



## THE HISTORY OF SSAS, PART THREE

Michael Sperling

After last month's *Skimmer* was printed, it occurred to me that the Short-eared Owl that ended part two of this series had rather noticeable ears. The drawing came from a commercial collection of floppy disks called "Realistic Birds" and both the computer file and the accompanying literature said "Short-eared Owl," but when one of my field guides claimed "the very short ear tufts are rarely visible," it was time to check with the nearest veteran SSAS birder — Jim Remsen, who on an LIRR platform in Penn Station confirmed that you most likely saw a Long-eared Owl on page seven of our March newsletter. Oops.

We now resume our history lesson: At the start of SSAS's third year, six men were named to our board of directors — Alvin Friedman, Asa Starkweather, Jack Fischer, Elliott Kutner, Franklin Bear, and Seymour Dashow. Miriam Raynor became Newsletter Editor, with assistant Dorothy Lovering; Arlene Fingerle was Publicity Chairman for a month, followed by Irving Berlin; James Hanley was in charge of mailing; Clara Thrush remained Program Chairman; and Raymond Ward was named Membership Chairman. Vice President Mike Smiles served as Conservation Chairman and contributed a legislative column to every newsletter. In May 1973, Linda Schlotterhausen became the first Education Chairman.

On Tuesday, September 12, 1972, the general meeting's guest speaker was State Senator Bernard C. Smith of Northport, who as Chairman of the Senate's Committee for Conservation and Recreation spoke on behalf of the Environmental Bond Act. The proposition, which would be approved by voters in November, financed air and water pollution control projects, land acquisition, and solid waste disposal.

The next two general meetings were held on Thursday nights due to a scheduling snafu. The October 12th meeting featured Adrian Dignan of the Baldwin Bird Club, showing more of his slides of butterflies, birds, and wildflowers; in March, when weather conditions prevented the originally scheduled speaker from appearing, Mr. Dignan had stepped in at the last minute. The November 16th meeting was presented by Arthur Singer and included a nature film and slides of birds seen in Quebec's Gaspé Peninsula, Texas, and Arizona.

The December newsletter asked the membership to suggest names for it; the editors proposed The Chat, Pipit, Gannet, Warbler, Puffin, or Petrel. That month's meeting featured Peter A. Leavens from the Vanderbilt Planetarium and his film of July's solar eclipse, plus NASA's film "Exploration of the Planets."

The first newsletter of 1973 was the first to be eight pages long (four letter-size sheets, stapled together) and the first to list new members' names — 33 of them, followed by 13 more in March, 4 in May, and 43 in June. The January 9th meeting's guest speaker, nuclear engineer Joseph Navarro from LILCO, discussed his company's environmental policy and proposed Shoreham plant. The turnout for this meeting

was noted in the following newsletter by Mike Smiles, who wrote "The turnout at our last meeting was disgracefully small. It was suggested that the topic was the cause... It is a sad commentary on our enlightened conservationists when a showing of flower pictures outdraws by three or fourfold a chance to become better informed on a pressing and critical environmental problem." (A generation later, his successors would notice the same thing — the more serious the topic, the smaller the likely turnout — but we always draw at least a few dozen people.)

Our February 1973 newsletter's masthead introduced this pair of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service mallards in place of National Audubon's egret. President Al Lemke's column summarized the behind-the-scenes activity of some SSAS board members (especially himself and Mike Smiles), including attending the first semi-annual Nassau-Suffolk Audubon Conference along with leaders of the other six Long Island chapters; helping to preserve Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary, a financial responsibility that National Audubon was trying to give to the nearby chapters; attempting to protect the Connetquot River under the state's new Wild and Scenic River law; and testifying at hearings regarding Long Island's groundwater, a master transportation plan for New York State, a bill to allow New Yorkers to sue environmental polluters regardless of personal damage (in 1995, New York remains one of a few states where citizen suits are prohibited, thanks to the perpetual opposition of our Senate), and a proposed Rye-Oyster Bay Bridge (which SSAS opposed).



The February 13th meeting presented an opposing viewpoint on nuclear power, provided by Harry Pearson, Environment Editor of *Newsday*, who also discussed other local environmental issues.

The March newsletter was 12 pages long, including material borrowed from the Student Conservation Association (on national park/forest volunteers), Nassau County Museum of Natural History (on bird feeding), Long Island Environmental Council (on plastic wrap), the Bird Populations Institute (on Kirtland's Warbler), Friends of the Earth (on otters), the Gilbert and Sullivan Journal (on Tit Willow), and *Newsday* (a photograph of three SSAS birders that accompanied Maxwell C. Wheat, Jr.'s article in the February 15th issue; he's still a member of SSAS).

On March 13th, Pat Santora of Huntington Audubon Society presented slides and film of Adirondack State Park and discussed the threats it faces.

The April 11th meeting's topic was mineral collecting in the Northeast. Guest speaker Robert Warms brought equipment, minerals, and slides.

Alvin Friedman made arrangements for five 90-minute National Audubon Society wildlife films to be shown (with an accompanying lecturer) at the 500-seat auditorium in the Bayview Avenue School in Freeport from October 1973 through April 1974, for a combined cost of \$6 (\$3 for

students under 18): "Design for Survival," "Mule Deer Country," "Scandinavian Saga," "The Living Jungle," and "Downstream." A yellow flyer announcing this accompanied the eight-page April newsletter.

At the May 8th meeting, Leroy Wilcox of Moriches Bay Audubon Society presented a slide program on his 45 years of banding birds on Long Island. In the annual election, the board of directors remained unchanged, except Linda Schlotterhausen succeeded Seymour Dashow as a director.

On June 10th, SSAS's last field trip for the season was a 7-1/2 hour pelagic boat trip on Freeport's Norseman II, costing \$10 for a maximum of 49 people.

The second Annual Dinner, again organized by the Kellers, took place on June 12th, this time at the Coral House Restaurant in Baldwin, costing \$7 and featuring top sirloin of beef or stuffed shrimp with crabmeat, plus guest speaker Don Eckelberry, a noted wildlife artist.

On June 23rd, SSAS visited Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary, the management of which had just been undertaken by us and three other chapters (Huntington, Lyman Langdon, and the now defunct Moraine). TRS was then in a general state of disrepair and closed to the public; the purpose of the visit was to recruit volunteers to do landscaping, gardening, painting, woodwork, electrical work, etc., and try to recruit a new director to live in the house on the property.

By the end of SSAS's third year, membership was approaching the 600 mark; over the summer it would boom to over 700. The newsletter, which still had no name but was adorned with lots of clip art, an occasional cartoon, and even a photo of the Coral House Restaurant, inspired the following comment in Al Lemke's June 1973 President's column: "Our newsletter, which in the days of our chapter's infancy was held up as an example of how not to write one, has now become one of Long Island's finest, with outstanding art work... South Shore is the only Long Island chapter to issue a monthly newsletter."

**TRS NEEDS MEETERS & GREETERS, ETC.**

Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary in Oyster Bay is looking for eight Meeter and Greeter Volunteers who will donate one Saturday or Sunday per month from 1 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

**Job Description:** Meet and greet Sanctuary visitors with a smile. Answer questions about TRS and display animals. Sell gift shop items.

**Qualifications:** Ability to smile nicely. A pleasant demeanor. Knowledge about the Sanctuary a plus, but we will train. Interest in working with animals and children of all ages.

**Other Volunteers Needed.** Nature lovers are needed for animal care, mailings, weeding, trail maintenance, nest box monitoring, banding assistance, and much more. We're looking for people who can help out for about three hours a week on a regular basis.

Contact Mary Richard or Denise Trezza at TRS, 922-3200, to volunteer.

**BIRD WALKS**  
Elliott Kutner

All walks start at 9:30 A.M.; no walk if it rains or snows or temperature is below 25°F. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667.

- Mar. 26 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
- Apr. 2 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
- Apr. 9 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Apr. 16 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
- Apr. 23 Hempstead Lake State Park (Penin. Blvd.)
- Apr. 30 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
- May 7 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
- May 14 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- May 21 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
- May 28 Memorial Day Weekend - No Walk
- June 4 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- June 11 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

**BROOKSIDE PRESERVE**  
**OPEN HOUSE**

Brookside Preserve is a 20-acre parcel of natural woodlands and freshwater wetlands owned by Nassau County and managed by South Shore Audubon Society. With help from a New York State grant, SSAS has added trails, boardwalks, and a bridge over Milburn Creek; planted all sorts of green things; produced two booklets about the preserve; and done lots more. Our preserve's entrance is located on the west side of Brookside Avenue near the Freeport-Baldwin border, just north of Sunrise Highway (at the intersection of Brookside and Sunrise you'll find a traffic light, Freeport High School, and Lee Myles Transmissions).

Open House will be held on Saturday, April 8th, starting at 1:00 P.M. and will include guided tours, refreshments, and cleanup activities. The lesser celandine should be putting on a show, so expect to see fields of yellow flowers; Brookside Preserve looks best when they're in bloom.

**EARTH DAY EVENTS**

**Tackapausha Museum and Preserve, Saturday, April 22nd.** From 1 to 3 P.M., the 25th anniversary of Earth Day will be celebrated, with crafts and games for children (and adults too). Volunteers are needed; sign up at SSAS meetings or bird walks or call Carole Adams at 731-4425. The museum is located on Washington Avenue in Seaford, just north of Merrick Road.



**Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary / Hofstra Arboretum Earth Day and Wildlife Festival, Sunday, April 23rd.** From 11 A.M. to 5 P.M., the Hofstra Student Center will have live wildlife presentations, raptor displays, an environmental fair, face painting, children's crafts, nature walks, and other activities. Parking is free; admission is \$3/child, \$5/adult, or \$15/family.

## CONSERVATION REPORT How to Eviscerate Environmental Laws

Betty Borowsky

Frankly, I would much rather be writing about birding than what follows, but I am compelled to tell you about the greatest threat to our environment that we have seen in over 25 years. The nation is in the midst of a blizzard of new laws which will neuter environmental programs. For the past generation, laws and regulations have been carefully and painstakingly crafted to protect human health against environmental pollution, to protect the environment against wanton and unnecessary destruction, to protect our dwindling supply of natural resources, and to maintain wild places which we can visit to enhance our quality of life. These laws have not been altered or rescinded by the present Congress. Instead, other laws which would take priority over them are being passed, and these new laws will effectively prevent the functioning of the original environmental legislation. ☹

**Risk Assessment and Communication Act of 1995 (H.R. 1022).** Risk assessment used to be the term used for applying objective standards to assessing the real risk to human health of having certain substances in the environment (among other things). The objective of calculating relative risk is to form a scientific basis for "considering the severity of various threats and the viability of alternative regulatory remedies" (*Public Health Administration and Practice*, Pickett and Hanlon, 1990). In other words, risk assessment dealt entirely with health impacts.

This definition has been modified by new legislation, which incorporates financial costs into the calculation of risk. A new bill passed by the House "requires proposed regulations protecting health, safety, and the environment to undergo a detailed scientific assessment of how effectively the rules would reduce risks to the public, and requires agencies to certify that the costs of compliance are justified by the anticipated benefits. It would be reviewed by expert panels that could include industry representatives, and would be subject to judicial review. The cost-benefit calculations would supersede health-based standards of existing environmental laws" (*New York Times*). In short, we will see industry representatives sitting on panels which will decide whether the costs to industry warrant the implementation of environmental regulations designed to protect our health. How many will be put in place? (The House bill passed 286-141, with just two Republicans voting no and 60 Democrats voting yes.)

**Compensation for Living Near a Protected Area.** Another interesting bill passed by the House temporarily suspends all new listings of endangered species and stipulates that property owners must be reimbursed for any decreases in property values that result from protecting adjacent wildlife areas through the Endangered Species Act. Since the money for these compensations will have to come from the budgets of the agencies which will be implementing this proposed law, and since the Congress controls the agencies' budgets,

this law would effectively prevent the designation of many sites as protected.

**Is There Any Hope?** Things are moving at the speed of light in Congress right now, and I don't know what the status of various proposed laws will be when you read this. Some laws may pass the House but fail in the Senate. President Clinton has indicated his opposition to this new anti-environmental mood, and he may successfully veto some bills which are passed by both the House and the Senate. In addition, passing a law is one thing; implementing it is something else. We don't know what impact these new laws will have if they go into effect, because we don't know the specifics of their administration. However, unless we express our concerns to our legislators, who truly do want to represent our wishes, I am afraid that environmental protection laws will no longer be able to function as they were originally intended to.

**What Can We Do?** I strongly urge you to call all your representatives to voice your dismay at these new laws as well as at the anti-environmental mood in Congress. I would also urge you to join our telephone chain and the Armchair Activist program (call Carole, me, or Mary Jane), which will help keep you apprised of issues which warrant some immediate action.

Much new legislation may be reversible, but once we destroy the environment, no amount of money will be able to restore it.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL QUOTATIONS

Michael Sperling

Here's the fourth installment of favorite entries from *A Dictionary of Environmental Quotations*, compiled by Barbara K. Rodes and Rice Odell (published by Simon & Schuster, copyright © 1992):

"Thou shalt inherit the holy earth as a faithful steward, conserving its resources and productivity from generation to generation. Thou shalt safeguard thy fields from soil erosion, thy living waters from drying up, thy forests from desolation, and protect the hills from overgrazing by thy herds, that their descendants may have abundance forever. If any shall fail in this stewardship of the land, thy fruitful fields shall become sterile stony ground and wasting gullies, and thy descendants shall decrease and live in poverty or perish from off the face of the earth." — Walter C. Lowdermilk, "The Eleventh Commandment," Jerusalem Radio, June 1939

"In one respect every natural area has a common uniqueness — it takes everyone forever to preserve it, but one person and one time to destroy it." — E. J. Koestner, quoted in *Reader's Digest*, August 1970

"We must maintain that which is not defiled, enhance that which is degraded, and restore that which has been destroyed. . . . None of this can be done if the people of this nation leave the decisions and efforts to government and industry alone." — Edmund S. Muskie, U.S. Senator, speech, Consumer Federation of America, January 30, 1969

**§ COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP §**

South Shore Audubon Society will be awarding a \$500 scholarship to someone who will be a junior, senior, or graduate student this fall. Applicants must be working on a degree in an area related to the environment, such as ecology, marine biology, forestry, ornithology, mammalogy, or animal behavior. For information, contact Betsy Gulotta very soon at 546-8841; the deadline is April 10th.



**RARE BIRDS IN BRIDGEHAMPTON**

*Michael Higginson*

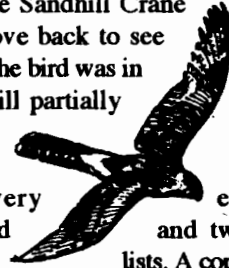
The Rare Bird Alert had not announced anything terribly interesting this winter, although I phoned the alert religiously every week. However, I was very much excited by the report of a Northern Lapwing discovered in the fields south of Montauk Highway near Bridgehampton. This was definitely a bird worth chasing [Editor's note: it's illustrated in my Peterson's field guide under "Accidentals from Eurasia" and is a spectacular-looking plover.]

My work schedule included a midnight shift on Friday, February 3rd, so if I left immediately after work I could be in the Bridgehampton area around 8 A.M., leaving me the whole day, if need be, to search for the lapwing. The day turned out as I planned, and after breakfast on the road I did indeed arrive in the target area around 8 A.M. I met a birder from New Jersey who had driven 2-1/2 hours to see the bird. It was a cold windy day, but the sun was strong, almost hurting your eyes with its intensity. The Jersey birder said he had not seen the lapwing, but did point out a Ring-necked Pheasant in the field in front of us. A couple drove by in a van with the news that the Sandhill Crane that had also been reported by the rare bird alert had been seen in the area that morning, but they also had not seen the lapwing. After spending some time at the intersection suggested by the alert, I decided I could cover more ground by slowly cruising the area in my car. At the same time, the Jersey birder decided to move further east to continue the search from a different vantage point while moving closer to a reported Lark Sparrow in the same area. By that time, two birders from Maryland had arrived to search for the lapwing.

I slowly drove up Halsey Lane to its end, scanning the fields on both sides of the road for any bird activity. After completing that search, I turned west on Mecox Road and continued to the intersection of Horsemill Lane, which ran south to Mecox Bay. I drove the half mile or so to the shore, scanning all the way. I turned around and headed back towards the original starting point when I saw the lapwing on the west side of the road in a plowed field with some reeds as a backdrop and a pond a little further behind. The bird is unmistakable in the field, with a crest of feathers extending from the head of the bird, sweeping up and back. I watched it for a while; the bird cooperated nicely by not moving. Oh,

if only warblers could learn that trick! I hurried back to the others to alert them to the bird's presence. I gathered everyone and we dashed to the scene. Of course, at that moment, the lapwing, believing itself to be a warbler, promptly left and flew to the opposite side of the road and landed in a field just far enough behind a crest to be obscured. Only by standing on our cars could we even see the top of the lapwing's head. It goes without saying that the bird stood perfectly still and remained out of our sight.

We decided to leave the lapwing and search for the Lark Sparrow, which would be a new state bird for me. It was still early and the sparrow, in a flock of White-crowned Sparrows, remained at the east end of a long driveway with the sun directly behind it. Only after getting out the scope and patiently watching through the bad lighting conditions were we able to see the Lark Sparrow. It helped a great deal that the Lark Sparrow is very obviously marked on its face. A nondescript bird would have been impossible to distinguish with the lighting as it was. We also caught sight of a Great Blue Heron and two Northern Harriers (pictured) flying over the fields, but the Sandhill Crane was not seen that morning. We drove back to see the lapwing and, don't you know, the bird was in the exact same spot that we left it, still partially obscured by the crest was even facing the same way.



It was a very enjoyable morning, with one life bird and two state birds to be added to my lists. A copy of the *Southampton Press* had the lapwing on the first page as one of its lead stories, and in all the rushing about to see these birds, I found I wasn't the least bit cold.



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🐾 **BRONX ZOO TRIP UPDATE** 🐾

On **Saturday, April 1st**, rain or shine, SSAS will be visiting the Bronx Zoo on a trip led by Diane Singer and Evelyn Blume. We have now filled the two school buses with 88 SSAS members and friends, and quite a few people will be meeting us at the zoo.

Since the last *Skimmer*, the zoo has increased its admission fees, and despite our negotiations the reduced entrance fee we're being charged has been increased from the previously advertised \$2.50 per person (and \$1 for seniors) to \$3 for everybody.

The buses are scheduled to leave from the Merrick Road Park Golf Course parking lot in Merrick (just east of the Meadowbrook Parkway; entrance is on the south side of Merrick Road) at 8:30 A.M. and leave the zoo at 2:45 P.M. (moved up a half-hour in order to avoid an overtime fee for the buses). We will be led on morning and afternoon tours by docents; bring lunch with you or buy fast-food zoo cuisine. *Please note:* You will not be able to return to the buses during the day, so make sure your lunch is portable!

We do have a waiting list, so if you've already registered for the bus trip and will not be able to join us, please call Diane Singer at 561-6118 so that we can give you a refund and reassign your seat.



🐾 **EIGHTH ANNUAL** 🐾  
**SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON BIRDATHON**

*Doreen Remsen & James Remsen, Jr.*

On the evening of **May 12th** and during the day on **May 13th** (rain dates May 19/20), the South Shore Audubon Society will take part in the 1995 Audubon Birdathon. Our members will use their birding skills to raise funds for South Shore's local programs here in Nassau as well as national environmental research, education, and action programs by getting sponsors who will pledge a certain amount for each species they see on Birdathon day.

This year, the official Birdathon count period will start at 5:00 P.M. May 12th and end at 5:00 P.M. May 13th. Starting points and times for our Birdathon teams are as follows:

*Team 1.* Leader: Elliott Kutner (486-7667). Meet at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, 8 A.M., May 13th. (Team 1 members may count birds anywhere they please on May 12th, starting at 5 P.M.)

*Team 2.* Leader: Paul Butkerei (623-0843). Meet at Jones Beach Coast Guard Station, 5 P.M. May 12th or at Hempstead Lake State Park, Peninsula Boulevard parking lot, 6:30 A.M. May 13th.

*Team 3.* Leaders: James Remsen (764-5168) and Joe Grupp (481-4208). Meet at Massapequa Preserve, LIRR parking lot, 5 P.M. May 12th; Mill Pond, Merrick Road, Wantagh, 5:45 A.M. May 13th; or at Muttontown Preserve, Route 106 parking lot (exact time TBA but probably 8 A.M. May 13th). Muttontown meeting time will be confirmed a few weeks before the Birdathon; call Jim Remsen or see him

at bird walks or meetings if you plan on coming to Muttontown Preserve.

People wishing to participate should notify either the leader of their chosen team or the Birdathon chairpersons in advance of the event. The teams will move, at their discretion, from location to location throughout the day. Participants may leave at will. Members unable to attend on Birdathon day should feel free to seek pledges and count whatever birds they see, wherever they happen to be that day, and forward their pledges and bird lists to the Birdathon chairpersons.

We would like each member to be an active Birdathoner, a sponsor in his/her own right, and a recruiter of additional sponsors from both *within* and *without* the South Shore Audubon Society.

Sponsors will be expected to pledge the amount of their choice (25¢, \$1, or other amount) per species identified by the Birdathoner and his/her team. A preselected sum, pledged regardless of number of species seen, is also acceptable.

Birdathoners will be responsible for notifying sponsors after the Birdathon, collecting their checks (made payable to *South Shore Audubon Society*), and forwarding them with their sponsor pledge form(s) to the Birdathon Chairpersons by *June 1, 1995*. Those bringing in the largest number of sponsors, as well as the largest dollar amount, will be recognized and awarded prizes at our June dinner.

Sponsor pledge forms and additional information will be available at meetings, bird walks, or by contacting Doreen Remsen, 865 1-2B Broadway Avenue, Holbrook, NY 11741, phone 472-6830; or James Remsen, Jr., 3264 Park Avenue, Oceanside, NY 11572, phone 764-5168 (after 7:30 P.M.).



**THEODORE ROOSEVELT SANCTUARY**

134 Cove Road  
Oyster Bay, NY 11771  
(516) 922-3200

Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Bird Sanctuary is owned by the National Audubon Society and operated by the Community and three local Audubon chapters, including South Shore Audubon. The following programs are open to the public. Space is limited and registration is required. All program fees are required at the time of registration.

*Sunday, April 9th (1 P.M. to 3:00 P.M., ages 6 to 10) – Eggcetera.* Through activities and live animals, students discover the egg, nature's perfect package. Students will make a craft and observe local birds. TRS members \$3, nonmembers \$5.

*Wednesday, April 12th (7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., adults) – Migratory Birds.* Learn about the conservation problems experienced by our international visitors. Meet live birds and find out how you can help save our birds. Free.

*Spring Nature Camp.* Camp runs from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. from April 17th through 20th for grades PK-4. Live animals, crafts, and games are part of the fun. TRS members \$85, nonmembers \$95.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Marion Yavarkovsky

South Shore Audubon welcomes its newest members. You have joined a wonderful organization full of interesting and dedicated people. Our activities are for you. So come and join us at our weekly bird walks, monthly meetings, and special events.

[For information on joining the South Shore Audubon Society, please call our Membership Chairperson, Marion Yavarkovsky, at 379-2090. The best time to call is after 4 P.M., Monday through Friday.]

- Atlantic Beach ..... Mr. Peter D. Kolbrener,  
Eugene Mahler
- Baldwin ..... Mr. Kenneth J. Carl,  
Andrew J. Clarke,  
C. J. Dwyer,  
Patricia E. Kelley
- Bethpage ..... Mr. Robert H. Pargmann,  
Vincent A. Puglisi
- East Meadow ..... Mrs. Patricia K. Comiskey
- Elmont ..... Linda Katz,  
Mrs. Bernice Rosenberg
- Farmingdale ..... Miss Doris Ferraro,  
Ruth & Nathaniel Quinn,  
Deborah Weir
- Floral Park ..... John Alfonso
- Franklin Square ..... Emil Frankola, Diana Loening
- Freeport ..... Andy Booth, Linda Carson,  
Enoch Fuller,  
Mr. Michael Hayes,  
Ms. Carol Stead
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- Island Park ..... Ms. Stephanie L. Georges
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Judy Thoreson
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W. Wright, Sr.
- Malverne ..... Carl & Claire Buschel
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- Merrick ..... John Byrnes
- New Hyde Park ..... Dr. Howard B. Vogel
- Plainview ..... Mario Arbore, ? Friederich,  
Linda Ilan
- Valley Stream ..... Mr. Frank T. Williams
- West Hempstead ..... P. R. Knorr

**NOMINATIONS FOR 1995-1996 OFFICERS**

At South Shore Audubon Society's general meeting in May, officers will be elected for our next fiscal year. All members attending that meeting may nominate candidates from the floor and vote. The SSAS Nominating Committee, chaired by Elliott Kutner, has recommended the following candidates:

- President — Carole Adams
- Vice President — Betty Borowsky
- Corresponding Secretary — Doris Pirodsky
- Director (to 6/98) — Evan C. Dribbon
- Director (to 6/98) — Henry Levine

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**OUR ANNUAL DINNER**

At this year's dinner we will be celebrating SSAS's 25th birthday; the price will remain just \$20 per person. As usual, Diane Singer and Shirley Kutner have arranged for us to take over a large room at Pompei Restaurant in West Hempstead, with the cocktail hour starting at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30 on **Tuesday, June 13th**. The restaurant's address is 401 Hempstead Avenue (take Southern State Parkway Exit 17 north).

To register, please enclose the following form with your check payable to *South Shore Audubon Society* and mail them to Diane Singer, 118 Kent Road, Valley Stream, NY 11580. (On the menu below, *arreganata* means that bread crumbs and lemon have been added, and the fish has been oil-baked in an oven.)

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT OF CHECK: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PEOPLE: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF EACH MENU CHOICE:

Filet of Sole Arreganata \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Francese \_\_\_\_\_

Eggplant Rollatini \_\_\_\_\_

Roast Beef \_\_\_\_\_

or, if you prefer:

Broiled Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Broiled Sole \_\_\_\_\_

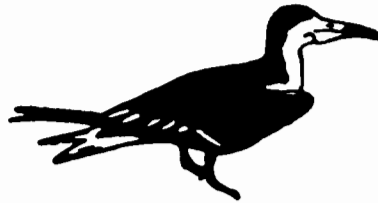
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**1994-1995 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Carole A. Adams, President .....	731-4425
Betty Borowsky, Vice President & Conservation Legislation Chairperson .....	764-3596
George Popkin, Treasurer (8 to 9 P.M.) .....	378-4467
Louise Hillen, Recording Secretary .....	546-6147
Doris Pirodsky, Corresponding Secretary & Historian .....	378-1790
Suzanne Lancer, Director (6/97) & Education Chairperson (7 to 9 P.M.) .....	536-6574
Jonathan Staller, Director (6/97) & Environmental Festivals Coordinator .....	822-5957
Lisa Borbee, Director (6/96) .....	897-9589
Steven Goldberg, Director (6/96) .....	798-0335
Paul Devendittis, Director (6/95) .....	489-0547
Bruno Leporati, Director (6/95) .....	735-4904
Sandy Brenner, Program Chairperson .....	249-4919
Paul Butkerei, Bird Seed Savings Day .....	623-0843
Joseph Grupp, Duck Survey .....	481-4208
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