



THE CHIRP

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December is the end of my second time as President of the HSV Audubon Society. It has been my privilege to act in this capacity for such a wonderful organization.

There are many many people to thank for all the work they have done to keep our Society running smoothly and successfully. First, I want to thank Richard Kroetz and Diane Condon. As our Past President and our Vice President for Programs respectively, these two people have always been there when needed to perform any task necessary. The rest of the Executive Board is made up of Laurel Gunderson (Secretary) and Kathleen Baal (Treasurer). Thanks go to both for doing their jobs so well.

This Society would not run without our Committee Chairpersons (in no particular order): Kathy Jurek (Bluebirds and *Chirp*); Adolph Juarez (Bird Houses/Feeders); Josie Farrell (AAS Ecology Camp); Teri LaBove (AAS Ecology Camp and Publicity); Wayne Krone and Tom Sackett (Bird Seed Sales); Vic Prislipky (Field Trips and Birding Workshop); Brian Baldwin (School Outreach); Carolyn Minson (Webmaster), Lillie Wallick (Membership); Barbara Baker (Historian); Maury Baker (Memorials); and Bernie Kroetz (E-Communication). All these folks have worked - some for multiple years - to make the HSV Audubon Society an active and meaningful club. Thank you for all your work.

Many other members of the Society have aided us in carrying out our mission, and my thanks go to you also. Please continue that support for your incoming President, Diane Condon. Diane did a fantastic job of getting us quality speakers for 2016. I know she will put that same effort into being your President.

I've said this before and will continue to say it: **This organization is only as dynamic and significant as its members make it. And that means you!** Please get and/or stay involved, and help us grow the HSV Audubon Society. Thank you.

Chris Cash
President

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2017 BOARD WILL BE ON
DECEMBER 9TH AT THE MONTHLY HSV AUDUBON MEETING. 10AM
CORONADO CENTER

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

This year the National Audubon Society will hold its 117th annual Christmas Bird Count, where 10's of thousands of volunteers gather between December 14th and January 5th monitor and record bird activity. This is the longest running wildlife census in the world. The data gathered is used to determine what conservation action is needed to protect birds and their habitat. It also provides a picture of how bird populations have changed in time and space over the last 100 years. HSV has been conducting a Christmas bird count since 1977. We send out five teams to count birds in the field, and one team counts at home feeders. Our usual count is in the thousands and close to 100 different species. Please consider joining us on.....

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

7:30 - dusk (or as long as you can hang on!!)

You can either bird in the field or at your feeder.



Sign up at the December meeting or contact Chris Cash at (501) 922-1933 or c52cash@sbcglobal.net

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT DINNER

Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 5pm at Johnna's at The DeSoto Club

MENU:

The normal salad with rolls, a starch, Green Beans with Applewood Bacon and Onions, dessert, coffee, tea, and

YOUR ENTREE CHOICE OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) Parmesan Crusted Chicken Breast
- 2) Bacon Wrapped Pork Tenderloin
- 3) Braised Beef Tips

Cost is \$20 which includes tax and tip.

Make check payable to: HSV Audubon

Give your check or cash to Chris Cash at an Audubon meeting **or** mail to Chris at 10 Caribe Way, HSV 71909

Pay-as-you-go Bar!

PROGRAMS

We have a fun and educational assortment of programs planned the first quarter of 2017.

The new year begins with Glenn Wortham, a Villager, telling us all about the Ouachita Trail. Glenn was very involved with its development. This meeting will be **January 13**.

On **February 10**, Corbet Deary, outdoor writer and photographer, will entertain our meeting with his beautiful photography and knowledge of our natural resources in the nearby areas outside the Village. This will add to our birding adventures. Corbet's stories and pictures appear weekly in the Sentinel-Record Mid-Week Extra.

On **March 10**, Tana Beasley from AR Game and Fish Commission will make a return visit to our organization. Tana has an amazing knowledge on hummingbirds. She will present a new program concerning hummers.

On **April 14**, Dan Scheiman, from Audubon Arkansas, will make his annual visit to our organization. Dan is always full of knowledge and enthusiasm.

FIELD TRIPS

Stay tuned for more information on our Village Lakes Bird survey. This has become an annual event as part of Audubon's Great Backyard Bird Count which is held every February. This is a perfect chance to work on your waterfowl ID skills.

Also keep in mind the Bird Identification Classes to be held the first four Tuesdays in March.



“BIRD” BRAIN TEASERS

Can be a rooster on the roof, 4 letters

Usual shape of an eggs, 4 letters

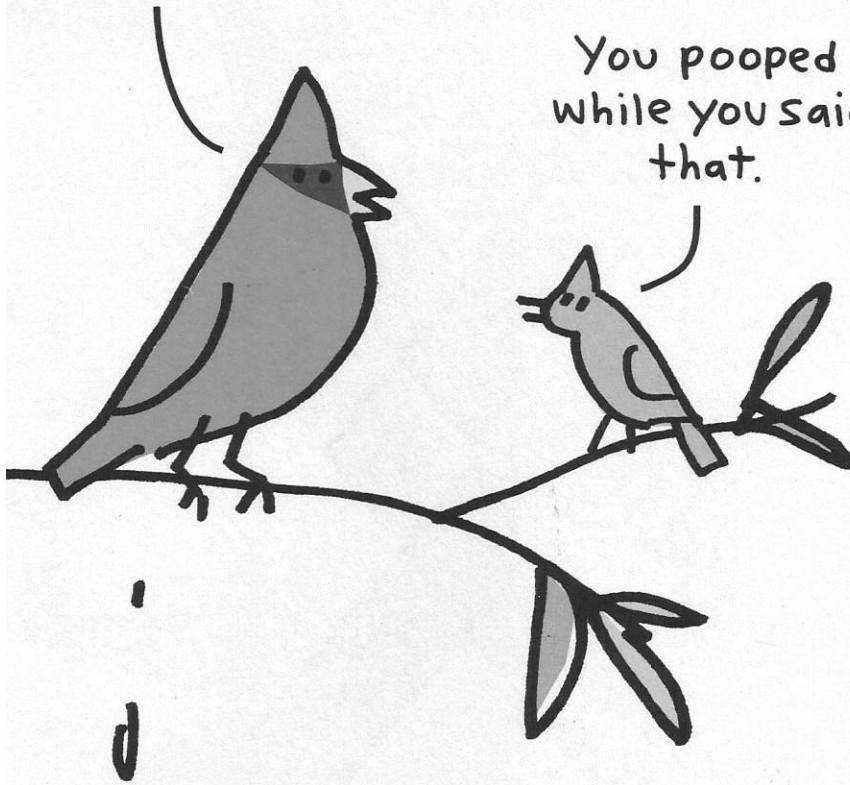
___ Gardner of "The Bluebird"

___ Kilmer of "Wings of Courage"

Vane, Oval, Ava, Val

How you behave
in public reflects
on me as a parent.

You pooped
while you said
that.



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