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August 25th 7:00 p.m.

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## Calendar of Events

**August 13th & 14th ~ 2011 Apple Fair**

**September 1st: Dr. Scott McDonald DVM (George's home)**

**September 22nd: Pride Night**

**October 9th: RECBC Bird Mart**

**November: Pot Luck Holiday Dinner**

**December: No Meeting**




**BIRDY BUCKS**

*Birdie Bucks are given out by  
Cheryl Cattan, (Raffle Chairperson)  
at meetings and events.*

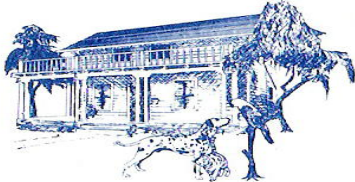
*You can earn birdie bucks by donating an item  
to our raffle, bringing food to share at our meetings,  
and Volunteering at events, i.e. Apple Fair,  
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## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

Dear Club Members,

Attendance was less then we expected at Safari West and those who did come had a great time. A big thank you to Rob, Robin, Bonnie, Bev, Cheryl and Linda for organized our 20th Anniversary. Special thanks goes to Tony Ross for picking up the cake.

In order to get more people interest maybe we should schedule Safari West every other year. What are your thoughts?? Contact the Editor (me) and give me your opinion. In case, if your are wondering what I did, after my long Speech (Rob) I just enjoyed visiting everyone who came.

A Thanks goes to Hal for buying me a Red Tail Ale after I couldn't find the one I put down somewhere. After I thought about it, Hal, I drank it.

Scott McDonald will be here on September 1st for grooming. No appointment needed, first comes, first serve.

I had a guest at my home (Linda Karnstedt) because she needed me to co-sign some checks and she stayed for dinner, nothing special just rice and mushroom and of course some wine and Champagne. Anyway I asked her if she would give me some ideas on getting this newsletter out. She did and she left with some home made pea soup.

Thanks Linda. Of course our Web Master Jackie Turner will be proof reading my speech. What do you think about having a Birdie Birthday Month. You would submit pictures of your bird the month before their birthdays for inclusion on our Birdie Birthday page. I would like to have the birds name, specie, birthday date, age and parent (you of course). This is another way for the members to talk to me. How about that. I'll be waiting. Don't forget Bonnie Zimmerman. George

TREASURER  
REPORT  
BY  
LINDA KARNSTEDT

<b><i>INCOME</i></b>	<b>July</b>
<b>Membership</b>	\$ 76.00
<b>Raffle/Meetings</b>	\$ 347.00
<b>Advertising in Newsletter</b>	\$ 50.00
<b>Special Events (Safari raffle)</b>	\$ 315.00
<b>donations</b>	\$ 20.00
<b><i>Income Total:</i></b>	<b>\$ 808.00</b>
<b><i>EXPENSES</i></b>	
<b><i>Newsletter Printing</i></b>	\$ 123.07
<b><i>Special Events (Safari West)</i></b>	\$ 190.00
<b><i>Expense Total:</i></b>	<b>\$ 313.07</b>
<b><i>Beginning Bank Balance:</i></b>	<b>\$ 7,219.92</b>

## Northern California Upcoming Bird Marts

**+ Sunday, August 14th, County Fairgrounds - Northern California Exotic Bird & Supply +Expo - Pleasanton, CA**

9:00am to 4:00pm. Indoors Air-conditioned. Wholesale prices to the public. Bird Grooming on Site. Reptiles also available Free Door Prize. And a Free gift to the first 100 through the door! And More!!! Admission: \$7.00 (kids 12 yrs and under free!) <http://www.ncabird.com/>

✦ **August 28, - Roseville, CA** The Foothill Bird Fanciers Annual Exotic Bird Mart. Indoors at Placer County Fairgrounds, Jones Hall. Featuring: Well Bird and Sexing Clinic with Dr. Scot McDonald, DVM-bring your bird in a cage or carrier and have Dr. Scot McDonald trim it's nails, wings and give it a general check up for a nominal fee. Breeders can bring their birds to determine their sex. Birds can also be microchipped. Many vendors of birds, bird toys, cages, cage accessories, and apparel. This year we are also inviting Reptile and Reptile products vendors. [http://foothillbirdfanciers.com/bird\\_mart](http://foothillbirdfanciers.com/bird_mart)

✦ **October 10, -Exotic Bird Expo & Sale - Redwood Empire Cage Bird Club**  
✦ <http://www.recbc.net/index.htm> for more info.

✦ **Saturday, Oct. 16th - Capitol City Bird Society annual Bird Mart - Placer County Fair Grounds in Roseville, CA** 9:00am to 4:00pm. There are numerous vendors of everything bird related! There is a competitive sanctioned lovebird show as well as an SPBE sanctioned hookbill show just added this year! Join the excitement of chance by purchasing raffle tickets for some

✦ **Sunday, Nov. 20, 9am-3pm - San Jose Bird Mart - Santa Clara Fairgrounds, Gateway Hall, San Jose, CA** <http://www.sanjosebirdmart.com/calendar.htm>

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## **Minutes of the Board**

July 21,, 2011

**Present:** Cheryl Cattan, Linda Karnstedt, George Lentini, Karyn Paulson, Bonnie Scheffler

President George Lentini called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the June board meeting were approved.

**President's Report:** George said Dr. Scott McDonald will service RECBC members' birds on September 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> and Earl is expected to be there with several birds. George and Karyn will pursue access to the AFA website's "club resources" section, which is not responding to the pass codes they have. Since George did not have space in the July RECBC newsletter for the AFA convention announcements, Karyn will promote it at Safari West. In future newsletters, George will include new members (who will also be introduced at meetings) as well as Board meeting dates. Heather Frawley has resigned as Board Member.

**Treasurer's Report:** See page 6. Linda reported that Bev Mager will perform an audit of the RECBC financial records going back at least one year.

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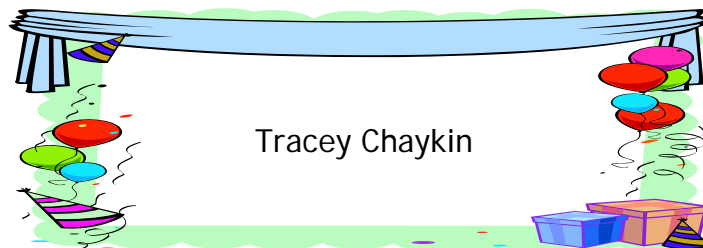
**Outreach Program:** Robin has reserved a space for the club at the Gravenstein Apple Fair August 13-14 and obtained passes.

**New Business:** Cheryl suggested bringing 2 or 3 books from the library to each meeting so members could view them and check them out. Board approved the plan. Karyn has DVDs of AFA convention presentations that can be shown at meetings or at the Bird Mart. Members will be asked if they want to see them.

**Old Business:** Everything is set for the club's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday party at Safari West July 28<sup>th</sup>. Bonnie Zimmerman requested a computer and projector for her Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> talk. Bonnie said she notified *Bird Talk* about our Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> Bird Mart for publication in 3 issues. Linda will do local publicity in September. Vendors of "crafty" items will be invited to have booths, although bird-oriented vendors will have priority. Bonnie reminded Board it's time to make new bird toys to sell at meetings.

Submitted by Karyn Paulson

## New Member





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Birdkeeping Naturally EB Cravens July '11

"Time Again for Our July Wing Quip Quotes"

Who still has time to read paper printed books? I do, I do. Well, actually, not as often as in the past but I still perused and poured over some great avicultural, conservation and historical bird literature this past year. Wanna' know some of the wingquip high points? I'll bet you do, so here goes...

"Birds are required to make extremely complex coordinated movements. A bird such as a swift is capable of flying at 62 mph, so these movements must be made extremely quickly. The part of the brain responsible for coordination of movement is called the cerebellum, and, not surprisingly, this is large and elaborate in birds. Even larger, however are the cerebral hemispheres--the lobes of the brain that are so well developed in man--which enable birds to perform complex behavior patterns."

*Birds: Their Life, Their Ways, Their World*

Reader's Digest Edition

"To get some idea of just how large a golden eagle is, it is well worth finding a tape measure and marking out its two-metre wingspan on the kitchen floor. Just for fun, if your tape is long enough, stretch it out to 3.6 metres, the record-breaking wingspan of the wandering albatross. Beside it for comparison lay a wine cork which is roughly the 5cm length of the world's smallest bird, the bee hummingbird from Cuba. Then stand back and marvel...and drink the wine."

Charlie

Elder, "While Flocks Last"

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General Meeting Place

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Bonnie Zimmermann has been involved with the parrot world since 1987. Like many people in the avian world, she started as a “pet owner” but gradually evolved to where she is today, as an advocate for conservation and preservation of our species in the wild. In 2002 she founded The Wild Connection, a non-profit, charitable organization whose mission was to promote education, conservation, rescue, rehabilitation, and awareness of parrots in the wild, and to take the lessons learned in the forest and find ways to enhance the lives of companion birds and those in captivity. Her field work has taken her throughout Central and South America, and Southeast Asia.

Bonnie has been the Vice President and Director of Eco-Tourism for the Indonesian Parrot Project since 2003. She has lead 14 trips to Indonesia and is the co-founder of “Kembali Bebas” a rescue, rehabilitation and release facility on the Island of Seram, as well as a sanctuary and teaching center for those birds that cannot be released.

Most recently, she has been working on the preservation of several rare Yellow-crested cockatoos with Project Abbotti.

In the early years her passion and quest for knowledge about parrots led her to work at the California Exotics Clinic in Simi Valley, California as an avian veterinary technician, she consulted for the LA Zoo California Condor team, and worked with native American birds, as a

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veterinary technician for the Wildlife Waystation. Bonnie has also volunteered and worked on avian related projects in Central and South America including learning some of her skills from Dr. Donald Brightsmith, Principal Investigator of the Tambopata Research Center in southeastern Peru. She lectures at bird clubs, conservation organizations, schools and universities, and has written numerous articles for many bird magazines.

Bonnie also spent eighteen years as a media and event producer in Los Angeles, producing commercials, television programs, and philanthropic events around the world. Strongly committed to educating the public about conservation, protection of wild parrots, and the rescue and rehabilitation of companion parrots through all forms of media and one of her goals is to encourage the collaboration of knowledge between scientists, zoos, conservationists and aviculture

Along with her work with psittacoses', she currently works in the Bay area with music clients including The Harmony Festival, Earth dance, and Carlos Santana.

### Open Position

Calling on all potential Board Members.

We have a wonderful opening for a new board member. Some of you may be thinking "what is so fun about being on the RECBC Board"

We'll ask anyone on the board what they like most about being a board member. You'll get all different answers. (Don't ask the President).

See any Board Member for more information....

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"From dusk and until dawn, for the duration of the spring bird migration, building owners, managers and tenants in San Francisco are being asked to turn off unnecessary lights or close drapes, draw blinds or pull shades to help reduce the incidences of collisions that kill approximately one billion birds in North America each year."

The Golden Gate Audubon Society

"Breeders here make me weep. Bare cages, no stimulus and apathetic anxious birds. I went to buy an Alexandrine cock from a hobby breeder of 30 years. When I asked why there were no perches, the birds clinging to the wire, he said, 'they chew them up.'"

Dot Schwartz, England

"If you get a bird with pseudomonas, always look at the purity of your water. Anything ending in '-monas' is linked to the water." Dr. Lorenzo Crosta, PhD., Italy

CNN - "The massive waves that churned across the Pacific after the Japan earthquake last week swept away nests protecting seabird chicks unable to fly, leaving scores dead west of Hawaii. In the hours after the tsunami waves struck the refuge, officials concentrated on freeing some 300 birds that were either waterlogged or trapped in debris. After the rescues, biologists turned their attention to surveying the damage, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said in a statement. The survey shows that 22% of this year's albatross hatchlings were lost as a result of the tsunamis and two winter storms that struck the refuge earlier this year. About 110,000 Laysan and black-footed albatross chicks were killed, along with 2,000 adults."

CNN News Wire Staff

"When I raised babies for the pet trade, I was hoping that by placing an African Grey in a home, then that person would care more about Africa. Truly we all know the real challenge is in the native habitats  
Phoebe Greene Linden

"We have 100 pairs of African Greys. We breed them in smaller aviaries. Then we move them to four-meter aviaries for nine months to fly around, bathe, etc. When we move them back to the smaller aviaries, they begin again to breed."

Jan van der Gulik, Portugal

"Most male layers are destroyed by being sucked through a series of pipes onto an electrified plate. Other layer chicks are destroyed in other ways and it's impossible to call those animals more or less fortunate. Some are tossed into large plastic containers. The weak are trampled to the bottom where they suffocate slowly. The strong suffocate slowly at the top. Others are sent fully conscious through macerators (picture a wood chipper filled with chicks)."

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Jonathan Foer, *Eating Animals*,

"The beak in cockatoos is the ultimate Swiss Army Knife." Dr. Michael Taylor, DVM

"Human keepers try to infuse basic companion pet "socialization" on the parrots; and in some cases this suffices well for a time at least; but eventually the birds grow to maturity, develop willfulness and dissatisfaction at being treated like cuddly babies, progress through puberty and became sexually aware. In an animal that is raised to look to humans for all its needs and stimulation, this is a recipe for disaster."

EB Cravens

"Wild caught parrots are the only ones that were raised by experts!"

Liz Wilson

"We need to enrich their lives by giving them something to do. If I am starting out with a parrot with problems it does not matter to me. He does not ever have to do what he does not want to do."

Steve Martin, Natural Encounters

"All the bird diseases we deal with as veterinarians come about from mixing different species from all over the world."

Dr. Joel Murphy

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Dale R. Thompson

"Every feather on your parrot is a mirror of the health and happiness of the bird."

Jan Hooimeijer, Netherlands

"A hobbyist cannot expect to set up a fully planted aviary and then neglect it and expect to have success. Piles of accumulated poop alone can kill growing plants." EB Cravens

"Spirituality is like a bird: If you hold it too closely, it chokes, and if you hold it too loosely, it escapes."

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