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Thursday, March 24, 2011
Featured Speaker

Sande Mc Bride - Lifetime Napa Resident
& Feather Farm Office Manager

Sande will be sharing her vast knowledge,
experiences and love of birds!

(Bio on pg. 9)

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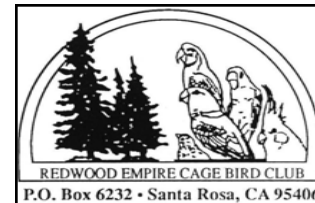
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I want to thank Bonnie Scheffler & her Daughter Peggy for their contribution (editing, art work and articles) for our newsletters. I could not have done this alone.

...George
 Newsletter Editor.

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Outreach Program

Earl McEnaney, & George Lentini

Welcoming Table

Bev Mager

Hi Everyone!

Sometimes things don't always work out as planned. The first thing is that the newsletter is being completed a little late this month. Our newsletter team wasn't flowing as easily as usual. George has gone back to work (Congratulations!!), Peggy is also working more days each week and I have been cursed with the virus everyone seems to be wrestling with.

Our previously scheduled speakers had to cancel so - bless George — he found us a great replacement.

Sande Mc Bride from the "Feather Farm" in Napa has agreed to share her vast experiences working with the public and her personal experiences as a bird owner. Things always work out for a reason and to have Sande share the evening with us is

proof enough!

I wanted to remind all of you that elections are this month. The ballots will be included in this newsletter or you can fill one out at the general meeting.

I hope many of you are feeling well and will be able to join us on Thursday.

Fondly,
Bonnie

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That would mean I no longer have an opportunity to try to encourage and motivate change in age-old practices of husbandry amongst those persons not yet choosing newer birdkeeping methods.

I would become a broken bird club, in a sense...

You know we parrotkeepers are apt to be an odd lot. Strong-mindedness and obstinacy frequently run in our veins. 'Tis not altogether unlike the macaws and amazons, king parrots and cockatoos we so love to associate with and keep.

When two sides made up of conscientious and considerate aviculturists face off over a question of moral consequence such as, 'Do parrots deserve to be in captivity?' or 'Should birds be allowed to procreate?' or even 'Is it right to take away some of a hookbill's wing feathers in an attempt to protect it?'—well, then the persons involved in the discussion had better be prepared to remain flexible in their dialogue and attitude towards each other. I know I can have a *Poicephalus* temper tantrum flaring up in my gut during some such conversations; it comes with believing in what you do.

But I have never yet had an experience where allowing that tantrum to erupt towards others has ever been beneficial to anyone of us. After all, true wisdom on difficult issues seldom lies in one view, or its opposite, but instead floats tantalizingly above the fray, waiting for the calm and sane ones to grasp it. And the unwritten rule is that it usually takes many and all hands to reach out and steadfastly draw it in.

The less we bird lovers get along—the less arms there are going to be reaching out for correct answers...

To my way of thinking, it is 2011, folks! Time is way too short to waste it quibbling among ourselves.

Aloha nui loa,
EB

causes.

'Divided we fall' is not just some overused slogan...

I remember when I was involved in a debate about breeders and their production practices. Having been a hobbyist myself for many years, I have come to know both sides of the picture—that of the aviculturist and that of the pet owner. In that instance those against breeding labeled practices in the bird breeding community as abusive and cruel. Though I saw the point, I could not totally agree.

I remarked that it is a bit harsh thinking that breeders using commercial practices are knowingly "abusive and cruel" to their parrots. I guess our 'compassionate' sides would tend to think this, and some of us in but the truth consider their birds as live- "...true wisdom on difficult issues seldom lies in one view..." point of fact do, is many breeders psittacine cage stock in the same category as horses, reptiles, pigs, chickens, dogs, cats, or guinea pigs, etc. all of which are reproduced for income. What goes on in most all realms of animal management is more often unconsciousness or an attitude of non-attachment leading to neglect--not outright cruelty and abuse.

At least that is the way I always choose to write it in articles and speak it at conventions. It is easy to be harshly critical, but more difficult to find ways to persuade and inspire. We all drive cars and eat foods and pollute; we all harm some creatures on earth, if only mosquitoes and roaches, snakes and rats.

If I did not strive to see the imperfections and blamelessness in all persons on both sides of a debate—breeders and bird shoppes and pet owners and zoo keepers, and animal caregivers--then I would be conveniently labeled as an intransigent radical animal activist and would never be invited to give my views in any journals or at speaker gatherings.

Minutes of the Board February 17, 2011

Present: Bonnie Scheffler; George Lentini; Linda Karnstedt; Karyn Paulson, Donna Shore

Bonnie called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes: Approved.

President's Report: Bonnie reported that Robin Lyons had agreed to handle setting up committee chairpersons. This year marks the 20th anniversary of RECBC, and Robin will spearhead a committee to brainstorm and create a birthday bash (probably at Safari West in July). Former members and presidents will be invited to attend. Robin also agreed to coordinate the club's booth at the Apple Fair and manage a phone tree.

Treasurer's Report: See separate page. Linda will bring material to March's Board meeting to enable the Board to plan a 2011 budget. Bev Mager had told Bonnie she could perform backup bookkeeping, and it was agreed that she should be added as an authorized officer to sign checks. Linda will e-mail to Donna membership applications she receives when new members pay her at meetings, so Donna can keep her membership list up-to-date.

Outreach Program: No specific outings are yet planned.

New Business: Club meeting refreshments will be assigned to different groups beginning with the March meeting. One-quarter of the members will be asked to bring snacks each month, broken down into groups with last names beginning with A through F; G through L; M through R; and S through Z.

The Calendar of Events has been updated to include Jodi & Vance Bente speaking on "Belize Ecotourism" in March;

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Calendar of Events

March: Sandy Mc Bride
 April: Installation of New BOD
 Guest Speaker—To Be Announced
 May: Annual RECBC Toy Making Party
 June: Speaker — Shannon Murphy
 Avian Science Graduate UC Davis
 "Bird Bathing Behavior"
 July: Safari West
 August: TBD
 September: Pride Night
 October: RECBC Bird Mart
 November: Pot Luck Holiday Dinner
 December: No Meeting

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1. All birds must be in good health, not on any medication, or have wounds or sores of any kind.
2. Owner is responsible for bringing newspaper or a clean large towel for each bird brought to the meeting. A bird stand is helpful but not mandatory.
3. Chairs must not be used as perches.
4. All stands, carriers, cups, & cages must be free of bird droppings, dirt, or stains.
5. Owner must clean up after their bird and ensure that the room, carpet and furniture are kept clean.
6. No birds are to be left unattended.
7. Bird owners accept full responsibility and liability for the actions of their birds - i.e. bites, damage, droppings, damage to property and / and or members.
8. All members will hold their own birds at meetings. Birds are not to be passed around. This will reduce the risk of possible bites and injuries.

Remember when walking around the room,
your bird is only allowed to
leave it's droppings on you.



Thank you for your cooperation.



SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Sande McBride grew up in Napa, California. Her love for animals started at a very young age. She was not able to get a bird until high school, when a friend had given her a cockatiel. Sande knew she wanted to work with animals, and that passion led her to The Feather Farm.

In 2000, she started working at The Feather Farm in Napa, where she worked her way up from cleaning cages to running the office. With The Feather Farm having 40 plus years of avian experience (from manufacturing their own cages, nest boxes, and toys, to breeding everything from canaries to hyacinths), Sande was able to jump in headfirst and hasn't looked back since. She learned how to hand feed babies, tame and work with birds that needed extra handling, and has gained a vast knowledge of avian behavior. Over the years she has made numerous friends and a cult following of customers at The Feather Farm.

In 2007 she married her sweetheart of seven years who also has a soft spot for animals. Her flock consists of 2 senegals, 4 cockatiels, 2 canaries, and 10 ducks (2 of which are indoor and wear duck pants).

In 2009 Sande decided to go to college. She is getting her education in accounting. Her next step is to go to fashion design school. Her dream is to start her own business and to just be able to sew beautiful pieces for everyone to enjoy.

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possibly Carol Stanley speaking in April; and Bonnie Zimmerman making a presentation in August.

Old Business: Cheryl will publish an inventory of the library books in an upcoming newsletter so interested members may contact her directly to bring a book to a meeting for them to borrow.

Next month's **Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 16**, to accommodate St. Patrick's Day celebrations on the 17th.

Submitted by Karyn Paulson

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Jack Hanna is set to be Keynote Speaker (but may be called away at the last minute). Other speakers from Davis, LA Zoo, City Zoos of NY, Monterey Bay Aquarium, etc.

Visit asabirds.org for details.