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NEXT MEETING

Enid Klein

DATE:

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

TIME:

7:30 P.M.

PLACE:

Freeport Memorial Library

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

SPEAKER: TOPIC:

Steve Nanz Nature in Motion

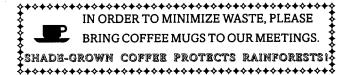
At our first monthly meeting since summer break, guest speaker Steve Nanz will present a slide show of his photos of subjects of the natural world engaged in various forms of action. This will be a fun look at birds and insects in interesting or unusual positions, with emphasis on their behavior. Our journey will include birds in flight, various birds tending their chicks, foraging and hunting behavior, and a skipping eagle.

Steve's interest in birding blossomed in 1997, followed by an interest in nature photography. As his interest in exploring wildlife grew, he became more active in the birding community, leading field trips for the Brooklyn Bird Club and, on occasion, the Linnaean Society and New York City Audubon. He has had several photo exhibits at the Audubon Center in Prospect Park and regularly presents slide shows for local nature clubs. He currently sits on the board of directors of NYC Audubon.

Steve grew up in Wisconsin and came east to attend Hamilton College in upstate New York. After graduation he moved to Brooklyn, where he currently resides with his wife and daughter. Some of his nature photography can be seen at www.stevenanz.com.

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

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wendy Murbach

Welcome back from your summer vacation. This summer was full of South Shore Audubon activity. The annual dinner held this June was a wonderful tribute to two of our members, Elliott Kutner and John Zarudsky, both of whom have contributed so much to the educational knowledge base of South Shore Audubon. We awarded scholarships to two college students who will be attending classes in biology and environmental studies next semester; Betsy Gulotta was in charge of finding our candidates for the college scholarships. Joe Landesberg found our four high school scholarship winners. All the dinner arrangements were very capably made by Therese Lucas. The food was excellent, raffle gifts generous, and I saw everyone enjoying themselves while I played at being MC.

Our July picnic at Wantagh Park was fun for those who attended. August's trip to Paul Adams' Hummingbird Sanctuary in Baiting Hollow was an idyll of hummers, butterflies, flowers, and Long Island Sound scenery. On August 24–27, we're sending 12 youngsters from the Uniondale School District to the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary Day Camp in Oyster Bay, where they will be introduced to nature, environmental themes, and wildlife; Betty Borowsky was the liaison between the camp and the schools in order to set this up for us.

We have hosted scout troops at our Brookside Preserve and walked them through nature; Marilyn Hametz arranged these walks and Alice O'Connor was their nature guide. We participated in the Horseshoe Crab Count; Don Temple was the crew captain. Joe Grupp has continued his birding research all summer. Laurie Raisher, our treasurer, sorted out our budget for next year.

Soon we are entering our fall/winter season, so please attend our monthly meetings. Our programs chair, Enid Klein, has arranged another season of informative, captivating, and educational speakers. Once again, our meeting breaks will be hosted by our hospitality chair, Mary Jane Russell. Accompany our birding trip chair and vice president, Steve Schellenger, on our weekly Sunday bird walks; you will see many birds and you will see your friends too.

George Peters and Marilyn Hametz have arranged a working day at Brookside Preserve to begin our drive to rid the area of invasive species. Bring your clippers to Brookside on Thursday, September 3rd at 4 P.M. Barbara Levine has arranged another wonderful trip for us to Greenwich Audubon Center in October.

Look for announcements of South Shore Audubon events and meetings in the *Skimmer* (edited by Mike Sperling), on our website (ssaudubon.org, managed by our webmaster, Anne-Marie Conn), and in listings in various media publications (publicity by Marilyn Hametz).

I urge you to participate in our chapter's activities. You will meet the best people, you will contribute to environmental activism, you will increase your knowledge, you will have fun, and you will help others to have fun also. See you in September.

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"A LITTLE SOMETHING IS BETTER THAN A WHOLE LOT OF NOTHING"

Therese Lucas

That quote is from Medina Cooper-Swass, who was one of the visitors to the SSAS table during the Heckscher State Park Environmental Festival last spring. It's a phrase we should all keep in mind as we strive to improve our habits.

How green are you? Greener than Kermit? Greener than your neighbor? Greener than you were last year?

Try posting "How green are you?" on the fridge, in the garage, or in the office (home or work) as a reminder. Have a conversation with a neighbor, family member, or coworker regarding recycling. The result is that people really stop and take a look during the conversation at what they have, have not, or could be doing. It's quite enlightening for many and starts a great interaction within a family. I know, because I saw it happen when we asked people how green they were. As they conversed about what they could write down, they came up with other things they could be doing.

Julia of West Babylon is recycling more than she used to. Amelia of West Babylon is also recycling more. Don Temple of SSAS is now recycling plastic food packaging. Gilda Reinhard of North Bellmore is composting. Medina Cooper-Swass of Bay Shore e-cycles, uses only compact fluorescent bulbs, brings reusable bags when shopping, and buys organic and local produce.

★X WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ★X

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 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.

alongside us.	
Our new members	since the last <i>Skimmer</i> are:
Baldwin	Barbara & Joseph Carroll, Steven
	Greenfield, J. F. Kennedy, John M.
	Kennedy, Frances Stern
Bellmore	Jo Cullen, Christine Sarnicola,
	Teresa Sokolwska
East Meadow	Irene Cantor
East Rockaway	Emma J. Van Houten
Elmont	Roxienne Ramirez
Farmingdale	Claudio Ballard, Mary B. Ceraldi 📗
Floral Park	Dorothy Hettinger, Adrienne
•	Kuczwaj, Nash Sisters, Patricia F.
	Tweedy
Franklin Square	
Freeport	Catherine F. Collins, Dan Hassett,
	Marion Javora, Julie Seifert
Garden City	Barry Allen, Allison Robert,
	D. W. Smith
Glen Oaks	
	Theodora K. Michaels, Claire Rilling
Levittown	Raymond L. Levan, Susan Pierre-
	Louis, Barbara J. Rugen
Long Beach	
Lynbrook	Roberta Seltzer, Susan Kozodoy
	Silkowitz, Louis Terracciano
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Uniondale	
	Billy Schulken, Patricia Seidler
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NEW MANAGEMENT PLAN BEING PREPARED FOR JAMAICA BAY WILDLIFE REFUGE

Michael Sperling

This article summarizes and excerpts information from www.nps.gov/gate/parkmgmt/gmp.htm, including an eight-page "Summer 2009" newsletter that's also available in a paper version.

Gateway National Recreation Area, which includes Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge (often identified by SSAS's Elliott Kutner as his favorite birding spot), began the three-year process of writing a new General Management Plan (GMP) in July. This GMP will be the federal government's roadmap for at least 20 years. This is an opportunity for us to help shape a vision for Gateway's future.

According to Gateway Superintendent Barry T. Sullivan, "the first General Management Plan for Gateway was finished in 1979. Since then we have a much better understanding of the natural and cultural significance of Gateway's resources. We understand and acknowledge there are threats to park resources. In addition, the needs of our visitors are very different today than they were a generation ago. Considering all this, it is time to look to the future and determine how best to protect, improve, and sustain the health of our natural and cultural resources."

General management planning offers an open, structured decision-making process that encourages and considers ideas and comments from many different people and groups. These ideas and comments are matched with scholarly and scientific information and analysis. The GMP must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); this means that impacts to the social, cultural, and natural environments in the park and surrounding

areas will be taken into consideration.
All of the ideas, options, and impacts for the future of the park will be presented in a written document that will be available for you to

read and make comments on. After all comments are received and considered, together we will choose the best future for the park. The planning process for the GMP is as follows:

Summer 2009 (Scoping): Identify ideas, expectations, and comments related to the park with the public, government agencies, and other stakeholders.

Summer 2010: Develop and present preliminary alternatives. Outline different possible options for the park.

Spring/Summer 2011: Prepare and distribute a Draft General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.

Winter 2012: Revise Draft Plan and prepare a Final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.

Summer 2012: Implement the approved plan — prepare and issue a "Record of Decision," and implement plan as funding allows.

Open Houses are an informal opportunity to meet the planning team, get more information about Gateway, and to share your ideas and comments. Five took place in July and five more are scheduled for the end of September, including one on **Sunday, September 27** from 3 to 8 P.M. at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge's Visitor Center.

Gateway was established "in order to preserve and protect for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations an area possessing outstanding natural and recreational features." Legislation was signed into law in October of 1972 and signified the culmination of many years of effort by citizens, planners, activists (including SSAS), the National Park Service, and members of Congress. In the 1960s, Congress recognized that a majority of the nation was living in urban areas, where many outdoor recreation opportunities were too distant for regular use. The ability to bring "parks to people" was assisted by a shift in federal policy, allowing for the appropriation of federal money to acquire shoreline area for park designation. The coastal zone lands that make up Gateway were New York and New Jersey state and municipal lands, Army and Navy installations, and some privately owned lands. Each year, millions of visitors experience this urban recreation area by participating in the recreational, natural, and cultural opportunities that exist at the park's wildlife refuge (Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, of course, which has never been part of the National Wildlife Refuge System), holly forest (at the Sandy Hook Unit), beaches, marshes, waters, and open spaces that stretch throughout three New York City boroughs and into northern New



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A WALK IN THE WOODS, A HIDDEN TREASURE

Marilyn Hamelz

On Saturday, June 13, South Shore Audubon held "A Walk in the Woods, Getting to Know Brookside," an event to help the community learn about and explore Brookside Preserve, a hidden treasure of nature on the Baldwin-Freeport border. The event included guided walks, a children's nature hunt, light refreshments, and a chance to meet and chat with members of the community. Maps, old pictures, and other items illustrating the history of the site were on display. Posters from the Baldwin High School Key Club, advertising the event and with conservation messages, were hung on the fence. Our new jack-in-the-pulpits obtained by Barbara Levine were alongside the trail.

Many thanks to all who helped with the event: Bill Youngfert, Don Temple, David Stolarz, Michael Sperling, Steve Schellenger, George Peters, Alice & Rory O'Connor, Charles Hersh, Betsy Gulotta, Doug Green, John Gaglione, Marie Brown, Alice Blaustein, Gloria Berkowitz, and Lloyd Abrams.

On **Thursday, September 3** at 4 P.M. we will be at Brookside to **trim invasives**, particularly the fruit and/or flowers of the Japanese knotweed. This will help prevent the seeds from spreading it further. If you can join us, bring gloves and clippers.

Two SSAS-produced **guidebooks** for the Brookside Preserve are available in quantity: "Discover a Freshwater Wetland: A Self-Guided Tour of the Brookside Preserve" (for children accompanied by adults) and "A Trail Guide to Brookside Preserve" (for adults). They can be viewed and downloaded from ssaudubon.org or sample copies can be mailed to you. The Nassau County administration and legislators listed on the guides have changed; the nature in the preserve has changed more slowly.

Guided programs can be arranged for community and youth groups to introduce visitors to the preserve, for nature walks, and for activities for badges or other conservation interests. In June, Alice O'Connor guided a Cub Scout troop; their enthusiasm was unabated through a rain shower.

The Brookside Preserve, 20 acres of quiet natural woodlands and freshwater wetlands, is managed for Nassau County by the South Shore Audubon Society. It includes trails and a meandering stream. The preserve includes four different natural habitat types: aquatic stream, wet woods (swamp), dry woods, and upland wildflower field. It surrounds Milburn Creek in Freeport and Baldwin and is a critical environmental area, protected by law under the 1975 Fresh Water Wetlands Act of New York State. To schedule a guided group tour or request brochures, please contact me at mwhametz@optonline.net or 799-7189.

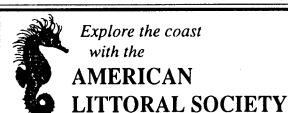
GREENING OF LONG ISLAND PROJECT

Therese Lucas

Anything we can do to make Long Island greener brings us joy. The Greening of Long Island project we funded this year was a multifaceted one, as it involved SSAS, Eagle Scout Mike Morgan of Massapequa Troop 90, and Tackapausha Museum & Preserve in Seaford.

Last year, Nassau County used environmental bond funds for remedial work on the pond at Tackapausha. In conjunction with that, native plantings and fortification to the pond edges using bio-logs were included. This year, Mike Morgan continued the project with the assistance of SSAS Greening funds and the help of Tackapausha personnel, fellow scouts, St. Rose of Lima youth group members, friends, and family. Native plantings and biologs were used in this phase of the project as well.

It's gratifying when various entities can work together for the benefit of the earth and its environment. Heartfelt thanks go out to all those who worked so hard, most especially to Mike Morgan. His diligence, dedication, and organizational skills made the project a success.



NEW YORK STATE COASTAL CLEANUP (Sept. 19–26). Join us at a beach near you. Help clean beach & document floatable debris for International Coastal Cleanup. For a complete list of scheduled beaches, check our website. For info or to register your own beach area, call Barbara Cohen at (718) 471-2166.

JAMAICA BAY SUNSET CRUISE (Sat., Sept. 26, 4 P.M. to 7 P.M.). Come learn about the history, ecology, management, and wildlife of the Jamaica Bay Refuge, a 9,000-acre preserve in NYC. See egrets, herons, osprey, oystercatchers, peregrine falcon, as well as harbor porpoises and migrating raptors. Cost: \$45 includes wine & cheese, fruit, snacks, and 3-hour narrated tour aboard the "Golden Sunshine," located at Pier 2 in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn. To reserve, send check to address below. Call or e-mail Don for more info.

ASSATEAGUE ISLAND / CHINCOTEAGUE REFUGE EXTENDED WEEKEND (Nov. 5-8). Join us for our 25th year at this great wildlife area. See wild ponies, 1000s of snow geese, lots of shorebirds, ducks, bald eagles, and maybe a river otter. Cost: \$365 includes 3 nights lodging at Refuge Motor Inn (heated pool, jacuzzi, observation deck), all guided walks plus an "All-You-Can-Eat" seafood dinner.

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.

GREENWICH HAWK WATCH

Barbara Levine

On **Saturday, October 3rd**, at 10 A.M., the members of South Shore Audubon Society are invited to the Audubon Center in Greenwich (http://greenwich.audubon.org) for the hawk migration. Those of you who visited the Center earlier this year know what a wonderful place it is. Ted Gilman, the education director, is superb. Call me at 741-

3386 or send email to barban22@optonline.net to RSVP. Car pools can be arranged if needed.

Donation to the Center will be \$5. Picnic tables are available if you wish to bring a bag lunch. I hope you can join us for a memorable day.

Michael Sperling

Our summer break between *Skimmer* issues makes it more difficult than usual to get the word out to our members about the brief (often two-week) comment periods for construction projects of interest to SSAS. Our lightly used e-mail list helps; you can sign up at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ssas_list. You can also check the weekly Environmental Notice Bulletin of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) at www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html, which covered the two topics below plus a proposal from Covanta Hempstead Energy to expand its energy-from-waste facility in Westbury (near the Meadowbrook Parkway) by adding a boiler and a turbine generator, increasing groundwater withdrawals, constructing a new cooling tower, and upgrading air-pollution control equipment.

Lighthouse. We mentioned SSAS's concerns regarding the environmental impact of the 150-acre, \$3.74 billion "The Lighthouse at Long Island" project in last October's Skimmer. Those concerns were again submitted a few weeks ago (following the acceptance of the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement by the Town of Hempstead; visit www.toh.li/content/home/news/lightreport.html) by our former VP, Michael Goldsmith, who represents us on the Nassau HUB Citizens Advisory Committee. They include the construction and post-con-

struction effects (traffic, noise, runoff, light pollution, etc.) on the adjacent Francis T. Purcell Preserve at Hempstead Plains (a rare habitat with 147 species of wildflowers and natural grasses, including the endangered sandplain gerardia), on the surrounding natural areas and

wetlands along the Meadowbrook Parkway (which is liable to be expanded to support the greater volume of traffic), on songbird migration and breeding, and on raptors in the vicinity of the project.

The project on both sides of Hempstead Turnpike requires rezoning; it includes (according to the DEC) tripling the size of Nassau Coliseum and adding 300 hotel rooms, 118,000 square feet of convention facilities, a million square feet of office space, 500,000 square feet of retail space, and 2,306 residential units.

Jones Beach. The DEC has tentatively approved an application for a permit modification to connect the existing Jones Beach State Park Sewage Treatment Plant to the existing Nassau County Cedar Creek Sewage Treatment Plant ocean outfall and abandon the existing outfall to South Oyster Bay. A pump station will be installed at the existing Jones Beach plant and approximately 16,000 linear feet of 12-inch diameter HDPE sewer line will be installed within the existing paved/mowed-grass right-of-ways to connect to Cedar Creek outfall. Comments on this project must be submitted by August 28. An informal discussion of this among SSAS board members indicated support for the abandonment of the bay-polluting outfall.

NORTH AMERICAN BIRD PHENOLOGY PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The North American Bird Phenology Program (BPP) has tracked arrival and departure times of birds since the 1880s. With six million recorded observations, it is one of the longest and largest collections of phenological records in the world. The BPP's mission is to provide information that will improve our understanding of the distribution, migration, and abundance of birds, particularly in the context of recent climate change. Because BPP data was stored on 2 by 5 inch cards, efforts are underway to digitize it; make it easily accessible to the public, policymakers, and researchers; and establish a model that can be adapted to collect compatible data. Volunteers are needed to transcribe the data at home; visit www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bpp/ (Patuxent Wildlife Research Center) for details.

BIGGER BETTER BOTTLE BILL SUSPENDED

Michael Sperling

In early April, New York State environmentalists were celebrating the long-delayed passage of a compromise Bigger Better Bottle Bill after years of delays in the State Senate. Alas, no sooner had the bill been signed into law, then a lawsuit filed by the International Bottled Water Association, Nestle Waters North America, and Polar Corporation resulted in Manhattan U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Griesa postponing its implementation by 10 months until next April, costing New York State an estimated \$115 million in anticipated revenue. The law adds nickel deposits to sugarless bottled water and captures 80% of the unclaimed beverage deposits for the state's general fund instead of letting the bottlers continue to keep them.



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

Aug. 23	Norman J. Levy Park and Preserve	
Aug. 30	Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside	
Sep. 6	Labor Day Weekend — No Walk	
Sep. 13	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge	
Sep. 20	Hempstead Lake State Park (Southern	
	State Parkway Exit 18 south, Field #3)	
Sep. 27	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)	
Oct. 4	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge	
Oct. 11	Hempstead Lake State Park (see above)	
Oct. 18	Point Lookout Town Park, S.E. corner	
	(and Lido Preserve afterwards)	
Oct. 25	Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner	

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 the SSAS area and to estimate their numbers. We greatly appreciate input from anyone that feeds and/or observes birds in their yard or neighborhood. Please do not hesitate to submit your observations, even if you make only 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.

BELATED THANKS FROM YOUR EDITOR

Michael Sperling

Since the May-August issue of the Skimmer was tight for space, here's my 19th annual thank-you column for my fellow volunteers who help make this newsletter possible. I thank everyone who submitted articles, especially the prolific Joe Grupp and Wendy Murbach; Therese Lucas, Bill Eichholz, and Dolores Rogers for trips to F&B Printers in Island Park; Wendy for printing the chapter-only labels while I printed the rest; and Therese for labeling all of the newsletters with me and bringing the newsletters to the post office. I also thank our faithful advertisers; please let them know you saw their ad here.

OUR WEB SITE (incl. online store) www.ssaudubon.org

SSAS 38th ANNUAL DINNER

Therese Lucas

The SSAS annual dinner was held June 9 at the Coral House in Baldwin. The dinner gave us a chance to enjoy the company of members, old and new. We celebrated our birding adventures and programs conducted by the chapter during the year, such as environmental children's festivals, children's environmental camps, and our Greening of Long Island program.

Special recognition was paid to Elliott Kutner, who was our bird walks chairperson for nearly 40 years. Many anecdotes and memories were shared involving teaching, learning, and the joy of birding. John Zarudsky was the recipient of the chapter's Conservation Award for his work in and around the waters of the South Shore. His main focus is on shorebirds and raptors.

Raffle and Birdathon prizes were distributed during the evening and college scholarships were presented. We hope those in attendance enjoyed the evening as much as we did in preparing the event for you.

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Bellmore Bagel Cafe	Stacey O'Brien
Birder's World	Olive Garden
Birdfeeders.com	Panera Bread
Birds and Beans	Rudy Perrone
Boston Market	Piccolo Ristorante
Jim & Gail Brown	David Plank
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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.

LNG CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Jim Brown

The South Shore Audubon Society has taken a firm position in opposition to liquefied natural gas facilities planned for the waters off the south shore of Long Island. LNG is a polluting fossil fuel that contributes to global warming. LNG facilities would adversely affect the environment by damaging the sea floor, devastating fisheries, and further negatively impacting already endangered marine species that inhabit and visit our waters. LNG is no answer to our national energy needs. Alternative energy sources and energy conservation should be pursued, not another foreign fossil fuel.

The LNG facility planned for Long Island Sound — Broadwater—has been defeated, but three similar projects planned for the Atlantic Ocean are still, unfortunately, being pursued. The projects are Safe Harbor Energy, aka "Insanity Island," an 86-acre man-made island to be located just 13 miles off Long Beach; ExxonMobil's BlueOcean Energy, planned to be 30 miles off Long Island and 20 miles east of New Jersey; and Liberty Natural Gas, planned for a spot 15 miles from Asbury Park, NJ. All of these projects would industrialize our ocean and open the door to offshore oil and gas drilling.

The good news is that more and more groups have signed on to the anti-LNG campaign — there are now more than 70 organizations that are fighting these illadvised, environment-destructive projects. Local groups in alliance with the South Shore Audubon Society include the New Jersey Audubon Society, the New York City Audubon Society, the Long Island Group of the Sierra Club, the American Littoral Society, and chapters of the Surfrider Foundation.

Governor Corzine of New Jersey seems to support LNG as a concept, but has not given the green light for any of these actual projects. Governor Paterson, who did help put a stop to Broadwater, seems more open to rejecting LNG off our south coast. He has stated that he supports alternative energy and energy conservation. Our governor has a real veto power over the Safe Harbor Energy proposal, and can help defeat all of the projects — that is, if he hears from his constituents that we want nothing to do with LNG!

We urge all our members to contact Governor Paterson and urge him to exclude any and all liquefied natural gas projects from New York State's energy plans. Alternative energy, yes. Energy conservation, definitely. Fossil fuels, especially LNG, definitely not. Our ocean is too valuable a resource, our climate too much in danger, to permit unbridled use of additional polluting fossil fuels.

Letters can be sent to: Governor David Paterson, Executive Chambers, Albany, NY 12224. His phone number is 518-474-8390. Ask him to do the right thing, and say "NO!" to LNG. Members of Clean Ocean Action, the group that is coordinating our large coalition battling LNG,

recently met with Governor Paterson following a meeting he had with Governor Corzine, thanked him for defeating Broadwater, and urged him to stop LNG in the ocean as well, for the same sensible reasons. Hopefully our governor will be pro-environment on this very crucial issue. For additional information on this important campaign, check out COA's website at www.cleanoceanaction.org.

24TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP

When: September 19-26

Where: Beaches of New York State, including Long Island Sound, Hudson River, Atlantic Ocean, Great Lakes, Finger Lakes, creeks, and bays.

Who: You and thousands of other volunteers, led by Beach Captains from local environmental groups, schools, scout leaders, corporate public service directors, divers, civic associations, etc.

Why:

- * to clean the beach and document what litters our shores
 - * to compile data to devise strategies to combat pollution
- * to increase public participation in solving the problem of pollution
- * to increase public awareness and appreciation of the coastal environment

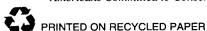
Visit the American Littoral Society's website (www.alsnyc.org) for lists of local cleanups, including from Long Beach to Hempstead Lake to Massapequa.

Bank Fees	\$100
Brookside Preserve	
College Scholarships	\$1,500
Conferences	\$1,600
Conservation	\$200
Donations	\$400
Education	
Festivals	\$1,000
Greening of Long Island	\$2,700
High School Scholarships	\$1,000
Insurance	\$1,100
Library	\$1,300
Membership	\$300
Miscellaneous	\$200
Office Expenses	\$800
Publicity	\$200
Refreshments	\$400
Skimmer	\$6,000
Speakers	\$1,000
TR Camp Scholarships/Bus	\$4,000
Total	
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