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From Your IFBR President:

Welcome to a new year of birding adventures! Like me, I hope you're eagerly anticipating the many new species to be seen at our next convention field trip in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

More than ever, we need members to help in the booth at the New Orleans convention. I have always enjoyed working the booth, talking to Rotarians from everywhere about birds; however, since I am RI Fellowships Chair this year, I must keep the General Fellowships booth open ; so I will not personally be able to work every day in our IFBR booth. If you can give a couple of hours, please contact your newsletter editor, Susan. PLEASE HELP—IT'S FUN!

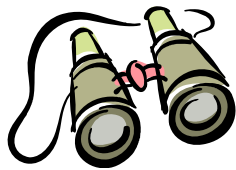
See inside for a report on the Montreal field trip, arranged by our IFBR founder, .Dick Tafel. I sincerely hope that you will plan to stay after the 2011 convention to join other IFBR members and friends on another exciting adventure! Remember the date—it's early this year: **Thursday, May 26, 2011.**

Special thanks go out to those members who helped with the booth at Montreal: Dick and Elsa Tafel, Roger and Pat Borup, Julie West, Dolf Wynia, Elena Laborde Bishop, and new member Anne Newins.

Another important matter is also at hand: **We need a project for this year.** In the past, we of the IFBR have contributed to a bird sanctuary in India, a school in Botswana, and a sanctuary for vultures in South Africa. (If you know of other bird/wildlife-related projects to which we could contribute, please email me at steve.leonard@comcast.net.)

As a Fellowship that spans the globe, finding leadership can be difficult. At each convention, we see only a handful of our members, and those who attend are usually asked to help lead the group. As always, all offices will be open. Please consider taking on one of these responsibilities. The Fellowship will hold its annual general meeting during the convention. Check at the booth for time and location.

Happy Birding from President Steve



Annual Birding Field Trip, 26th June, 2010 Botanical Gardens, Montreal

by Susan Leonard, newsletter editor

Thanks to Dick Tafel for finding our excellent birding leader, Guy Zenaitis, who took us to his favorite haunt, the Montreal Botanical Garden. What a beautiful place! We saw about 1/6 of these magnificent gardens in our morning tour, followed by a chance to meet new people and catch up with returning friends. Here's the list for the day:

<i>Species</i>	<i>Seen</i>	<i>Heard</i>
American Crow	X	
American Goldfinch	X	
American Robin	X	
Black-capped Chickadee	X	
Brown-headed Cowbird	X	
Cedar Waxwing	X	
Chimney Swift	X	
Chipping Sparrow	X	
Common Grackle	X	
Cooper's Hawk	X	
Eastern Kingbird	X	
European Starling	X	
Gray Catbird	X	
Great Blue Heron	X	
Great Crested Flycatcher	X	
House Finch	X	
House Sparrow	X	
Mallard	X	
Northern Cardinal	X	
Northern Flicker	X	
Pied-billed Grebe	X	
Purple Martin	X	
Red-eyed Vireo		X
Red-winged Blackbird	X	
Ring-billed Gull	X	
Rock Pigeon	X	
Song Sparrow	X	
Tree Swallow	X	
Warbling Vireo		X



Our most exciting views were of a young Cooper's Hawk near its nest (top photo) and an enchanting group of young Pied-billed Grebe (center) in the lake and surrounding rushes.

TRIP OPPORTUNITY

**MEMBER ELENA LABORDE-BISHOP IS INVESTIGATING
A TRIP TO COSTA RICA, INCLUDING STAYS AT 2 JUNGLE
LODGES, INCLUDING LAGUNA DEL LAGARTO,
OWNED BY MEMBER KURT SCHMAK.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT HER RIGHT AWAY
AT ELABORDE@SBCGLOBAL.NET**

DON'T DELAY—YOU CAN DETERMINE WHEN THE TRIP WILL BE!

Minutes of IFBR Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, June 22, 11:30 a.m., Palais de Congres, Montreal, QC, Canada

Meeting called to order by President Steve Leonard. Members present: Jay Joseph, Anne Newins, Sec./Treas. Roger Borup, Pat Borup, V.P. Julie West, Dick Tafel, Newsletter Editor Susan Leonard.

Self-introductions yielded the following: Jay owns a lodge in Nova Scotia & could organize a birding trip with some discounts for members. Anne lives on a flyway in central California (Merced).

Treasurer's report:

\$1,507.51 on hand. Roger handed out reports for the last 3 years. We have twice donated \$500 to the vulture group in S. Africa. Suggestion to give to a condor rescue group (no details given).

1) Checking account concerns: Roger and Steve provided the following information:

-Non-profits must now file tax returns. Our previous treasurer signed us up for an EIN number (required in U.S. by Internal Revenue Service), but never applied for non-profit status.

-Checking account is at Alaska Credit Union, which charges \$15 to cash a check from outside the U.S.—dues are only \$15 per year. Roger was unable to wire transfer money from the credit union to S. Africa.

-Steve and a Rotarian CPA called the IRS about the EIN situation. It costs \$400 to file for non-profit status. The CPA advised Steve to open a separate personal bank account for the IFBR funds. No problem unless the individual is audited.

-Anne Newins moved to allow the treasurer and president to decide what is best to do with the account. Seconded and passed.

2) Birmingham receipts have not been received. Most income was spent to subsidize the field trip.

Old Business:

1) Newsletter needs members to provide information on festivals and other birding activities

2) Membership list should be promoted as benefit of membership

a. access to info on Rotarian birders living around the world

b. Roger should send out spreadsheet directory-can be sent in 3 different formats

New Business:

1) Officer election: Dick Tafel moved to keep the same officers as the previous year. Seconded by Anne Newins and passed.

2) New Orleans booth

a. **Steve responsible for the General fellowships booth, as RI General Fellowships Chair**

b. **Members needed to take care of the booth**

c. **Steve requested to have workers committed before we reserve a booth for 2011.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Leonard, secretary Pro tem

At the Booth . . .



Susan Leonard and Dick and Elsa Tafel ask a fellow convention-goer, “Do you like to watch birds?” Even those who start with, “Not really . . .” end up involved in some fascinating conversations!

Lots of conversation was generated by brochures sent by Laguna de Lagarto Lodge owner and member Kurt Schmak. See p. 2 of this newsletter for info about a possible trip including this beautiful Costa Rican lodge. Visit his

website at <http://www.lagarto-lodge-costa-rica.com/>

Fellow birder Anudath Brahmadathan writes:

“I enjoyed being with you Birding at the Botanical Garden Montreal during the Rotary International convention. See attached some common birds seen in Kerala, India, where I am from. Inviting you to be in Kerala Birding. I would love to arrange one [birding trip] in Kerala.”

Thanks to Anudath for providing the field trip photos on page 2 of this newsletter. To take him up on his offer, contact him at anudath@gmail.com

Some of his Indian bird photos are below.

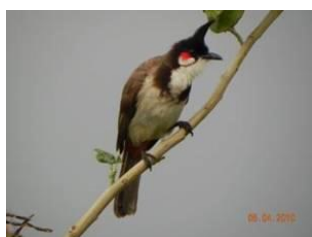


Figure 1. Red whiskered Bulbul



Figure 2. Water hen

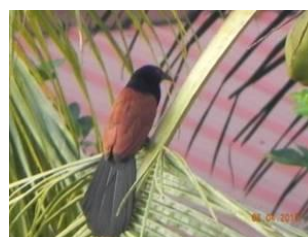


Figure 3. Greater Coucal



Figure 4. White breasted/collared

Kingfisher

ANNUAL FIELD TRIP
THURSDAY, May 26, 2011
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, USA
DETAILS ON THE WEBSITE AND AT THE CONVENTION
DON'T FORGET TO PLAN YOUR STAY ACCORDINGLY!!!

A Hearty IFBR Welcome to the following new members who joined in Montreal:

Collignon, Joan & Fred, Berkley, California USA
 Duncan, Barry, Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada
 Freure, David, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada
 Goon, Veiven, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
 Joseph, Jay, Titusville, Florida, USA
 Newins, Anne, Merced, California, USA
 Nathan, Elizabeth, Slingerlands, New York, USA
 Penna, Helen, Glenville, New York, USA
 Rossi, Graciela, Caracas, Venezuela
 Russonello, William & Gilda, Bronx, New York, USA
 Scheppele, Pam, Caribou, Maine, USA
 Timmers, Mariann, Thamesville, Ontario, Canada

Thanks also to those continuing members who paid dues and/or updated their information with us. If you have not done either, please complete the form below and remit with check, if applicable:

TIME TO UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

If you did not pay your dues at the 2010 International Convention, please do so by completing this form and remitting your dues as noted.

The International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians

Please **PRINT** clearly:

Last or Family Name _____ First Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone Number(s) _____ **E-mail** _____

Rotary Club _____

Signature _____ Date _____ 20 _____

Please return this form with a check to cover the **annual dues of \$15 US—or \$60 for 5 years (1 yr. free!)**—to:

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