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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Betsy Gulotta

The Audubon Society has been very busy over the summer, and there have been several changes both on the national and local levels. Since South Shore Audubon Society is a chapter of the National Audubon Society, and we have a financial as well as a functional relationship with National, I wish to fill you in on some of the changes which may affect us directly.

On the chapter level, Tom Torma has felt it necessary to resign as Vice President of South Shore Audubon Society. We shall miss him and feel the loss of his talents. I have appointed Joe Grupp as Acting Vice President, and he has been working closely with me over the summer. I have also appointed Lois Schlegel to the position of Director which became available when Joe stepped up to Vice President. Lois has been very active as a member of the Conservation Committee.

The National Audubon Society, facing major financial problems has threatened to close most of its regional offices throughout the country, including the New York State Office in Delmar and the Atlantic Regional Office in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, both of which served as liaisons between our Chapter and themselves, and provided many chapter services. NAS has already reduced financial support to chapters, and will probably reduce dues sharing, as well as chapter services, even more in the future.

Many chapters, including SAS, were vehemently opposed to the closing of regional offices, because it would sever communications between NAS and chapters, like ours, which consist of the volunteer manpower who do the work and form the grassroots network which makes the Audubon Society so effective. Over the summer, chapters all over the country met with NAS president, Peter Berle, expressing discontent. We have received various mailings from NAS, including a floundering attitude on the issue of regional offices. The latest is most

helpful, stating that seven regional offices will remain open, some with limited services and in need of financial support. We will belong to the Northeast Region, and will be served by the New York City Office, under the direction of Dr. Richard Martyr, Senior Vice President.

You may be wondering what all this means to our Chapter. National Audubon Society is among the largest and most diverse of all environmental organizations. However, its strengths in carrying out and creating environmental policy occur at the chapter level, from committed volunteer members. We do not wish to lose the liaison between NAS and the chapters, and if necessary, are prepared to initiate fund raising efforts to help maintain regional offices and their services. We will keep you posted on events as they occur.

The Board of Directors feels committed to maintaining our strengths at the local level, in environmental education and conservation. We seek cooperation with all Long Island chapters, and plan to retain a Long Island Regional Council, in the presence or absence of a NAS representative. We are somewhat dependent on the financial sharing from NAS for chapter services, such as our newsletter (Skimmer) and Audubon Adventures. But we are an autonomous chapter, and we can remain strong with the help of our committed membership.

That is where your help will come in. I will be establishing a financial committee early this fall, to concentrate mainly on fundraising for our various chapter activities. I welcome input from anyone who has an interest and/or expertise in this area.

Meanwhile, welcome back to South Shore Audubon Society, and what I hope will be a successful, productive, educational, and enjoyable year.

CONSERVATION

Joan Butkerei, Chairperson 623-0843

In July, many South Shore Audubon members received letters asking for help in contacting Congressman Norman Lent on two very important issues: the proposed oil leasing in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and Acid Rain Legislation. These issues are still negotiable. We again are reprinting this request in case any of you who could not write during the summer can now do so. Congressman Lent is a key figure, as he is on two important committees working on these in the House of Representatives.

Letter No. 1 — Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The ANWR in northeast Alaska was created in 1960 by President Eisenhower. Unfortunately legislation has been introduced by Congressman Don Young of Alaska which would open 1.5 million acres of its coastal plain to oil development. It is one of the few protected places in the world where the Porcupine Caribou, Muskox, Snow Goose, Wolf, Arctic Fox, Snowy Owl, Golden Eagle, Gyrfalcon, Peregrin Falcon, Tundra Swan, diverse waterfowl and 16 species of fish along with marine mammals exist. These species are vulnerable to depletion by oil exploration and development. The good news is that Congressman Morris Udall has introduced HR 39 which would give the Wilderness Act Protection to the area. Oil drilling would be halted except in a national emergency. National Audubon supports this bill. Your letter would tell Cong. Lent that you are opposed to any oil development in the ANWR coastal plain. It could point out that there is a current oil glut. There is a long range need for **conservation** measures which would make our country secure for decades without sacrificing this vital refuge. Remind him that the wilderness and wildlife of ANWR's coastal plain are unique in the world and should not be exploited for short term profits.

Letter No. 2 — Clean Air. Another important issue concerns Clean Air Legislation. Cong. Norman Lent is a key figure, since he is on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee where Clean Air Legislation is now being considered. It has been 10 years since Congress passed the Clean Air Act. The national effort to clean up air pollution needs to be upgraded and brought back on course. You could open your letter expressing your concerns about air pollution and its threat to the environment, wildlife and people. You may want to comment on two relevant clean air issues:

Acid Rain occurs when sulfur dioxide emissions mix with water to form sulfuric acid. Acid rain kills and deforms fish, erodes buildings, damages farms and crops, and may seriously threaten human health. A bill written by Congresspersons Tauki, Sikorski, and Conte (HR 2666) would set emission standards on these precursors of acid rain. Cong. Lent co-sponsored an Acid Rain Bill last year: ask him to cosponsor HR 2666 this year.

Urban Smog — Ask Cong. Lent to show a strong commitment to clean air, to show leadership in cleaning up the smog and other impurities that we have been breathing for so long. The Clean Air Act set basic standards necessary for health and deadlines for meeting these standards. Enforcement of the Clean Air Act involved imposing penalties on areas which have not enacted air pollution controls. Ask Cong. Lent not to extend deadlines for areas which have not enacted strict air pollution controls.

Please write 2 separate letters on these issues. Handwritten letters are most effective because they are personal. Address letters to:

The Honorable Norman Lent
U.S. House of Representatives
2408 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

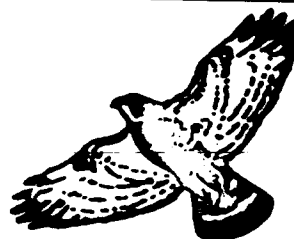
LIVING WITH NATURE WEEKEND

Sands Point Preserve will be the site of the 7th Annual "Living With Nature" weekend, Sept. 26 and 27. The 224 acre preserve, with its rolling woodlands and fields, and cliffed shoreline, offers an ideal setting for outdoor nature-oriented programs. Entertaining and educational activities for young and old will include: bird walks, geology walks, orienteering, pond life, saltmarsh walk, conifer walks, the Long Island Sound, a slide show/lecture on freshwater turtles of Long Island, and soil and water conservation.

Sands Point Preserve is located on Middleneck Road, 2 miles north of the village of Port Washington and 6½ miles north of the Long Island Expressway (Exit 36). The special weekend hours will be from 11:00 A.M. — 5:00 P.M. both days.

OUTDOOR COURSES

Hofstra University College for Continuing Education is offering a series of courses this fall on hiking, canoeing, and birding. For information contact: Hofstra University, Univ. College for Continuing Education, Hempstead, N.Y. 11550 or call 516-560-5993.



HAWK MIGRATION AND FALL FOLIAGE TRIP HIGH POINT STATE PARK, NEW JERSEY OVERLOOKING TRI-STATE AREA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1987

**COST: \$33.00 PER PERSON
INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION AND DINNER AT
TOM QUICK INN, MILFORD, PA.**

**The bus will leave from the Merrick Road Golf Club,
Merrick Road and Clubhouse Road, Merrick
at 7:30 A.M.**

**Make checks payable to SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON
SOCIETY and mail to:**

**Mrs. Evelyn Blume
313 Smith Street
Merrick, New York 11566
516-378-7122 (After 6:P.M.)**

BIRD WALKS 1987 - 1988

Elliot Kutner, Chairperson 516 486-7667

All walks start at 9:30 A.M.

(No walk if it rains, snows, or temperature is 25° or below.)

August	23	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	30	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Sept.	6	No walk
	13	West End No. 2, N.E. Corner, Jones Beach
	20	Zach's Bay, Field No. 4, N.E. Corner
	27	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Oct.	4	West End No. 2, N.E. Corner, Jones Beach
	11	Twin Lakes Preserve, Wantagh*
	18	Zach's Bay, Field No. 4, N.E. Corner
	25	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Nov.	1	West End No. 2, N.E. Corner, Jones Beach
	8	J. F. Kennedy Sanctuary, Tobay
	15	West End No. 2, N.E. Corner, Jones Beach
	22	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	29	Pelham Park (Meet on Service Road after going through Throg's Neck Bridge Toll Plaza, 9:00 A.M.)
Dec.	6	Hempstead Lake State Park (Penninsula Blvd. Parking Lot)
	13	Zach's Bay, Field No. 4, N.E. Corner
	20	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	27	No Walk
Jan.	3	West End No. 2, N.E. Corner, Jones Beach
	10	J. F. Kennedy Sanctuary, Tobay
	17	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	24	Pelham Bay Park (Meet on Service Road after going through Throg's Neck Bridge Toll Plaza, 9:00 A.M.)
	31	Cedar Beach
Feb.	7	West End No. 2, N.E. Corner, Jones Beach
	14	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	21	Twin Lakes Preserve, Wantagh*
	28	Zach's Bay, Field No. 4, N.E. Corner
March	6	West End No. 2, N.E. Corner, Jones Beach
	13	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	20	J. F. Kennedy Sanctuary, Tobay
	27	Zach's Bay, Field No. 4, N.E. Corner
April	3	West End No. 2, N.E. Corner, Jones Beach
	10	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	17	Hempstead Lake State Park (Penninsular Blvd Parking Lot)
	24	West End No. 2, N.E. Corner, Jones Beach
May	1	Hempstead Lake State Park (Penninsular Blvd Parking Lot)
	8	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	15	West End No. 2, N.E. Corner, Jones Beach
	22	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	29	No Walk
June	5	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	12	Twin Lakes Preserve, Wantagh*

*Meet in Forest Lake School Parking Lot, Mill Road, Wantagh

RARE BIRD ALERT
212-832-6623

1987 - 1988 PROGRAMS

Len Gordon, Program Chairperson 223-1366

Programs are presented at the Chapter General Meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the Freeport Memorial Library at 8:15 P.M.

Sept. 8	Ground Water
Oct. 13	Ecology of the Florida Everglades
Nov. 10	Guam, Costa Rica, & The Role of Zoos
Dec. 8	Biology and Management of Black Ducks
Jan. 12	Members Night
Feb. 9	Program to be announced
Mar. 8	Program to be announced
April 12	Program to be announced
May 10	Program to be announced
June 14	Annual Dinner

Anyone desiring to present a program or knows of someone who would like to present a program should contact Len Gordon at his or her earliest convenience.

MEMBERSHIP

Marian Yavarkovsky, Chairperson 516 379-2090

NEW MEMBERS

We wish a hearty welcome to our new members. We hope you will come to our meetings, bird walks and other activities to find out what our organization is all about.

Baldwin	Mrs. John L. Fingeret, Lillian Langer, Martin and Rita Press
Bellmore	Dolores M. Hofman
Bethpage	Sina Hennecke
Cedarhurst	McKen Thompson
East Meadow	Kevin Dermody
Elmont	Mr. W.F. Cavell, Mr. Richard S. Smith
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Great Neck	Linda Ormont
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Hicksville	Mrs. George Brennan, Frank Malczewski, Ms. I. Pelled
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West Hempstead	Victoria Q. Moore
Wantagh	Trudi Davis, Susan Drake, Robert Durso, Ms. Lois G. Golda, Jon Jacobi, Edgar Lloyd, Mr. Karl G. Noor, Mrs. Sonis J. Slack

MEETING

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1987
FREEPORT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Merrick Road and Grove Street, Freeport, N.Y.
8:15 P.M.**

**SUBJECT: Ground Water
SPEAKER: Ms. Gloria Jean Penza, L. I. Water Corp.**

The Long Island Water Corporation is the largest water utility on Long Island. Founded in 1884, it supplies water to 70,000 customers in southwestern Nassau County. Ms. Penza will present slides and will be available to answer questions.

NEXT MEETING – OCTOBER 13, 1987

SUBJECT: Ecology of the Florida Everglades

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AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

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