearly daily reports on what they have been facing. You can follow the trials and tribulations by going on his website: <https://sergiandroxy.wixsite.com/home>.

The Ukrainian people have inspired the world not just with their patriotism, resolve and fight. But with their humanity and many other attributes, including kindness and devotion to their pets and other animals living there.

Recent reports include:

April 20-21 "Life Should Not Stop"

Sergii tells about a personal experience he had the week before Orthodox Easter many years ago that was very difficult and involved the death of his business partner. Thus, he tries to not to plan anything important during this time each year. Sergii describes these two days in Kyiv in having practically no shelling, but he could hear the sound signal. He remarked of how cold it was and he did not feel any joy, even during the change of season. Sergii reports he could not take Roxy out of the closet for a long time and she required a lot of attention. He thanked everyone for their prayers and support.



April 17-19 "This Week Will Not be Easy, But We Are Succeeding"

Sergie thanked everyone for the many wonderful Easter greetings he received and explained how Ukraine celebrates 2 Easters. He got a message to pick up a parcel with a cage at the post office which he will use for a pet named Corrie when they move to Western Ukraine. He was still waiting for a big cage for Roxy. Sergie says they have a difficult route and that's why there are so many steps; however, they are succeeding. He reports that for Easter, Roxy got a hard-boiled egg, a piece of Easter cake and some new toys. He reports the artillery shelling of Kyiv had not stopped and that many people were killed. He feels he is in a relatively safe area where there is no military, but he is still very cautious after the scary incident that happened to him a week earlier. Sergie reported that it had snowed in Kyiv again and it was very cold.



("Sergii and Roxy" continued on page 16)

WINGED NEWS & MORE

("Sergii and Roxy" continued from page 15)

April 16 "Good Always Wins!"

Sergii reported he was able to return home again after a very scary experience that happened to him several days earlier. (See April 5-7) The people who wanted to harm him were arrested that day. He felt he could now continue his plan to leave Ukraine. Sergii discusses helping to distribute humanitarian aid by carrying bags while riding their bicycles to make the deliveries since it is tough to get gasoline for cars. He picked up travel cages for his pets, but Roxy refused to go inside of one and bit him. Roxy hissed like a snake and beat her wings, a behavior he hadn't seen in her before. He planned to give her chamomile tea instead of water and planned to try again the following day.



Sergii stated there was heavy shelling due to Russia's revenge for the sinking of their ship. Since the sun was out, people had taken to the streets and were cleaning in preparation of Easter.

April 11 "Much Needed Supplies For Parrot Owners in Kyiv"

Sergii said, "Good News!" They received another bath of humanitarian aid from his foreign friends. It included a food package for a variety of sizes of parrots, toys, sweets and other useful things for people's birds.

He added he was very grateful to the international organization the PARROT WORLD FOUNDATION for their assistance. (SBBS donated to this charity). The aid came from Hungary. He thanked Edit Lazar and all of other donors and helpers who helped to send these two parcels. Sergii was planning to distribute these supplies to others with help among the owners of parrots and canaries from Kyiv.



April 10 "This is Roxy's Day"

"So the day has come. Given the circumstances, I was very afraid that my fluffy princess would not be able to hear "Happy Birthday" and try her favorite apple marshmallow.

However, Roxy was able to get all this this year. I want to thank everyone who congratulated my princess on Hatching Day. Roxy has never received so many congratulations, videos and photos. Your wishes and support help us get through the dark days. I really hope that Roxy's next holiday will be bright and cheerful." *(The photo was from Roxy's first birthday party).*



("Sergii and Roxy" continued on page 17)

WINGED NEWS & MORE

("Sergii and Roxy" continued from page 16)

April 9 "Finally Some Much Needed Supplies" and "Canada"?

Notice the NUTRABERRIES in the photo. Lafeber sent them as a result of donations given to for the birds in Ukraine. Lafeber is one of SBBS's sponsors.

"Despite the fact that this week was extremely unfortunate for me, today I managed to receive the first package that Tracey sent us. These are toys, food, treats and perches for Roxy. We are very grateful to everyone who donated to the fund that Tracey created for us. All of these gifts arrived on the eve of Roxy's birthday. My princess turns 5 years tomorrow and she is very happy. She has not had toys for a long time (except what I made for her myself). And sweets will help improve her mood after a temporary move. (He writes about it on April 5-7).



We are also looking at Canada. Unfortunately, yesterday I received a refusal to allow Roxy to enter Australia from DAWE. Therefore, help and information on Canada is needed.

April 8 "Quick Update"

Dear friends, I want to inform you that everything is fine with us. We had to move to a safer place. The previous post, described an incident that happened to me on Wednesday. Unfortunately, this week is very unfortunate for me, but I do not lose hope that in the near future everything will get better and we will get positive results. Thank you for your support, prayers and concern. I send love to everyone! XoXo P.S. I may not be able to post for a few days.



April 5-7 "Don't Trust Anyone"

As a student at a foreign university in Australia, Sergii has the right to leave Ukraine and was going through the necessary procedures to receive permission to leave. He had one of the scariest days of his life!

Sergii went through three days and many hours of waiting and was once locked into a windowless room for 6 hours without water. His passport and phone were taken from him. They required him to get a medical exam and shifted him from office to office. Those in charge, were planning to send him to a training camp and then to the front lines. They wanted \$30,000 to release him from ending up a hostage. Ultimately, he was released with the help from his father and a friend from the Security Service. Sergii went into hiding for a few days. *(Be sure to read the complete story about this incident on his website.)*

During this time, Roxy was very nervous and was screaming. Sergii reassured her and gave her chamomile tea to calm her down. Sergii stated that for the last few days, there were very few cars on the streets because many of them were closed to traffic.

[April 4 "Atrocities Revealed" \(You will want to read this report for yourself\). \[https://sergiandroxy.wixsite.com/home\]](https://sergiandroxy.wixsite.com/home)

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Please keep Sergii & Roxy & the people of Ukraine in your thoughts and prayers. See pages 7 &14 to donate.

WINGED NEWS & MORE

Highly Contagious Bird Flu Kills Domestic Parrots in Washtenaw County, Michigan

Pet Birds Are Unlikely to Contract Virus, Officials Say, but Precautions Are Advised

Editor's Note: The current stain of bird flu began on the East coast and is moving West. As of, April 21, HPAI has been detected as far west as Utah and Texas. SBBS will keep you updated if there are any reports of it being discovered in California. Realize, some wild birds can carry avian flu without showing any symptoms. Thus, is best to practice the recommended precautions listed below to protect your parrots.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) can affect both wild and domestic birds.

Several domestic parrots in Washtenaw County, Michigan, have succumbed to highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Veterinary Services Laboratories has confirmed. Samples were sent to the lab following an investigation by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development after cases were confirmed in wild birds in the area. MDARD is currently working with the owners of the parrots to come up with a flock plan to curb the spread of the disease.

(It has been reported, the owner of these domestic parrots, also has waterfowl. This could be the source the spread of this disease from the wild birds to his companion parrots.)

It is rare for pet birds to contract HPAI since they are unlikely to come into contact with wild birds. For those birds housed inside a residence, the only way they could catch the disease is by **coming into contact with contaminated materials like an owner's clothing that's been exposed, cage furniture or food.** According to officials, residents with pet birds should store food and water bowls away from where wild birds roost or fly. **Additionally, bird owners should change or disinfect any shoes and clothing that have been worn off the premises.**

"It's important to recognize it's very difficult for pet birds to catch avian influenza if the proper precautions are taken to stop the virus," state veterinarian Nora Wineland said in a release. **"For example, put in safeguards to not introduce any material, food, or clothing that wild birds may have contaminated.**

"No matter what bird species or how many birds one owns—NOW is the time to protect them. Bird owners need to take every strategy to protect their flocks and reduce the spread of HPAI."

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said no cases of the avian influenza viruses have been detected in humans and do not present a public health concern at this time. Additionally, HPAI-infected birds or bird products will not enter the food chain.

According to a release, state officials recommend taking the following precautions to protect domestic birds:



- Prevent contact between domestic and wild birds by bringing companion birds indoors or ensuring their outdoor area is fully enclosed.
- Wash your hands before and after handling birds.
- Disinfecting boots, shoes and other gear when entering your home.
- Do not share equipment or other supplies between avian owners, especially those in contact with chickens.
- Clean and disinfect equipment and other supplies between uses. If it cannot be disinfected, discard it.
- Secure feed to ensure there is no contact between the feed or feed ingredients and wild birds or rodents.
- Additionally, domestic bird owners should be on the lookout for a drop in egg production, unusual deaths, an increase in sick birds or a significant decrease in water consumption.

(Map of Avian Flu Locations and ZOOM presentation on page 19)

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To monitor the current status of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)

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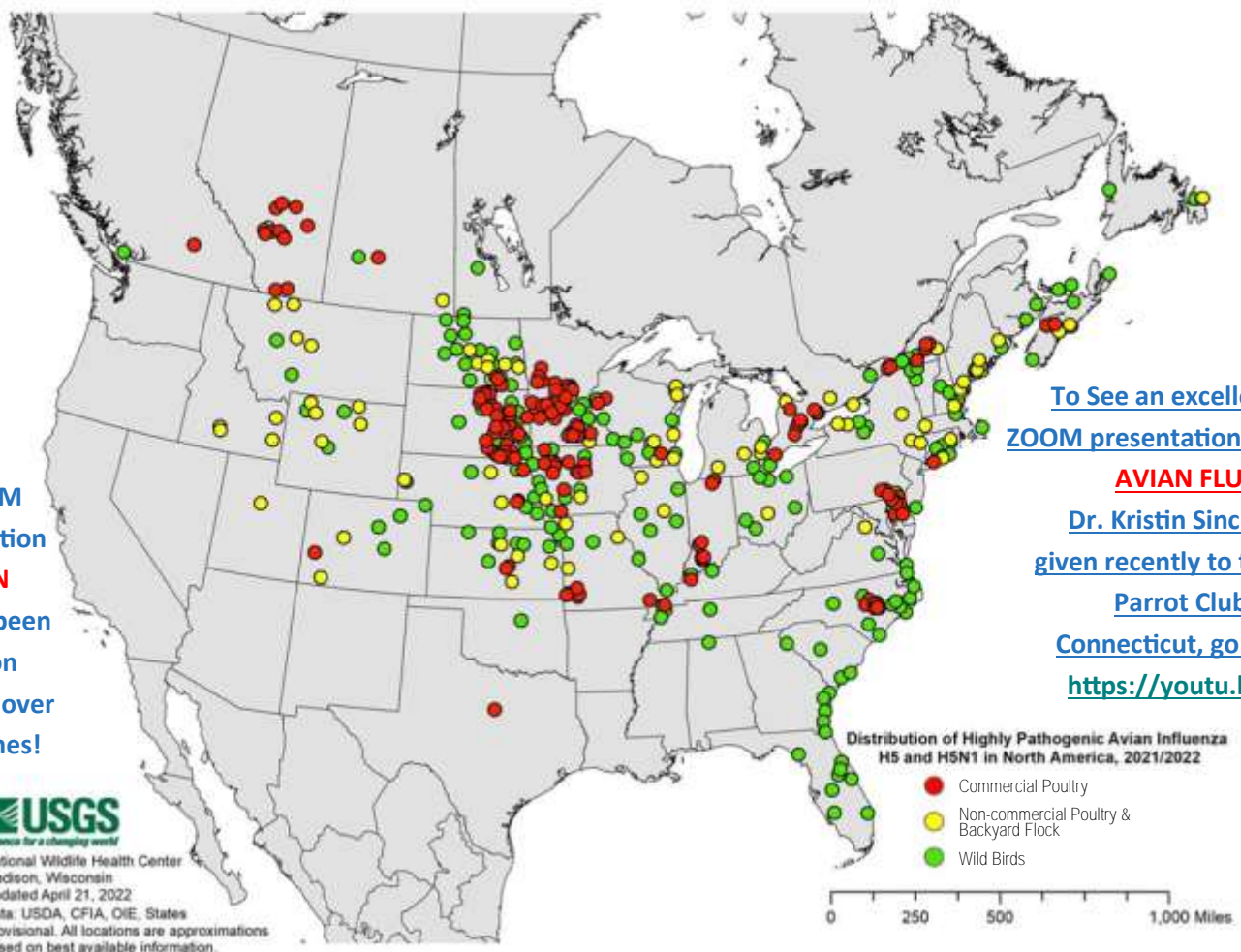
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Distribution of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in North America, 2021/2022 Active

By National Wildlife Health Center April 21, 2022

The first 2021/2022 detection of Eurasian strain (EA) highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N1 in North America occurred in December 2021 in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. Subsequently, HPAI EA H5 and EA H5N1 viruses have been confirmed in wild birds, backyard flocks, and commercial poultry facilities in both Canada and the United States. This HPAI distribution map will be updated weekly or as frequently as documented changes in distribution are available.

Map of Distribution of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5 and H5N1 in North America, 2021/2022

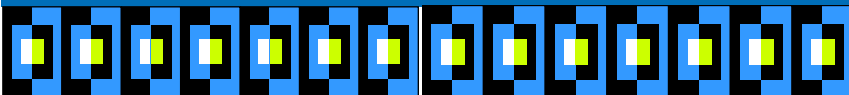


The ZOOM presentation on AVIAN FLU has been viewed on Youtube over 1,000 times!

To See an excellent ZOOM presentation on AVIAN FLU by Dr. Kristin Sinclair given recently to the Parrot Club of Connecticut, go to: <https://youtu.be/>



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Updated April 21, 2022
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- Consider getting **vaccinated** and **boosted**.



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

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The deadline for the next newsletter is *Wednesday, May 11th*.



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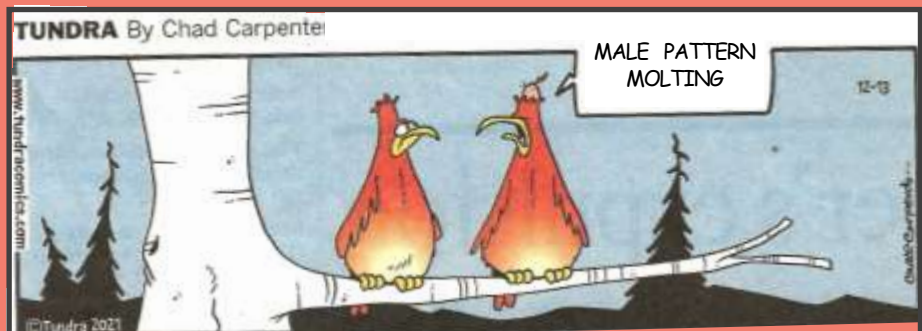
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Do you want to volunteer in ANY way for SBBS?

If so, contact the President Janet Ragonesi at (310) 376-5954 or ragonesi@att.net

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



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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

Members that require the US Postal Service for their delivery,
please add \$15 to your membership. Thank-you.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

When a new or renewing member pays for a 2-year membership in advance,
the member receives \$5.00 off of the 2nd year.

South Bay Bird Society Membership Application

Return your application to: P.O. Box 3863, Redondo Beach, CA 90277-3863

We appreciate your support. Your donations are tax deductible. SBBS is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation

New ___ Renewal ___ Former Member ___ / Family \$40 ___ Individual \$32 ___ Senior (60+) \$25 ___ Lifetime \$350 ___

Name(s): _____

E-Mail Address for Newsletter Delivery: _____

Address: _____

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 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 _____

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____