

The Review

April 30, 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.



Rick Gordon Emcees the 2025 SOCE Youth of the Year Awards Breakfast

**NEWSLETTER SPECIAL EDITON: YOUTH-OF-THE-YEAR
(Includes Photos From Event)**

MAY 7, 2025

2024-2025 Officers

President Dave Black
Secretary Johnny Tai
Treasurer Ron Lashmett
Imm. Past President
Tom Scheil

Directors

Jennifer Butterworth
Doug Graham
Shirley Kohlmeier
Shirley Lashmett
Harvey Schuster
Chris Tiemann

CALL TO ORDER 7:30

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MISSION STATEMENT

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

HAPPY \$ DOLLARS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAM

SPOTLIGHT

DAVE BLACK

SHIRLEY KOHLMEIER

TOM SCHEIL

RON LASHMETT

DAVE BLACK

CHRIS TIEMANN

COMMITTEE CHAIRS / ALL

BUSINESS MEETING

SHIRLEY LASHMETT

Exchange Birthdays:

5/4 Rick Gordon

5/20 Jeff Lashmett

5/27 Ron Lashmett

5/27 Jim Oesterle

(Uncle Jim)

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.

Upcoming Events:

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

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.

5/7 Business Meeting

5/14 Jonathan Obest,
Social Security
Update

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](#).

5/21 Patricia
Wenskunas, Crime
Survivors

5/28 Tom Scheil,
Anything Civil About
Engineering?

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.

6/4 Business Meeting

6/11 Russell
Etzenhouser,
Scouting America

FUN FACTS:

6/18 Krista Goddard,
Laura's House

6/25 Janis Patten,
Watercoloring

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.

7/2 Business Meeting

7/9 Romy Lampert,
Sleeping in 2025

7/16 Tentative -
Johnny Tai,
Americanism: Space

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.

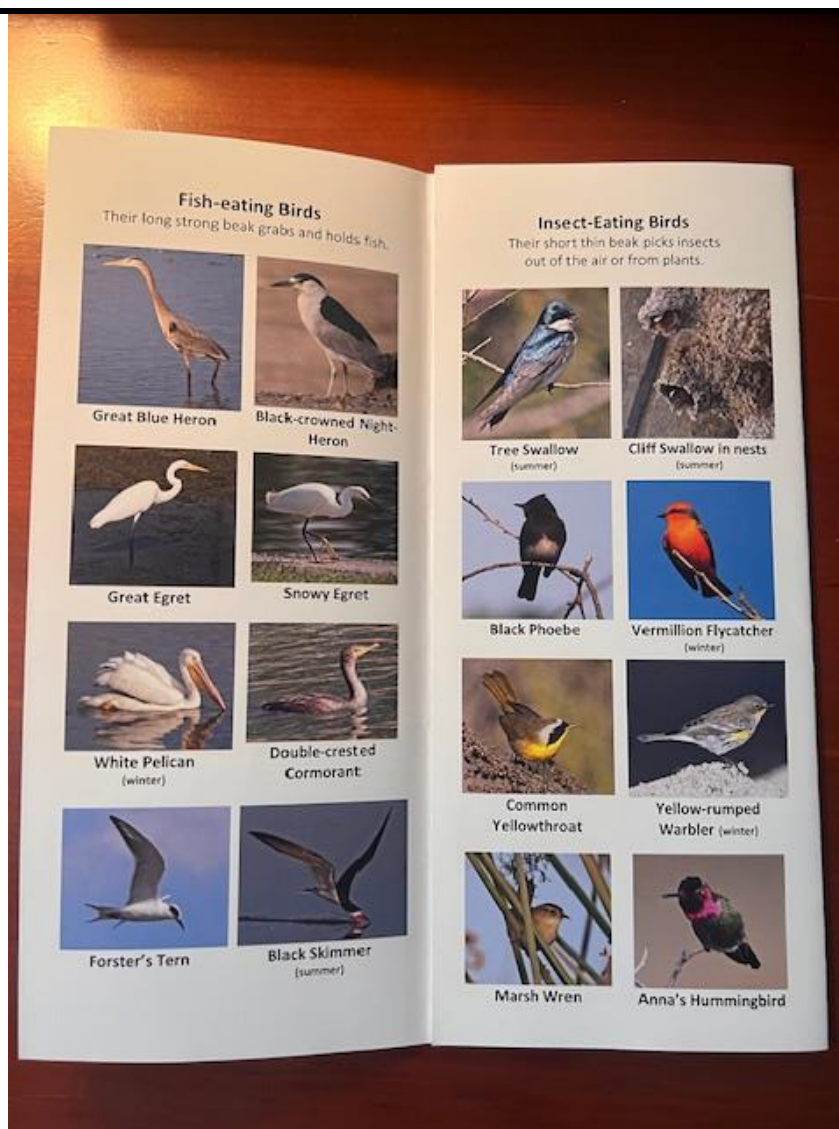
Dave Black is happy to see our guests today, Gail and Gail. Dave had a nice dinner with daughter Jennifer and a lunch at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club at the Newport Harbor Club, to recognize Georganne Bruce, as she is retiring from the Downey CAP Center.

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



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).

to take her to service (Lutheran/Methodist).

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

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'.

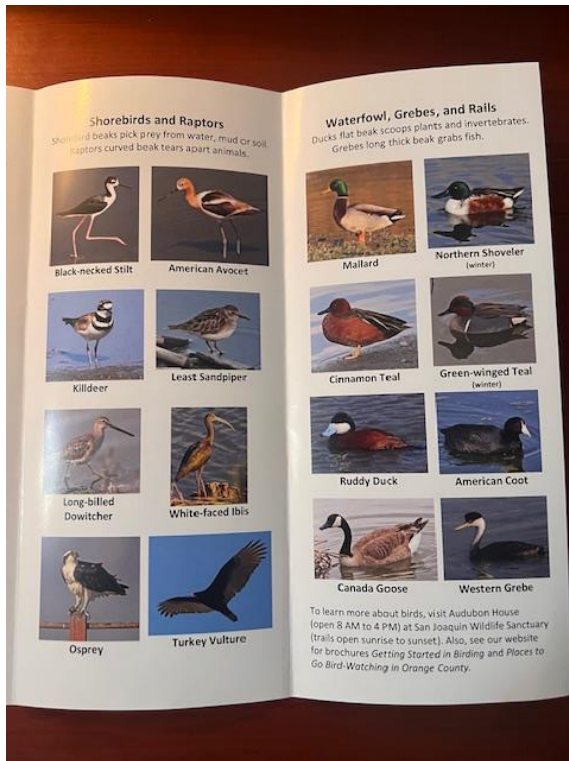
Doug Graham is out touring National Parks of the Southwest and will miss the YOY Program per Dave. Harvey and Romy are absent and missed today.

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 (YOY)

- By Shirley Lashmett

At the Youth of the Year event, Principal Tricia Osborne of Mission Viejo High School drew two winning tickets held by Trabuco Hills High School YOY Student Dhruthi Kumar, and coincidentally Dhruthi's mother. They were both sitting next to each other, in a room of 48 people. What are the chances? Congratulations to the Kumar family!



The Line-Up of SOCE YOY Award Plaques

Wildlife Sanctuary Brochure – Sea & Sage Audubon



Irvine HS Principal Jeff Hernandez and Counselor Aaron Ruiz with YOY Awardees Lauren Lai and Ishaan Gaikwad



Northwood HS Principal Kortney Tambara and Counselor Kathi Smith with YOY Awardees Lauren Ahn and Arjun Patel



University HS Principal Michael Georgino and Counselor Felicia Rohrer Ng with YOY Awardees Victoria Fung and Evan Zhong



Woodbridge HS Principal Linzi Gorzycki and Counselor Ciara Ramirez with YOY Awardees Haley Ferguson (Matthew Chang absent)



Mission Viejo HS Principal Tricia Osborne and Counselor Janelle Gusiff with YOY Awardees Chloe Horn and Blake Skidmore



Trabuco Hills High School Principal Alicia Houlk with YOY Awardee Dhruthi Mahesh Kumar (Ethan Cayetano and Counselor Heather Berkness absent)



Santa Margarita Catholic HS Awardee Lauren Bauman (Principal Cheri L. Wood, Counselor Eva Hester, and Awardee Gabriel Park absent)



Mission Viejo HS Principal Tricia Osborne pulls out raffle tickets from Chris' bucket



District Director Larry Rannals (District President Ken Dufour left early) with YOY Awardee and Raffle Winners, the Kumar Family



The room enlightened with the District President (arm raised) and all the Exchange Club Members Contributing to another successful Youth-of-the-Year Program