

The Review

April 23, 2025

The latest news, views, and announcements (interim Zest)

**Established May 20,
1992, South Orange
County Exchange Club
is a National Exchange
Club (1911) in the
CA/NV District**

Mission Statement

The South Orange County Exchange Club is a networking group of professional men and women dedicated to the highest standards of competence, community service, and professional integrity.

Our purpose is the exchange of business ideas, business referrals, and service to the community for the livelihood we receive.

2024-2025 Officers

President Dave Black

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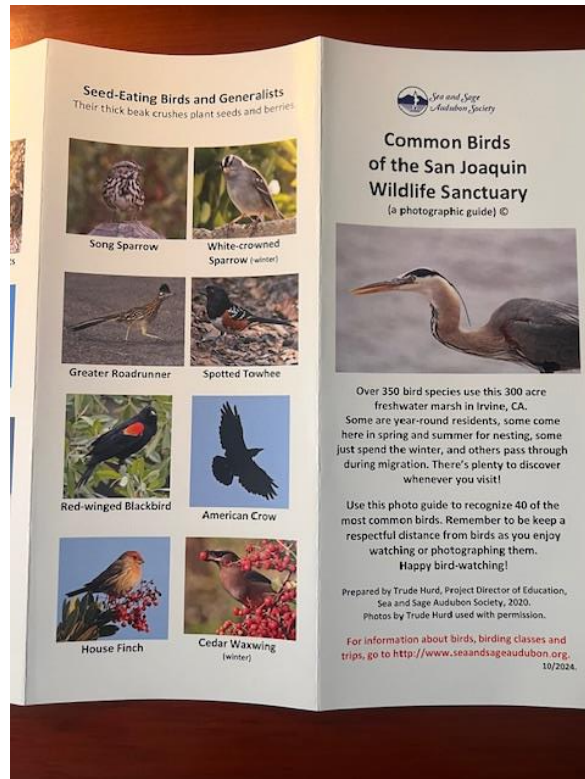
Doug Graham

Shirley Kohlmeier

Shirley Lashmett

Harvey Schuster

Chris Tiemann



Guest Speaker from Sea and Sage Audubon Society Speaking at SOCE

April 30 2025 7am YOUTH-OF-THE-YEAR

BACK BAY CONFERENCE CENTER 3415 MICHELSON DRIVE, IRVINE

MAY 7, 2025

CALL TO ORDER 7:30

DAVE BLACK

INVOCATION

SHIRLEY KOHLMEIER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

TOM SCHEIL

MISSION STATEMENT

RON LASHMETT

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

DAVE BLACK

HAPPY \$ DOLLARS

CHRIS TIEMANN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE CHAIRS / ALL

PROGRAM

BUSINESS MEETING

SPOTLIGHT

SHIRLEY LASHMETT

Exchange Birthdays:

5/4 Rick Gordon

5/20 Jeff Lashmett

5/27 Ron Lashmett

5/27 Jim Oesterle

(Uncle Jim)

Upcoming Events:

4/30 Youth of the Year
Awards Breakfast at
Back Back Conf Ctr

5/7 Business Meeting

5/14 Jonathan Obest,
Social Security Update

5/21 Patricia
Wenskunas, Crime
Survivors

5/28 Tom Scheil,
Anything Civil About
Engineering?

6/4 Business Meeting

6/11 Russell
Etzenhouser, Scouting
America

6/18 Krista Goddard,
Laura's House

6/25 Janis Patten,
Watercoloring

7/2 Business Meeting

7/9 Romy Lampert,
Sleeping in 2025

7/16 Tentative - Johnny
Tai, Americanism:
Space

On May 7th ...

1843: A teenage sailor named Nakahama Manjiro comes ashore at Fairhaven, Massachusetts, after being rescued from a shipwreck. Considered the first Japanese immigrant to America by many, he'll live in the US for years—attending school, joining whaling voyages, and making his way to California for the [Gold Rush](#) before sailing back to Japan.

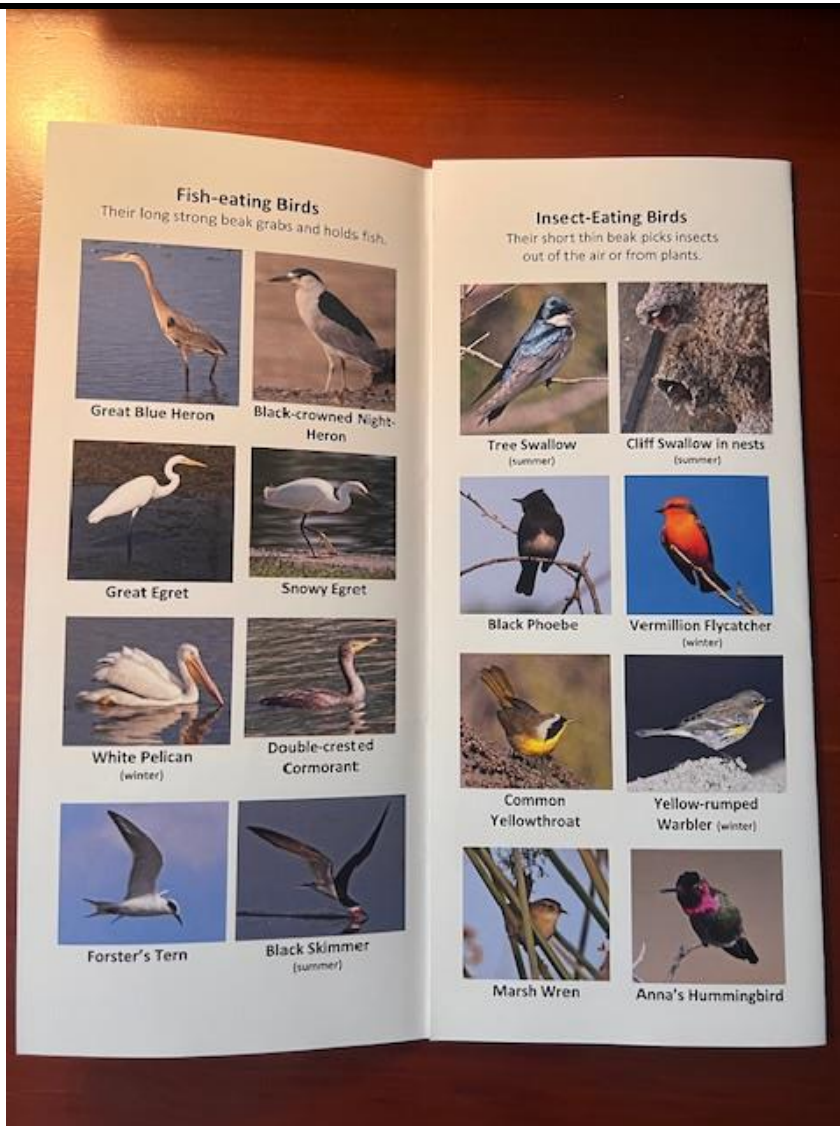
1965: Rolling Stones guitarist [Keith Richards](#) has placed a tape recorder next to his bed in a Clearwater, Florida, motel room, and he awakes to find that at some point in the early morning he'd laid down the opening riff of '(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction.' The Stones will record the song, with its distinctive guitar hook, just days later and it will make them superstars.

1982: After two years of lawsuits, outspoken, uncompromising team owner [Al Davis](#) is finally allowed to move the Raiders from Oakland to Los Angeles. The Raiders will play there until 1995 when they will move back to Oakland. In 2017, they will flirt with a return to L.A. before announcing plans to relocate to [Las Vegas](#).

May 7th is the National Barrier Awareness Day, National Tourism Day, National Packaging Design Day, National Roast Leg of Lamb Day, National Paste Up Day, National Bike to School Day, National Cosmopolitan (the cocktail drink) Day, Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, National School Nurse Day.

FUN FACTS:

May 7th holds several historical milestones and other notable events. On this day in 1945, Nazi Germany surrendered to Allied forces, ending World War II in Europe, [according to History.com](#). The Council of Europe was also founded in 1948, and 1952 saw the first publication of the concept of the integrated circuit, [according to Wikipedia](#). Additionally, on May 7, 1915, the Lusitania was torpedoed, and in 1998, Daimler-Chrysler was formed.



Tom Scheil Tends Happy Bucket

Ron Lashmett is happy to (literally) be here. He also has been talking to his son in Colorado, who calls on a regular basis and they had a good conversation yesterday.

Dave Black is happy to see our guests today, Gail and Gail. Dave had a nice dinner with daughter Jennifer and a lunch at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club at the Newport Harbor Club, to recognize Georganne Bruce, as she is retiring from the Downey CAP Center.

Chris Tiemann noted she had the gastrointestinal flu last week, yet had to take care of Uncle Jimmy, a strong man as he didn't catch it. Her 'poor', yet wonderful, sister came down to help take care of Mom. Very happy Gail is here. Her Mom's house will be ready for sale by Monday.

Gail (Chris' Sister) noted her sister Chris is perfect. Gail added that she loves our club. Gail is grateful to our recent wonderful Pope and hope our new Pope will be.

Shirley Lashmett shares her observations of 2 Gails and 2 Shirleys sit by each other in this meeting. She is happy their Granddaughter is here.

Shirley Kohlmeier was very happy on Good Friday, as one lady during lunch offered to take her to service (Lutheran/Methodist).

Tom Scheil - Need new glasses, needed to see an eye exam. Couldn't find anything wrong.

SOCE Newsletter

- By Johnny Tai

Announcements

Dave is proposing the replacement of our current newsletter (The Zest) with a monthly version beginning in July. Johnny will continue this interim version, The Review, until the end of June on a weekly basis. Due to different computer systems, software, and templates, The Review was created to fill the interim gap when The Zest will transform from a weekly to a monthly publication. The Review allowed faithful readers to explore a different experience while missing The Zest. The Zest will not be missed as it is coming back soon, unlike The Review, which will be thrown to the wind.

When The Zest is published monthly, members should bring their newsletter in as it is effective for a month. The President will have a few fresh copies for our guests and 'less responsible' members 😊.

Ron mentioned that Rick Gordon will be our Emcee at the Youth-of-the-Year Program, to be held at the Back Bay Conference Center.

Chris updated us on Uncle Jim, as he is feeling weak and lost much weight recently. He needs more care professionally. As he can not see, he is limited to what he can do. He sits silent while in the dark. A suggestion was to Google some of the old radio shows or sign him up for Sirius, which has a channel 24 hours a day on such programming.

Guest Speaker

Shirley Lashmett had interest in the Audubon California Starr Ranch Sanctuary and asked for a speaker. In discussion with Sandy DeSimone of Starr Ranch, she referred me to Sea & Sage to find a speaker. We are fortunate to have Gail Richards come speak to us today.

Our speaker Gail Richards of the Sea and Sage Audubon Society (Irvine), the OC Chapter of the National Audubon Society. She spent her career in education including Principal of Irvine High School. With the past Youth-of-the-Year Programs, Gail has been to many Exchange functions. After retiring, she came back to work at the Capistrano Unified School District. Gail is Past President of Sea and Sage, Membership Chair, and Field Trip Chair.

When one joins Sea and Sage, they will have to join the National Audubon Society. There are over 3200 members. They send out over 3500 newsletters. They protect birds and other wildlife through many facets including community outreach and research.

Their website (<https://seaandsageaudubon.org/>) has over 500 pages. Look under the 'Birding' category for field trips.

Please let your Club Secretary (CS) know if you are interested in participating in an Audubon Field Trip with your local Exchange Clubs. Your CS is the one who stares without blinking at the laptop the entire meeting.

The 'Education' category in the pulldown menu addresses summer camp, bird walk, classes taught online by Sylvia Gallagher (40+ years bird expert).

The 'Conservation' category addresses scenarios such as one circumstance in Huntington Beach, where the river comes into the ocean. A fence was placed for a designated area for birds to nest. Lest Tern birds are found only in Orange County. The fenced off area has helped increased the population of these birds, that look like the Foster Tern as seen in the distributed brochure (see attached photos).

Eldon Baber -Son and daughter-in-law have found a house to purchase finally.

Bob Wilson - Happy grandson graduating in Energy Management and got a job. Bob's birthday is coming up. The group sang Happy Birthday to Bob.

Johnny Tai - Watch the relevant movie 'Conclave'.

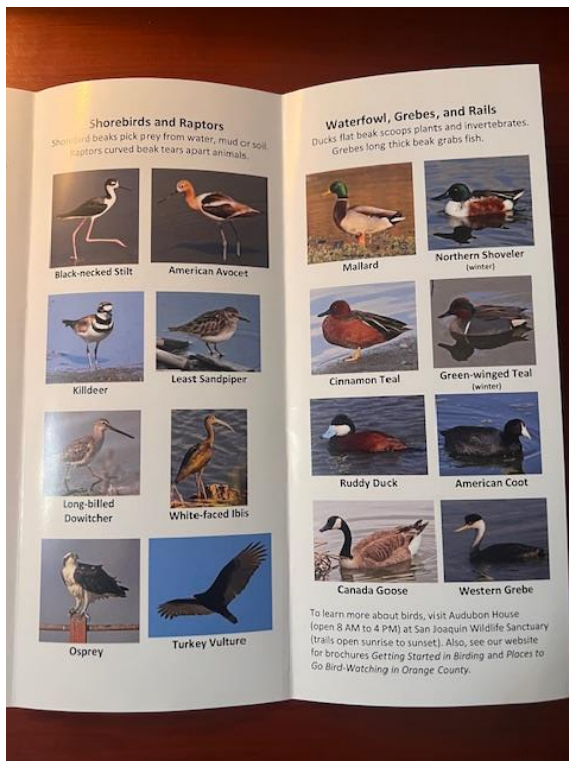
Doug Graham is out touring National Parks of the Southwest and will miss the YOY Program per Dave. Harvey and Romy are absent and missed today.

On a particular day, they perform a survey count of birds across the country as part of research in population.

They have 30 committees on the Board, with 32 Board Members. Given the vast numbers, they have to reserve ahead of time to talk on a topic.

Gail notes every bird has a distinct chirp. She also notes that some retailers sell birdhouses that are unusable by birds. One example is a birdhouse with its door at the bottom. Birds build nests inside and will be impossible for the baby birds to enter/exit.

Ron mentioned the Eagles found in Big Bear. Gail notes their organization donates \$25k to support annually.



The Drawing

- By Shirley Lashmett

Our Guest Speaker drew the ticket held by Tom Scheil. Congratulations!