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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Carole A. Adams*

Welcome Back! Can you believe it, we're kicking off the 1996–1997 season of the South Shore Audubon Society? Before talking about what's coming up, let me fill you in on what was. Just before our dinner, I had the honor and pleasure of attending the National Audubon Convention in Washington, D.C.. I did have company. Our champion *Skimmer* editor, Michael Sperling, joined me and was rewarded with a terrific door prize. Other winners that need mentioning are Ginny Fields, President of Great South Bay Audubon Society, and Herb Roth, Newsletter Editor of Lyman Langdon Audubon Society. The significance is that Ginny, a two-time winner, Michael, and Herb all won on the same night and within minutes of one another. The “Long Island Contingency,” which included Alice DelBosco, President of Huntington Audubon Society, Marilyn England of the Living Oceans Program, and several others, made so much noise cheering that friends from a Connecticut chapter hollered “but you’ve still got D’Amato.” Enough said on that point.

We attended several interesting and informative workshops, got a chance to network with other chapter people from around the country, and had the honor of hearing, meeting, and being photographed with Carol Browner, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator. Ms. Browner was dynamic, enthusiastic, and well-informed. I'm glad she's on our side.

While Michael, Ginny, Herb, Alice, and others headed for the Capitol steps and lobbying, I was on a plane headed for home with pounds of reading material. I had so much literature that Michael brought some back in the trunk of his car for me.

Our annual dinner at the Pompei Restaurant was wonderful as usual; good food and good company always make for a success. Officers were installed and we welcomed three new Directors to the Board: Annie McIntyre, Bill Hollweg, and Jim Hartnett. Steve Goldberg will continue on the Board, joining Sandy Brenner in program-

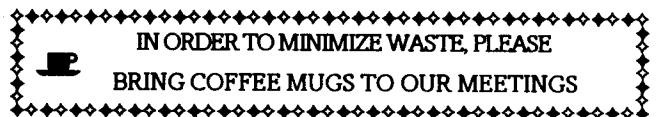
## NEXT MEETING

*Sandy Brenner & Steve Goldberg*

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 10, 1996  
**TIME:** 8:00 P.M. Ⓢ [Letter of the Month at 7:30]  
**PLACE:** Freeport Memorial Library  
Merrick Rd. & S. Ocean Ave.  
**SPEAKER:** Steven G. Goldberg  
**TOPIC:** The Wildlife of Botswana

Join us on a photographic safari through the Okavango Delta region of Botswana in southern Africa. We will be treated to intimate views of the often colorful and exotic birds, mammals, and scenery of this seasonally flooded wetland abutting the Kalahari Desert. Okavango is one of the last strongholds for African wildlife, appearing the way most of the continent did fifty years ago.

Steve Goldberg, an active member of SSAS, is an avid bird-watcher and nature photographer whose work has won awards in local competitions. Steve appeared on a special bird photography edition of Cablevision's “Family Pet.”



ming, and Lisa Borbee has agreed to continue her support and participation in chapter activities. Bruno Leporati finally got to share his slides with us — thank you so very much, Bruno. A very sincere thank you to the staff of the Pompei.

We closed June and the 1995–1996 season by hosting the Long Island Audubon Council meeting at Cow Meadow Preserve in Freeport. Jeff Wells, New York Important Bird Areas Coordinator, presented a very informative slide program. As a result, Long Island chapters will be joining hands in providing Jeff with much needed information on Important Bird Areas of Long Island. Nancy Fiske, National Audubon's new Field Membership Director, joined some of us later in the day and responded reassuringly to a

number of membership questions and concerns. It's a real positive experience working with both Jeff and Nancy. All in all, the meeting was considered successful, with a Planning Committee agreeing to meet at T.R. Sanctuary on September 5th to discuss joint representation at upcoming events on Long Island.

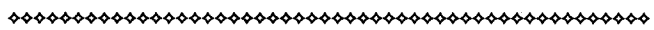
That leads me to "where do we go from here." A recent update report from Norm Shapiro, the NAS Board member elected by the Northeast Region's chapters, closed with the message "makes no difference where the hole is, we're all in the same boat." I sort of agree with Norm. We all have a lot of work ahead of us (fun, too!).

SSAS priorities include increasing membership, increasing *Armchair Activist* participation, increasing *Audubon Adventures* classroom enrollment, and increasing educational programs to community organizations. Improvements in these areas will certainly do a lot to plug up some "holes in the boat." If you have ANY suggestions or ideas, please let us know. Your input, as always, is vital and valued.



The fall meeting of the Audubon Council of New York State is scheduled for September 27-29 at the Bear Mountain Lodge along the Hudson. The invited keynote speaker is Governor George Pataki (now, that should be interesting). As of this writing, yours truly, your Vice President, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor will be attending. I will report on meeting events next month.

Enough for now. Be sure to check out September's program — this is one you won't want to miss. Looking forward to seeing you out on our weekly bird walks and at our monthly meetings. Most of all, hoping to hear some of your ideas for the future direction of South Shore Audubon. Thanks again for reading the *Skimmer*.



**BIRDATHON RESULTS**

*Jim Remsen & Doreen Remsen*

Despite constantly changing weather forecasts, rain was kind enough to hold off until one hour after our ninth annual Birdathon ended. What a day! Birds and birders were out in force!

It's time once again for our annual thank you to all those who helped make another Birdathon very successful for South Shore Audubon. Last year's record species totals were shattered, with 155 for the Butkerei team and 147 for the Grupp-Remsen team. The Kutner-Adams team finished with 119 species. Regardless of team totals, however, the real winners of this event were the environment and South Shore Audubon, both of whom will benefit from the funds raised. We thank all of these team leaders and participants for lending their time and expertise to our fund-raising efforts.

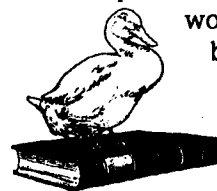
Special thanks are also due to Irving Kleiman, who conducted the Birdathon on his own and submitted a list of 82 species and a pledge. As of this writing, we have not yet compiled the chapter list of all species seen (we hope

to put it in an upcoming issue), but if any other observer saw a Merlin and a Least Flycatcher, we are not aware of it. According to our records, this was the only "independent" Birdathon conducted this year, but if we are somehow overlooking someone, please accept our apologies and send us a list of what you saw on the big day!

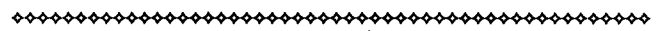
This year, our chapter grossed just over \$3000 in Birdathon profits, an excellent total that will not only help us here at South Shore but will also help four National Audubon programs voted on by our Board of Directors: Important Bird Areas, Population, New York State Field Office, and Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary. Fifty percent of the net Birdathon profits was divided evenly among these four causes; the remainder is in our treasury, for our chapter's use.

Prizes were awarded to our chapter's top fund-raisers and sponsor recruiters at the June dinner. These were Leonard Chipkin and Laia Schacter, first place; and Ken and Karen Wenzel, second place. Thanks are due also to all of our participants who brought in pledges and the sponsors who gave the money. We hope to make the tenth annual Birdathon next year a very special event for everyone, and we will be calling on all interested members, regular Birdathon participants, and team leaders to cooperate in these endeavors. We hope you'll be willing to join in.

Finally, we wish to extend thanks to a group of people who perhaps have been overlooked — the participants and donors who make our monthly raffles a success. As regular meeting attendees know, the Birdathon Committee has been conducting raffles at our monthly meetings. The income from these raffles supplements our share of the Birdathon profits. When we ran out of items to raffle a few years ago, members began donating items and now the raffles are running on 100% donated prizes, everything from good-quality used books to birdseed, table lamps, and birdhouses. Some handmade goods have also been offered. Speakers at our meetings have offered their own



works, such as photographic prints and books. We thank all of you who have generously given prizes or bought raffle tickets. Your response allows the Birdathon spirit to continue all year long!



**A MESSAGE FROM EVELYN BISHOP**

To my friends at South Shore Audubon: Thank you so much for naming the environmental studies scholarship in Jerry's memory. I wanted to get up and thank you all at the dinner, but I was crying too much. I am most grateful.



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# 1996 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

*Betsy Gulotta*

This year, the \$500 Jerry Bishop Environmental Scholarship has been awarded to Ann Marie Pozzini of Wantagh. Ann Marie is a graduate of Nassau Community College and is planning to study biology and resource management at Queens College in the fall.

Ann Marie volunteers for The Nature Conservancy at the Hempstead Plains and helps protect the Piping Plovers at Jones Beach. In June, she is going [went, we hope] to Wyoming to volunteer at a Nature Conservancy preserve, doing bird and wildflower inventories. She is excited about attending Queens College as a full-time student and is grateful for the scholarship to help pay for her tuition.

Congratulations, Ann Marie, and good luck in your academic endeavors.









### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Marion Yavarkovsky*

Since our last *Skimmer*, 112 new members have joined us. We welcome you and hope to see you at our monthly meetings, weekly bird walks, and special events. These are for you, so please join us.

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

- Atlantic Beach ..... Rebecca Barnett
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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 Society. The following programs are open to the public. Space is limited and registration is required for programs at TRS. All program fees are required at the time of registration.

*Sunday, September 1st (10 A.M. to 4 P.M.) — Whale & Seabird Watch.* A fund-raiser for TRS's Project Wild Trek, in conjunction with the Seatuck Foundation and Sam Sadove's Puffin Consulting. Individuals \$75, couples \$125.

*Sunday, September 15th (8 to 9:30 A.M.) — Fall Nature Walk at Hoffman Center, Muttontown.* Free.

*Wednesday, September 18th (7 to 9 P.M., adults) — Owl Prowl.* Learn about owl identification and natural history with live owls in the hand and then hike with us to find wild ones. TRS members \$5, nonmembers \$7.

**Weekend of September 21-22 (11 A.M. to 5 P.M.) — Annual Wildlife Festival at Planting Fields Arboretum.** Crafts, face painting, nature walks, activities, environmental organizations (including SSAS), vendors, food, and lots of animals live and in the hand — including falcon and **Andean Condor** flying demonstrations. \$5 per person, \$15 per family, plus parking.

*Friday, September 27th Through Sunday, September 29th (6 to 8 P.M., 8 A.M. to 2 P.M., and 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.) — Migratory Bird Workshop for Teachers and Other Adults.* This workshop will teach you about migratory birds and how to teach others about them. We'll be doing songbird and hawk banding, and teachers can earn one in-service credit. Total cost \$10.

*Saturday, September 28th (9 A.M. to 12 P.M., ages 12 and up) — Nissequogue River Canoe Trip.* TRS members \$25, nonmembers \$27.

*Saturday, October 5, 12 & 19 (9 A.M. to 2 P.M.) — Pine Barrens Workshop for Teachers and Other Adults.* \$10.

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## SSAS MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

*Mandy Neel*

Each year, our President submits a Chapter Recertification Report to National Audubon that includes a list of member activities throughout our communities. If you have presented a program or volunteered as a representative of SSAS, let me know. Corner me at the general meeting or on the bird walks! Or call me at home (798-0335). Make sure that you and the chapter get credit for your activities.

Here's the list of activities for the year ending June 30, 1996. (Editor's note: I shortened this list drastically by omitting our own general meetings and all the special events that were plugged in previous *Skimmers*.)

*National Park Service Presentation:* Betty Borowsky, 9/3/95

*Audubon Council of New York State Fall Retreat:* Carole Adams (selected 9/29 as member of the council's nominating committee), 9/29/95-10/1/95

*Display at Island Park Library:* Jonathan Staller, 10/95-11/95

*Baldwin High School Tour Arranged by Marion Yavarkovsky:* Betsy Gulotta, 11/2/95

*New Vision School Tour for Steve Hoffman:* Betsy Gulotta, 11/3/95

*New Vision School Tour for Nancy LaRocca:* Betsy Gulotta, 11/14/95

*Baldwin High School Tour for Tim Morsch:* Betsy Gulotta, 11/16/95

*South Nassau Christmas Bird Count:* Carole Adams and Paul Butkerei, 12/30/95

*Duck Survey:* Carole Adams, Paul Butkerei, Joe Grupp, Marge Jaeger, Annie McIntyre, Jim Remsen, Dolores Rogers, and Mary Jane Russell, 1/6/96 and other dates

*Owl Pellet Hunt for Schoolchildren:* Jonathan Staller, 2/13/96

*Brookside Preserve Cleanup with Girl Scout Troop 2307:* Betsy Gulotta, 3/30/96

*SSAS Earth Day Tables at Eisenhower Park:* Jonathan Staller and many helpers, 4/20/96

*Earth Day Lobby Day in Albany:* Dolores Rogers and Michael Sperling, 4/22/96

*Slide Presentation for Lyman Langdon Audubon Society:* Steve Goldberg, 4/23/96

*Brookside Preserve Tour and Cleanup with Cub Pack 546:* Betsy Gulotta, 5/4/96

*Nassau Community College Biological Survey and Study:* Betsy Gulotta, 5/6/96 and 5/10/96

*Brownie Troop 2088 Program with Jennifer Larossa:* Betsy Gulotta, 5/15/96

*Arbor Day at Planting Fields Arboretum:* Carole Adams, Nancy Frame, and Diane Singer, 5/96

If you participated in any of the activities listed, and your name is not included, please give me a call so I can add you to the list.



## ATTENTION TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND TROOP LEADERS

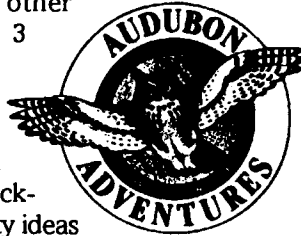
Suzanne Lancer

Part of the mission of South Shore Audubon Society is to promote environmental education. To fulfill this goal, South Shore Audubon Society sponsors, by paying full or partial costs, subscriptions to the *Audubon Adventures* program.

The *Audubon Adventures* is the youth education program of the National Audubon Society, geared to elementary school classes and other children's groups grades 3 through 6. A subscription consists of 32 copies of a bi-monthly newspaper and a Leader's Guide for each issue. The Leader's Guide has background information and activity ideas related to the featured topic of the newspaper. Samples of the newspaper or Leader's Guide are available.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to enroll your group in the *Audubon Adventures* program. Please call me if you want to enroll or if you have ANY questions — Suzanne Lancer, Education Chairperson, (516) 536-6574, between 7 and 9 P.M.

**Enrollment Deadline** to receive the full subscription is **October 11th**.



## AUDUBON ADVISORY

[Editor's Note: The following is most of the latest issue of *Audubon Advisory*, a free weekly publication from the Washington, D.C. office that provides legislative updates on Audubon campaigns and programs. To receive the *Audubon Advisory* electronically via Audubon's read-only Audubon-News listserv, send an e-mail message to "majordomo@igc.apc.org" with a blank subject line and the text "subscribe audubon-news"; to receive it via fax, fax your unattended fax number to 800-609-7787. In addition to, or instead of, the *Advisory*, SSAS members are encouraged to join the free **Armchair Activist** program; you'll receive a monthly letter in your regular mailbox about a critical federal or New York State issue, accompanied by a sample letter and a request that you contact an elected official regarding that issue. To sign up, please call Betty Borowsky or Mary Jane Russell (see back page), or send us a postcard.]

This issue of the *Audubon Advisory* summarizes the status of key legislation as Congress goes into recess from August 3rd until September 3rd. Publication of the *Advisory* will resume when Congress is back in session.

**Human Population and Wildlife.** On Friday, July 26th, the Senate passed its version of the FY97 [1997 Fiscal Year] Foreign Operations Appropriations bill by a vote of 93 to 7. The Senate version of the bill would restore \$410 million earmarked for population assistance, provide \$35 million for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and eliminate the House-passed restrictions on international family planning. As of this printing, a meeting date between House and Senate conferees has not been set.

Opponents of international family planning programs are expected to challenge the Senate committee-approved provisions. Contact your Senators and urge them to oppose any modification of the provisions of H.R. 3540 that would decrease funding for population assistance. Remind them that population assistance funds family planning, not abortion, and that additional restrictions will serve only to increase the incidence of abortion in developing nations by limiting access to family planning.

**National Wildlife Refuges.** The Omnibus Parks Bill, a huge piece of legislation that is openly hostile not only to National Parks but also to National Wildlife Refuges, has been stalled in conference committee. As a result of a united stance by the conservation community against the bill and a veto threat by President Clinton, Congress has apparently realized that the bill cannot pass in its current form and has begun disassembling it. Four provisions from the Omnibus Parks Bill have been separated from it and sent to the Senate floor. Two Senators have since put holds on these provisions: Boxer (D-CA), because the bill does not include her provision to preserve the Presidio of San Francisco, and Murkowski (R-AK), because the bill does not include the Alaska land giveaways.



### Explore the coast with the **AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY**

**CAPE MAY HAWK WATCH** (Sept. 27-29) Cost: \$195 covers beachfront motel, Saturday lunch and dinner, slide shows, and some cherrystone clams. See migrating hawks and hawk banding demo. Call (908) 291-0055.

**SUNKEN FOREST FIRE ISLAND** (Sat. Oct. 5) Hike the boardwalk trail, dunes, and beach during peak fall hawk migration. Bring lunch. Cost: \$15 includes ferry.

**BRUNCH ON THE BAY** (Sat. Oct. 19, 11 A.M. to 2 P.M.) A three-hour ecology tour of Jamaica Bay on the new Dorothy B VIII. See egrets, herons, ibis, oystercatchers, and hawks. Enjoy salads, homemade muffins, bread, and butter. Cost: \$25.

**ASSATEAGUE FALL WEEKEND** (Nov. 7-10) Visit Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. See wild ponies, Sika deer, Delmarva fox squirrels, Bald Eagles, and river otter. Cost: \$225 includes 3 nights motel, safari ride, "all-you-can-eat" seafood buffet, and guides.

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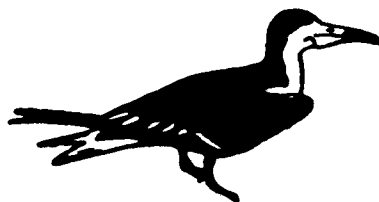


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