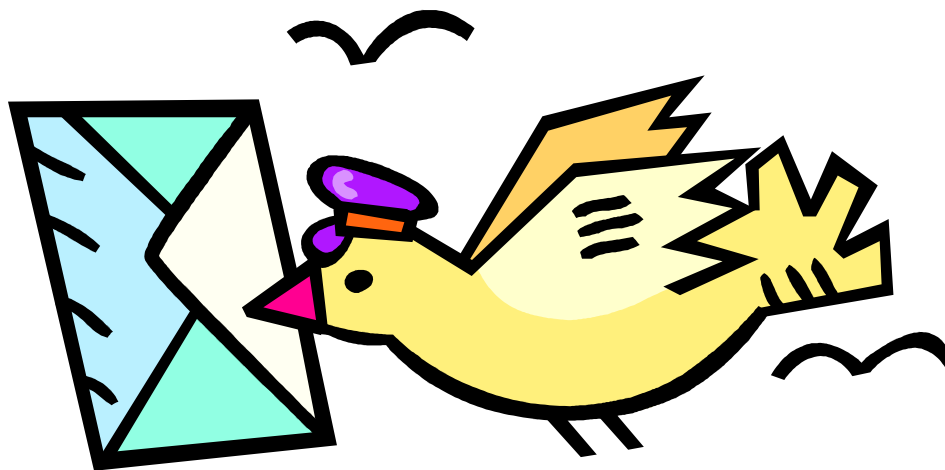


# APRIL OAS NEWSLETTER



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**NEXT MEETING: APRIL 26<sup>nd</sup> 2009** The OAS meeting begins with a social time and set up time at **1:30 pm**, the **fourth Sunday of each month**. The **business portion of the meeting begins at 2p.m.** Our meetings are held in the Hardesty South Regional Library which is located off memorial behind the car dealership at 8316 East 93rd Street

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**April 2009**

**Editor - Carol Lee**

**2009 Convention, Houston, TX - Aviculture: Branching Out - August 5-8, 2009 at the Hilton Houston North on Greenspoint Drive. The zoo trip will be to the Houston Zoo on Wednesday afternoon after the House of Delegates meeting. The 2009 convention artwork is the Blue-headed Pionus**

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**Below is a preliminary list of speakers.**

**Keynote Address:**

**Ian Tizard, BVMS, Ph.D., ACVM**

**Sharman Hoppes, DVM, Ph.D, Sponsored by Texas A & M University Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center  
-Update on Proventricular Dilatation Disease -Allergic Alveolitis**

**Darrel Styles, DVM, Ph.D. -Socialization of the Parrot from Hatch Through Maturity  
-The Physics of Feather Color Generation in Parrots and Basic Avian Genetics of Psittacine Color Mutations**

**Mark Sargent -Pionus ParrotsMatt Baird -The Galah in Aviculture -Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos**

**Kashmir Csaky -Easing the Transitions in Life of Captive Birds -A Comparative Observation of Hyacinth Macaws in Captivity and in the Wild**

**Roger G. Sweeney -Considering Avian Social Systems in Aviculture  
-Behavioral Solutions in Aviculture Management**

**Jason Crean -White-backed Mousebirds -Lineolated Parakeets**

**Rick Jordan, Sponsored by International Conure Association -Conures: World's Greatest Pet Bird and Breeder Bird**

**Dick Schroeder -The Hornbills**

**Bonnie Zimmerman, Sponsored by Indonesian Parrot Project -Project Abbotti - Conserving the World's Rarest Cockatoo**

**Chris Biro, Sponsored by International Conure Association -Importance of Flight and the Freeflying Lifestyle**

**Marshall Liger -Practicing Safe Avian Restraint and Proper Grooming**

**Donald Brightsmith, Ph.D., Sponsored by Texas A & M University, Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center - Psittacine Nutrition Research: Tambopata to Texas and Beyond  
-Macaw and Parrot Ecology and Conservation Research in South America**

**Caroline Efstathion -Structure and Function of the Avian Respiratory System**

**Tony Pittman -The Slender-billed Conure in the Wild and in the Aviary**

**Robert R. Gabel, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Juan Cornejo, Sponsored by Texas A & M University, Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center  
-Captive Breeding and Husbandry of the Horned Guan**

**Michael Dalton -Passive Speech Research, Language and the Animal Mind**

**Ron Mazzoni -A Practical Guide to Feeding Softbills**

**Bill Van Patten -On Walkabout With Mike Fidler - the Gouldian Finch**

**Robin Shewokis, Sponsored by The Bird Endowment -Do Breeder Birds Benefit from Enrichment?  
Jean Dubach, Ph.D., Sponsored by The Avicultural Society of Chicagoland -Who's My Daddy? How Genetic Analysis Can Answer Basic Questions**

**Adrienne Mock -Branching Out--Birds in the Classroom, at the Fair and at the Park**

**Greg E. Poulain -Adoption Protocol for the Rehoming of Companion Birds**

**Laurie Baker -No Bad Birds: Birds Instincts vs. Human Interpretation**

**Cheryl Burns -Bird Folk Basics--Websites**

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## Minutes from the Secretary Bird

### MARCH 2009 OAS MEETING MINUTES

The OAS Publicity Representative Mary Hill called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. on March 22, 2009 at the Hardesty Library. Officers present were Secretary/AFA Rep Debbie Davis; Robert Morgan/Treasurer; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Mattie Sue Athan; Board Member/Tina Cook; AFA Rep/Joy Jahn, and Mary Hill/Public Relations Rep. Mary welcomed the attendees and identified new guests. Mary informed the attendees that Carol Spilman/President was unable to attend the OAS General Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mary addressed the need for volunteers at the Tulsa Zoo to help advocate pet adoption. The Pet Adoption Program will be held during the month of April; however, the OAS agreed to volunteer for only one or two weekends in April. Mary stated Carol is coordinating the event with the zoo, and will notify club members to assist her in volunteering. The OAS table will provide the public with valuable avian information, and the OAS Representatives can answer questions the public may have concerning pet birds. The OAS club table will be separate from other charitable organizations. Members who want to volunteer can contact Carol Spilman for exact date and time.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mary requested Robert/Treasurer provide the Treasurer's Report. Robert stated the Spring Bird Fair generated outstanding revenue for the OAS. Tina made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Debbie seconded – none opposed. Motion passed. Robert provided the attendees with a copy of the Treasurer's Report.

Mary provided an updated Bird Fair Report for the pending Fall Bird Fair held at the Green Country Event Center, September 12, 2009. Mary addressed the possibility of having a food vendor at the Bird Fair. The Green Country Event Center has a chef available for hire who can provide food for the public. The idea of having the chef prepare food will be further discussed by the OAS Board Members. Robert made a motion to end the business portion of the meeting. Tina seconded the motion – motion passed, none opposed.

Mattie Sue Athan introduced Susan Ferguson as the guest speaker. Susan spoke on how to deal with grief when our loved avian pet is either lost or has passed over the rainbow bridge. Susan encouraged dialog with club members whom have experienced grief over the loss of their pet birds.

Thank you Susan for helping us deal with grief through love.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Davis, Secretary

## APRIL 2009 OAS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jo Gleason called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. on April 7, 2009 at the Delta Cafe. Officers present were 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jo Gleason, Treasurer/Robert Morgan; Secretary/AFA Rep Debbie Davis; AFA Rep Joy Jahn; Board Members Lori Naiman and Tina Cook; Mary Hill/Bird Fair Coordinator/Public Relations Rep; OAS Member Kenneth Hill; OAS Members Karen and David O'Brien.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Board discussed the OAS Fall Bird Fair. Mary stated she is working on compiling a list of restaurants and hotels for the vendors to utilize while they are in Tulsa. Mary also stated the security guard who worked the Spring Bird Fair will also be hired for the Fall Bird Fair. Mary secured the Fall Bird Fair dates of Sept 11-12. These dates are after Labor Day, so hopefully more people will attend the bird fair. Due to problems with some vendors at the Spring Bird Fair, Mary discussed the importance of having all vendors pay for their rental tables. Robert made a motion that all vendors renting tables at all OAS Bird Fairs will pay for each table they use. Mary also discussed the need for additional help to break down the tables and dispose of discarded vendor boxes. She suggested Tim (Green Country Event Center) be notified to request help from the Green Country Event Center Church Youth to help break down the tables and dispose of the vendor boxes. Tina made a motion to accept Robert's proposal that all vendors pay for their tables, and accept Mary's idea in utilizing the Church Youth's help in breaking down the tables and disposing of boxes. Motion was seconded and approved – none opposed.

The Board discussed the need in purchasing a new admissions stamp to be used at the bird fairs. Debbie volunteered to go to Hobby Lobby and check on the various types of stamps.

Debbie addressed the need to update the OAS Website. In order to update the website, the webmaster needs the names and dates of the speakers. The issue of identifying quality guest speakers, and listing their names and dates on the website is crucial in drawing in prospective new members to the club. The Board discussed the various bird related topics and speakers that members will enjoy hearing. Getting an updated speaker list to the webmaster is pending.

Robert suggested as Membership Coordinator, post cards be sent to previous members stating, "We Miss You....." He also requested permission from the Board to buy stamps to send the post cards. Debbie made a motion to accept Robert's proposal to send post cards to inactive club members and buy stamps. Motion was seconded and approved – none opposed.

## APRIL 2009 OAS BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

The Board discussed the lack of attendance of club members during Toy Time, club picnic and Christmas party. Joy requested that due to lack of member's participation, these events should be cancelled and new events be scheduled. Robert suggested the Board table this request for further discussion – pending resolution.

Joy suggested the Board address the need to increase the allotted funds provided to the AFA Delegates. Due to the high cost of food and hotel costs, the monetary amount decided to help the delegates defray the costs will be greatly appreciated. There was discussion regarding allocating per diem rate of \$40 a day for food to each AFA Delegate along with paying for airfare, hotel, and registration fee. It was unanimously approved. The Board will review annually the question of whether to continue sending delegates to the AFA Convention. Tina made a motion to approve the funds the delegates will need for registration, \$40 a day for food, airfare and hotel. Robert seconded the motion – motion passed, none opposed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Robert provided the Board Members a copy of an updated Treasurer's Report. Tina made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion was seconded and approved – none opposed.

The Board discussed the need for OAS volunteers to assist the Tulsa Zoo representatives in promoting the adoption of animals. The OAS volunteers need to be at the zoo on April 25, 2009 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Robert suggested bringing OAS Membership Applications along with Avian care information to display on the club table. Robert and Debbie volunteered to assist Carol at the zoo.

Debbie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. Motion was seconded and approved – none opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Davis, Secretary

I want to thank the Avian Enrichment.com for their permission to reprint of this article published March 2009



## Music, Dance and the Avian Brain

Music has a profound effect on our emotions as evidenced by its ability to transport us in time via our memories as well as to move us to tears or joyfulness. Depending on what we listen to, music can be calming and soothing or it can be energizing.

Music is a universal language understood by people from all cultures with the power to bring us together in a shared experience.

No one can tell for sure if animals perceive and experience music the same as humans do.

Researchers have started looking into the musical ability of animals. Whales and certain bird species are two examples of animals noted to possess the ability to compose complex songs complete with pitch relationships, rhythms and patterns.

It is known that music has the ability to relieve stress and anxiety in animals. Music is often used to calm dogs in kennels or those left alone at home. Harp music has also been observed to lower the heart rates, anxiety and respiration in hospitalized dogs.

Moving rhythmically to a musical beat is common to every human culture. Recently, interest has grown in determining whether beat perception and synchronization (e.g., dance) is a phenomenon that extends into the animal kingdom. Of particular interest is the study done by Aniruddh Patel from the Neurosciences Institute of California. After seeing the

video of Snowball dancing to the Backstreet Boys he contacted Snowball's owner and made arrangements to have Snowball videotaped to his favorite music track played at different tempos (106 to 130 beats per minute). Patel then analyzed the videos to determine whether Snowball's movements were just a matter of chance or if Snowball truly possessed the ability to synchronize his body movements to the rhythm of the music. The results of the study clearly demonstrated that Snowball can dance. Go Snowball!

Patel states that the ability to dance is associated with the vocal learning abilities of a particular species. Humans and parrots are two of the very few species with brains wired for vocal learning (the ability to remember and reproduce sounds they hear). Besides humans, only elephants, bats, whales, dolphins and three orders of birds (parrots, songbirds and hummingbirds) possess vocal learning abilities. No non-human primates have ever demonstrated this ability!

So, what does all of this mean relative to our desire to enrich the lives of our pet birds? We can begin by:

- Observing our bird's body language and behavior while playing various styles of music to determine what they like, what calms them, what excites them, etc.
- Providing numerous opportunities for auditory sensory stimulation as part of our household's daily enrichment routine.
- Sharing the gift of song, music and dance with our birds. Singing and dancing with our birds, a type of interactive play, is both mentally and physically stimulating not to mention a great bonding activity. Before you know it you might find your bird joining the chorus.

Just as music and dance add joy to our lives, the evidence is in that it enhances the lives of our pet birds as well. So go ahead, pick up your bird and sing and dance as though no one else is watching.

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**NOW I DON'T FEEL SO SILLY. WE SING TO OUR BIRDS AS WE UNCOVER THEM IN THE AM. AND THEN AGAIN WHEN WE COVER THEM AT NIGHT. NO I DIDN'T SAY IN TUNE, WE NEED SUSAN BOYLES FOR THAT. :>) AJ**

## **BEST DVM, CAROL**

Dr Carol Best has been practicing Veterinary medicine in Tulsa for 20 years with special interest in birds. She graduated from OSU in 1987 where she went to practice at Valley Glen Veterinary Hospital. Dr Best started her career in the veterinary Field at the age of 12 at Valley Glen. In October of 2002, she bought Dr John Gage's practice and Best Friends was the newest veterinary hospital in town.

Dr Best is active in showing her dogs, a Doberman and Rottweiler, in obedience and agility. She is very involved in country and swing dancing and competes with a dance team here in Tulsa.

She raises Cong and Timneh Greys. She has several cats, horses, chickens and 1 Emu. She hates cold weather and would love to live somewhere warm year round. (Let's hope she doesn't ever decide to follow through on this! It would be a big loss.)

She will bring to us new information to help us to learn more about the care of our birds. Each time she has come to lecture, she has brought new ideas and presented interesting data. We hope that all of you will be able to attend. Bring a friend and introduce them to what our bird club has to offer in the way of support and education.

This Sunday she will discuss the rewards and challenges of breeding the African Gray. See you Sunday.