



THE OSPREY
The Official Newsletter of the
International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians

Membership Edition--March 2013

Dear Donald,

Welcome to the Membership Edition of The Osprey! The purpose of this edition is to update our membership to provide all of us with the best service possible.

In the article on the right, you will find a survey link asking you to provide information about birding events and special locations for birding in your area, as well as about your willingness to host fellow IFBR members for birding near your home. I hope you will complete it as soon as possible. Results will be shared in upcoming newsletters

We WILL NOT have a booth at the next Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal; however, you will be able to sign up for the Thursday, 27 June field trip in the All-Fellowships booth..

We hope to hear from you soon!

**HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR
FELLOW IFBR MEMBERS
ENJOY BIRDING EVEN
MORE?**

**By providing information about
birding activities in your area and
by volunteering to host fellow
members when they visit your
area!**

Many IFBR members are looking for new places to watch birds, so why not give them some extra help? By providing links to the organized birding events in your area, you can save time for your fellow members who are looking for new places to explore.

You can also show your desire to host fellow birders, even if there are no organized events in your area.

Please complete the [birding activities survey](#) to provide your fellow members with the information

Steve

Featured videos

Maybe you have already seen [this video of a bird fishing](#), since it's been around on the Internet for a while, but it's fun!

This second video of the [lyre bird](#) was recorded by David Attenborough: it's sad that the last sound you hear it imitate is that of a chain saw . . .

If you have birds you're watching, please share!

Please send the links to your favorite videos so we can all enjoy them! Email items to susan.leonard@comcast.net

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF IFBR?

IFBR began as the vision of Dick Tafel of Ontario, Canada in 1991. He served as President, and he and his wife Elsa manned the booth for MANY years before turning over the reins to other leaders, including Mike Lakin of Botswana.

For several years now, Steve and Susan Leonard have taken the roles of President and Newsletter Editor and made sure the booth at the International Convention was manned during the hours prescribed by RI. With expanded roles in their District and Zone, and with their desire to attend more of the International Convention sessions, they wish to give up their IFBR positions at the end of this Rotary year.

they need.
Thank you!



IFBR Members in Lumphini Park, Bangkok, May 2012.

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Quick Links...

Our Website

LOOK AT OUR MEMBER DIRECTORY by clicking Directory by Country or Directory by last name. (Restricted to Members)

If you find errors in your membership information, please contact susan.leonard@comcast.net

Things To Do:

1) Volunteer to take a leadership

The question is simple: How can the members make sure that IFBR continues?

If we are a viable organization, we SURELY have more members who are willing to take on leadership roles.

Please send President Steve your thoughts--and your desire to take on a role in IFBR. Then plan to attend the Annual General Meeting at noon on Wednesday, 26 June in Lisbon to discuss future plans and elect our new officers. Email Steve at steve.leonard@comcast.net

role in IFBR

2) Complete and submit birding activities survey



"What a Bunch of Sickos!"
Is that what you thought the birds were saying about us?