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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

James Remsen, Jr.

It's Birdathon season again, a favorite time of year for me at South Shore Audubon Society. It's time to think about spending a day afield during spring migration, using your bird-watching skills to help our environment during this unique fund-raiser. (For full details on how it works, look elsewhere in this Skimmer.)

Our six past Birdathons have yielded many memorable moments for me and all who have participated in them. Because the Birdathon is held during the peak of the migration (May in our area), when shorebirds, vireos, and warblers are surging through our skies, competition to see the most species is high among the teams of birders that South Shore sends out into the field. Perhaps the strongest competition exists between the team led by Paul Butkereit and the one led by Joe Grupp and myself. Paul's team has seen 100 or more species in every Birdathon; Joe Grupp and I failed to do so only once. Consequently, if you are new to the Birdathon game, be forewarned that there is a disease associated with it, which I will call Birdathoner's Syndrome. The first symptom is an overwhelming desire to see many species of birds on Birdathon day, which may become so intense as to cause normal, ordinary South Shore Audubon members to eat, sleep, and dream the Birdathon as the chosen day approaches. Take, for example, the following Birdathon dream (or, more correctly, nightmare) I had recently.

It is late in the afternoon on Birdathon day. Our team has been running all over Nassau and Queens looking for birds, but it has been a difficult grind this year. Crucial species of warblers have failed to materialize, and we fear that Paul will beat us. We arrive at Jones Beach and find the shoreline covered with shorebirds, most of which are not on our list. We are overjoyed and start ticking them off. For insurance, I decide, upon arriving home, to examine a creek near my house, where Great Blue Herons occasionally feed after nightfall. The Great Blue Heron is a difficult species for our team to find, showing up erratically over the years, but Paul always seems to find it. Down by the creek, I see a heron

NEXT MEETING

Sandy Brenner

DATE: Tuesday, April 12, 1994

TIME: 8:00 P.M. ②

PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library

Merrick Rd. & S. Ocean Ave.

SPEAKER: Dolores and Joe Grupp

TOPIC: Crater Lake National Park in Oregon

A slide show on the natural history of Crater Lake National Park, including its geology, ecology, bird and plant life, and a brief history of its preservation. Dolores and Joe will entertain us with their experiences during the three weeks they spent exploring the park and its backcountry.

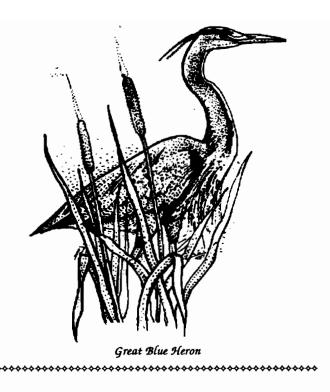
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feeding in the shallows. It is dark and I can't make it out. It flies closer, and reveals itself to be only a Black-crowned Night Heron, which we have on our list already.

The next day I find out that Paul has beaten us by one species. I wake up in a cold sweat.

Be aware, however, that there are other symptoms of Birdathoner's Syndrome, which usually take longer to develop than the competitiveness (and which also tend to last longer, sometimes a lifetime). These include the exhilaration of finding a new species late in the day when such finds are few and far between, the pleasure of watching a gull or skimmer over the water as the sun sets at Jones Beach, and the contentment of hearing a thrush's song deep in a forest full of migrating warblers. The most serious symptom of all, though, is an increased wonder at the miracle of spring migration and an increased respect for the environment that supports all these birds.

Birdathoner's Syndrome is one of the few diseases I can actually recommend contracting. Find yourself a sponsor (or just sponsor yourself), join us on the big day, and see if you don't come down with it. Witnessing a spring migration in full force may just change your life.



SOME THINGS TO DO IN APRIL

Carole A. Adams

April — Audubon Month, National Wildlife Week, Earth Day, Arbor Day, John James Audubon's birthday, and time to consider Audubon Adventures subscription renewals. What better time than now to show your support and help promote the growth of Audubon goals through environmental education? The opportunities are plentiful and as varied as our Sunday bird walks.

Jamaica Bay National Wildlife Refuge is offering some very special programs, which include Spring Nature Walks on April 2nd & 17th and a Mudbat Sunset Stroll on April 24th. For information and reservations, just call (718) 318-4340.

Educators looking for something special should check out the free **Teacher Training Workshops** offered by the folks at the Theodore Roosevelt Bird Sanctuary in Oyster Bay. For more information about this program, After School Programs, and other educational opportunities, call 922-3200 [and look in this *Skimmer*].

The theme for National Wildlife Week (April 17-23) is "Let's Clean Up Our Act: Pollution Solutions." Roll up your sleeves, put on some work gloves, and join us in "cleaning up our act" at Cow Meadow Preserve on April 10th and Brookside Preserve on April 23rd. [Cow Meadow Preserve's cleanup starts at 1 p.m.; rain date is April 24th. For details see last month's Skimmer or call Dolores Rogers at 599-1224; the preserve is on the Freeport shore at the end of South Main Street. Brookside Preserve details are in this Skimmer.]

Maybe becoming an Armchair Activist is more your style. Support Earth Day on April 22nd by writing a letter to your elected officials to influence favorable policy on environmental issues. More information wanted? Call our Conservation Committee's Betty Borowsky [see Betty's article] or Mary Jane Russell (766-7397).

Audubon's National Environmental Education Center has summer employment opportunities at some of its ecology camps and workshops, including the camp in Maine and the workshop in Connecticut. Interested natural history instructors and college age students can write to National Audubon Society, 613 Riversville Road, Greenwich, CT 06831 for additional information.

Early renewal and enrollment materials are being sent out for the 11th Audubon Adventures school program for 1994-95. This year it is necessary to increase the subscription fee to \$35 per class, the first price increase since 1989. In an effort to assure timely processing and delivery of the publications, we encourage you to enroll or renew this spring.

Each class receives 32 student newspapers bimonthly for one academic year (six units total) and a Leader's Guide per



issue for the teacher. Also, each class receives a special Audubon Month poster and Leader's Guide in April. Topics for the 1994-95 school year will include bats, deciduous trees, sea turtles,

owls, amphibians, and butterflies & moths. Questions about *Audubon Adventures* should be directed to me at 731-4425.

Spring is planting time. Plant your seeds of wisdom, nurture the environment, do your part, and take advantage of some of these wonderful educational opportunities. Celebrate Audubon Month!

12 BIRD WALKS 12

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Elliott Kutner

All walks start at 9:30 A.M.; no walk if it rains or snows (not again!) or temperature is below 25°F. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667.

Mar. 27	Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
Apr. 3	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Apr. 10	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Apr. 17	Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
Apr. 24	Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
May 1	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
May 8	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
May 15&22	Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
May 29	Memorial Day Weekend — No Walk
June 5&12	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Aug. 14	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

SSAS VISITS TRS — SATURDAY, APRIL 16th

As mentioned in last month's President's Message, our chapter has been supporting National Audubon Society's oldest sanctuary for years without scheduling a special day for us to visit. Starting at 10 A.M. on April 16th, we will be walking on the trails of the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Bird Sanctuary's 12 acres of heavily wooded habitat, visit the interpretive center, and learn about all of TRS's activities, and some of us will eat lunch (those of us who brought lunch!).

The Sanctuary is located at 134 Cove Road in Oyster Bay, near President Roosevelt's grave and about a mile from Sagamore Hill National Historic Site. Take the Long Island Expressway to Exit 41 north, take Route 106 to the village of Oyster Bay, make a right turn on East Main Street, and go 1-1/2 miles; you will see signs for TRS parking. The parking lot is on your right.



AX WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AX

Marion Yavarkovsky

It is wonderful to see so many new members this month. Welcome to SSAS. You are what make this all-volunteer organization strong. Please become active in our many activities.

[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.]

Baldwin	Ms. Barbara Carroll, Bonnie
	Earnest, Ms. Wanda Kuhrke,
	Brian Walsh, Mark Walsh,
	Mr. Thomas H. Whelan
Bethpage	Mr. & Mrs. C. Ruff
Commack	Anthony Bongiorno
East Meadow	Wendy A. Bunten, Richard G.
	Gardner, Jerry Longobardi
Elmont	Mrs. P. E. Dorsey
Farmingdale	Mrs. Stella Bey, R. H. Heigel

Floral Park	Walter Bilz, Daniel Hansen, Mrs. Bill Mejia, S. Scialpi, Peter J. Truncale
Cranklin Canara	Ms. Joanne Conrad, Joan Drowne
	Mr. Christopher J. Buchman,
Galden City	Ms. Janice M. Christie, Garden
	City High School Library,
	Ms. Nancy Spring, Mrs. Gloria
	M. Ursini
Glen Oaks	Ms. Mary C. Heffernan,
01011	Michael Miraglia
Hempstead	Mrs. Trudy Levy, Ms. Ruth Mask,
	Mr. James P. McAleese
Hicksville	Ms. Mary Conlin, Martha Harris,
	Michael Stone
Levittown	Larry Berke, Christopher Gordon,
	Ms. Carol Mc Crystal, Natalie
	Reynolds, Samuel Rosenberg,
	Dr. Thomas Tumbarello
Long Beach	Ethel Bodah, Amalia Hofberg,
	Mary J. Mendoza, Keith R.
	Paul, Vincent Yemma
Lynbrook	Harvey Brod, Margaret T.
•	Bungert, Mrs. Herman Schmitt
Malverne	Robert Milone
Massapequa	L. Aimetti, Robert Barshay,
	Joan Boyce, Mr. Herman
	Cantor, Robert Dallmer,
	Lucy A. Oritz, William Rogers,
	Ms. Linda E. Ross, Adrienne
	Sturm, K. Sweeney, Mrs. W.
	Wardell
Massapequa Park	
Merrick	Roy Botha, John N. Budacovich,
	Dr. C. W. Colangelo, Nils
	Herrstrom, R. Newitt, Teresa M.
	Signorelli, P. Slator
Oceanside	D. Avila, The E. Leeper,
OLLD 4	Charles Ueboy
Old Bethpage	
	Charles Neleson, Ronald Rohin
	Nyla Amato, Roberta Doheny
Rockville Centre	Marilyn Avruskin, Aida Cino,
Conford	Barbara Dunn, William Faraday
Seaford Uniondale	
	Robert Egbert, Mr. Michael J.
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Wantagh	Mrs. James Consalvo, Ms. Jane
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	A. J. Erlenger, Helen Farrell,
	Mr. Barry J. Kurek
West Hempstead	Miss Tonya D. Mc Kie
Williston Park	•
	Helen & Bob Appleton,
	Dr. Leonard M. Segal
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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 10th (2 P.M. to 4 P.M.) — Eggs. Discover the various types and the importance of nature's perfect package. You'll meet live birds, amphibians, reptiles, and lots of eggs. TRS members \$3, nonmembers \$5.

Saturday, April 23rd (10 A.M. to 4 P.M.) — Project Wild and Aquatic. A free program sponsored by NY State's Return a Gift to Wildlife, introducing you to environmental education and the curriculum guides. Celebrate Earth Day by learning how to educate others.

Summer Camp Programs at TRS and Tackapausha. Call TRS for information on programs lasting from one to eight weeks (Mondays through Thursdays from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.) for children in pre-K through 4th grade.

Free Workshop Series. TRS is presenting a group of workshops intended to empower educators to lead their own field trips. We are focusing on five of the major issues which threaten the environmental health and future of Long Island. We encourage elementary and secondary educators, education students, scout leaders, etc., to attend these free workshops. For each topic, participants receive a curriculum guide composed of background information, preparatory material, field trip suggestions and activities, resources, follow-up material, reading lists, and more.

Each topic of this workshop series meets the requirements necessary for one in-service credit. Preregistration is required. Each workshop will run on the first three Saturdays of the month (1st Saturday at TRS, 9 A.M. to 12 P.M., 2nd on a trip from 9 to 5, and 3rd at TRS from 9 to 1), but can also be presented at your local teacher center or any site for a minimum of 10 educators.

The topic for April is the *Pine Barrens*. This workshop will address the Pine Barrens as an important Long Island watershed, a globally unique ecosystem, and an area threatened with development. Hands-on classroom activities will include tree discovery, animal and habitat lessons, and useful games/tools to encourage an understanding of the importance of these forests. Live animals of the Pine Barrens will be shown. Field trip will include Calverton Ponds, Hubbard County Park, Dwarf Pine Barrens, and David Sarnoff Preserve. There's no topic for May; topics for June and July are *Endangered Species* and *Long Island Sound*.

SEVENTH ANNUAL SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON BIRDATHON

Doreen Remsen and James Remsen, Jr.

It's that time of year again! On May 14th (rain date May 21st), the South Shore Audubon Society will take part in the 1994 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. Starting points and times for our Birdathon teams are as follows.

Team 1. Leader: Elliott Kutner (486-7667). Starts at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, 8:00 A.M.

Team 2. Leader: Paul Butkereit (623-0843). Starts at Hempstead Lake State Park, Peninsula Boulevard parking lot, 6:00 A.M.

Team 3. Leaders: James Remsen (764-5168) and Joe Grupp (481-4208). Starts at Mill Pond, Merrick Road, Wantagh, at 5:45 A.M., or join them later (approximately 8:00 A.M.) at Muttontown Preserve, Route 106 parking lot. 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 Chairperson 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 Chairperson.

Please Note: The Birdathon rain date this year is also the date of our Brigantine trip. Should it be necessary to use the rain date and you signed up for the Brigantine trip, please do your Birdathon species count on the trip!

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 SSAS.

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 the South Shore Audubon Society), and forwarding them with their sponsor pledge form(s) to the Birdathon Chairperson by *June 1*, 1994. 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.

BROOKSIDE CLEANUP & TRAINING SESSION Betsy Guiotta

Our annual spring cleanup is scheduled for April 23rd at 9:30 A.M. and will include a training session for potential volunteer tour guides. Brookside Preserve is a 20-acre parcel of natural woodlands and freshwater wetlands owned by Nassau County and managed by South Shore Audubon Society. The preserve is located on the west side of Brookside Avenue at the Freeport-Baldwin border, just north of Sunrise Highway.

ANOTHER WORLD

Emilie Petersen

Called Brookside Because it is On both sides Of the brook That wanders through A suburban block In a forest of old trees Blue periwinkle Grau fiddler ferns Not uet unfurled Bright green skunk cabbage And GOLD Shinier than the metal 🛭 👁 Uncountable 8-petaled 🍄 *Uellow wildflowers* Insisting on peeking above Velvety dark green leaves To plead their beauty And bounty A scene Almost more sacred Than prayer In April

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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 1st!

NATIONAL AUDUBON HEADQUARTERS OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, April 30th you're all invited to travel on your own to Greenwich Village in Manhattan to spend about 1-1/2 hours at Audubon House, 700 Broadway (at East Fourth Street).

The eight-story long-vacant Schermerhorn Building was purchased in 1989. From 1990 to 1992, the exterior was completely restored to celebrate its original turn-of-thecentury grandeur (its Romanesque Revival architecture was designed by the renowned George B. Post, whose other works included the Williamsburg Bank building in Brooklyn and the New York Stock Exchange), and the interior was renovated to become a model of an energy efficient, environmentally responsible workplace.

Audubon House uses 62% less energy overall than does a conventional, code compliant office building. Conventional office buildings use 2.4 watts of electricity per square foot; Audubon House uses 0.6-0.7 by employing readily available technology. The in-house recycling system was designed to capture 80% of the office's refuse. The materials used to renovate and furnish Audubon House are to a great extent recycled, natural, and low in toxicity. The high-efficiency ventilation system greatly exceeds standards for providing fresh air in a building.

If you're interested in learning about National Audubon Society and its building, join us for a 40 minute tour plus refreshments, a talk by Audubon scientist Jan Beyea, etc. Open House will take place from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M., with tours offered as needed in the morning and early afternoon. As the Skimmer goes to press, your Editor, Education Chairperson, and two other members are planning on arriving at Audubon House for a 1:30 tour. National Audubon needs to know approximately how many people are coming from each chapter and at what time, so anyone planning a visit should please call Michael Sperling at 541-0805 (after 7:30 P.M.) or send a postcard with your phone number and preferred time to me at 97 N. Pine St., N. Massapequa, NY 11758-2607.

CONSERVATION NEWS

Betty Borowsky

Armchair Activist Program Under Way. The Armchair Activist program is conducted by the National Audubon Society and participating local chapters to encourage more persons to become active in promoting conservation and environmental issues by writing to (or telephoning) appropriate legislators. Members of the program receive a mailing, about every other month, which describes an environmental or conservation issue which is currently pending in the legislature. The mailing describes the history and background of the issue and names the primary sponsors and/or opponents of the legislation. It also contains a sample letter which may be copied directly, although, of course, each person can write what they like to whom they like.

In addition to the bimonthly letters, from time to time other published material will be distributed. Examples of this are the Action Guide (described below) which summarizes activities we can engage in locally to promote conservation, and a pamphlet from the League of Women Voters which lists the names and addresses of local legislators to facilitate our contacts with them.

The Armchair Activist program is just getting under way in our chapter, and we welcome new members. The program is open to all members of the South Shore Audubon Society who wish to join and, in contrast with other chapters, no fee is required. You may sign up by contacting me at 764-3596.

Free Action Guide. The Conservation Committee has received copies of this publication and it will be sent to all Armchair Activists. This booklet "offers suggestions and guidelines for putting the ideas in the forthcoming book, the larger, National Audubon Society Almanac of the Environment, a 304 page book (costing \$16.95), which is to be published this month, to good use." The book "presents an exciting overview of the forces that affect the state of the earth — and tells what we can do to restore and protect it." The Conservation Committee has not reviewed the Almanac yet, but even the Guide offers some interesting suggestions.

Conservation Committee Meetings. There's a lot going on out there, and the Committee needs all the help it can get just to keep up with the various mailings and telephone calls it gets about environmental and conservation issues. We could sure use your help. If you are interested in joining us, call Betty** at 764-3596 to find out when and where our next meeting is, and to get on our mailing list. We also welcome any suggestions on local issues about which you might be concerned.

**Serves good cookies.

1993 NYS ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

Michael Sperling

Since the February Skimmer, I've been reprinting descriptions of the content and fate of all the bills covered in the Environmental Planning Lobby's comprehensive 1993 Voters' Guide. The EPL awarded a rating of 3 trees to proposed legislation that would be of significant assistance and benefit to help resolve a pressing problem facing New York's environment, 2 trees if it would provide substantial benefit to NY's environment, 1 tree if it would be beneficial to some aspect of NY's environment, 1 stack if it would be detrimental to the cause of environmental protection in NY, 2 stacks if it would do substantial harm to NY's environment, and 3 stacks if it would likely result in major or lasting harm to NY's environment.

So far, we've covered the best bills: Seven 3 tree bills passed the Assembly last year, three of which also passed the Senate and were signed into law by the Governor (the other four bills died in the Senate). Eleven 2 tree bills passed the Assembly, two of which became law (the other nine died in

the Senate). Four 2 tree bills passed the Senate; of the two not counted above, one became law by being incorporated in another bill and the other wasn't introduced in the Assembly. Here come most of the 1 tree bills.

Balloon Release Ban . Mass balloon releases may look pretty, but they spell death for many birds, fish, whales, and other marine life who ingest the plastic or become entangled in the strings. This bill prohibits the release of 25 or more balloons within a 24-hour period, with some exceptions. A617 (Grannis, D-Manhattan) passed the Assembly but was not sponsored in the Senate.

Seepage of Pollutants . A loophole in the existing Environmental Conservation Law excludes the "seepage" of pollution into the waters of the state as an unlawful act. This bill specifically makes unlawful the seepage of pollutants into waters constituting or lying above a sole-source aquifer. The bill also allows consumers and water suppliers who have been affected by the pollution to seek injunctive relief and damages. A992-A (Brodsky, D-Scarsdale) passed the Assembly but was not sponsored in the Senate.

Pesticide — Lawn Use . Common pesticides can have devastating effects on groundwater, wildlife, and critical habitat. Many pesticides are also known to cause cancer, birth defects, and other serious illnesses in humans. This measure limits these effects through groundwater protection provisions, notification requirements, time requirements, wildlife protection provisions, and record keeping requirements. A1055 (Luster, D-Ithaca) passed the Assembly but was not sponsored in the Senate.

Compliance Orders . Too frequently, violators of environmental laws who sign consent orders to clean up contamination are able to evade responsibility for their illegal actions because the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) lacks the resources to maintain ongoing enforcement efforts. This bill allows DEC to require polluters to post a bond to help insure that the terms of the order are met by the violator. A2614 (Grannis) passed the Assembly but was not sponsored in the Senate.

Marina Pumpout . Sewage discharges from boats can raise fecal coliform concentrations to levels which pose a threat to marine and human health. This legislation requires marinas of a sufficient capacity to provide pumpout facilities for the handling and disposal of sewage from vessel holding tanks. A1930-A (Koppell, D-Bronx) and S1109-A (Johnson, R-Babylon) passed both houses but was vetoed by the Governor.

Esopus Creek . The Esopus Creek is one of the treasures of New York State. It majestically winds its way through scenic rural areas, is located near an eagle sanctuary, and is home to a wild population of rainbow trout. This measure requires a study of the Esopus Creek and its possible addition to New York State's Wild, Scenic, and Recreational Rivers System. A4319 (Cahill, D-Kingston) passed the Assembly but was not sponsored in the Senate.

Judiciary Training . The effectiveness of state environmental laws hinges ultimately upon the proper disposition of cases by the judiciary. The bill would provide judges and justices with better training in provisions of the Environmental Conservation Law to ensure that they provide consistent decisions. The bill directs DEC to provide the judiciary with EnCon Law curriculum materials. A583 (DiNapoli, D-Great Neck) / S4204 (Daly, R-Lockport) passed both houses but was vetoed by the Governor.

Pesticide Use Reduction . This legislation requires state agencies, public authorities, and school districts to establish and implement integrated pest management policies. DEC would be required to survey the progress made by each of these agencies, give a biennial report on such progress to the Governor and the Legislature, and provide the agencies with technical assistance. A4774-B (Brodsky) / S1092-B (Daly) passed the Assembly but was held on the Senate floor.

Uranium Mining Ban . Uranium poses a serious threat to the environment as well as to populations that border the mining and mined areas. This bill permanently extends the prohibition against the mining of uranium in New York State. A8119 (Brodsky) / S5907 (Pataki, R-Peekskill) passed both houses and was signed by the Governor.

SHALL WE PLAN ANOTHER TRIP?

If there's enough interest, SSAS will plan a second visit to Costa Rica or our first ever trip to the Galápagos Islands, accompanied by the same guides who escorted us this past January. If you want to encourage us, please call Betsy Gulotta at 546-8841.

BRIGANTINE TRIP

As mentioned in the last two Skimmers, our bus trip to catch the spring migration at southern New Jersey's Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge is on May 21st. We will be leaving from the Merrick Park Golf Course at 7 a.m. and will return at about 7 p.m. Bring a box lunch — we will provide refreshments for the ride back. The price is \$21. We must have 35 people paid up by April 21st or the trip will be canceled; more likely, we'll run out of space on the bus. Please fill out the form below and send it, along with a check payable to South Shore Audubon Society, to Diane Singer, 118 Kent Road, Valley Stream, NY 11580.

Name:	<u>-</u> -
Address:	
Phone #:	
No. of People:	Amount Enclosed:

NOMINATIONS FOR 1994-1995 OFFICERS

Elliott Kutner

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 [Elliott Kutner (Chairman), William Hollweg, and Tom Torma] has recommended the following candidates:

President — Carole Adams
Vice President — Betty Borowsky
Treasurer — George Popkin
Recording Secretary — Louise Hillen
Corresponding Secretary — Doris Pirodsky
Director (to 6/97) — Lois Schlegel
Director (to 6/97) — Jonathan Staller

X OUR ANNUAL DINNER ❖

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Diane Singer & Shirley Kutner

This year's annual dinner will once again be held at the Pompei Restaurant in West Hempstead; it will cost just \$20 per person and will include entertainment by a one-man band. Save June 14th on your calendar and come enjoy dinner and being serenaded by nostalgic music of the '40s, '50s, and '60s — you can even do a lindy, conga, cha-cha; be a birding jitterbug, free like the birds. Dancing partner not required; nostalgia not required either (your President and Vice President/Editor were 5 and 10 years old, respectively, when the '60s ended). Cocktail hour starts at 6:30.\forall

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ADDRESS:
AMOUNT OF CHECK:
NUMBER OF PEOPLE:
NUMBER OF EACH MENU CHOICE:
Filet of Sole Dijon
Chicken Marsala
Eggplant Rollatini
Roast Beef
or, if you prefer:
Broiled Chicken
Broiled Fish

1993-1994 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

James Remsen, Jr., President
George Popkin, Treasurer (8 to 9 PM)
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