Happy Valentine’s Day all you love birds!

While visiting the Sachem Library, they had posted a word of the week. This particular word really caught my eye: AVIOTHIC (ay-vee-oh-thik)—noun. The strong desire to be up in the air or to fly. I know I’ve always had that desire.

Last year the club donated to Projekt Ptasia Edukacja, an organization in Poland that fundraises for the Ukrainian birds and their families. We heard about the story of Sergii and his Moluccan Cockatoo, Roxy. Sergii had posted about the horror of trying to survive in Kyiv during the war with his beloved Roxy. Here’s the latest on Sergii and Roxy’s story: https://sergiiandroxy.wixsite.com/home?fbclid=IwAR1_Jjo-F4-l9P4-w4EzHJZxqUpUFVW2zhEMnhYu9rznug8n2cUXydyEOc4JE

Our speaker for January 18 was Bonnie Zimmerman from the Indonesian Parrot Project. Bonnie gave an inspirational and educational presentation on what’s being done to conserve the parrots of Indonesia, which includes education of the indigenous people, working with the local governments, promoting eco-tourism, building a team of like-minded folks in Indonesia to keep the conservation effort going. If you would like to contact Bonnie to get more information or to see how you can help, please email her at info@indonesian-parrot-project.org. If you would like to donate, here’s the site: https://indonesian-parrot-project.org/

Speaking of conservation, the late Laney Rickman founded a non-profit, Bird Endowment, to save the Blue-throated Macaws in Bolivia. Laney’s sister, Dorothy Paterson, is continuing Laney’s work. What folks can do to help is to sponsor a nest box via the Nido Adoptivo™ Nest Box Sponsor. An incredible 113 Blue-throated Macaws have now fledged from the nest boxes on the Laney Rickman Reserve. With estimates of only 400 - 450 of these critically endangered birds in the wild, this number is truly significant - about 25% of the wild population. After seeing a presentation by Dorothy Paterson, I decided to sponsor a nest box—Dorothy sent me a photo of the nest box and guess what, the nest box has an egg!!!!! You can read more about the Blue-throated Macaws and what’s being done to conserve them: https://www.birdendowment.org/

HPAI never went away and now we know of at least one bald eagle in Suffolk County contracted HPAI (reported on https://www.aphis.usda.gov/1/10/23—bird had to be euthanized). Bald eagle found in Brookhaven humanely euthanized as avian flu spreads fast among LI birds https://longislandnews12.com/bald-eagle-found-in-brookhaven-humanely-euthanized-as-avian-flu-spreads-fast-among-li-birds. There’s been preliminary reports that “dad” eagle from Centerport also died from HPAI. We are keeping our eyes on this and are determining the best way to handle outreaches while keeping all of our birds safe.

As we sit in the midst of winter in the northeast, are you dreaming of basking in the sun, maybe on the deck of a cruise ship and enjoying some Caribbean Islands? What could make this dream even better? Enjoying a cruise with other parrot lovers on the 15th annual Parrot Lover’s Cruise 2024 which will take place on 2/6-2/16/2024 on the Enchanted Princess. Here’s the website that will tell you more: https://parrotloverscruise.vistaprintdigital.com/. By cruising with the Parrot Lovers, you will help parrots thrive in the wild. There are excursions specific to the parrot lovers, onboard seminars, camaraderie with other parrot lovers. A great time will be had by all! Contact Carol Cipriano at 570 390 0809 or carolstraveltime@gmail.com. Join their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1018915664850436/

See you on the next Zoom.

Diane Hyde, President
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L.I. Parrot Beacon February 2023
This month, I am going to co-opt some of noted aviculturist, Kashmir Csaky's thoughts on parrot parenthood and why, in her opinion, some generally held tenets are inaccurate.

Here are some of her thoughts:

Our birds are not wild animals, they are domestically bred.

Writer’s note: The difference between domesticated animals and wild animals is widely opined as: Domesticated animals are home-bred and bred for many generations to live alongside humans, while wild animals have not and still live in the wild, or in their natural habitats.

Our birds are not endangered, the wild population is endangered.

We do not have a cage bird trade. We have a bird community.

We do not keep our birds in cages. They are in enclosures to protect them.

Breeder has become a nasty word to many audiences.

“I am using fancier or aviculturist. We are fanciers and aviculturists if we have birds,” said Kashmir, who says while wild animals have not and still live in the wild, or in their natural habitats.

Our birds do not escape, like our dogs and cats do not escape. Our birds may fly away.

Our birds are not in captivity. They are part of our families; they are in our homes. We do not have a collection; we have a flock.

There are no unwanted birds, there are birds that need rehoming.

“Rescues” are places that take in sick and injured birds, not healthy birds that just need a new home, otherwise they are shelters or sanctuaries.

The Araripe Manakin is approximately about 6 inches in length, with a long tail. Like the Northern Cardinal, male and female Araripe Manakins differ in appearance. This makes it easy to discern how many sex are in the wild. The male is a colorful, predominantly white bird with a red patch that runs from the head down the back. The wings of the male are black as are their tail. The iris of the male is red in color. The female, on the other hand, is completely olive green with their upper region a pale green. If the green color of the female helps to keep it camouflaged while the male can be spotted almost anywhere.

The diet of the bird is largely fruit and plant, although the females, with their camouflage-like green color, can spread their diet out and take in more than their brightly colored mates. The males simply stand out to potential predators and must be more careful. The bill of the female is much longer and better suited to fruit picking.

The bird is of special interest as it is included in the Alliance For Zero Extinction primarily because of its strong predilection for a small location. With this, if the bird loses the habitat it currently lives in, it is highly likely to become extinct.

The American Bird Conservancy has helped to purchase over 300 acres of land annexed to the Araripe National Forest. Its primary function is to become a suitable home for the Araripe Manakin and will take it as its new habitat. To help with this, the location is filled with trees replicating the ones they accept. Everything is being done to replicate the habitat so that the Araripe Manakin can survive and thrive.

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Balanced Omega Fatty Acids: Why Do Birds Need Them?

Fatty acids are the building blocks for fats and oils in the body. All animals, including birds, need them. Recent research has shown that balanced omega 3 and 6 fatty acids in the diet are good for a wide host of body functions. When these omega fatty acids are available in the right proportions, or balanced, they help the immune system and the body’s ability to respond to disease and precarious conditions. This means that the immune cells are able to fight off infections and not over-respond, as occurs with allergic responses. In people, balanced omega 3 and 6 fatty acids have even been shown to reduce the incidence of colon cancer. They keep the joints healthy and have been shown in dogs to reduce osteoarthritis and the pain associated with this chronic disease. This reduction in inflammation is important in many disease conditions, including kidney failure and liver disease when chronic. We also believe that balanced omega 3 and 6 fatty acids in the diets of pet birds will also help to keep birds healthy, as has been shown in poultry.

Omega 3 & Omega 6 Science
macaw face The two basic families of fatty acids are the omega 3 series and the omega 6 series. The numbers in the names refer to where the first double bond in the backbone of the molecule occurs, either at the third or the sixth position. The omega 3 family of fatty acids includes linolenic acid and all of its elongated products. Common sources for omega 3 fatty acids in human diets are coldwater fish and all of its elongated products. Common sources for omega 6 fatty acids include linoleic acid and all of its elongated products. Common sources for omega 6 fatty acids in human diets are eggs, poultry, cereals, vegetable oils and baked goods. The dietary requirements of the two basic families of fatty acids are eggs, poultry, cereals, vegetable oils and baked goods. The dietary requirements of the omega 3 fatty acids do not reduce the need for the omega 6 fatty acids because they are not interchangeable. Both are required by the body, and both need to be consumed in proper balance for optimum health.

Omega 3 & Preventing Atherosclerosis In Birds
Atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries, is fairly common in captive birds. Factors that have been linked to the development of atherosclerosis in pet birds include longterm diets high in fat or cholesterol and/or lack of exercise. Dietary PUFA’s, especially omega-3 fatty acids, play an important role in the prevention of atherosclerosis by inhibiting inflammation within the blood vessels, reducing plaque formation and by other means that protect the vessels.

The balance between these two fatty acid families is important, because higher levels of omega 6 to 3 fatty acid levels appear to promote inflammation, while higher omega 3 to 6 levels are anti-inflammatory. This is most likely the result of the omega 3 series acting as precursors to the proinflammatory prostaglandins, leukotrienes and the thromboxanes. These products are produced as a result of the inflammation process. Once these products are produced, they set up a cascade of events that continue the inflammatory process. When the fatty acids are in balance, this cascade of inflammation is dampened. This helps the immune system to work properly and the organs to function normally.

Fatty acids like the omegas can easily become rancid so that they are no longer effective. Heat can also destroy them when they are in foods or in the oil form, so they need to be kept cold or stabilized by a natural preservative. Fats that are high in the omega 3 series are flax seed (better than the oil as it less likely to turn rancid), walnuts and other nuts that are properly cooked or a low temperature. Common sources for omega 3 fatty acids do not reduce the need for the omega 6 fatty acids because they are not interchangeable. Both are required by the body, and both need to be consumed in proper balance for optimum health.

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A Home for You and Bird
By Susan Chamberlain

How is the house situated? Look for southern exposure in the northern climates. Do you have warm during the winter. In warmer areas, northern or western exposure is best because you share your home with birds. Give homes with central air or enclosed porch or sunroom that can be used as a bird room. New tile floor? Consider installing radiant heating for birds will not be present. Choose a formidably-free carpet or ask that the carpet and pad be unrolled and aired at the store for several days before installation. If this is not possible, have the carpeting installed prior to moving in, and arrange for the house to be aired out for a few days.

Building or Remodeling?
Specify that plywood or particleboard be sealed with fire and exposure to chemicals. Avoid single family homes located adjacent to auto body shops (possible epoxy, papers), restaurants (cooking oils [noise] and other businesses that may produce noxious fumes or excessive noise.

Check local ordinances and condominium or homeowner’s association rules! Ordinances governing noise and the number and size of pets permitted may be in place. Ask about them before you move in. Some apartment complexes may allow pets in certain apartments in such communities. A friend who moved into a condominium in Florida told me that a neighbor was upset and complained about her macaw’s vocalizations, and another is at the mercy of a neighbor who regularly reports her to the authorities when he imagines she is added another bird to her flock.

Is there room for your birds? It is easy to become enamored of a new model home or condo but take a moment and look at it from a birdkeeper’s point of view. Is there space for your pets in the living area, or will they be relegated to a separate section with the family will be nonexistent? Is there a den, family room or enclosed porch or sunroom that can be used as a bird room? Take measurements of doorways and room dimensions and calculate how your bird furniture will fit inside. Does the potential bird room have a view of outdoors? Most pet birds love to observe the activity outside.

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Sharing a home with pet birds is more than a hobby—it is a lifestyle choice! What do birds need? They look for features that would make la vida avian easier and more pleasurable for all: a cathedral ceiling for parrots (even the tiniest ones), ample living space, and laminate floors for ease of cleaning and perhaps a separate room altogether for the birds.

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Antecedent-based Interventions

According to Friedman, Martin and Brinker, “Antecedents are the stimuli, events or situations that immediately precede a behavior.” Antecedents set the stage for the behavior to occur; the behavior will not occur without the antecedent. Antecedents can be positive or negative. Positive antecedents increase the likelihood of a behavior, while negative antecedents decrease it. Changing antecedents in order to change behavior is a more ethical, often simpler and easier way to change behavior. So easy in fact that, when I suggest such a change, clients accuse me of paranoid capitalism. I can see them thinking that things really can’t be that easy.

Antecedent changes can be used in order to make it easy for our birds to perform the behaviors we do want and to make it hard to impossible to perform the behaviors that we don’t want to see.

Let’s review some examples of using antecedent changes both to decrease problem behaviors and to set birds up for success when performing new or unfamiliar behaviors.

Decreasing Problem Behaviors

**Example One:** Some types of misbehavior occur when a bird is on the shoulder. Perhaps a bird, who has been sitting on your shoulder for three years without problem, suddenly begins to bite when you pick him up. Perhaps he nips your earlobes or pulls your glasses off or rip an earring out.

Antecedent Change: In this case, the recommended way is to have a perch close by and have the bird stand on the perch when not being held. This can be a very effective way to stop biting. This is often done by placing an empty cage beside, then place toys and foraging projects there. This way, your parrot can be relocated before your visitors arrive.

**Example Three:** Your parrot screams when you get on the phone.

Antecedent Change: Go into another room or outside to talk, if the call cannot be predicted. You might also try getting a second phone or even using your cell phone to avoid the phone to your ear that acts as the stimulus for the noise.

**Example Four:** Your parrot screams when you and your spouse have a conversation in another room. This often results when a pair bond exists between the parrot and one of the partners. Additional measures will be necessary to resolve this social dynamic.

Antecedent Change: A simple antecedent change for the short term is to have the parrot present for the conversation. In this case, isolation is a problem.

Increasing Desirable Behaviors

**Example Two:** Your bird lunges at you when you are cleaning the cage bars. Quickly switch out the dishes. Continue to do this until he shows up with the food dishes, have with you a good-sized water dish, or resist the consumption of both vegetables and pellets. In many parrots who have been eating a seed mix typically resist the consumption of both vegetables and pellets. In fact, they often refuse to eat any new foods. Antecedent change is simple – just don’t allow the bird to consume his food. He shows up with the food dishes, have with you a good-sized water dish, offer new foods in dishes that are likely to accept these new foods sooner when they are shown outside your cage. Many parrots who have been eating a seed mix typically resist the consumption of both vegetables and pellets. In fact, they often refuse to eat any new foods.

Example Three: Your parrot is too loud when you have company. You might have learned to live with this, but it may upset your visitors and make it hard to enjoy your time together.

Antecedent Change: If you have a sleep cage, turn it into a “siesta cage.” Add a hanging perch above and a playstand beside, then place toys and foraging projects there. This way, your parrot can be relocated before your visitors arrive.

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**Example Two:** You are feeding your parrot at the window and he is not eating. Perhaps he is doing so because he is looking out the window. He shows up with the food dishes, have with you a good-sized water dish, or resist the consumption of both vegetables and pellets. In many parrots who have been eating a seed mix typically resist the consumption of both vegetables and pellets. In fact, they often refuse to eat any new foods.

Antecedent Change: Offer new foods in dishes that are right near to the bird’s favorite perches. They are more likely to accept these new foods sooner when they are right under that beak. This means that eating the new foods is easier, in terms of energy use.

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During the second week of March 2020, life as we knew it came to a screeching halt: Major snowstorms had forced the cancellation of all in-person club meetings, but in 2020, the coronavirus (now known as COVID) reared its ugly head. The Board of Directors of the Long Island Parrot Society (LIPS) met on March 11th and had to decide whether or not to cancel our general meeting on March 18th. There wasn’t a lot known about the virus yet, but nursing homes were beginning to shut them down and rumors of a pandemic began to spread. Out of an abundance of caution, we decided to cancel, and the next day we all got busy calling members to notify them of the cancellation. That March Board meeting was the last physical one we would have. In-person club meetings were suspended indefinitely. Parrot EXPO was canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID restrictions and concerns. EXPO was canceled again in 2022 due to lack of vendor response. Some had gone out of business and others never responded to LIPS.

We did have our annual holiday party at the end of 2021 but were put on notice (after 25+ years) that birds were no longer permitted in the building due to a new pier. We did have our annual holiday party at the end of 2021 but were put on notice (after 25+ years) that birds were no longer permitted in the building due to a new pier. We did have our annual holiday party at the end of 2021 but were put on notice (after 25+ years) that birds were no longer permitted in the building due to a new pier. In March 2022 we held our first in-person meeting at our new venue, Greenbelt South in East Islip and scheduled quarterly in-person meetings for 2022 and 2023. These meetings are live streamed over Zoom for members on the first Wednesday of each month, and we have our own dedicated parking lot!

Parties: Due to COVID concerns, our last two holiday parties have been canceled, rather than having members bring food to share. Members and their families and guests enjoyed pizza, salad, heroes and dessert. Musician Roberta Fabiano performed this year, a great addition to the festivities!

Adoptions: Virtual home visits were instituted, with great success, and the Parrot Placement Program remained busy throughout. The program had to be put on hiatus a few times to clear backlogs. The adoption team is busier than ever, fielding phone calls and emails and following up with virtual home visits.

Picnic: Concerned about bird flu, we asked veterinarians for advice about bringing birds to our picnics in Catterton Park. Everyone was all too happy to have a picnic! Musician Roberta Fabiano entertained all, saying it was unwelcome because of the weeds growing in the park. The picnic was held without birds in attendance.

Membership: Increased over the past few years, as the Club’s online presence increased during lockdown and the adoption program continued. Some members who hadn’t been active in a while renewed their memberships. Several members signed up for Lifetime Memberships.

Cage sales: Successful sales were held outdoors at the storage facility. Watch for another one in 2023.

Outreach events: Outreach was on hold during the height of COVID, and the presence of bird flu on Long Island precluded bringing birds to outdoor events. Indoor events have continued, however, and online birdy board meetings have enabled our birdy board members to continue our outreach efforts.

The Newsletter: LIPServe is now called the Long Island Parrot Beacon. It went virtual in January 2022—print version is now in color and the virtual version has been enhanced. Links and photos are added as a great job keeping on schedule and keeping the contributors on track!

Lockdown: A LIPS member died of COVID, and the club facilitated adoption for her bird. Another member rescued a bird from a farm; Lin S. fostered for it until its family was released from the hospital.

Parrot EXPO: Was canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID. The cancellation in 2021 was due to the sheer number of vendors. Some were out of business, others were reluctant to travel, and many did not respond to our initial email. Our Board is exploring options for some kind of event this year.

Fundraising: Our Holiday fundraiser garnered several thousand dollars from members and friends of LIPS. We received some donations throughout the year, March earmarked for the Shelter Fund. Shoppers who bought through Amazon and give.to/im/parrorts garnered donations for LIPS without a penny coming out of their own pockets. We have also received donations through Petfinder.

Give Your Bird Some “Gym Time”

Life with companion parrots is a unique pet parent experience. While most people understand how to “go the extra mile” when caring for a dog or cat, we are often mystified on how to truly make our homes a sanctuary for our parrots. Certainly, a spacious cage with plenty of toys and feeding opportunities is a start, but, where do we go from there? Our parrots want to have fun, stretch their wings, and constantly be entertained — and you can provide it all with a parrot play gym.

A typical day for a wild parrot consists of flying for miles, vocalizing for hours, playing with their flock, and eating lots of tasty food. While we can’t supply all of the wonders of natural life, creating a complex indoor environment for your parrots keeps their clever brains busy as they burn up calories and energy. Providing a play gym for your parrot enables you to have a defined space where your parrot can explore, play with toys, or just stretch their wings and exercise without being confined to a small room. A great way for your parrot to keep their brain healthy and happy, reducing stress from boredom or burning extra calories to reduce the risk of obesity.

Gym Styles

Parrot play gyms come in many shapes and sizes to suit all types of parrots, and are commonly made from high-quality wood, such as oak, maple, or birch, and essential accessories for your particular bird.

A good place to start when researching play gym options is the LIPServe for your particular bird.

Also, consider the other pets that may share your home and how they will react to the new furniture. Cats, in particular, enjoy exploring new high-rising places. It is ok to allow other pets to become familiar with the play gym however it is not recommended to do this while your bird is using it. Rather, keep your parrot safe in their cage while other pets take a good sniff. Living with parrots, we know they truly enjoy being mischievous and getting into all sorts of stuff. Make sure your parrot is safe by moving unsafe items out of reach or choosing a different location for the play gym.

Living with parrots is a wild ride, and one that we enjoy every day! Making sure to keep your parrots busy is so important, and made much easier by having one or more companions. Give your young parrot all the exercise and energy, your parrots are bound to appreciate every day as they Strengthen their wings, sharpen their talons, or just hang out just a closer to you thanks to their play gym. *LIPServe Article used with permission. https://petfinder.com/pet-birds/give-your-bird-some-gym-time/
**LIPS MEMBER DISCOUNTS**

The following businesses give the discounts noted for LIPS members. You must show your current membership card. Discounts are subject to change; we suggest you ask before you make your purchase. If you have a problem with a store or service not honoring it, let us know. (631-957-1100):

- **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
- **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.

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.

**Check Out Our Meeting Vendors!**

- 14 Karat Parrot—Great “Parrotphernalia”! Fine Gifts and Accessories for the Exotic Bird Lover!
- K&M Mobile Grooming & Bird Food

**Support the Long Island Parrot Society when you shop on GoodShop.com.**

- Simply click on Choose a Cause at the top of the page.
- In the search box type in Long Island Parrot Society.
- On the right of the page, a link for Long Island Parrot Society will appear. Click the link.
- Goodshop.com will display information on LIPS, on the right, click the SHOP NOW button.
- At the top of your page, it will now display, Supporting the Long Island Parrot Society. You can now shop and donate!

**Become a LIPS Volunteer!**

We need help with Administrative work, answering phone calls, emails, data entry, committee specific help, just to name a few. Get more involved with the Long Island Parrot Society. Let’s build a team that helps grow our organization. Scan the QR code to take our Skills Survey. Once we received your information, we will contact you.

**Directions to Our Meeting Hall, 58 Greenwood Avenue East Islip, NY 11730**

From the East:
Sunrise Hwy to exit 46. Left on Connetquot Avenue. Stay straight. Turn right at Hawthorne Ave. (Just after Railroad tracks.) Stay straight until the end of the street, note the Greenwood Hall Sign. Follow into the long drive way.

From the West:
Sunrise Hwy to exit 46 toward County Rd 17/Carleton Ave/East Islip/Central Islip. Merge onto Sunrise Hwy South Service Rd. Turn right onto Carleton Ave. Turn left onto Jackson St. Turn right onto Carleton Ave. Turn left onto Union Blvd. Turn left at the 2nd cross street onto Greenwood Ave Street.
Condolences to Diane and Muriel Hyde as their beloved Cody has made the trip over the rainbow bridge.

Heartfelt thanks to Lifetime members Ray and Rhea Young, who now live in Rhode Island, for sponsoring the Long Island Parrot Society’s holiday party! We were surprised and thrilled that they picked up the entire tab for the food served at the party! Their generosity is much appreciated!

Condolences to Marty and Wendy Wattenberg on the loss of their beloved 19-year-old sun conure, Max.

We are so grateful to Florida Lifetime member, Barbara-Jean Landspreng for creating a Facebook fundraiser for her birthday last month! To date, it has raised more than $1,000. for the club!

Condolences to Linda LaFleur on the loss of her brother. We also extend our sympathy to her mother, Pat Pierini.

From July through December 2022, Lifetime member, Roberta Fabiano performed 25 Facebook Live concerts for the benefit of the club. The musical hour begins at 2PM every Monday on Frog Hollow Music’s Facebook page. Roberta is often accompanied by one of her four parrots. Log on! Tune in!

Condolences to Diane Ciardullo on the loss of her husband Steve on January 20th.

Sincere sympathy to Linda Womack, whose beloved cockatiel “Uppy” passed away. Uppy is survived by her best cockatiel friend, Shadow.

We have booked Greenwood Hall in East Islip for a second year of in-person meetings on March 15, June 21, September 20, and December 20. Save the dates!

It’s only February, but we’re already looking at dates for the club’s summer picnic!

Our club president, Diane Hyde is in good company! She, Chris Armstrong (Percy Wings Aviary) and Debbie Huckaby (Birds of Paradise Sanctuary & Rescue) all sponsored nest boxes for blue-throated macaws at the Laney Rickman Reserve in Bolivia. Each nest box sports the donor’s initials.

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Daria Feinstein who was a great advocate for the feral macaws of South Florida. LIPS members, David and Marcia Abrahams knew Daria from their time as members of the Bird Lovers Club in Pembroke Pines, Florida.

We hear that former Board member, Pat LoRusso was living it up on a bachelorette weekend in Scottsdale, AZ. Way to go, Pat!

Have you seen the cute new lovebird Legos? They are adorable! Visit lego.com/shop to order!

Originally aired: November 18th, 2002. Join us for a FREE, live, interactive webinar hosted by Laura Doering, former editor of Bird Talk magazine and Birds USA magazine. Our special guest Tom Tully, DVM, DABVP (Avian Practice), DECZM (Avian), joins us once again to answer your questions about pet bird health, nutrition, & care.

Dr. Tully, a decorated professor & practicing vet at Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine, is an internationally known Veterinarian who has earned specialties in Avian medicine in the United States as well as in Europe. Having this type of access to a Veterinarian of his status is rare, but Dr. Tully believes in the educated bird owner as being the best bird steward. Dr. Tully answers each question in detail and shares his vast knowledge of birds, particularly parrots. Is your bird’s problem health-related or behavioral? Are you offering the right foods to your pet bird? Ask the Vet!

Inside Dr. Pepperberg’s Lab: Do My Parrots Enjoy Their Tasks & Training?

by Irene Pepperberg, Ph.D.

Some tasks they will do correctly, if grudgingly. As I write this, we have only one human in lab at any given time (thank you, Omicron), so we can’t do our normal two-person Model/Rival training. Therefore, I try to get Griffin to stand in for a human. It works, but not very well. If, for example, I ask Griffin to model color labels for Athena by saying “What color?”, he gives me a look that seems to say, “You already know that this thing is orange. And you already know that I know it is orange. And I know that you know that I already know it is orange. So, what is the POINT???” After I repeat the question a few times, he’ll usually give me an annoyed feather floof, then respond. And Athena will often keep repeating a color she already can say, expecting a reward just for talking. Clearly, we all are looking forward to a return to standard training....

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Help with set-up before meeting and break down afterward  
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during the year

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eMail Address for Feather Flash:  

I hereby apply for membership in the Long Island Parrot Society of NY, Inc.  
Check all that apply:  

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UPCOMING MEETINGS/OUTREACHES

March 4 - 5 - Long Island Pet Expo - Brentwood, NY
Join The Leather Elves Facebook page every Friday evening at 7PM EST! Robin Shewokis-Sullivan hosts an informative and entertaining presentation on different avian topics each week!

March 15th - In Person Meeting at Greenwood Hall. Starts at 7pm.  
*Mini-ZOOM meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7PM. In-person meetings will be live-streamed via ZOOM. Meeting invitations are sent via email

OUT OF TOWN & VIRTUAL EVENTS

April 2 - Monroeville, PA  
OHPA Bird Fair

April 15 at 1 PM EDT - Feather Destructive Behavior with Richie Burdeaux, DVM, ABVP (Avian) - Phoenix Landing Zoom webinar

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