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NEXT MEETING

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DATE:

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

TIME:

7:30 р.м.

PLACE:

Freeport Memorial Library

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

SPEAKER:

Peter Capainolo

TOPIC:

The Biology and Ecology of North American Birds of Prey

At our April meeting, Peter Capainolo will present a slide program on raptors (hawks, eagles, falcons, vultures, and owls) and their extraordinary characteristics for survival. Their sharp eyesight and hearing, and their ability to capture a diverse array of prey, have made raptors one of the best-studied groups of birds.

Peter has had an interest in natural history, particularly ornithology, since boyhood. He grew up on the south shore of eastern Long Island and spent much of his time exploring area salt marshes, beaches, woods, and creek bottoms, which were then relatively untouched by development and overpopulation. Many species of birds of prey can be observed on Long Island during the fall migration and this group of birds captured his attention so intensely that he applied for, and received at the age of 18, one of the first falconry licenses issued by New York State. He studied zoology and practiced falconry under renowned ornithologist Dr. Heinz Meng at the College at New Paltz. State University of New York, and subsequently earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in biology. Currently he is Senior Scientific Assistant in the Department of Ornithology at the American Museum of Natural History and an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Biology at The City College of the City University of New York. Join us!

Pre-Meeting Program on Birds. Starting at 7 P.M. each month, Scott Oglesby expands our birding horizons in the rear of our meeting area. 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 gas station that borders Sunrise Highway.

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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 wildlife.

Therese Lucas

Stepping out in the evening to a nice warm breeze is just around the corner and the chill of winter will be a distant memory. An especially nice evening to step out will be **Tuesday, June 9th** to attend the South Shore Audubon Society 38th Annual Dinner.

The dinner gives us the opportunity to celebrate the birding and conservation experiences and events of the past year, and mingle with fellow members, old and new. Family, friends, and nonmembers are welcome too.

The evening will be highlighted by the presentation of the Conservation, Merit, and Scholarship Awards, as well as the Super Raffle, Chinese Auction, and 50/50 Drawings. There will also be a raffle for Birdathon participants.

Despite these challenging economic times, the dinner cost is the same as last year. We're looking forward to the pleasure of your company on June 9th. Form on page 7.

JOIN US AT GREENWICH AUDUBON CENTER

Barbara Levine

Calling all birders, hikers, families, and photographers! On **Saturday, May 16**, we will be driving to the Audubon Center of Greenwich, arriving 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 tax-deductible 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.

HECKSCHER STATE PARK SPRING FESTIVAL

This annual event will celebrate Earth Day from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. on April 25th and 26th. Look for SSAS's table.

BIRDS AND WILDLIFE NEED YOU - JOIN AUDUBON'S ACTION NETWORK!

Laura McCarthy

Audubon Action Alerts are a quick, easy way to get access to your lawmakers, local media, and inside information on issues impacting birds, other wildlife, and their habitats. If you aren't already a part of our online action network, signup today at www.audubonaction.org/newyork.

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you with easy-to-send letters and automatically matching you to your specific federal and state lawmakers. Action Alerts are sent periodically on issues of national concern (from the grassroots office of the National Audubon Society) and on a statewide or local level (from Audubon New York, working closely



with chapters around the state). Please sign up today—the more people we can reach with this tool, the more successful we will be in our conservation efforts.

If you provide at least your city, state, and zip code when signing up, we will be able to send you alerts and invitations that affect you most directly. Don't worry — we will not inundate your in-box, your information is confidential and will not be used for other purposes, and you can unsubscribe anytime.

We know that lawmakers care about your views and opinions. As a constituent, you have a unique ability to convey your concerns to them. Helping is easy, won't take much time, and most importantly, will go a very long way in protecting our wildlife!

Editor's note: Laura McCarthy is the Grassroots Coordinator for Audubon New York.

OUR TENTH ANNUAL CENTRAL PARK WALK

On **Saturday, May 2**, SSAS is planning to be in Central Park for our annual (weather permitting) early May morning bird walk. Once again, Manhattan residents (and old-time SSAS members) Chris Cooper and Lloyd Spitalnik, both top-notch birders, are being asked to lead us through the twisting maze of the Ramble and adjoining areas of the park. In previous years, we've recorded 45 to 70-plus species in under three hours (54 last year, including 16 warblers).

The cost of the walk is \$5, which is a tax-deductible fund-raising donation to SSAS (refundable if we rain out or you cancel in advance). Please send your check payable to South Shore Audubon Society, along with your phone number and e-mail address, to Joanne Del Prete, 20 Ceil Pl., Bethpage, NY 11714-4503 (phone 433-0739, jdelprete47@optonline.net) by April 26.

We plan to depart from Penn Station's LIRR waiting room at 8:30 to meet our leaders in Central Park at around 9:15. The walk usually ends around noon. You can bring lunch or buy it in the park, or head back home after the walk if you prefer. Join us!



Explore the coast with the

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SPRING MIGRATION AT JAMAICA BAY (Sat., April 25, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.). Meet at visitor center for easy hike around ponds & gardens. See warblers, tanagers, egrets, herons, other beautiful migrants. Limit 25. Contact Don to reserve. GREAT SWAMP & RAPTOR TRUST, NJ (Sun., April 26) STERLING FOREST WARBLERS (Sun., May 17). Leave Manhattan at 10 A.M. for 1-hr bus trip to this 20,000 acre preserve. See nesting Cerulean, Golden-winged, Blue-winged, and Hooded Warblers and lots more. Cost: \$65.

JAMAICA BAY SUNSET CRUISE (Sat., May 30 & June 20, 5–8 P.M.). Enjoy a cruise aboard 100' boat "Golden Sunshine" from Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn. Visit backwater marshes & JFK Airport. Learn about bay's history, ecology, and wildlife. See nesting peregrine falcon, osprey, egrets, shorebirds, and waterfowl. Cost: \$45 incl. narrated tour plus wine & cheese, fruit, drink, snacks. Leaders: Mickey Cohen, Don Riepe.

MONTAUK SPRING WEEKEND (June 5–7). Easy hikes along bluffs, "Walking Dunes," woods, and beaches during peak orchid and heather bloom. Activities include birding, seining, tidepooling, botanizing. Cost: \$345 incl. 2 nights at luxurious Manor House, 5 meals, 5 hikes, 2 evening programs, star watch, free LIRR pickup. Leaders: Mickey & Don. Limit 60.

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.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2009-2010 55AS BOARD

At South Shore Audubon Society's general meeting on May 12, officers and directors will be elected for our next fiscal year, which begins July 1. All members attending that meeting may nominate candidates from the floor and vote.

The SSAS nominating committee (chaired by Marilyn Hametz, and including Gail Brown and Mary Jane Russell) will provide a list of recommended candidates in next month's *Skimmer*. Suggestions may be submitted to the committee by any SSAS member; you can call Marilyn at 799-7189 or e-mail mwhametz@optonline.net.

MEET YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wendy Murbach

This month I would like to introduce Jim Brown, our very active Conservation Chairperson. He works hard to save habitat on Long Island, to keep it safe and healthy to live in for us and for wildlife. He and his wife Gail are very valuable members of our Audubon community.

- 1. How did you get started with South Shore Audubon and when? Gail and I became involved with SSAS around 1994, about a year after moving from East Northport to Long Beach. We were members of NAS since the mid-1980s, but not active with Audubon until hooking up with SSAS. Initially we went to meetings (the first, I believe, was about Arctic birds in 1994), a few bird walks with Elliott Kutner, and several of the annual dinners. Later, we both became involved with the waterfowl surveys.
- 2. Where did you go to school and what was your major? I first attended Concordia College in Bronxville (Liberal Arts), then Boston University, where I majored in biology. After graduating in the late 1960s, I changed to sociology, eventually earning a Ph.D. at Boston College, writing my thesis on Mexican economics and politics. Later, I became a librarian after earning my MLS at the Palmer School of Library and Information Science at C.W. Post.
- 3. What position did you hold on the SSAS Board? What position do you presently hold? I have been a Director for SSAS. Currently I am the Conservation Chairperson.
- 4. What exactly is it that you do in your present Board position? As Conservation Chairperson I have dealt with a number of issues that affect LI's environment. These have included fighting the Trump restaurant/catering hall/nightclub at Jones Beach, working on building a coalition of groups to oppose liquefied natural gas development off our coast, and helping preserve open space along the south shore. In my capacity as Conservation Chairperson, I attend public meetings to give SSAS's viewpoint on any number of environmental issues. I also serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee of the South Shore Estuary Reserve Council, representing SSAS.
- 5. What else do you do for SSAS? I attend as many Long Island Audubon Council meetings as I can, help with the

- occasional waterfowl survey, and work on some of the Brookside Preserve cleanups. I especially enjoy the times I have been able to present your Jeop-birdy quiz at annual members' night meetings!
- 6. If you are working, what do you do? I am a reference librarian at the Shelter Rock Public Library, and my duties include answering reference questions, choosing and purchasing books, leading book discussion groups, etc.
- 7. What is your environmental philosophy? I seek in my environmental work to preserve nature in as pristine a state as possible. I am especially concerned with the decline in habitat for wildlife, leading to extinctions and the corresponding loss of diversity on our planet. Human beings must work to preserve habitat for other species, not exploit nature solely for our own needs.
- 8. If you are a birder, how did you get started birding? What is the most interesting birding tale you have been involved with? I became involved in birding primarily through the Audubon Society, especially through my involvement with SSAS, through the bird walks and the waterfowl surveys. I am not a particularly good birder, but I enjoy it, and when hiking usually bring along a pair of binoculars. The funniest birding story for Gail and myself happened on our honeymoon to Iceland. We flew in a small Twin Otter plane to Grimsey Island on the Arctic Circle, just north of Iceland proper. We were hoping to see puffins (pictured). After landing, a bunch of people headed one way; we went

the other. We were dive-bombed by innumerable terns and the scenery along the cliffs was marvelous, but we saw no puffins. When we got back to the plane, the other group recounted the huge numbers of puffins they saw on the other side of the island! That was in 1983. It wasn't until just a few years ago that we finally got to see puffins for the first time, on a trip we took to Bird Island off the coast of Nova Scotia. It was a beautiful little boat ride — we saw many, many puffins,

9. What are your other interests? Some of my other interests include hiking, trail building (Gail and I work with the West of Hudson Trail Crew of the New York—New Jersey Trail Conference), reading, traveling, and politics.

along with razorbills, eagles, and seals!

- 10. What makes SSAS important in your estimation? SSAS is so important to LI for its emphasis on preserving the island's bird life in particular, and for protecting our environment in so many ways. SSAS realizes the importance of protecting habitat for the benefit of all.
- 11. Anything else you think is important to include? To protect the environment adequately, education is needed; also citizen participation and strong political action. I have one grown son, Ethan, who is Gail's stepson. When we all get together Ethan lives in Albany we try to get out into nature, wherever it might be.

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BROOKSIDE PRESERVE CLEANUP TIME

On **Sunday, April 19**, from 1 to 3 P.M., SSAS will have its annual spring cleanup at Brookside Preserve, rain or shine. Brookside is a 20-acre freshwater wetland, wood-



land, and upland area owned by Nassau County that was rescued from oblivion and is managed by SSAS. With help from a state grant, we produced a trail guide, educational freshwater wetland guide for children, and a video. The guides are posted at ssaudubon.org. Our proposal

for preserve improvements using county environmental bond act funds was approved and is awaiting in-house planning by the Department of Public Works.

The Preserve is located on the Freeport-Baldwin border, along Milburn Creek; park at the main entrance on Brookside Avenue just north of Sunrise Highway (turn north at the traffic light that's just east of Freeport H.S.). Please bring gloves, rakes, bags, and/or friends of all ages.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE The Birdathon Is Coming - May 8th & 9th

Wendy Murbach

What Is the Birdathon???????? The Birdathon is South Shore Audubon's exciting, enjoyable, and outdoorsy fund-raiser.

How Does It Work???????? The Birdathon lasts for 24 hours. You look for as many different kinds of birds as you can find during that time period. You can participate for as long or as short a time as you wish. You can travel all over to see birds, you can bird by car, you can stay in your own backyard, or you can look out your window.

What Makes It a Fund-Raiser???????? Before you go out to look for birds, you ask people — friends, enemies, associates, and even relatives — to pledge an amount for each bird species that you will find during the time you are Birdathoning. The pledge amount can be anything — a penny, a nickel, a dime, or even a million dollars per different kind of bird. You can even pledge money yourself if you want to or if you are too shy to ask anyone else.

Who Can Participate???????? Everyone can participate — novice, expert, and somewhere in between.

Do I Have to Do This Alone???????? Oh no; you can join one of the SSAS teams that are going out Birdathoning. Both will be led by experienced and excellent birders, so you will be helped to see many birds (often over 125 species). The schedule for these teams will be available in the next *Skimmer*.

Do I Have to Go Out With One of Those Teams???????? Oh no; you alone, you and a friend, or you and a group of friends can form your own team and see how many different birds you can find.

What Do I Have to Do?????????

- 1. Get people to pledge or pledge money yourself.
- 2. On Friday, May 8th and Saturday, May 9th from 5 P.M. to 5 P.M. (a week later if we're postponed by rain), look for as many different kinds of birds as you can find. You may be with an SSAS team or with your own team. Have a lot of fun. Enjoy the outdoors and the competitive feeling of seeing how many species you can find.
- 3. Keep a record of all the different species of birds that you see in the 24-hour period mentioned above.
- 4. Send your list and money from your pledges to Jim Remsen, who will compile it all. The results will be announced at the annual dinner, where Birdathoners will be eligible to win special raffle prizes (attendance is not required but allows you to choose a particular prize).
- 5. Enjoy the feeling of having a great outdoor experience and of contributing a donation to South Shore Audubon's continuing environmental oversight and protection of Long Island habitats.

Where Can I Get More Information About the Birdathon???????

BACKYARD SURVEY DATA NEEDED!

Joe Grupp

For several years, SSAS's Research Committee has been conducting a study to document the bird species found in our area and to estimate their numbers. We greatly appreciate input from anyone that feeds and/or observes birds in their yard or neighborhood. Please do not hesitate to submit your observations, even if you make very few.

Simply record the date, time, and the number or approximate number of each species. 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. Survey sheets are available at SSAS events and at ssaudubon.org or you can create your own.

Please mail your data to Mr. J. Grupp, Research Chairperson, 660 Edgemere Ave., Uniondale, NY 11553 or e-mail Birdstudyjoeg02@aol.com.

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.

Mar. 29	Point Lookout Town Park, S.E. corner*
Apr. 5	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Apr. 12	Hempstead Lake State Park**
Apr. 19	Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside
Apr. 26	Point Lookout Town Park, S.E. corner*
May 3	Norman J. Levy Park and Preserve
May 10	Hempstead Lake State Park**
May 17	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
May 24	Memorial Day Weekend — No Walk
May 31	Mill Pond Park (Wantagh/Bellmore, north
	side of Merrick Rd.)
June 7	Hempstead Lake State Park**
June 14	Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside

*We plan to visit Lido Preserve after Point Lookout.

**Parking for Hempstead Lake State Park: Take Southern State Parkway Exit 19 (Peninsula Blvd.) south for about two miles. Turn left at the traffic light for Lakeview Ave. and then make the second left onto Broadway. Go north to the end of the street and find a parking spot on the street. We will meet by the footbridge that crosses over Peninsula Blvd. and goes into the park.



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Wendy Murbach

One of the wonderful perks that you get from an Audubon membership is the chance to be a part of your local Audubon chapter, South Shore Audubon Society.

You are automatically a valued member of this active and friendly chapter, so please come out to the next meeting at the Freeport Library from 7:30-9:30 P.M. on the second Tuesday of the month (September through May) to hear what you can do to help preserve your local environment's health and viability, to hear about local issues that you can help to solve, and to see an interesting program.

Whether you are a beginning birder or someone with a large life list, you will enjoy our weekly Sunday bird walks. Check out the special events that are mentioned in this *Skimmer*. Attend them yourself, and bring your family and friends too.

You are warmly invited to be an active participant in this vibrant all-volunteer organization comprised of persons who, like you, care about the earth we live on, about our local environment, and about the creatures that live alongside us. Our newest members are:

Baldwin	Ramon Lucas, Sandra Peppiatt
Bellmore	Dennis McCann, Pat Moran, P. Novin
East Rockaway	Benjamin Cotte
Elmont	Susan Rush
Floral Park	Emily DiGiulio, Darleen Guidice,
	Carol Lipsky, Christopher J.
	McManus
Franklin Square	Henrietta Levit
Freeport	Serge Dodard, Joan Sanders
Garden City	Henrietta Calandrino, Patrick
	McCormack
Hempstead	
Hicksville	Reinalda Nelson, Candice C. Peters
Lawrence	
	John Lever, Christine Llinas
	Maxine Evers, Jane Goldschlager
Lynbrook	Pat Jones
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	Purdy, Rosanne Reulbach, Jacinda
	Sommer, Dale Stavin
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	Linda Coronel, Alan Grimm, Donald
	Karabaich, Maurice Paztrowitz,
THE WAY	Brian Turchin
Plainview	Eileen Dershowitz
	James Lynch, Ida Plaia, Ellen Schure
Seaford	
	Ann Ostrosky, Elvira Thomas
Valley Stream	
Wantagh	Karen Barnes, Michelle & Peter Nicoletti
West Hempstead	Fran Acer, Naomi Stemp
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NATURE TALES FROM A WANDERER Southern Nevada - Part I: A Bird I Wanted to See

Joe Grupp

In preparation for a recent trip to the Las Vegas area of southern Nevada, I began to realize that there was a bird of the arid desert environment that I had wanted to see ever since I first became aware of it. It was not the type of thought that became the goal of a birding lifetime, but one much more subtle. Some years ago, I came across the bird in a field guide and thought it would be a neat bird to see. Ever since then, whenever I came across it in field guides, literature, etc., that same thought crossed my mind and then it would leave me until I came across the bird in the same manner again.

While discussing with my wife, Dolores, some of the good birding locations in southern Nevada that she had researched, I began to realize that the bird was a resident of that area and from that moment on, a goal of the trip was to see the bird, a Verdin. The City of Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve was one of the locations she found when doing the research and the Verdin was listed as being a common resident at the preserve. Conveniently, we were going to stay in Henderson, a suburb of Las Vegas only about 15 minutes from the preserve.

We were at the gate of the Kurt R. Segler Water Reclamation Facility shortly after breakfast on our first morning in Nevada. The preserve covers about 100 acres of land and is comprised of nine lagoons of reclaimed treated water from a wastewater treatment facility. The purpose of the lagoons is to allow the reclaimed water to filter through the desert sands to an underground aquifer. The dikes separating the lagoons, which are next to one another, have paths on them lined with mostly desert-shrubtype vegetation, allowing visitors and staff access for observation, etc. The lagoons have been designed having small islands in them and plantings that are good for birds and other wildlife; thus they serve the utilitarian purpose of water reclamation and provide habitat for wildlife, especially for waterfowl, etc. Considering the desert environment and its lack of surface water, they are effective doing both.

Talking to a staff member at the Visitor Center when we arrived, we were assured that we would have no trouble at all seeing a Verdin. Of course, hearing that said and seeing the bird at times can be two different things. After an hour or more wandering the preserve's paths, we had a decent bird list but no Verdin. Meeting the same staff member on the paths, she advised us to sit at the tables near the hummingbird feeder or even at the window in the Visitor Center and watch the surrounding small trees and shrubs, etc., and be patient.

Following her instructions, we sat and waited and waited and nothing. I got antsy after a while, walked down the path a short way, and all of a sudden noticed some motion in a shrub. I got my binoculars on it. VERDIN! I got my bird! It is an easy bird to identify. It is a small, mostly gray bird (pictured) that has a yellow face that at times looks like the yellow is just lightly brushed across the dominant gray. In different light, the face appears a brighter yellow. Its behavior reminded me of that of a hyperactive chicka-



dee, as it was in almost constant motion and perched only momentarily. It was hard to follow through the binoculars because it was so

active. In a few moments, the bird worked its way from the shrub through the branches of the small trees and onto the hummingbird feeder, where it took a drink of sugar water. Dolores, sitting near the feeder, now had her VERDIN!

On another day, we visited the preserve again and the Verdins were more active than they were on our first visit. We watched them carry fairly long pieces of dry vegetation into one of the small trees. Verdins build two types of enclosed spherical nests that have a single opening. One type is for the rearing of young. The second type is for roosting and it serves to protect them from the severe desert heat in the summer, and to preserve their body heat and keep them warm in the winter.

We also saw Verdins at different locations during our trip, as they are pretty common in that part of the country. At one point during my initial observation, when I had one in view through my binoculars, I thought, "Most people come to Las Vegas to go to the entertainment facilities. We came in part to explore a wastewater reclamation treatment facility." I got my bird!

************************************ COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS WANTED

Thanks to another generous donation from Evelyn Bishop, South Shore Audubon Society is again offering two \$750 Jerry Bishop Environmental Scholarships this spring to college juniors, seniors, or graduate students who are continuing their studies toward a degree in an area of biological or environmental science, such as wildlife management, forestry, animal behavior, ecology,



marine biology, oceanography, mammalogy, or ornithology. For information cell B tion, call Betsy Gulotta at 546-8841 or

send e-mail to gulotte@ncc.edu. Applications are due by April 30 and we typically receive just a few, so apply if you're eligible or please help us spread the word!

Also: The Foundation for Long Island State Parks is offering the \$1500 Michael S. Lawton Environmental Scholarship, which includes a summer environmental studies internship worth about \$3500. Applicants must have completed at least two semesters of college, have a designated environment-related major, and apply by April 15. Details are posted at www.estuary.cog.ny.us/estuarynews/MichaelSLawton.htm.

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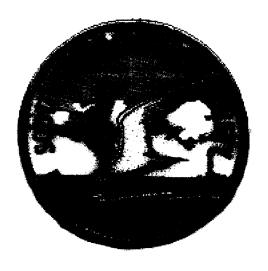
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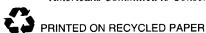
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Hot hors d'oeuvres during cocktail hour. Entrees include Sliced London Broil with Pan Juices, Bone-in-Breast of Chicken with Wild Mushrooms in Natural Pan Juices, Roasted Sole Stuffed with Julienne Vegetables, or vegetarian option. Wine & soda included; cash bar.

Directions to Coral House: Take Southern State Parkway Exit 20 (Grand Ave.) south for 1-1/2 miles to the fork in the road. Bear left at the fork (Milburn Ave.) and go across Sunrise Highway. Coral House is on the left and parking is on the right, just north of Merrick Rd.

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