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Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families (human and avian). We wish you a safe Thanksgiving—remember that fumes from non-stick cookware, appliances and self-cleaning ovens can kill birds quickly.

Have fun with your birds with safe, edible pumpkins and other fall veggies. Check out the article by Susan Chamberlain on our website's Blog page, "Falling into Autumn" for more info. <https://www.liparrots.org/blog/>

As we prepare to decorate our homes for the holidays, be aware of decorations and plants that are not bird safe. Holiday decorations are not suitable for bird toys. See more information on the inside of this newsletter under, Holiday Safety for Your Birds.

As we greet our holiday company into our homes, be sure your bird is safely caged or in a closed room. We want to continue to enjoy the holidays with all our family members and friends and not have to deal with the heartache of an escaped bird. Always know where your bird is located before the

door/window is opened.

Board of Director nominees for term 2022-2024 are introduced in this newsletter. You'll have a chance to meet the candidates "in-person" during the November 17 Zoom meeting. In-person voting will take place during the December 15 Holiday Party at the American Legion Hall. Those attending via Zoom will have an opportunity to vote via a Zoom poll.

Speaking of the Holiday Party, as you know, we're doing this year differently. You will NOT be asked to bring food to share, instead we're having the party catered. You will be asked to RSVP to the party—please see the instructions inside this newsletter (page 12—Deck the Halls with Boughs of Polly!). It will be wonderful getting together to see and celebrate with everyone.

We have a new page on our LIPS Facebook link! It's a public page where we can post events, announcements, photos, news you can use. Thanks to Kaitlin Saxton for keeping us updated in the world of social media. If you're not a member of our Facebook page, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/liparrots> and ask to join.

Our last outreach of the year was at the Middle Country Library's 13th Annual Pet Adoption and Information Fair in Centereach (11/13

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from 11-2 pm). The library always puts on a great event and the club proudly attended with a flock of volunteers (both human and avian). Outreaches are always fun and educational for one and all. Our first outreach of 2022 will be the LI Pet EXPO held at Suffolk Community College in Brentwood on March 5-6. This is a very well-attended event with plenty to see and do. More info to follow as the time gets closer.

Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering, want to be added to our volunteer email list, want to donate unwanted items, or would like to suggest speakers/topics you would like to see, please either leave a message at 631-957-1100 or email us at info@liparrots.org.

See you at the next Zoom meeting and Holiday Party in December!

Diane Hyde, President

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING starts 7:00 p.m. following speaker. PLEASE MUTE YOUR AUDIO during speaker. SPEAKERS: Begin at 7:30 p.m. +/-20 minutes.
Please be respectful. Mute!

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HELP WANTED!

Monthly Meetings:

Help with set-up before meeting and break down afterward
Coffee/Refreshments
Volunteers for **Parrot University** and **Outreach Events**
during the year

UPCOMING MEETINGS/OUTREACHES

- **Saturday, November, 13 2021:** Outreach Event - **Scales & Tails Pet Education Fair** from 11am - 2pm at the Middle Country Public Library, 101 Eastwood Blvd., Centereach, NY.
- **Wednesday, December 1, 2021:** 7pm **Virtual Zoom** Mini meeting on: **"TBD"**.
- **Wednesday, December 15, 2021:** 7pm **LIPS Annual Holiday Party...IN PERSON!** RSVP is required by emailing: [info @ liparrots.org](mailto:info@liparrots.org), or calling 631-957-1100 by Friday, Dec. 3, 2021

OUT OF TOWN & VIRTUAL EVENTS

Organizations: list your upcoming events here. Email information to: editor@liparrots.org

- Livestream on The Leather Elves Facebook page every Friday evening at 7PM EST! Robin Shewokis-Sullivan and Jack Pine host an informative and entertaining presentation on different avian topics each week! There's a trivia contest with a prize too! If you 'like' The Leather Elves page, you'll get a reminder when the livestream starts!
- **Thursday - Sunday, August 4-7, 2022:** American Federation of Aviculture 48th Annual Educational Conference & Avian Expo, "Go BIG for Aviculture". Hyatt Regency, Dulles; Herndon, VA. Hotel \$99.00 per night for attendees. Visit afabirds.org
- ONGOING: Lafeber's weekly webinars by avian veterinarians and other experts! Visit lafeber.com, click on 'Pet Birds', then on 'Avian Expert Articles' and scroll down to 'Webinars'. Lots of great information on the site too!
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- HAGEN/HARI: Visit <https://hari.ca> for nutrition advice, upcoming events, a great blog, and HARI TV.
- **Thursday - Sunday, November 3-13, 2022:** Parrot Lovers Cruise, Panama Canal Transit through New Locks aboard the Caribbean Princess. For further information, visit their website: <https://parrotloverscruise.com/>

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FINANCIAL REPORT - October 2021

Deposits as of October 2021

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| Deposits | \$ 2759.50 |
| Total Deposit: | \$ 2,759.50 |

Expenses as of October 2021

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|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Phone: | \$ 120.00 |
| Island Digital: | \$ 270.00 |
| Life Storage: | \$ 362.00 |
| Adobe inDesign (Newsletter): | \$ 22.80 |
| USPS (Bulk Mail/Postage/PO box): | \$ 89.20 |
| CRM (SalesNow): | \$ 60.60 |
| Misc: | \$ 869.12 |
| Total Expenses: | \$ 1,793.72 |

TFCU Account Balances as of October 31, 2021

| | |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Operating Fund: | \$ 7226.01 |
| EXPO Fund: | \$ 10,593.00 |
| Parrot Care: | \$ 2,320.95 |
| MM (Shelter): | \$ 132,825.05 |
| CD (Shelter): | \$ 9,188.80 |
| Total: | \$ 162,153.81 |

Board Meeting Minutes - October 2021

October 13, 2021 - 7pm via Zoom: Donna Barbaro, Paula Basso, Susan Chamberlain, Bob Dietrich, Shawn Florman, Robert Gross, Diane Hyde, Diane Hyde, Pat LoRusso

Vaccine & mask protocols for December holiday meeting/party; RSVP begin with NOV. Servers booked for holiday party. Entertainment discussed.

Board elections: zoom, link and in person votes.

Distribution of electronic newsletter. Members will be able to click on link. How will members know when membership expires? Will have to come up with process for notifications. We will be able to manage. Will be able to track expired members. QR codes suggested.

Phone meeting with member: Online emphasis not conducive to good relationships.

Star Foundation: African greys relinquished to STAR foundation; wondered whether it was a scam; was legitimate.

Kaitlin, doing great job as FB admin. People asking about EXPO. Create page for announcements only? Camera and other electronics ordered via Amazon Prime using smile.amazon.com so LIPS even received donations from purchase!

70-year-old Amazon, vet did workup on bird; bird had event, person couldn't get emergency appointment; finally got in, people need to call; we need to know who will see avians 24/7 on emergency basis. Donna will poll emergency vets re availability.

Shawn Florman: custom parrot mugs for sale; portion of sales go to LIPS.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2021 - 7:30pm via Zoom: Donna Barbaro, Paula Basso, Susan Chamberlain, Shawn Florman, Robert Gross, Diane Hyde

Due to other obligations, Paula Basso stepped down from the Board effective December 31.

Possible Research & Projects Committee suggested by Donna Barbaro
Board nominee bios & photos due.

Next Mini-Zoom, Nov. 3, Autumn Food & Care; December 1 Mini-Zoom: Surviving the Holidays with a Parrot.

Kaitlin Saxton: Suggested separate FB page for public viewing; useful for posting events and for people to message the Club. (Private FB group would still exist). Only LIPS will be able to post on the public page and will link to Instagram. People will be able to comment with approval. It's solely for announcements and educational content. It differs from our 'Group' in that public can see it. APPROVED. Kaitlin is adept at filtering out scammers and spammers from our FB group as well.

Donna Barbara followed up on calling animal ER hospitals. Five between here and NYC. Results is: always call first. No avian vets do overnights. They'll stabilize and refer to a specialist. If bird has a pre-existing condition, get yourself established with an avian vet and have a plan in case of emergency.

Fundraising letter & Holiday cards approved for 2021. Holiday RSVP note to be included.

Annual donation to avian charities; Select up to three organizations; membership and board to vote.

Long Island Parrot Society



News from The Flock

Mary Lynn and Erwin Loepke recently had a fun time on a one-third capacity cruise ship. We are happy to see our members beginning to travel again!

Happy birthday to Patricia LoRusso who celebrated in St. Lucia!

Kaitlin Saxton has recently become a LIPS Lifetime Member! Many thanks, Kaitlin!

Condolences to Kenny Friedman on the loss of his dad.

Congratulations to Frank Huwer for winning the Parrot Trivia question on our ZOOM meeting of October 20. His prize was a year's membership to the Long Island Parrot Society!

Thanks to volunteers and customers who came to the LIPS Cage Sale Fundraiser on October 17th! There were many visitors, and attendees were treated to a Quaker parakeet flyover near the end of the day!

New Jersey's Bird Paradise, famous for Parrotpalooza recently announced that they will stop selling birds once their present stock is depleted. Two reasons given were the escalating prices and dwindling availability of young birds.

The Parrot Lover's Cruise is sailing again in 2022. Ahoy all!

We are happy to hear that the birds stolen from the Paterson, NJ bird store were ultimately returned to the shop. Best wishes to Paree Hecht as she recovers from surgery.

Dr. Ross Perry, of Gold Coast Vet in Australia and author of many bird care books has passed away. He was particularly captivated by budgies and wrote extensively about them.

It will be interesting to see the outcome of a lawsuit filed against Barbara Heidenreich (Barbara's Force Free Animal Training) by Steve Martin of Natural Encounters. At issue is a difference in philosophy on training methods. Pet stores in the Town of Riverhead are now prohibited from selling commercially bred dogs, cats and rabbits, and puppy mills in the town have been outlawed. The law was effective October 6, but stores have 90 days from that date to sell commercially acquired animals.

Safe travels to Pat & Neal Rudikoff and their flock who are on their way to Arizona for the winter!

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By: Susan Chamberlain



Many thanks for your support throughout 2021. Because of you, our members, friends and donors,

The Long Island Parrot Society has been able to survive and even flourish during this challenging year. Outreach events are coming back, our annual picnic took place, our membership has increased, and we will welcome everyone back in person at the December 15 Meeting and Holiday Party! (RSVP required—Please do NOT bring food to share)

Despite the pandemic, we have been able to continue most member services and our adoption program, which requires exhaustive counseling, now-virtual home visits and numerous phone calls. It is practically a full-time, 7 day a week job for our Parrot Placement Team. In addition to coordinating adoptions, they field calls about lost and found birds and have helped to facilitate several successful reunions.

Our twice-a-month ZOOM meeting for members are becoming increasingly popular and offer a wonderful way for us to stay connected. Members who have been unable to attend regular meetings are delighted that they can participate, and we enjoy seeing them too! We plan to live-stream in-person meetings as well. We have been able to add to our Shelter Fund, which is of foremost importance, and your donations will help make it a reality. Donations have enabled us to help birds in

need now by supporting emergency cases medically and in foster homes. Most recently the Parrot Care Fund helped with transportation expenses for a needy cockatoo.

The Long Island Parrot Society gives too! The LIPS Charitable Donations Fund is established so that as need arises, LIPS may help other 501(c)(3) Organizations supporting Parrot Care, Rescue, Education, Rehabilitation, or Conservation/Reintroduction. LIPS allocates \$500 annually for this Fund. Donations made to LIPS may be allocated by the donor(s) to this fund as well. If at the end of the year any amount that has not been donated, will be divided among the designated LIPS Charitable Organizations.

Each year, LIPS may select up to three (3) 501(c)(3) Organizations supporting Parrot Care, Rescue, Education, Rehabilitation, or Conservation/Reintroduction. The General Membership may be polled to obtain suggestions for 501(c)(3) Organizations. If none are received, The Board may nominate specific organizations. Organizations who receive a donation from LIPS are ineligible to receive further donations within a 3-year period from original donation. LIPS Board will evaluate each suggestion and select five (5) 501(c)(3) Organizations to be presented to the General Membership for consideration. In December, the General Membership shall vote to select three (3) Organizations to whom the Annual Donation will be made. Each Organization shall receive an equal distribution from the Charitable Donations Fund. If no Funds remain at the end of the year, no Charitable Organization election shall be held. When LIPS donates to

a 501(c)(3) Organization, or other Entity, we shall inform the General Membership via the LIPS Newsletter and FeatherFlash. The notification will inform the Membership of what 501(c)(3) Organization, or other Entity, received our donation and why they were selected. We know this year has been difficult. If you are able, please remember The Long Island Parrot Society with a donation this holiday season. Donations may be made by check and mailed to the address below or call 631-957-1100 to donate via credit card. You may also donate via PayPal to bookkeeper@liparrots.org Please note 'donation' with payment. Most donations are tax deductible but must be made by December 31st for the 2021 calendar year. Please check with your accountant for specific details.

Amazon shoppers can garner donations for LIPS by shopping through smile.amazon.com and noting Long Island Parrot Society of New York as the chosen charity. Not a penny comes out of your own pocket! Others may join [igive.com](https://www.igive.com) at www.igive.com/liparrots and shop hundreds of major retailers. Again, there is no sensitive information to divulge, and the donation comes from the vendors, not from your bank account!

Heartfelt thanks to all who have supported the Long Island Parrot Society through donations, membership renewals, working on various committees, attending our Zoom meetings and in general, being ambassadors for the Club! Happy 'Pollydays'!

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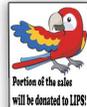
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Bird Paradise, Burlington, NJ, 10% off (doesn't apply to purchased birds or Harrison's products) - in store only. 15% discount for on-line purchases—code: LIPS15.

B.T.J.'s Jungle, West Islip (631-587-8191) 10% off

Central Veterinary Associates, 24/7, Valley Stream + 5 other locations, 10% off all services, call (888-4CVA-PET), www.centralvets.com — for LIPS members

Fine Feather, LLC (formerly Long Island Pet Supply), www.finefeather.us (631-499-0276) 10% off bird related

First Flight, 514 Middle Country Road, Coram (631-732-1494) 10% birds and related

Paumanok Veterinary Hospital, Patchogue (631-475-1312) 10% off exam

Total Pet Care/Lawrence Labs, Holbrook (800-TOTL-PET) 10% LIPS.

Wow look at those discounts!



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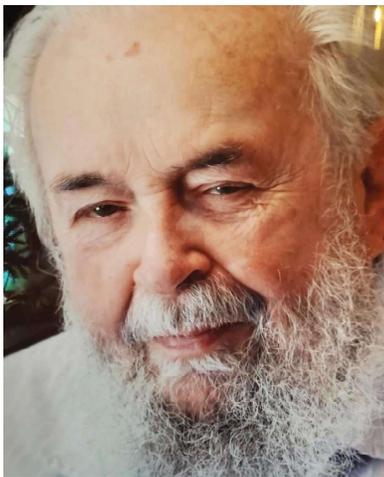
Many thanks to Paula Basso for the wonderful speakers she's booked for our ZOOM meetings since the pandemic.

Shout out to hero Suffolk Police Officer, Nicholas Evangelista who rescued an 82-year-old woman and her parrot from an Islip house fire on October 20th.

If you go to the Gallery North Holiday Market in Setauket (90 North Country Rd. November 27 & December 4) look for some of member Anne DePietri's photos in the Port Jefferson Photography Club's booth!

A huge round of applause for Board member Donna Barbaro who has researched and compiled a guide for emergency avian vet care on Long Island! It covers availability, who to contact, what information the vet will need and the importance of developing a relationship with an avian vet before you have an emergency! Watch for it in LIPService and on the LIPS Blog at liparrots.org.

Need grooming or bird-sitting? Visit liparrots.org (Services heading) and check your copy of LIPService for bird-sitters and in-home grooming. Contact the individuals to check availability.



Peter McCluskey was familiar to many of us who visited The Leather Elves booth at Parrot EXPO over the years. He passed away on October 7th at 85. He was the founder of The Leather Elves and beloved father of Robin Shewokis-Sullivan, who has been a good friend to LIPS, participating in club meetings and Parrot EXPO for many years.



HOLIDAY SAFETY FOR YOUR BIRDS

The Long Island Parrot Society wishes you & your pet bird
A Safe Thanksgiving



Fumes from non-stick cookware & appliances and self cleaning ovens can kill birds quickly!

For more information
call 631-957-1100
or visit www.liparrots.org

*Decorative seasonal and holiday items may look pretty, but they are not bird toys! Decorations from discount stores, crafts shops and other retail outlets may be made of questionable materials or coated with paint containing toxic compounds. Transport ships are often treated with pesticides as well.

*Birds (and humans too!) are often affected by scented candles. Use beeswax or unscented candles instead. Never leave a candle unattended and make sure birds do not have access to flames.

History of Parrots - "Early History" Part II

By Susan Chamberlain

After the Roman Empire declined in the fifth century, A.D., so did interest parrots. Curiosity was piqued again during Middle Ages when crusaders, merchants and explorers returned home with their feathered treasures. At this time, birds were mostly owned by the wealthy and housed in ornamental cages. Henry VIII shared Hampton Court with a much-loved African grey parrot during the sixteenth century. Charles V owned birdcages embellished with gemstones. Birds and cages were so popular that France had a cage-makers guild, an organization of craftsmen dedicated to fashioning fine bird homes. Although cages from this period did not survive through the centuries, some of them are depicted in art from the era.

Marco Polo reported sighting a variety of parrots in the coastal areas of southern India during his thirteenth century explorations. The Portuguese controlled part of the West African coast in the mid-1400s and frequently brought African grey parrots back home with them. It is believed that a flock of parrots led Christopher Columbus off course in 1492. He made landfall in the Caribbean where he was presented with what were likely Cuban Amazons in exchange for the gifts, he gave the natives. He brought a pair of parrots back to Queen Isabella when he returned to Spain, thus promoting a resurgence of interest in the exotic creatures.

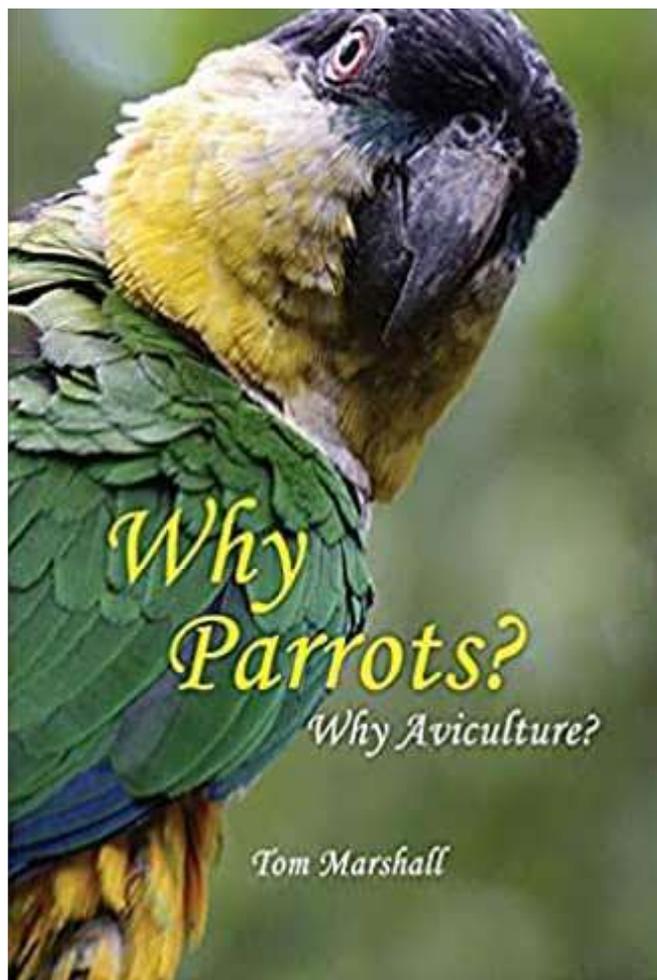
Further exploration took Columbus to Guadeloupe and Trinidad where he was the first European to see macaws. Several years later, the Portuguese discovered Brazil, which they called Terra de Papagaios, which translated, means Land of the Parrots. In the 1500s, Magellan's crew reported on the cockatoos they had seen in their travels and mapmaker Gerard Mercator designated an area, probably Australia, as Psitacorum Regio, Region of the Parrots. If Lewis and Clark saw parrots as they traversed the United States, they were probably Carolina Parakeets.

The 18th century brought the Age of Enlightenment, and its more aesthetic values. Louis XV and Louis XVI commissioned elaborate cages and aviaries for the gardens at Versailles. The cages were so decorative and embellished that the birds inside were only incidental. Elaborate cages were de rigueur in wealthy European homes during the 18th century. Some cages were purely decorative and not intended as avian residences.

During the 1800s, budgerigars were introduced to England, and middle-class English families were captivated by these friendly and colorful new pets. They housed them in large, intricate cages replicating existing buildings, such as the Taj Mahal and the Crystal Palace. In the United States, nineteenth century cages were often fanciful reproductions of ships and notable architecture. According to an article in the New York Times (10/3/03), English architect Jacob Wrey Mould designed a series of intricate birdcages for Central Park in 1862. Only one of these was built, but no longer stands in the park. Parrots' feathers and even their preserved bodies decorated ladies' hats during the 1800s, a sight that would horrify people today.

NEXT MONTH; The 20th Century

Book Report



Why Parrots? Why Aviculture? by Tom Marshall

After Tom Marshall returned from his work with the Peace Corps in the Philippines and restarted his teaching career, he continued his love of parrots. His fascination began with a large green Amazon parrot given to him by another teacher with no instructions for its care. He began reading all he could about parrots and finally started to hit it off with his avian friend after six months. Since the late seventies he has been a hobbyist breeder of several species of parrots and a life member of the American Federation of Aviculture where he served in many positions, including President from 1987-89.

Why Parrots? Combines personal anecdotes and experience with information about personal responsibility for parrots as well as the importance of conservation of these fantastic creatures' habitat so that future generations can continue to enjoy their beauty and intelligence.

Why Parrots? Why Aviculture? - Dorrance Bookstore (dorrancepublishing.com) and at smile.amazon.



Deck the Halls with Boughs of Polly!

The Long Island Parrot Society's Annual Holiday Party is BACK!
RSVP REQUIRED!

Musical Entertainment by
Roberta Fabiano
Wednesday, December 15 7PM at
our meeting hall!
Due to COVID concerns, the party
will be catered.



 Please do NOT bring food to share!

 Current COVID precautions will be followed.

 Please wear a mask when not seated.



We'll need to know how much food to order, so please RSVP by Friday, December 3 with your name and number of people attending. Call 631-957-1100 or email info@liparrots.org.

Vendors will be on hand with bird food, supplies and Holiday gift items!

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★ Snack Sweethearts ★

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please bring a snack to the next meeting.
Thank you!

Please observe the following rules for the safety of your parrots and others!

- You must be a LIPS member for at least 60 days prior to bringing birds to meetings or events.
- Non-members and guests are not permitted to bring birds to meetings or events.
- Flighted birds must be confined to carriers or cages.
- All birds must remain under supervision of their pet human or a caretaker designated by said human.
- Please clean up after your birds (poop, food, etc.).

The following birds must have been quarantined for 60 days prior to attending meetings or events:

- Newly acquired birds, baby birds and geriatric birds.
- Sick birds; any bird exposed to sick birds within the past 60 days.
- Birds that have been boarded in pet shops.
- Pin-feathered baby birds are not permitted at meetings or events unless contained in appropriate, solid sided containers or incubators. Owner assumes any risks associated with bringing such birds to meetings or events.

Directions to Our Meeting Hall, 22 Grove Place, Babylon, NY



East or west bound: Northern State Parkway, Exit 42 South; LIE Exit 51 South; Southern State Parkway, Exit 39 South; Sunrise Highway, Exit 40 South. All parkways except Sunrise Highway: Proceed south on Deer Park Avenue. Deer Park Ave. forks just past the Southern State. Bear to the right and continue south ([Old] Deer Park Ave.) over Sunrise Hwy. Under the RR Bridge, make the second right (Grove Place). Hall is on the left, high school on the right. Parking is in rear of hall or across the street behind the school.

USE FRONT DOOR ONLY, NO ENTRANCE THROUGH THE BAR OR BACK DOOR. ALL MEMBERS/ GUESTS MUST SIGN IN. REAR ENTRANCE FOR VENDORS & HANDICAPPED ONLY. The phone number of the Hall is (631) 669-0094.

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David Abrahams. David has been a member of the Long Island Parrot Society since 2002. He was a regular volunteer at the education booth for the annual Parrot Expo, Parrot University and other outreaches for many years before moving to Florida in 2011. David was born in Brooklyn, NY and raised in Far Rockaway. He graduated Far Rockaway High School in 1973 and attended Baruch College and Pace University. He is retired from the New York County District Attorney's Office where he worked from 1975 to 2010. He supervised a computer unit and performed data analysis and reports for that unit. His experience with birds began with budgies as a child. When he became older he bought his first sun conure, Sunny and followed with Kiwi (yellow shouldered amazon), Maui (blue fronted amazon), Oscar and Pepper (green winged macaws) and Coco (red-lored amazon). He currently owns three of them (Kiwi, Pepper and Coco). While living in Florida he also became a member of the Bird Lovers Club of South Florida and became a board member for membership dues and also volunteered for many outreaches with them. He also remained a member of the Long Island Parrot Society while living in Florida and moved back to New York on October 1, 2019.

Susan Chamberlain (incumbent). Susan is a past president and current executive board member and recording secretary of The Long Island Parrot Society. She joined LIPS in 1995 and has worked on press and publicity for the club ever since, resulting in numerous TV, newspaper, and magazine pieces. She edits, coordinates advertising, and provides content for the Parrot EXPO Journal and Resource Guide, working closely with graphic artist, LIPS member Kathy Vercellino. She was instrumental in obtaining a grant from the Pet Care Trust for publication of the Club's Welcome Packet and has chaired or helped to organize numerous fundraising events and campaigns. Her column, Gimme Shelter appears in each issue of LIPService. Susan also compiles Feather Flash, LIPS' online news service. Susan was a longtime columnist and feature writer for Bird Talk magazine and has written pet care, interview, travel, species profiles and business articles for related publications, including Hobby Farm, Pet Product News and Watchbird. She shares her home with five pet birds, including a 46-year-old Amazon parrot that has lived with her since 1980.



Bob Dietrich (incumbent). Hi, my name is Bob Dietrich. I currently run a mobile pet services business called “Dietrich Services.” We are the people to call when you need to leave your pets behind when going away. I have been an active member for 36+ years. My business and flock reside in Sayville, New York. My flock includes: a Goffin Cockatoo, an African Grey, several Amazons, several Macaws and 1 Meyers Parrot. I have been Membership Coordinator for 35+ years safeguarding membership and personal information.

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MEET THE SPEAKER!



Sheila S. Blanchette's has had a passion for companion birds for over 30 years. Over the years, she has had lorikeets as companion birds. In 2010, Sheila began volunteering at the MSPCA-Nevins Farm (Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) in Methuen, MA, USA. While volunteering in the Exotic Bird Area, she began looking for ways to improve the behavior and welfare of companion birds in the rescue. In 2012 began her journey of learning and understanding the study of avian behavior and the Applied Behavior Analysis methodology. In 2015, Sheila became an IAABC Certified Parrot Behavior Consultant/Trainer and set up her own companion bird behavior education and training service company: Heart of Feathers Education & Training, LLC. (www.heartoffeathers.com). In June 2021, Sheila has successfully completed the requirements to receive her certificate from the University of Washington in Applied Animal Behavior. She can carry the letters UW-AAB after her name to designate this completion.

Sheila is connected with several of New England rescues in assisting with fostering companion birds or assist with bird behavior; MSPCA – Nevins Farm (Methuen, MA, USA), Foster Parrots (Hope Valley, RI, USA), NEAR (Northeast Avian Rescue, New York, New York, USA), and Rhode Island Parrot Rescue (Warwick, RI, USA). In 2017, She was nominated into the position of Quaker Parakeet Society (QPS) Re-home and Placement Program Chairperson, where she continues her work educating people with Quaker Parakeets on the understanding companion bird behavior.

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Bob Dietrich continued: Ever wonder why you do not receive “parrot junk mail”? I claim responsibility! We do NOT sell membership information! I also served as President of the club for 3+ years, as well as Vice President for 5+ years. I have been an active member of the Cage Committee for 7+ years, as well as 17+ years on the Picnic Committee. I have found that while history does repeat itself, we can learn by it and prepare ourselves for the future. My previous 30+ years as a Board Member has taught me much. I wish to continue my service to the club and assist in making educated decisions benefiting the membership. Thank you for your vote!



Shawn Florman (incumbent). I’m Shawn Florman. I have been a member since 2018. I have to say, I am so forever grateful to be apart of this wonderful organization we call the Long Island Parrot Society. It is here within our organization that I have learned so much about parrots. Your willingness to share information with me is priceless and I’d like to thank everyone for that. I have become very passionate about this club and that is because I have become so very involved with many aspects. I started out (and still am) an Outreach Volunteer. Later, I joined the Placement Committee working with Diane Hyde in helping the birds in our program find new homes. I then became your webmaster. Of which I have installed

a brand-new site that continues to grow. The last 2 years, I have been a Board Member – which even made my passion for this club grow even stronger. I have helped make many changes in our club; ie, how the Outreach’s look when we set up, having signage to engage the attendees and to continue to put the Long Island Parrot Society on the map via Google My Business. With my technical background I have helped LIPS to move forward, not only with the website but utilize technologies that are available to us, such as “zoom-casting” as I like to term it. My passion is my drive to continue the success of the Long Island Parrot Society.

Diane Hyde (incumbent): Diane’s love of birds began when her family adopted a budgie in 1970. She has owned budgies during the ensuing years and currently is owned by one Quaker Parakeet, Cody and a foster budgie who was found on the street. Diane has been a member of the LI Parrot Society since 2004. She’s currently a board member and accepted the position of President in April 2021. She has been the treasurer since 2011 and is a member of the Parrot Placement Program and Outreach Committee. Diane is one of the American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) delegates for the Long Island Parrot Society. Diane is also a member of the AFA and Quaker Parakeet Society. Diane considers it a real honor to once again be recommended for a position on the Board of the LI Parrot Society, and feels it would be a great opportunity to continue to move the club forward and be of more help to our feathered friends.



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Candy Little: I always wanted to have a parrot ever since I enjoyed my grandma’s canaries singing in the sunny living room. I finally realized my dream when my own children were small. We started with a cockatiel, then another cockatiel, that came with a budgie buddy. When my son was nine, he used his birthday money to buy a baby quaker parakeet. A year later I was selected by a baby African Grey to take him home. Griffin has owned me for twenty six years . In 2009, I adopted Maverick, a blue and gold macaw, through the Long Island Parrot Society’s parrot placement program. I have been a LIPS member on and off since 1995. I’ve become active in the outreach program since the early 2000s. My greatest joy is educating people about proper husbandry and just how smart these little dinosaurs really are. I have learned so much from attending conferences, the newsletters, LIPS meetings, Flock Talk and working at many EXPOs. More recently I joined Parrot Kindergarten, a group led by Jen Cuhna, and I am working on improving communication and giving my fids preference in their daily lives. They know colors and target training, shapes and are learning to use the iPad. I have previous experience serving on the board of the American Heart Association, the high school hockey team, and a rifle and pistol club. I also have been a volunteer at Sweetbriar Nature Center for nearly twenty years. I’m looking forward to continuing to be an asset to the Long Island Parrot Society and moving the club forward if voted in as a board member. I believe volunteer work is as important as a professional vocation and needs to be taken seriously.



Kaitlin Saxton. Kaitlin has been a member of LIPS since 2014 and a former Board Member in 2019. She has a love for all exotic pets but has a special interest in parrots. She shares her home with Tiki (Caique), Buddy (Cockatiel), Marley (GCC) and Reuben (Eclectus). She has a special interest in avian behavior and nutrition and takes classes regularly to further her knowledge. She has been the owner of Bird Girl Pet Services LLC since 2016 providing pet sitting and grooming services to all exotic pets.



Conservation Notes

Lear's Macaw

The Lear's macaw has another enemy! Africanized honeybees have been competing with them for natural nesting sites. The World Parrot Trust has been assisting with bee nest eradication, using permethrin, a pesticide non-toxic to birds, in natural and human-made nest boxes. Treating these sites has resulted in increased nesting activity among the macaws, but efforts will be ongoing.

California Condor

Researchers recently made the unexpected discovery that the genomes of two young California condors contained no DNA from any condor males, according to a genetic database that encompasses the entire California condor species. This made the two fatherless birds rare examples of a type of asexual reproduction called parthenogenesis, researchers reported in a new study. This is the first example of a "virgin birth" producing viable chicks in a population of wild condors.

Discovering this male-free reproductive strategy in California condors is significant, as the species came dangerously close to vanishing from the wild. In the 1980s, fewer than two dozen condors remained in the wild, but conservation efforts and breeding programs brought condors back from the brink of extinction. As of 2020, there were 504 condors, of which 329 were wild and "free flying," according to a report published in December of that year by the U.S. Department of the Interior's California Condor Recovery Program.

Slow Down!

Suffolk County is #2 on the NY State list for most vehicle collisions with animals, with a reported 1,311 such crashes. Most cases involved cars hitting deer. Statewide, 1,538 collisions caused injuries to vehicle occupants, with six human fatalities.

NYC Migration Fatalities

Hundreds of migrating birds died during the night and early morning of September 14 and 15, 2021 after colliding with buildings at the World Trade Center complex (WTC) in New York City. Because of stormy conditions on Tuesday night, night-migrating songbirds — including the Black-and-white Warbler, Northern Parula, and Ovenbird — flew lower to the ground. It is likely that they were attracted by bright artificial lights at the World Trade Center site, which, combined with fierce winds, produced mortalities as birds tried to land. Birds that survived the landing collided lethally with glass as the sun rose the next day.

The American Bird Conservancy (ABC), New York City Audubon, and other partners are already working to engage with managers of the buildings at the WTC complex to remediate their glass, making the area safer for birds. Visit abcbirds.org for more information.

Lonely Elephant

Attorney Elizabeth Stein is trying to win freedom via an order of habeas corpus for Happy, an elephant at the Bronx Zoo. Happy, in her mid-fifties, has been kept by herself in a one-acre enclosure. A writ of habeas corpus is a request to free someone who has been wrongly imprisoned. The Zoo maintains that the elephant has been well cared for there for more than 40 years.

Adoption Spotlight



- Name of Parrot : Chickalinie & Pickles
- Species : Blue and Gold Macaws
- Age of Parrot : about 22
- Sex : Unknown
- Birthday / Hatchday :
- BirdColor : blue and gold
- Size : Large
- Wings Clipped : No
- Parrots Usual Diet : Seeds and pellets
- Talking Ability : little
- Vet : Unknown
- Children: Unknown / Dogs: Unknown / Cats: Unknown / OtherPets : Unknown
- HandTame : Unknown
- FeatherIssues : None
- Behavior_4 : Unknown
- Reason : Owner passed away suddenly. He had 4 large birds that he had inherited from his girlfriend who passed about 15 years ago. His parents are not able to care for them as they are elderly. His parents have given me permission to place them

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