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*The Annual
SBBS Holiday
Fundraiser &
Silent Auction*

**Thurs., Nov. 30 at 5 PM
through
Sun., Dec. 3 at 5 PM**

**Many of the items
can be SHIPPED**

Like last year, the SBBS Fundraiser and Silent Auction will take place entirely online.

You can see the items by registering on the auction's website at:

<https://www.32auctions.com/SBBSauction2023>

Place your bids for any of the items you would like to bid on beginning at 5 PM on Thursday, Nov. 30th - 5 PM, Sunday, Dec. 4

See pages 6-7 for a review on how you can join in the fun and win your favorite items in the fundraiser & auction!



For more information, contact Janet Ragonesi at (424) 247-4447 or at ragonesi@att.net or go on: www.sobaybirdsoc.com

The President's Notes *By Janet Ragonesi*


Greetings
SBBS MEMBERS,
SPONSORS AND FRIENDS,

Janet



I wish each of you the happiest of seasons as we move forward towards 2024! This is a time to be grateful for what we have in our lives. We each reflect and share with our family and friends on those things that bring us joy and make our lives more fulfilling.

SBBS volunteers have been working tirelessly on preparing for the annual Holiday Fundraiser and Auction. It runs between November 30th at 5 PM until December 3rd at 5 PM and is hosted on 32 Auctions. Our message remains the same **“to promote the betterment of all birds worldwide.”** Our fundraiser and auction helps us with our mission throughout the coming year. Achieving our goal depends on all of us, including our family, friends, sponsors, sister bird clubs and the public. Thank you to everyone who supports SBBS achieve our goal.

We have documented over 100 items and are now posted  on the 32-auction site. THANK YOU to all of our sponsors and to those who have donated so many beautiful articles to make this event special. *You can see a few of the auction items on page 7 of the newsletter.*

Please step up, bid on items and have some fun!



THE NOVEMBER 6TH MEETING,
“Unlocking the World of Social Media”
with Angela Ybarra



Angela



Jayden

Angela and her son, Jayden, joined us at this year’s SBBS annual picnic in September after learning about club. We soon found out that Angela is an expert on using social media. She enthusiastically offered to help SBBS reach out to the community to inform other bird owners about the benefits of participating in the South Bay Bird Society.



Angela Ybarra



Angela provided us a power point presentation at our November meeting to instruct us on how to use social media, including Facebook and Instagram, to help us promote SBBS. Press releases are just not as affective in today’s world in getting the word out to the public as social media is able to do. It is now time for SBBS to step up to a new way of communicating!

Angela and Jayden are working with our Website Coordinator, David Benjamin, and myself, to set up our own Facebook page. Jayden is creating a parrot species information section for the webpage called, “Jayden’s Corner!”

We are looking forward to developing this new path forward for our club. We strive to get the word out to more bird owners who don’t know about SBBS. We want to let them know how participating with our club will help them learn new ways to take better care of their birds. In addition, we want to share the joy and support in meeting other people that have a feathered family. We will provide you updates in the new year about this new chapter for the South Bay Bird Society!



Jayden, Janet & Angela

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SBBS 2024 UPCOMING MEETINGS

We already have several fantastic guest speakers scheduled for 2024! Some of the local speakers will be in person and others, who are out of the area, will make presentations to us through ZOOMING! **If you have topics or speakers you are interested in for 2024, please contact us!**

SBBS will have our first in-person meeting in 2024 on February 5th. We have decided not to meet at the Hermosa Kiwanis Club Building in January. More information about the 2024 meetings will be sent soon!

WAYS YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT SBBS

As you know, SBBS has continued to provide speaker programs, a September picnic, newsletters, an updated website, community outreach activities and has made charitable donations to bird and animal organizations when in need. [This past year we gave donations to help the birds and animals in Lahaina after the fire.](#)



Going forward into 2024, we will strive to continue to be vital to our membership, and to the larger bird and animal community world-wide.

- We appreciate everyone's support of **AUCTION DONATIONS and BIDDING on items in our ANNUAL FUNDRAISER and AUCTION.**
- Another way to help support SBBS is to **consider including The South Bay Bird Society in your year-end, TAX-DEDUCTIBLE contributions.** We are a registered CA 501 (C)(3) Public Benefit Corporation.
- **Donate on our website, www.sobaybirdsoc.com by using the donation button or send a check to the South Bay Bird Society to our post office box at: P.O. Box 3863, Redondo Beach, CA 90277-3863.**
- For your information, you can **Renew your Annual Membership at that same time you make a financial contribution to your club.**



Thank you for your continued support of SBBS!

BIRD SAFETY: HOLIDAY OVEN BAKING



Remember, preparing your holiday meals and baking those Christmas cookies and other tasty treats, often means using your oven at high temperatures. Be aware, some ovens are coated with Teflon® and can give off toxic fumes when overheated. This can be a threat to your birds' health and can even cause sudden death. Keep your birds in a separate room where those fumes cannot reach them. You might want to keep your kitchen area well ventilated for your own health as well.

BIRDS CONTINUE TO BEING STOLEN !

Avian shops, rescues and homes are being broken into around the country to steal birds. The rising costs of these exotic birds are making them a prime target for thieves. Be sure to keep your birds secure!



PLEASE SHOP OUR SPONSORS



All of our sponsors have donated to SBBS for our raffles and our annual auction. Please give them your business, whether it be for a bird product or service. Thank you!

REMEMBERING OUR PET COMPANIONS

In an upcoming newsletter, we will have a special section to remember our pets that have crossed (or flown over) the Rainbow Bridge during 2023. You are invited to share, briefly, about your pet and what he or she meant to you. *Please send your memories of your pet to our newsletter editor, Gala Burkholder at: gidgetscal@aol.com by December 10th.*



HOLIDAY CHEERS,

SBBS President, Janet Ragonesi & My Flock



The Annual SBBS Holiday Fundraiser & Silent Auction



Thursday, Nov. 30 at 5 PM through Sunday, Dec. 3 at 5 PM



FUNDRAISER & AUCTION INSTRUCTIONS:



The on-line auction bidding is being held through a company called, "32 AUCTIONS." This company makes our annual fundraiser EASY and SECURE for all who participate.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE "32 AUCTIONS" SITE.

TO VIEW THE SITE and see how it works, go to <https://www.32auctions.com>. Then, on the top right corner of the page, click on "DEMO AUCTION." Scroll down the page so see "FEATURED ITEMS" and then click on "VIEW ALL ITEMS."

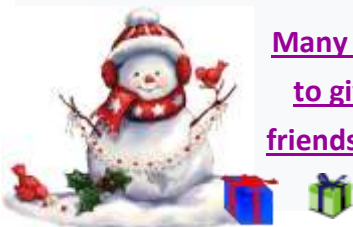
For fun, open an account, (see below) click on one item and you can practice bidding on an item to see how EASY it is to use.

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT in preparation for the auction, go back on the "Home Page," scroll down and to the right is the login to create your own account. Register with a user name and password. No personal information is required.

On the home page of "32 Auctions" there is a list of commonly asked questions and answers about using this site. You might find it helpful to review this list.

We currently have a variety of over 100 items that have been donated by our members, sponsors and local businesses.

Many of these Items will be great to give as gifts for your family, friends, birds, other pets and even for yourself!



The SBBS Fundraiser is available for you to review online at: <https://www.32auctions.com/SBBSauction2023>.

The auction items will be shown on the website with pictures, descriptions, their value and starting bid. You can write down your choices you want to bid on or log-in and save your favorites by clicking on the "heart." ♥

Beginning at 5 PM, Thursday, Nov. 30, you can start bidding ANY TIME until 5 PM, Sunday, Dec. 3. You will receive an email when you submit a bid which confirms your bid and lets you know if you're the leading bidder. You will receive an email if you are outbid and have a chance to up your bid.

After the auction, I prefer your winnings to be PICKED UP AT MY HOUSE during that following week. (See the schedule below). Bring your paid invoice or check when picking up your items.

If you are unable to pick up the items and you want them SHIPPED to you, WAIT TO PAY for the items UNTIL YOUR SHIPPING CHARGES ARE CALCULATED.

After the auction ends, you can pay for the winnings that you are planning to PICK UP, using "PayPal" on our website. You will have a choice to pay through your PayPal account, or using a credit or debit card.

PICK UP SCHEDULE I prefer your winnings to be picked up at my house during the three days I've set aside. I have scheduled the following dates and times for pick-ups. Fri., Dec. 8: 12 - 5 PM; Sat., Dec. 9: 10 am - 2 PM, and Sun., Dec. 10: 12 - 3 PM. Please call me at (424) 247-4447 to confirm your pick-up time or to schedule a different appointment time.

For questions about payments, other auction inquires, contact me (Janet Ragonesi) at: (424) 247-4447.



SEE SOME OF THE ITEMS
AVAILABLE AT
THIS YEAR'S ONLINE
FUNDRAISER & AUCTION!

SBBS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER & AUCTION



Thursday, Nov. 30 at 5 PM through Sunday, Dec. 3 at 5 PM



To see the Auction Items, go to:

<https://www.32auctions.com/SBBSauction2023>



*ALL seed in
the auction
is FRESH!*



Items that CAN
BE SHIPPED are
indicated on the
auction site.



THIS IS OUR ONLY SOUTH BAY BIRD SOCIETY FUNDRAISER
Thanks you for your support!

OTHER AVIAN—RELATED ZOOMS/MEETINGS/BIRD WALKS

Palos Verdes/
South Bay

AUDUBON
SOCIETY



3rd Tue./mo., 7 P.M.
(no meeting in December)

The Next ZOOM/Hybrid
Meeting is:

January 16, 2024:



**“Saving the
California
Condor”**

Presented by: Debbie Parisi,
Board Member of
“Friends of California Condors
Wild and Free”

BIRD EXCURSIONS:

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

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

Sun. Dec. 3, 8 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 info
and reservations.



Sat. Dec. 23

57th Annual Christmas Bird
Count See page 13 for details
and email Jonathan Nakai at
pvbirder@gmail.com to take part.

Sat. Dec 30th*, 9 A.M.

Birding for Kids at Madrona
Marsh with PV/SB leader, Jazmin
Ríos. *(Verify date by going to
the website).

Motmots' Birding Field Trip Adventures
See information on the top of page 7.



West Los Angeles Bird Club

HOLIDAY LUAU Dec. 13 at 7:00 PM

Doors open at 6:30 PM

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

For more information, see the flyer on page 12 or go to:

www.westlabirdclub.com or call Doreen at (310) 488-9749.



The Connecticut Parrot Club



The club's next ZOOM meeting will be in January

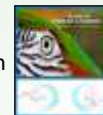
For information on an upcoming ZOOM or to watch
a previous ZOOM presentation, go to: www.theparrotclub.org



You Can View YouTube Videos of Previous ZOOMS from

The Connecticut Parrot Club:

- Rescuing, Rehabbing & Rehoming Pigeons and Doves, Elizabeth Young
- Rewilding the Caribbean, Fabio Tarazona
- 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
- 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*

- **December 8: “Translating Parrot: —The Challenges of the Green-cheeked Conure”** with Pamela Clark, IAABC Certified Parrot Behavior Consultant & Retired CVT
- **December 15: “Ask the Vet: Q & A” (Ask questions about your bird’s health, nutrition, care or behavior problems)** with Tom Tully, DVM, DABVP (Avian Practice), DECZM (Avian)
- ***December 20 at *11 AM: “Fun for the Holidays! Annual Pet Bird Holiday Gift Guide & Giveaway”** with Lisa Bono, CPBC



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

Full Covid vaccinations are required for PV/SB Audubon field trips, masks are recommended and the group is limited to 12.

Call our home number before each field trip to check for updates & to let us know you are joining us.

Currently, no trips are scheduled in December.



For Information and Reservations:



Contact Eric & Ann Brooks at

(323) 295-6688 or text Ann at (310) 913-2798 or email: motmots@aol.com

Phoenix Landing Foundation Webinar



**Saturday, December 16
10 AM-noon (PT) 1-3 PM (ET)**



“Normal Avian Behavior” with Leslie Sinn, CPDT-KA Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (Aacvb)

Understanding what is normal avian behavior can be helpful in maintaining a healthy and positive relationship with your bird.

To Register or see a previous webinar, go to: www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html

ZOOMS are on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7PM

Next meeting: **Thursday, January 25, 2024, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Speaker: Edwin Jacobo, doctoral candidate at Washington State University on **“Motus Radiotelemetry and Bird Migration”**

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

Previous ZOOM include topics:

- “The How and Why of Colorful Feathers of Tanagers”
- “A Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds”



San Fernando Valley Audubon Society

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY



**GUIDED NATURE WALK:
Sat., Jan. 6, 10:30 AM**

WHERE:

**George F. Canyon
27305 Palos Verdes Dr. East
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. RSVP

GO WILD FOR THE PENINSULA

We Need Your Help!



Help to restore 96 acres of newly acquired coastal lands on the Peninsula. These lands will become a Wildlife Corridor preserved forever as a benefit to our communities, to support threatened and endangered species, create more fire-resistance and help fight land erosion. The land is also part of California’s 30X30 goal of preserving 30% of our lands and coastal waters by 2030. For ways to help, visit: PVPLC.ORG



**GUIDED NATURE WALK:
Sat., Dec. 16, 10:30 AM**

WHERE:

**White Point Nature Preserve
1600 W. Paseo Del Mar
San Pedro, CA 90731**

Naturalists will guide you along a trail to discover a variety of wildlife in their coastal sage scrub habitat with amazing views across to the ocean. Meet in front of the Nature Center and come inside to explore after the hike. *Park in the lot via Western Avenue only.* Guides by P.V.P. Land Conservancy. RSVP

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. Be sure to check with your avian vet for their evaluation of your bird's particular circumstance. Here we go!!!



Q My avian veterinarian is very expensive, and my dog's vet is much more reasonable. Should I take my bird to him?

A I am going to let you answer that yourself. If you have an earache, would you go to a foot doctor because he was less expensive? If you would, I profoundly suggest that you re-home your bird, and possibly seek help from a good psychiatrist.



Q My cockatiel is 28 years old and seems to be less active and sleeps more. What can I do?

A My Dear, you have done it all and done it right! Seventeen to twenty is considered very old for a cockatiel, and yours is twenty-eight, so you get the Gold Star for the century. Pass your knowledge on to all cockatiel owners and know that at twenty-eight he is entitled to do whatever he pleases! Good Job! We are all proud of you. Do not change a thing.



Q My neighbor has a big white bird that screams incessantly, and it is driving me crazy. What can I do?

A The first thing I would do is ask them, nicely, to please close the windows on that side of the house. If that doesn't help, maybe a change of rooms. You can suggest that they put the TV on, so the bird is preoccupied. Talk shows and cartoons are particular favorites, and also make sure that there are toys available at all times. You might even offer a couple of toys as a neighborly gesture.

This is a very touchy situation and needs to be handled with kid gloves. DO NOT LOSE YOUR TEMPER, and let your neighbors know you are willing to work with them.



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TRUE STORY TIME:



My friends, Richard and Terry, have "Morgan" a brilliant African Grey, who announced, "**Richard I want a kitten.**" She is an only child (bird or person). These two charming people dutifully bought and brought a kitten home and showed it to Morgan. She looked it over and said, "**You shoulda got a rabbit**"...They kept the cat. Last week I got a call from Richard to tell me that Morgan suggested, "**Richard, get rid of the cat. I want a turtle.**"

I, in some instances, might not believe this story, but I **KNOW MORGAN PERSONALLY**. While boarding her, I had her on my arm at the store when a very nice man came from next door and said, "Oh what a beautiful bird," and before I could say, "Thank you," Morgan said, "**I am an African Parrot.**"

After watching the movie *JAWS*, she said, "**Richard, I am a Sky Shark.**"

It is important to remember that our Parrots can think, reason and understand, and a lot depends on how you raise them. Morgan is a classic example of what you get, making your life an adventure. I have heard some people say, "OH IT'S JUST A BIRD." Do not tell Morgan that. The tongue lashing you will get will singe you for life.



Q My bird has free flight and we have a Christmas tree. Is this safe?

A Not if you bought the tree at a Christmas tree lot because they spray them with a fire retardant, and that is definitely not safe for the birds. Ornaments aren't safe, because they can break, and your Christmas presents are most definitely not safe from birdie poop.

Christmas time is "Birdie in cage" time or locked in another room. It's your choice: the bird or the tree in a cage. Scratch the mistletoe, too. It's toxic to the bird.

So now you have a tree in a cage and no mistletoe. What a way to end the year!



Have a wonderful,
safe, happy and healthy
Christmas and New Year!

With love,

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



WINGED NEWS & MORE

Companion Bird Safety: Holiday Hazards

The holidays will soon be in full swing! Many of you amazing pet bird owners out there will likely include your feathered friends in your festivities this year.



Seasonal Plants and Decorations

Many of the splendid traditional holiday accents; including festive plants, glittering Christmas trees, twinkling lights, and the smell of cinnamon and cloves from scented candles, may pose a health hazard to many pet birds. Read on to learn how to avoid these holiday hazards for your pet's sake:

Decking the halls. As the holiday favorites listed below can pose a health risk to your pets, consider replacing these beautiful plants with artificial silk versions or keeping them in places not accessible to your birds.

Mistletoe is a traditional favorite but may pose a threat if any part of the plant is consumed; even 1-2 berries can be life threatening! Signs that your bird may have eaten this plant include vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress (abnormal breathing), and collapse.



Poinsettias are not nearly as toxic as mistletoe but if ingested may cause some gastrointestinal (gut/tummy) upset.



Popular decorative flowers such as **chrysanthemum, yew, and lily**

may add a lovely festive accent in the home but may also cause illness to your pet bird if ingested.



Oh, Christmas tree. Christmas trees, in their natural state, are considered a non-poisonous/safe tree for birds but there are a few things to consider before adorning one in your home for the holidays. If your bird finds its way to perch on your tree, be mindful of **any tree sap that may stick to your bird's feathers**. While perched, your bird may likely peck and nibble at the tree's naturally **prickly needles that can cause injury externally and internally if ingested**. Also, Christmas trees themselves may be **sprayed with chemicals and the water frequently contains fertilizers** to keep them alive and make them fire retardant through the holidays. Dressing up the tree can be an occasion for joy and expressing your own artistic flare, but take care to **avoid spraying white flocking (fake snow) or glitter** as these "wow" factors may prove poisonous to birds.



Not all that glitters is gold. Twinkling lights and gleaming **décor** can provide a truly winter wonderland atmosphere, but these can **break, leaving sharp edges and exposed wire that can quickly become an electrifying or a hazardous experience for your beloved bird**. Some decorations may contain **toxic heavy metals** such as zinc. Zinc can be found in **candy foil wraps, wine bottles, bells, stained glass, and even some paints**. Common symptoms with zinc toxicity include lethargy and weakness. Additionally, your bird can become **entangled by ribbons and tinsel**.

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WINGED NEWS & MORE

("Companion Bird Safety" continued from page 10)

Decorations that are pecked and shredded by your bird may lead to choking or an intestinal blockage. Consider an **alternative decoration**, such as **birdseed ornaments, pine cone feeders, cranberry garlands, and strings of plain air-popped popcorn or unsweetened cereal such as regular Cheerios.**



Amazing Aromas: Scented candles, incense, and air fresheners can add a touch of holiday cheer with tantalizing fragrances like fresh baked cookies, maple, and pine. Unfortunately, these products typically **contain oils that are poisonous to birds.** So be sure to avoid using these while your beloved bird is in the same room. Try **boiling herbs like cinnamon, cloves, or peppermint** as an alternative.



While we are on the topic of **stovetop cooking**, you may have noticed that some **non-stick cookware contains polytetrafluoroethylene (aka PTFE or Teflon®/Silverstone®)**, which is the **most common inhaled poisoning in companion birds.** When Teflon®-containing products are heated, they **give off toxic fumes that can quickly become deadly to birds.** Additional household products that may contain Teflon® include **ovens, heaters, lamps,**



coated light bulbs, and hair dryers. As mentioned with the candles with lead wicks, scented candles and air fresheners, be sure to only use **Teflon® containing products when your companion bird is not in the room.**

Tasty, but toxic treats

Many pet owners show their affection by sharing their delightful feast with their favorite companions without realizing the potential dangers. If you are sharing, to take great care to **choose foods that are not harmful for your pets.** The following is a list of some foods dangerous to birds and other pets:



Avocado. A staple in sunny Southern California even during the holiday season. All parts of the avocado plant contain **persin**, a toxin that has been reported to be a **cardiotoxic** (toxic to the heart) in birds. Smaller pet bird species like canaries and budgies are considered more likely to become ill. **Respiratory distress** (trouble breathing) is a typical symptom that can develop within 12 hours after ingestion and **death can occur within 24-48 hours.**



Chocolate. Chocolate contains toxic methylxanthines including **caffeine and theobromine** that may cause your pet to exhibit an **increased heart rate, tremors, seizures, and possible death** if chocolate is ingested. A general rule of thumb is the purer or darker the chocolate, the higher the potential to be toxic in smaller amounts.



Garlic & onion. Tasty flavor profiles infused with garlic and onion can hit the spot for human palates while posing a **threat** to your beloved bird. If ingested, especially in their **more concentrated forms such as garlic powder or onion soup mixes**, may cause **digestive issues, lethargy, weakness, increased heart rate, and even sudden death.**



Sugar-free foods. Sugar-free foods can contain **artificial sweeteners like xylitol that can be toxic** to many bird species. If ingested, xylitol can cause **severe hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) that may present as incoordination, weakness, collapse, and death.**



If you are concerned that any of your pets may have **ingested something TOXIC, immediately contact your trusted veterinarian or the ASPCA animal poison control center at 1-888-426-4435.**



**THE
WEST LA BIRD
CLUB INVITES
YOU TO OUR
ANNUAL
FUNDRAISER**



HOLIDAY LUAU



Bring your family and friends!

Deliciously Catered Dinner and Pot Luck



*We welcome you to bring dishes to share such as:
appetizers, side dishes and deserts*

**WIN FABULOUS GIFT BASKETS WITH TOYS, FOOD
AND UNIQUE GIFTS FOR PEOPLE AND BIRDS!**

Donations of Gift Baskets Are Greatly Appreciated

DATE:

Wednesday, December 13

TIME:

7:00 PM

DOORS OPEN:

6:30 PM

Check out the gift baskets early!

INFO & RSVP CONTACT:

Doreen Seelig at (310) 488-9749 or
Yolanda Keh at (310) 963-6160

PLACE:

**Culver City Legion Hall
5309 S. Sepulveda Blvd.
Culver City**

(Park and enter in the back)



\$20 Per Person \$10 Children under 10

Birds Eat FREE.

Walk-ins welcome. Aloha!



WINGED NEWS & MORE

Christmas Bird Count: A Year-end Tradition

The Christmas Bird Count (CBC), provides a long-running consensus of winter bird populations going back to the first CBC in 1990. The first Palos Verdes CBC took place on December 31, 1966, when 22 bird observers tallied 166 species. Over the years, the average number of species seen is 164 with a cumulative total of 347.

The PV Bird Count area is a circle, 15 miles in diameter, centered on the intersection of PV Drive North and PV Drive East—an area that extends from the L.A. River to Santa Monica Bay and from Alondra Park to the Catalina Channel. It is one of over 2500 CBCs in North America, South America, the Caribbean and the Pacific.



Join the Annual Palos Verdes/South Bay Christmas Bird Count on Saturday December 23!

All bird lovers in the area are invited to participate. Some counters join a group working a local “hot spot,” some merely count the birds in their neighborhood, while others just observe the birds in their yards and at their feeders. All are welcome. If you are a beginner, we can link you up with an experienced group.

If you are interested in participating, please email Jonathan Nakai at: pvbirder@gmail.com.



SBBS Welcomes New & Returning Members



NEW MEMBERS: **Andrea & Jayden Ybarra**

RENEWAL MEMBER: **Luana Feigelstock**

LIFETIME MEMBERS: **Cary & Anita Pao,
Karen Allen, Perry Ellwood, Donna Crossley,
Dr. Walter Rosskopf, Jack Ford, Janet Ragonesi,
Don Hand, Bree & Deven Brozey**

MEMORIAL LIFETIME MEMBERS:
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Number of Current Members: **65**

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

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

To join SBBS, please print the last page 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 the Membership Director, Patte Fisher at pattfisher@verizon.net or you can call her at: (310) 316-9843 (home) or at (310) 418-9096 (cell).



Patte

THE SOUTH BAY BIRD SOCIETY IS OUR LOCAL FLOCK



THE SOUTH BAY BIRD SOCIETY

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

SBBS MISSION STATEMENT

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

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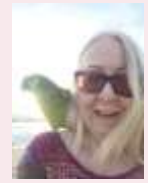
WHEN HAS YOUR PARROT NOT TOLD YOU HOW IT WAS FEELING?

STAY SAFE & PROTECTED FROM GERMS! Karen Allen Reminds Us To Continue To:

- **Wash your hands often and vigorously for 20 seconds. Singing the "Happy Bird Day" song TWICE for perfect timing. (You may want to turn off the water while you are scrubbing.)**
- **Avoid people that are sneezing and coughing.**
- **Wear a N95, KN95 or KF94 mask indoors and when in close proximity to others. Respect people's choice on wearing a mask, even when it is not legally required.**
- **Keep a distance of at least 6 feet between people.**
- **Consider getting vaccinated (Covid, RSV & Flu before the winter season) and boosted again.**



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



Kahlia & Gala

- 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 Friday, December 9th.

Adoptions



There are so many birds needing homes.

If you are considering getting 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!

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Fine Feathered Friends Foundation	(310) 334-9062	www.finefeatheredfriendsfoundation.org
Parrot Rehabilitation Society	(619) 224-6712	www.parrotsociety.org
Parrots First	(866) 248-7670, ext. 5937	www.parrotsfirst.org
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PLEASE JOIN US



Some of our meetings are held on ZOOM & some are at the Kiwanis Club of Hermosa Beach

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

MEETINGS are usually held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 P.M. **OR** are held on Sunday afternoons.

Verify the meeting date by checking the website at: www.sobaybirdsoc.com.

You don't have to own a bird to participate!

Members are invited to participate in Board Meetings which are usually the 2nd Monday of the month. Call Janet for details.

South Bay Bird Society — Officers and Board of Directors

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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. Thank you!



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



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:
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South Bay Bird Society Membership Application

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

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

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