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NEXT MEETING

Enid Klein

DATE:

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

TIME:

7:30 P.M.

PLACE:

Freeport Memorial Library

144 W. Merrick Rd. (at S. Ocean Ave.)

SPEAKER:

Paul Adams

TOPIC:

The Bailing Hollow Hummingbird

Sanctuary

The Baiting Hollow Hummingbird Sanctuary is a small (3.5 acre) reserve overlooking Long Island Sound in the Town of Riverhead. This area traditionally hosted breeding Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, and the owners have tried to enhance their habitat by providing suitable flowers throughout the season. The Sanctuary is opened to the public or to private groups on selected days in August, when the birds are most visible. In an illustrated talk, founder Paul Adams will describe the Sanctuary as well as providing general information about Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, especially on Long Island. The Sanctuary's website is www.lihummer.org.

Paul Adams is a neuroscientist at Stony Brook University. Born and raised in England, he came to the U.S. in 1978 and settled on Long Island in 1982. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society, a former Investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and was a 1986 winner of a MacArthur Foundation Fellows Program "genius" award. He is trying to understand the neural basis of understanding (see www.syndar.org for details). In his spare time, he gardens and watches hummingbirds on Long Island and Eleuthera (in the Bahamas). Join us.

Pre-Meeting Program on Birds. Starting at 7 P.M. each month, Scott Oglesby expands our birding horizons in the room beyond our coffee-break tables. Topic suggestions for future talks are welcome.

Parking Lots. In addition to the parking lot adjacent to the library, there's a lightly used, well-lit, and fairly close municipal lot on the east side of S. Ocean Ave., on the near (south) side of the Gulf station that borders Sunrise Hwy.

NEXT MEETING AFTER NEXT MEETING

Enid Klein

DATE:

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

TIME:

7:30 P.M.

PLACE:

Freeport Memorial Library

TOPIC: Members' Night

On January 13, we will be having our annual Members' Night — an evening of fun, food, and friends of a feather. Please share with us your hobbies - a good story, a poem, photos, musical or artistic talents, or unusual bird sightings. And for those with a culinary aptitude, we would love to sample them — finger foods in particular. TIM ODDED TO MINIMATED THE OPEN ASSESSMENT OF THE OPEN ASSESSME



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SSAS Mission Statement — The mission of South Shore Audubon Society is to promote environmental education; conduct research pertaining to local bird populations, wildlife, and habitat; and preserve and restore our environment, through responsible activism, for the benefit of both people and wild-

***** SHOP AT OUR ONLINE NATURE MALL

Our Web site, ssaudubon.org, contains a link to the Online Nature Mall, which automatically gives a percentage of your purchases (10%) to SSAS if you visit the site using our link.

> The mall is a division of the Thaver Birding Software company. There are over 8,500 products available in the following categories: bird software, bird songs, bird books, binoculars, bird feeders, nature books. plush birds, and gifts & more.

JONES BEACH LETTERS NEEDED!

Jim Brown

Editor's Three-Paragraph Introduction: In a well-publicized decision regarding the proposed "Trump on the Ocean" restaurant and catering hall, State Supreme Court Justice Ira Warshawsky (not pictured) ruled in late Octo-



ber that the NYS Department of State review board "lacked a rational basis" to conclude that a basement consisting of offices and kitchens could be a public safety hazard. The Court also recognized that the objective of the

new Jones Beach Boardwalk facility is to "cause capital from a private enterprise to be used to create an opportunity for public recreation, to also engage in historic preservation ... and to provide revenue for the State, to be plowed back into the park to increase opportunity for public recreation ... a sound financial model." The preceding quotes and the wording in between come from Donald Trump's blog at the Trump University website; the edits are his. An appeal of this unwelcome decision is expected.

During the same week, the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation announced an alternative that wouldn't have offices and kitchens in the basement (just storage), would be the same 32 feet from the boardwalk as the former restaurant, but would have 10,126 square feet more space than Trump's original design and, at a two-floor height of 29 feet 4 inches, would exceed the 22-foot limit set by the state last December but equal the height of the old restaurant. On November 5, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Environmental Notice Bulletin (available at www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html) listed this as follows:

"The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYS OPRHP), as lead agency, has determined that the proposed Jones Beach Catering and Restaurant Facility will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. The action involves an amended Negative Declaration which updates information on project modifications of a catering facility and restaurant. The building will occupy a footprint of 38,560 square feet [85,302 square feet of floor space — ed.] and it will be 29 feet 4 inches in height above the existing boardwalk. The facility includes outdoor patios, terraces, ceremony and photo areas, a boardwalk that connects to the Central Mall boardwalk, and 256 parking spaces. The facility has been relocated outside the Coastal Erosion Hazard Area. About 3 acres of parkland on this previously disturbed site will be converted to non-recreational use for the facility. A 72-acre substitute recreational parcel has been acquired in the Central Pine Barrens, Town of Brookhaven (Ridge) that will be managed by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) for public use. The project is located in the Jones Beach State Park in the Town of Hempstead, New York."

Without further ado, here's Jim in the next column...

For some unfathomable reason, the New York State Office of Parks and a local judge seem to have caved in to Donald Trump. But we should not despair — justice is on our side. New York State initially asked for a small restaurant, 46,000 square feet, to be built along the boardwalk at Jones Beach, a restaurant to serve the people. There is no reason why a restaurant/catering hall/souvenir shop extravaganza of 85,000 square feet should be built instead, to serve the rich and to provide Donald Trump with ill-gained profit for 40 years. A catering hall which charges \$500 per plate has no place on our premier oceanfront state park. Trump's development is an affront to the residents of Long Island and the entire State of New York. The legacy of Robert Moses on Long Island should not be allowed to be trashed and destroyed by this ill-advised development scheme.

Governor Paterson has the ability to halt this project and return Jones Beach to the people. I urge all those who love Jones Beach — and justice — to contact the Governor and demand that the Trump project be stopped. Yes, a small restaurant at Jones Beach, to be enjoyed by the average beachgoer, would be welcomed, but not the monstrosity that Mr. Trump seems intent on building. Call Governor Paterson at 518-474-8390 (his Albany office) or 212-681-4580 (his NYC office). Write the Governor at Executive Chambers, Albany, NY 12224. To e-mail Governor Paterson, go to www.ny.gov/governor and leave a message — no to the Trump restaurant, catering hall, souvenir shop, etc., etc.

Let the Governor know we love Jones Beach and wish to protect it from predatory commercialization! We must fight back, to save our beach!

MASSAPEQUA PRESERVE CONSTRUCTION

Described most recently in our September issue (now posted at our website), the two-year Streamflow Augmentation and Pond Restoration Project has finally begun in Massapequa Preserve, starting with a bikeway detour at the north end of the Preserve (at Linden Street).

We don't expect the project to affect the areas where SSAS holds bird walks for quite some time; you can find updates at www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/Parks/WhereToGo/preserves/south_shore_preserve/Massapequa_Pres.html.

If you see immediate problems with the project, call Nassau County Public Security, 24 hours a day, at 572-0300 or the Parks Department's Public Information Office during weekday business hours at 572-0218.

For other project concerns, you can call the contractor's answering machine at 799-0638; Friends of Massapequa Preserve has been told that your call should be returned by the next business day.

NATURE TALES FROM A WANDERER Blue Jau

Joe Grupp

On a beautiful, sunny, autumn-leaves-colored day, on one of the first days of November, I was birding at Bethpage State Park. My walk in search of birds started well, as I spotted a Hermit Thrush low in a shrub. It was quite still as it perched, raising its rusty tail and then letting it fall. ever so slowly, as Hermit Thrushes are inclined to do. Motion in a nearby tree moved my attention away from the thrush to a small bird in constant motion, fluttering from branch to branch in such a way that immediately suggested kinglet. I worked to find and keep the bird in the field of view of my binoculars, and found it to be a Goldencrowned Kinglet. In spite of its constant motion, I was lucky enough to be in the right position to see the bird spread its crown patch a number of times, displaying the black-bordered orange-and-yellow patch of a male. Both birds were migrants from their more-northern summer territories. I was off to a good birding start, but after finding those two birds, activity ceased.

Not finding birds, as I walked I began to wonder where the Blue Jays were. I have birded this area a number of times and most of the time a flock of them will be seen or, if not seen, heard at or near the parking field. I heard only one when I got out of the car and it didn't hang around long. Mentally I began to drift away from birds and began to admire the autumn foliage when I was startled, to the point that I even "jumped," as a bird exploded out of the brush when I unknowingly stepped close to it. It shot up to the branch of a tree that was slightly above my head and in front of me, near the edge of the trail. I think it is safe to say that we startled each other. Then the bird and I alertly and motionlessly eyed each other for a period of time. There was no doubt about the species; the bird was my missing Blue Jay!

Blue Jay is almost an improbable name for the species. The bird does fit well into the Corvids, the family of birds that includes the crows, ravens, magpies, and other jays. It is improbable because the blue color of the Blue Jay is not part of the bird's feathers at all. If a single blue feather of a Blue Jay is observed with light passing through it from behind or if the feather is ground up into very small particles, there is no blue to be seen at all, but rather a brownish-gray color. Only when light falls on the front of the feather (the same side the observer is on) does the feather appear blue. Observing the red feather of a Northern Cardinal the same way, it will always appear red. A Blue Jay's feather simply has no blue pigment in it, while the Cardinal's feather does have red pigment just as there is red pigment in a red paint or dye.

The blue color of the jay comes from tiny structures of the feather itself. The light that comes from the sun and falls on the jay is made up of all the colors of the rainbow. When that light strikes the jay's feather, those tiny structures scatter only the blue color, found in a rainbow, away from the bird and into our eyes.

I had not really given any thought to why a Blue Jay is blue until well after seeing the bird that day. What impressed me at the time the bird and I eyed one another was the intensity of the blue and the distinct sharp divisions

between the blue, black, and white colors of, and the details of, the plumage. I distinctly noticed the black necklace that dropped from right behind the neck to the upper breast, the bright white spots on the wings, and the fine black bands

on the tail. Standing there observing, I was aware that it had been a long, long time since I really observed the details of a Blue Jay's plumage and maybe, just maybe, I never did so before. The species is so common that I usually mentally note Blue Jay and rarely even raise my binoculars to my eyes when seeing one. On that autumn day, I really saw a Blue Jay!!

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All walks start at 9:30 A.M.; no walk if it rains or snows or temperature is below 25°F. Any questions? Call Steve Schellenger at 987-8103. Directions and summaries may be found at ssaudubon.org.

Nov. 23 & 30 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner

Dec. 7 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Dec. 14 Hempstead Lake State Park [Southern
State Parkgray Frit 18 south Field #3

State Parkway Exit 18 south, Field #3
(use second park entrance and make an immediate left turn)]

Dec. 21 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)

Dec. 28 Season's Greetings — No Walk

Jan. 4 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner

Jan. 11 Mill Pond Park (Wantagh/Bellmore; north

side of Merrick Rd.)

Jan. 18 Hempstead Lake State Park (Field #3)

Jan. 25 Point Lookout Town Park, S.E. corner

(we will visit Lido Preserve too)

21ST ANNUAL WATERFOWL SURVEY

The dates for the 2008–2009 Waterfowl Survey are as follows, rain or shine: Saturdays, December 6, January 3, January 31, February 21, and March 21. Volunteers are welcome to participate in the surveys. If you are interested in spending a full or half day visiting up to 28 locations from Valley Stream to Massapequa Park, call Joe Grupp, SSAS's Research Chairperson, at 481-4208.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wendy Murbach

Happy holidays to all our members. Have a warm, safe, loving, and happy holiday season.

December is the month of celebration. Days of light which have been getting shorter and shorter suddenly begin to add minutes of brightness each day following the winter solstice. Somehow, this fact appears to be not as important these days, with our myriad sources of artificial light. However, our bodies remember, plants remember, and so do our wild and domesticated animals. Light and dark in a very particular sequence is very important to living organisms.

Satellite photos of the United States show nearly complete coverage of our territory by lighting throughout most of the night. How does that affect us, our animal population, and our plants, which include our food sources?

The light/dark cycle is implicated in things as diverse as when cattle shed their heavy coats of hair, when birds know to migrate, when certain plants flower, when hibernating animals den up. It is important in cycles of estrus, for mating behavior of most animals. And scientists are beginning to report that the light/dark cycle, or circadian rhythm, is exceedingly important to human beings.

Studies have shown that sleeping women who are subjected to a light source during their sleep, or women who turn on a light to get up during the night and then go back to sleep, produce much less melatonin than women who sleep in the dark for their entire night. Melatonin is a hormone produced by our pineal gland which regulates the sleep/wake cycle; lack of this hormone has been shown to be a factor in the onset of breast cancer. Melatonin production in men is equally important for their bodies.

Having darkness during the night hours seems to be very necessary for all living organisms. We are just beginning to study and find out how light pollution is affecting our daily lives. We need to enjoy the dark of night as well as the light of day. Both are components regulating the cycles of life.

Please examine how you use lighting during the night hours. Do you leave outdoor lights on all night? Do you have night lights on in your house during the night? Do you turn on the bathroom light when you get up during the

night? Do shades or blinds block out outdoor light from your sleeping room? All these things either contribute to our overall outdoor light pollution or affect the sleep/wake cycle of melatonin production.

Also, enjoy the hours of daylight. Natural light stimulates our bodies and produces a sense of well-being. It is just as important to get some time in natural light during the daylight hours as it is to get a good night's sleep in the dark of night.

Happy winter solstice to you all.

RARE BIRD ALERT (212) 979-3070

TO GREENWICH NEXT MAY

Barbara Levine

Calling all birders, hikers, families, and photographers! On **Saturday, May 16th**, we will be visiting the Audubon Center of Greenwich, starting at 9:30 A.M.

Naturalists will lead us through some of the 285 beautiful acres and 7 miles of walking trails. The cost will be \$5 per person. Send your check, made out to South Shore Audubon Society, to me at 22 Sugar Maple Drive, Roslyn, NY 11576. Any questions? Call me at 741-3386 for more details.

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DIGITAL ADVERTISING SIGNS PROPOSED

Michael Sperling

Clear Channel Outdoors, the world's largest outdoor advertising company, with nearly a million displays in 49 countries on five continents, submitted a proposal to Nassau County last April to add to its collection of almost 200,000 displays nationwide. The Nassau County Planning Commission endorsed the plan in September, but subsequently the County's Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee voted against it. SSAS's board opposes the plan, too, and asks you to write to your County Legislator to urge him/her to reject it.

The plan would place 65 digital LED (light-emitting diode) displays on Nassau County property, often at park entrances. Thirteen displays would be double-sided; 18 sides would be large, 30 medium, and 30 small (dimensions not provided). All would be on continuously and would show a static ad, typically for eight seconds, with each ad repeating every 64 seconds. "Sample locations" proposed by Clear Channel Outdoors include the Nassau County Correctional Center, Family Court, Juvenile Detention Center, Department of Public Works garages in Manhasset and Westbury, Hangar 7 at the Grumman property in Bethpage, Nassau County Museum of Art, Museum Row, Mitchel Field, Cantiague Park, Cedar Creek Park, Christopher Morley Park, Eisenhower Park (30 sides). Grant Park, Jericho Preserve, Leeds Pond Preserve entrance, Milburn Pond Park, Nickerson Beach, and Wantagh Park. The 20-year proposal would provide Nassau County with a minimum income of \$86 million and would include free benches, tables, and trash receptacles at the County's five largest parks; County access to Clear Channel's Times Square billboard to promote events; and use of the 65 displays for emergency alerts.

SSAS's board is especially opposed to installing advertising displays at parks, preserves, and other natural areas. If approved, they would set a precedent for towns and New York State agencies to do likewise.

From A Dictionary of Environmental Quotations, compiled by Barbara K. Rodes and Rice Odell (published by Simon & Schuster, copyright 1992):

"Conservation and rural-life policies are really two sides of the same policy, and down at bottom this policy rests upon the fundamental law that neither man nor nation can prosper unless, in dealing with the present, thought is steadily taken for the future." — Theodore Roosevelt, *The Outlook*, August 27, 1910

"Here in the United States we turn our rivers and streams into sewers and dumping-grounds, we pollute the air, we destroy forests, and exterminate fishes, birds, and mammals — not to speak of vulgarizing charming land-scapes with hideous advertisements. But at last it looks as

if our people were awakening." — Theodore Roosevelt, *The Outlook*, January 25, 1913

"By 1980 we will be self-sufficient and will not need to rely on foreign enemies ... uh, energy." — Richard M. Nixon, responding to the current gasoline shortage, 1973

THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S LAST SHOTS AT THE ENVIRONMENT

Michael Sperling

Less than a week before this *Skimmer* went to press, the website of Time magazine (www.time.com) contained an article entitled "George W. Bush's Last Environmental Stand" that stated: "With less than three months remaining in office, the Bush Administration has proposed a flurry of last-minute changes that will likely weaken several of the nation's environmental protections — and could remain well into the next presidency." The proposals mentioned are the following:

Power Plant Pollution. Changing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's rules regarding power plant modifications to allow an increase in total emitted pollutants if there was no maximum hourly emission rate increase.

Endangered Species Act. Virtually eliminating the role of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's scientists in reviewing development projects, such as new roads or mines (instead, the federal agency in charge of the project would evaluate its impact on en-

dangered species). Also, removing the gray wolf in the northern Rockies from the Endangered Species List.

Water Quality. Reclassifying valley fills and other mining waste as nonpolluting, while extending the existing 100-foot buffer zone around streams so that it also covers lakes and wetlands. Also, ruling that over 15,000 factory farms can avoid Clean Water Act oversight if they state that they are complying with waste discharge rules.

"If you thought the first 100 days of the Bush Administration were bad, just wait and see what the last 100 could bring." — Democratic Representative Edward Markey, chairman of the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming

SSAS's October 19th cleanup at chapter-managed Brookside Preserve had fine weather; an interesting assortment of garbage was collected and invasive species were pursued. We thank our volunteers — Jim Brown, Betsy Gulotta, Marilyn Hametz, Charles Krieg, Therese Lucas, Wendy Murbach, George Peters, Michael Sperling, Bill Youngfert, John Zarudsky, and Freeport Kiwanis club members Greg Abbate and Jim Kaimakides.

HOLIDAY PARTY AT TACKAPAUSHA

On Saturday, December 13th, from 1 to 3 P.M., SSAS will have its annual Holiday Party for children at Tackapausha Museum & Preserve on Washington Avenue in Seaford. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children (ages 5 to 14; free for younger children), which are the normal museum admission prices. This includes a chance for attendees to make feeders for birds. At 2 P.M., a special guest will provide a live-animals program.

Halloween Thanks. A big thank you to all of the SSAS volunteers who helped out at our annual Halloween Party at Tackapausha: Ruth Aptacker, Alice Blaustein, Helen Buckley, Marilyn Hametz, Louise Leonard, Wendy Murbach, and Michael Sperling.

************************************ ROGER THAT: YOU CAN ENGAGE AUTOPILOT NOW

Jonathan Staller

I was gazing up towards the sky. It was a cool, cloudy morning. The autumn sun was trying to burn through the clouds. An American Robin flew by roughly 50 feet above me. Five minutes later, a Blue Jay came through about 25 feet higher than the robin. Are there highways in the skies for birds? Are there air traffic controllers who tell which birds can fly at what altitude? I actually enjoy watching birds just fly through, going wherever they're going and minding their own business. The crows fly even higher than the Blue Javs.

Of course, the birds come down to rest or to feed in the trees or shrubs. I enjoy those that start at one point and fly until you can't see them anymore. There goes an American Goldfinch; he sings every time he flaps his wings in mid-flight. They fly much lower than the robins, just above the treetops.

Flight is a necessity in most birds' lives. Red-tailed Hawks and other birds of prey are like soaring jumbo jets. circling, looking for an ideal spot to attack. Then there is the spring and fall migration. Honk, honk — did you hear that? High up in the clouds, flying in a vee formation, are geese! Have you ever stood next to a hedge of

bayberry bushes during Bay Wildlife Refuge or Beach State Park? Tree buzzing around doing neuvers to like P-51

👞 Jones Swallows. acrobatic macatch their prey Mustangs dogfighting in W.W.II. "This is the control tower. Veer to the left, do you copy?

autumn at Jamaica

VEER To The LEFT!"

I'm glad to be able to share with you another side of birdwatching and some of my experiences. Maybe you can be the control tower and watch them pass by. A bleep on the radar screen to many who don't understand, but to us a beautiful bird of some type for our enjoyment and pleasure.

JOIN A CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT TEAM

SSAS President Wendy Murbach is the team leader for the Northern Nassau Christmas Bird Count (CBC) quadrant that is surveyed from Gerry Park in Roslyn to Garvies Point in Glen Cove. This CBC is run by North Shore and Huntington Audubon Societies (the Southern Nassau CBC) is several decades older than SSAS and consequently is not organized by us). If you're interested in participating (for the usual CBC fee of \$5), contact Wendy at Wmrbch@aol.com or 546-6303.

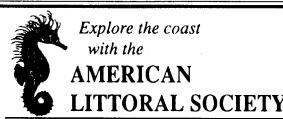
The Saturday, December 20 count will begin at 8 A.M. and continue through the day, but you can join it after lunch (ask for Wendy's cell phone number in order to locate her team).

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NEW YEAR'S DAY BEACH WALKS (Thurs., Jan. 1). Start off the new year with a brisk walk on the beach. Sites include: Fort Tilden (Breezy Point) and Jones Beach (West End 2 parking lot) at 11 A.M.; Fire Island Lighthouse at 10 A.M.

MONTAUK WINTER WEEKEND (Jan. 9-11). Visit shorelines, walking dunes, bluffs, and woods during peak winter birding time. See scoters, loons, and seabirds galore. Cost: \$345 incl. 2 nights at luxurious Manor House, 5 full meals, 5 guided hikes. 2 evening programs, star watch, free pickup at LIRR station.

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For information and free field trip brochure, call/write Don Riepe, (718) 318-9344, driepe@nyc.rr.com. 28 West 9th Road, Broad Channel, NY 11693; www.alsnyc.org.

55AS BACKYARD BIRD SURVEY

For several years, SSAS's Research Committee has been conducting a study to document the bird species found in the SSAS area and to estimate their numbers. We greatly appreciate input from anyone that feeds and/or observes birds in their yard or neighborhood.

To participate, simply record the birds that you see in your yard, neighborhood, or at your feeder; the date, time, and the number or approximate number of each species; and fill in the table provided below. If you have more recordings than lines in the table, please attach an additional piece of paper to the table and submit the additional recordings in the same manner. At the end of each month, please mail or e-mail your record to me at the appropriate address listed below, or hand it to me at our monthly meeting. Additional survey sheets are available at SSAS events.

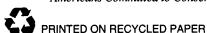
Please do not hesitate to submit your observations, even if you have been able to make only very few. WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

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Renewing? Please send NAS renewals directly to NAS (we now get \$0 for all NAS renewals).

Donations to SSAS are always welcome!

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