



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

**September 2013**

Greetings Fellow Bird Watching Rotarians,

As the new President of our International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians, I first want to thank Steve Leonard for his years as President of this Fellowship, and he and his wife Susan for taking on the responsibility for our booth at several recent RI Conventions. Thanks also to Susan for serving as our Newsletter Editor, a role she has agreed to continue. Steve also will continue to serve our Fellowship, as our Treasurer.

As an introduction, I am a member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland (Ohio) U.S.A. My partner, Gary Neuman, and I have been bird watchers since the late 1980's. We also run a bird banding station during spring and fall migration at our local Nature Center in conjunction with Black Swamp

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Bird Observatory. Whenever we travel, we always try to work in some bird watching, if that is not the focus of our trip. We look forward to the IFBR's field trip after each of the Rotary International Conventions, although we were not able to join the Lisbon trip. We have also helped out in our Fellowship's booth and have met some of you there. Gary and I look forward to meeting more of you at the 2014 Convention in Sydney, Australia.

I encourage each of you to think about and share your ideas of what we should and might do as a Fellowship in the coming years. For example, how can we connect with one another between our post- Convention field trips? One way is by sharing information about birds and birding in our areas. A survey was developed last year to capture some of that information. If you have not yet done so, please take that survey which can be found at [birding activities survey](#). We might also consider sharing our birding experiences via Facebook or another social media platforms.

Last, but certainly not least, we need additional members to step forward to help run our Fellowship. The time commitment is not extensive.

I look forward to hearing from you, about your ideas for our Fellowship, and/or your interest in possibly serving in one of our leadership positions. I can be reached at [jwest@ameritech.net](mailto:jwest@ameritech.net)



Birders at Alcochete, Portugal on the Tejo Estuary; June 2013.

### Quick Links...

#### Our Website

LOOK AT OUR MEMBER DIRECTORY:

- \* Directory by Country or
- \* Directory by last name.

\* (Members only See Newsletter)

If you find errors in your membership information, please contact [susan.leonard@comcast.net](mailto:susan.leonard@comcast.net)

If your membership is expired, or close to expiring, please download and send us the [membership form](#): instructions are included on the form.

## INVITATION TO NEBRASKA, USA

Maurice Mathews invited

Engage Rotary and Change Lives,  
and Good Birding!

Julie West

## Featured photos and videos

**We have no new photos or videos  
to display.**

**Please send links to your favorite  
videos and other bird-related  
"stuff" so we can all enjoy them!**

**Email items to**

**[susan.leonard@comcast.net](mailto:susan.leonard@comcast.net)**

**Here are some links we have  
shared before:**

**[Birds in the Coin Machine](#)**

**[Lost Bird Project](#)**

**[this video of a bird fishing,](#)**

**David Attenborough's recording of  
a [lyre bird](#)**

## IFBR FIELD TRIP 2013

### Birds Seen and Heard

at the Tejo Estuary and Panca  
Grasslands near Lisbon, Portugal  
27 June 2013

Barn Swallow	Little Egret
Bee-eater	Little Grebe
Black Kite (flying)	Little Tern
Blackbird (heard)	Mallard
Black-headed Gull	Marsh Harrier
Black-headed Weaver (introduced species)	Moorhen
Black-winged Stilt	Purple Heron
Booted eagle (flying)	Rock Dove

everyone to come to see the  
**Sandhill Cranes at Kearney,  
Nebraska, USA.**

The **Pheasant Forever** is also  
an important program in the  
area. He would like to organize  
a group for the spring. Contact  
Maurice at

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[naturesacres33mm@yahoo.com](mailto:naturesacres33mm@yahoo.com)

## IFBR Annual Meeting

Minutes June 2013

Wednesday, 26 June 2013

FIL, Meeting Room 5

Lisbon, Portugal

President Steve Leonard called the  
meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Present were: Steve Leonard, Susan  
Leonard, David Tansey, Sirkku Niemi,  
Maurice and Mae Mathews, John and  
Shirley Clutton, Gary Neuman, and Julie  
West.

Minutes of the 2012 meeting were  
distributed and accepted as printed.

The financial report will be sent out in the  
next newsletter.

Old Business:

1) Project-no new project was  
suggested.  
2) Project for last year was to be  
sponsorship of a field guide to North  
American birds in Spanish to be used  
with Hispanic immigrants who want to  
study birds. The book was to include a  
Rotary or IFBR logo. Julie will make the  
contact to see if it can still be done and if  
the guide can be available online. Julie's  
findings will be published in the Osprey  
newsletter.

New Business:

1) The need for a new President (all  
offices are open for election).

Carrion Crow	Spoonbill
Collared Dove	Spotless Starling (found only on the Iberian Peninsula)
Common Sandpiper	Spotted Redshank
Fan-tailed warbler	Swift
Grey Heron	White Stork
House Martin	Wood Pigeon
House Sparrow	Yellow Wagtail
Kentish Plover	
Kestrel	

An intrepid group of 8 IFBR members and a wonderful young guide named Nuno Barros braved nearly 100 degree heat (37C) and a transit strike to see the birds of two areas near Lisbon this year. We are grateful to Nuno, to Domingos Leitao, who organized the trip, and to the Sociedade Portuguesa para o Estudo das Aves (SPEA) for providing their leadership of these two outstanding birders free of charge to our group.

From Nuno, we learned that the economy of Portugal has made it very difficult for ecologists to make any headway in wildlife preservation. We saw a shopping mall that used to be a nature preserve. We are grateful to men like Nuno and Domingos for their dedication to wildlife.

2) The need for someone in Australia to help organize the trip for 2014 in the Sydney area.

Steve explained the duties of leadership in IFBR:

- Keep in touch with RI staff (Jesse Allerton)
- File annual reports with RI (usually in October)
- Reserve booth at the annual convention (if desired) and make sure it is manned during core hours
- Make sure the annual birding tour is scheduled
- Contribute to the IFBR newsletter

Officers were elected unanimously for next year:

President, Julie West  
Secretary/Treasurer, Steve Leonard

Susan will email the Australian members to see if any of them can help with the field trip next summer.

Steve shared information about the day trip on Thursday. Meet at the Holiday Inn Lisboa at 8 a.m.

Maurice Mathews invited everyone to come to see the Sandhill Cranes at Kearney, Nebraska, USA. The Pheasant Forever is also an important program in the area. He would like to organize a group for the spring.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Leonard  
Secretary pro tem