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ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING

Tuesday - April 12, 1983 - 6:30 P.M.

RAMADA INN ON THE GREEN
I-95 at Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard

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* Guest Speaker - 8:15 P.M. *

* DR. M. RUPERT CUTLER *

* Senior Vice President, *

* National Audubon Society, *

* for Programs and Chapter Relations *

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Clip and mail coupon immediately to: Leah Schad, 1628 Boardman, West Palm Beach, FL. 33407. Questions? Call after six, 848-9984

Check choice of full course dinner, note how many of each (price includes tax and gratuity).

Chicken Kiev - \$13.00 _____

Broiled Fillet of Sole - \$10.50 _____

My check for ___ dinner(s) is enclosed. (Make check payable to Audubon Society of the Everglades)

Name

Phone

Address

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 - SPRING BIRD COUNT. Please get in touch with your group leader. If you wish to count for the first time, please call Gloria Hunter, 585-7714.

SATURDAY, MAY 7 - Palm Beach Lake Trail. Meet at Poinciana Chapel parking lot at 8 A.M. Marge Eaton, leader.

EXHIBIT SITTEES NEEDED

On Saturday, April 9, and Sunday, April 10, the ASE Traveling Exhibit is joining 40 other displays for the 2nd Annual Wildlife Youth Fair at the Everglades Youth Camp, Corbett Area (12 miles west of Military Trail off SR 710).

A tentative program includes bird/animal demonstrations by Doris Mager, Bambi Sanctuary and the Herpetology Society, wilderness medicine by John Street, and entertainment by the Sailfish Cloggers, Hitchitee Dancers, Dale and Linda Crider, and Jill Jarboe & the Ecotones.

There will be a mini carnival; pony, canoe, airboat and swamp buggy rides; raffles and door prizes, concession stands if you get hungry.

Any amount of time you could donate to our booth at this fun event would be greatly appreciated. Please call me at 842-2364 to set up a time period. (Susan Korzenewski)

CORKSCREW SWAMP TRIP

Fair, warm weather (for a change) greeted us on March 5th as we boarded our bus for Corkscrew Swamp. There wasn't a vacant seat! Included in the group were some local biology students, with their instructor, on a field trip. Our capable leader, Ann Ayers, was assisted by Marge Eaton and Gloria Hunter. They could answer our every question - not only about birds, but about the farming and water situation in the glades.

After arriving, we followed the trail into the swamp, delightedly discovering all its inhabitants - alligators, frogs, snakes and all manner of creatures. All the while, overhead the wood storks were soaring, bringing food to their hungry offspring. Seeing their nests and watching the feeding was undoubtedly the high point of our trip. Our timing was right - not only for the storks, but for all the spring flowers and budding trees.

It was good to get back to the picnic area for lunch and a cool drink, after which we were on our own to discover birds and wildlife. Altogether, 63 species of birds were sighted. We arrived home tired, but happy to have had such a rewarding day. (Marjorie Tamplin)

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Our Annual Dinner Meeting date will soon be upon us. For some reason, our membership is much slower this year in making reservations. We absolutely can NOT accommodate you for dinner without advance notification. Please get your application in the mail now. (For those attending meeting only, arrive about 8:15 p.m.)

We've had a busy month, with some very important environmental issues at the forefront -

the least of which was the resignation of Anne Gorsuch Burford as head of EPA. Conservation Chairman Cissy Durando has some top-priority information in her column. PLEASE READ IT!

John Street represented ASE at a meeting of the commissioners of the Florida Inland Navigation District on March 18, regarding funding of the Manatee Warning signs. The commissioners spent most of the meeting trying to decide what their authority actually is. We understand Dr. Elton Gissendanner, head of Florida's Dept. of Natural Resources, told them, and they went home scratching their heads.

NAS has added many exciting tours to its travel program. For information, write to Dr. Gene Wilhelm, V.P. for Education, at Audubon's New York office. (Some brochures will be available at the April meeting.)

NAS has announced a scholarship and grant program available for high school, college and graduate students. The 1983 awards are to help defray student expenses while attending school or completing a project, internship, or summer program of the student's choice. Application forms and instructions may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope to NAS Expedition Institute Scholarship Committee, RFD #1, Box 149B, Lubec, ME. 04652, by July 15. Applications must be received by August 1.

The Audubon Society of Rhode Island is offering a series of eight cruises along the Intracoastal Waterway from Jacksonville, FL to Newport, R.I. Travel will be aboard a 41 ft. ketch especially suited for exploring swamps, creeks and barrier islands. Anyone interested may leave their name and number on ASE's telephone answering machine.

Many thanks to our Science Fair judges Helen Gilmore, Al Liberman, Phyllis Markuson and David Silverman. Young people chosen to receive ASE's first place awards of \$25 cash and an Audubon membership (senior & junior) were: Jeffrey Wilcox, Jupiter H.S., and Valentin Rodriguez, Gulfview Jr. High. Second place awards of \$15 each and membership went to: Christian Perry, North Shore H.S., and Mary Lou Watterson, Palm Beach Jr. High.

See you at the Annual Dinner! (Leah Schad)

CONSERVATION REPORT

Just as surely as a vacuum is an unstable physical state that allows an indiscriminate rushing in of any nearby object, a vacuum of expressed opinions by environmentalists, who may appreciate our natural resources but are less than actively articulate, will allow a rushing in of self-serving interests.

The decline of Everglades National Park has been well documented for years. Now not only the Florida Bay fisheries and the park's bird, reptile and mammal populations, but the very plant life which is its foundation for survival is rapidly declining. We all know that mishandling of water is the cause. Certainly prayers for more or less rain are not the answer. By years of tacit acceptance of politicians deciding the fate of land use, we have defied natural laws too long.

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PROPOSED NOMINATIONS AND BUDGET

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Audubon Society of the Everglades, Article VII - Nominating Committee, and Article VI, Sec. 3 - Finance Committee, the following items have been accepted by the Board of Directors for submission to the membership for its consideration at the Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 12, 1983.

PROPOSED OFFICERS
1983-1984

President Leah Schad
1st V. President Ruth Trumpower
2nd V. President John Street
Secretary Martha Wade
Treasurer Don Braender

PROPOSED DIRECTORS
(3-year terms)

Sylvia and Carl Dunnam
Stella Rossi Andrea Thomas

Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting, provided consent of the nominee has been obtained. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Martha Wade, Hank McCall, and Andrea Thomas.

KITE STRINGS

The Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will hold a Native Plant Sale on April 9, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Mounts Horticultural Learning Center, 531 N. Military Trail, W.P.B. Arrive early for the best selection of native plants - they are easy and inexpensive to maintain and will attract wildlife to your yard. For more information, call Steve Farnsworth at 965-2657.

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Attention Camera Bugs: A 6-week workshop on Nature Photography, sponsored by the Palm Beach County Dept. of Parks and Recreation, starts April 16 at 9 a.m. A series of field trips will take you to Loxahatche Refuge, Jonathan Dickinson, etc. Instructor is Chuck Ayers. Pre-registration, fee \$12, limit 12. Call Debbie Thatcher, 964-4420, weekdays 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Mail to: Mrs. Dale Neuenschwander
52 Harbour Drive North
Ocean Ridge, FL. 33435

I want to support this year's National Audubon BIRDATHON by pledging \$ _____ for each species counted during SPRING BIRD COUNT (usually about 140)

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

PROPOSED BUDGET
1983-1984

INCOME

Interest on Savings Account	\$ 700
Interest from Conservation Fund	5,600
Dues	3,000
Wildlife Film Series - Ticket Sales	2,000
Sales Profit	300
Anticipated Donations & Bequests	6,000
Retained Excess Revenue	<u>1,235</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	\$18,835

EXPENSES

PRESIDENT	\$ 200
SECRETARY	100
TREASURER	100
EVERGLADE KITE	3,500
PROGRAMS	1,000
LEGISLATIVE	250
PUBLICITY	125
BIRD CENSUS	160
FIELD TRIPS	50
NATURE TRAIL	200
MEMBERSHIP	150
HOSPITALITY	150
EXHIBITS	600
SANCTUARIES	100
SALES TABLE - MERCHANDISE	600
CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, TRAVEL	700

CONSERVATION	
Friends of the Everglades	\$ 200
Nature Conservancy	100
Florida Conservation Foundation	200
Tall Timbers Association	100
General Conservation Expenses	<u>600</u> 1,200

EDUCATION	
Loxahatchee Natural History Assn.	50
Science Museum	200
Pine Jog	300
Student Ed. (incl. WFS Matinees)	1,050
Education Workshops	500
Wildlife Film Series	2,900
B. Bowman Scholarship/Youth Camp	75
FAU/FIU Center for Environ. Ed.	<u>200</u> 5,275

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, DONATIONS	
Florida Audubon Society	500
Explorer Post 290, B.S.A.	50
Dreher Park Bird Rehabilitation	350
Bonnie Findlay (Bambi Sanctuary)	300
School Memberships, Udell Gift	375
West Palm Beach Garden Club	720
Awards	<u>200</u> 2,495

GENERAL OFFICE EXPENSES	
Audit	500
Property Maintenance	100
Insurance	250
Stationery & Supplies	250
Audubon Telephone	<u>480</u> 1,580

TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSES 18,535

CONTINGENCY 300

TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET \$18,835

Members of the Finance Committee are: Al Liberman, Peggy Teahan, Don Braender and Gloria Hunter.

CONSERVATION REPORT (cont'd.)

Just as certain, the answer is not in imputing the abilities of Jack Morehead, the Park Superintendent. Every month of the year the SPWMD is dealing with pages of requests for surface water, as is the Corps and DER. Every month the County Commission is also besieged with requests for zoning changes and higher densities. Acres are being converted from green space and watershed to urban use, pushing agriculture further west to attempt to drain more as they move.

I am trying to inspire the less active writers to contact Mica, Chiles, Hawkins, and Governor Graham. We will not be fooled into accepting the firing of a good man like Jack Morehead as the cure-all for a political/economic problem that is not being addressed at all.

Those present at our last Conservation Committee meeting endorsed the creation of a Marine Fish Commission as an entity apart from the Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission. It should be governed by an impartial board of commercial and recreational fishermen and representatives of the scientific and lay community. The need is long overdue; we feel problems would be better addressed if kept apart from other recreations the Commission is presently handling. The ASE Board of Directors has agreed with this endorsement. More about this later.

The Ocean Ridge Beach Renourishment soap opera grinds on - time extensions for the DNR sword to hand another 90 days - time extensions for the possible funding for off-shore dredging to go from 1½ to 5 years. The sides have not changed; the facts are the same. I spoke to the Ocean Ridge Garden Club, with the Coral Reef Society, on March 10. We discussed the mechanics of the sand transfer station at great length. One long-time resident confirmed what we have been saying all along: no erosion, only people living too close to the shore.

You have the opportunity, until April 29, to request the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to add the breeding population of the wood stork to the Endangered Species list. Only then will we have legal grounds to demand its protection as more and more wetland habitat destruction comes up for consideration. Breeding population has declined from 20,000 pairs in the 30's to an estimated 3500 pairs in 1982, and 1983 has been a disaster. Do contact Endangered Species Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 2747 Art Museum Drive, Jacksonville 32207, (904) 791-2580.

In case you wonder what has happened to the proposed "Great Deer Hunt" at the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge - the latest surveys show there are no deer there! The Fish & Wildlife Service and Florida's G & FWF Commission are in the "no comment" stage.

At the next meeting of the Conservation Committee, we will be tackling ocean outfall systems. Perry Cessna of the Boynton Beach Sewer Authority will present his case. We hope to have some other guests. This will be a most important meeting, not only for learning but for questioning. It will be held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center (Ocean Blvd. just east of Seacrest Blvd.) on Wednesday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. Concerned about the disposal of sewage? Do attend on the 13th.

March 14th meeting of environmentalists/Dan Mica - briefly: He opposes sale of the weather satellite, supports the Tenn-Tom waterway and Garrison Diversion project. He will "re-evaluate" tinkering on Clinch River Breeder Reactor and the Pesticide Act. He will "look into" Army Corps matters such as hastening the Everglades National Park study and the Corps' loss of control of wetlands under the 404 Review; also into federal funding of sugar harvesting machinery, phosphate mining and Florida estuary protection. He committed himself to not weakening the Clean Air and Water Quality acts. (Cissy Durando)

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