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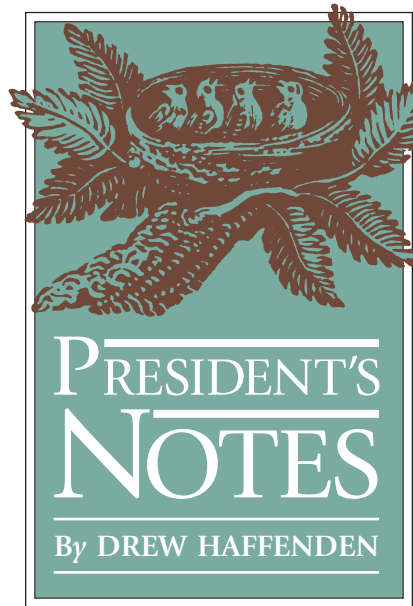
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ELCOME TO MY FIRST
"President's Notes." I
hope I can make mine
as interesting and in-

formative as those I have read in the past. First of all, I would like to thank the Board for nominating me to Vice-President two years ago, and hence the important role of President now. And I thank the members for voting to support the Board's decision. I would also like to thank Shirley Farrell for accepting the role of Vice-President; Shirley is a very busy woman with key roles in a number of organizations, and so giving her time—beyond the work she has done for years as Chair of the AOS Education Committee—to become Vice-President (and hence later President) is very much appreciated. Finally, I would like to thank Barry Fleming for steering AOS over the last two years; AOS has run very smoothly under his leadership, and meetings have been extra enjoyable due to his unique outlook and style. Thank you, Barry. And now to the future.

It is typical for incoming presidents to pen their thoughts about their role for the next two years, and I will follow that lead. Although just how has not been consolidated in my thinking, the general push can be summed up in three words—increasing birder involvement. Note that I say birder, not just member. Over the years, meeting attendance and membership has dwindled, which is true for most organizations that exist for a primarily physical membership. Equally, over the years AOS has attempted to defy this trend with numerous initiatives. While we have not been particularly successful, a situation common to most other groups, these efforts have given us some insight. A main one is the question "why be a member of a physical group when it would seem everything such a group can provide is available at the click of a mouse?" It would seem the reasons that bubble up to the surface revolve around involvement, which has social, learning and giving components. Spending time with others in person has a more positive benefit for us social animals than sharing on digital media; studies have shown that in-person learning is better than what was once called distance learning but is now termed digital learning/education. Covid and



its post years have taught businesses that in-person meetings generate better ideas than Zoom meetings. Sharing in person allows givers to see the immediate results of their giving, encouraging such sharing. I think AOS can and does provide these benefits for members.

So, the question is, how do we increase involvement with AOS throughout the birding community? What resources do we have? The Board and I will be pondering this over the next few months but there is a shortcut to our best intuitions and guesses. We can ask you, our members, what you want to get out of your AOS membership, and how AOS can best provide that. We'd also like to know why

your birding friends who are not members haven't joined. Does AOS not offer them anything, or is it that they do not know what AOS has to offer? I intend to have a questionnaire sent out to all members with these and other questions. I ask all members to ponder this issue, talk to their friends and other birders they meet, from backyarders to professionals in the birding community, and form some answers for AOS to consider and develop. Please help us to stop the decline of your Society and the activities it supports, including the scientific work—*Alabama Birdlife*, Records Committee, Holliman Fund, the educational work Shirley's committee does with teachers, students and the public, our ALBirds site that disseminates rarities found among other information, the mentoring activities for newer birders that our members offer, our conservation work through the Conservation Committee led by Greg Harber that contacts politicians and advises other entities when birds especially are threatened by actions in their purview, and our strong support of DIBS for land purchase on Dauphin Island. And of course, our meetings and speakers that bring together birders from all over Alabama and other states. All of these would go away without the support of our membership.

Some of our committee members are retiring. I would like to thank Patsy Russo who is retiring from the Meetings Committee, and who has been responsible for making our meetings run so smoothly, and I welcome Grace Simms to replace her. Molly Folkerts Caldwell, with her dual roles as

Social Media Chair and Public Relations Co-chair, is also stepping down from the Public Relations side of her work as baby George increases his demands (sorry, Molly, this won't stop for at least 18 years). That leave us with 3.5 vacancies—Treasurer, Outings Coordinator, Archives Coordinator, and assisting with our PR. Please contact me if you can help in any of these roles.

To finish I can't help but mention our fall meeting for the number of rarities seen. Many years it seems any rarities show up either in the days before or after the official count days. This meeting was not the case, with, in taxonomic order, American Flamingo, Long-billed Curlew, Red-necked Phalarope, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Clay-

colored Sparrow, three (!) Lark Sparrows, Western Meadowlark, and Connecticut Warbler all getting on our meeting list. Though no meeting attendee recorded them, a Western Tanager, Vermillion Flycatcher, and Bullock's Oriole were all available in our count area. Not a bad tally of rarities. Interestingly, a number of usual birds were missing, and via Bob Duncan this was likely due to a heavy cloud coverage of the eastern states from the Great Lakes to the Gulf; birds do not like to fly in heavy cloud as their visual guidance is lost and their magnetic guidance is subject to perturbations in the field causing them to fly off course. So, they likely just sat out the clouds.

See you in January at Joe Wheeler State Park. Good Birding!

Minutes of the Fall AOS Board Meeting

By DORIS GERTLER, *Treasurer*



RESIDENT BARRY FLEMING CALLED THE FALL meeting of the Alabama Ornithological Society Board of Directors to order at 6:00 pm on October 6, 2023 via Zoom.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Arrangements are complete for the Fall Meeting at Dauphin Island October 13-15, 2023.

Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented to Linda Reynolds, Lucy and Bob Duncan at this meeting.

The winter meeting is set for Joe Wheeler State Park, January 26-28, 2024.

There is an urgent need for a Treasurer, Archivist, Field Trips Coordinator, and media specialist.

The AOS 75th Anniversary is fast approaching and discussions are underway concerning celebrating this milestone. Any input would be appreciated.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Acting Treasurer Pat Reed reported total assets, including a CD, of \$61,446.13. There are currently fifty-one registrants for the Fall Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION—Shirley Farrell reported that Legacy and AOS, in partnership, will develop a new birding curriculum guide for the state of Alabama.

ALABAMA BIRDLIFE—Eric Soehren reported that edited materials for the December 2022 Birdlife have been sent for final layout and will be distributed when complete.

THE YELLOWHAMMER—This will be the final print issue. Future issues will be digital only.

DAN. C. HOLLIMAN RESEARCH COMMITTEE—Greg Harber will advertise these grants.

MEMBERSHIP—Larry Gardella stated work has continued to help Alabama Birding Trails update descriptions of birding sites. Volunteers appreciated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Membership Dues

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR, SO AS we approach the new year, don't forget to renew your membership. Send your check, payable to AOS, to Pat Reed, 88838 Tallassee Highway, Tallassee, AL 36078, or online at AOSbirds.org.

AOS FALL MEETING, DAUPHIN ISLAND, ALABAMA, OCTOBER 13-15, 2023

AOS Fall Meeting Report

By LARRY GARDELLA AND BOB REED



HE WEATHER WAS NEARLY PERFECT FOR THE meeting, though a bit windy. The meeting started with a series of terrific photos taken by members. Geoff Hill showed photos from

his trip to southwest New Mexico, which he described as a little-known birding hot spot. Scot Duncan and Patsy Russo showed photos from their recent trip to Cuba. Lucy Duncan showed her photos of the Gray Gull that has been hanging around northwest Florida for several weeks, and Drew Haffenden shared photos of the birds of Panama.

The birding on Saturday and Sunday was loaded with surprises.

Eight members met at the beach parking lot by the pier and started out just after 7 a.m. Saturday morning for the Pelican Island walk. Our expectations were low. Throughout the fall, gulls, terns, and migrant shorebirds had been scarce. Still, we found a few real treats. Among the 28 birds we recorded were several Snowy Plovers doing their stop-and-go walks. And we also enjoyed a Red Knot near the end of Pelican. We thanked Craig Litteken for finding that bird while he was out a bit before we started and pointing it out to us – and for not disturbing any of the birds.

While we were looking at shorebirds, the group led by Scott Duncan found and photographed a possible Townsend's Warbler or some intriguing hybrid. Several of us joined a bunch of people at the Shell Mound hoping to relocate the warbler. No luck there. After much deliberations, during and following the meeting, it was determined that it was an oddly marked Blackburnian Warbler, but the exchanges by some of the most gifted members sorting out the various field marks was both enlightening and humbling. Every birder has made a misidentification, usually daily, if only for a few seconds.

Editor's note: I recall my first visit to AOS three decades ago as a fledgling birder, when a possible Connecticut Warbler was spotted in the bowl. Field marks were examined and discussed, second and third views taken, field guides de-

ployed, and ultimately, it was determined that it was indeed a Connecticut Warbler. As an uninitiated neophyte, I wondered what all the talk was about. Either it was a Connecticut or it wasn't. The experience solidified in me the importance of considering all clues, including field marks, behavior, location, habitat, etc. The experience at the fall meeting reinforced that importance.

Two unusual sparrows (Lark and Clay-colored) were hanging out around the north mounds. Larry had seen the Lark Sparrow between the main mounds and north mounds, but he went back for the Clay-colored. A small group assembled that included members as young as 14 and 17 all the way up to 74. By working together, we managed to find both sparrow species (with photos of two Lark Sparrows) and to study and photograph an Ash-throated Flycatcher. Two Peregrine Falcons also graced us by flying over. A very good morning stretched nicely into the early afternoon.

Scot Duncan held us spell-bound with his presentation on the effects of climate change on birds, including migration timing, and distribution changes.

As has been previously reported and anticipated, President Barry Fleming presented Life-time Achievement Awards to Linda Reynolds and Bob and Lucy Duncan.

As always, the hors d'oeuvres Friday evening and the banquet Saturday were delicious and well received by the members. It was wonderful to spend time catching up with old friends and getting acquainted with new.

The Sunday trip to the Mud Lakes added a Red-necked Phalarope to the weekend.

A total of 161 species of birds were identified, including several unusual birds such as American Flamingo (a fly-over on the west end), Long-billed Curlew (found and photographed by Geoff Hill at Lightning Point), Red-necked Phalarope, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Clay-colored Sparrow, and Connecticut Warbler (found by Barry Fleming). Unusual misses included Wilson's Snipe, Canada Goose, American Kestrel, American Crow, and Hooded Warbler, among others.

2023 AOS Fall Meeting Compilation List Dauphin Island, Alabama, October 13–15

NOTEWORTHY BIRDS OF THE WEEKEND WERE AMERICAN Flamingo, Long-billed Curlew, Red-necked Phalarope, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Clay-colored Sparrow, and Connecticut Warbler. Count total was 161 species.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

Blue-winged Teal

Northern Shoveler

Gadwall

Mallard

Mottled Duck

American Flamingo

Pied-billed Grebe

Rock Pigeon

Eurasian Collared-Dove

White-winged Dove

Mourning Dove

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Black-billed Cuckoo

Chimney Swift

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Clapper Rail

Virginia Rail

Sora

Black-necked Stilt

American Avocet

American Oystercatcher

Black-bellied Plover

Killdeer

Semipalmated Plover

Piping Plover

Snowy Plover

Long-billed Curlew

Ruddy Turnstone

Red Knot

Stilt Sandpiper

Sanderling

Dunlin

Least Sandpiper

Pectoral Sandpiper

Semipalmated Sandpiper

Western Sandpiper

Short-billed Dowitcher

Long-billed Dowitcher

Spotted Sandpiper

Lesser Yellowlegs

Willet

Greater Yellowlegs

Red-necked Phalarope

Laughing Gull

Ring-billed Gull

Herring Gull

Caspian Tern

Common Tern

Forster's Tern

Royal Tern

Sandwich Tern

Black Skimmer

Magnificent Frigatebird

Anhinga

Double-crested Cormorant

American White Pelican

Brown Pelican

American Bittern

Great Blue Heron

Great Egret

Snowy Egret

Little Blue Heron

Tricolored Heron

Reddish Egret

Green Heron

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

White Ibis

Black Vulture

Turkey Vulture

Osprey

Northern Harrier

Cooper's Hawk

Bald Eagle

Red-shouldered Hawk

Broad-winged Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

Belted Kingfisher

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

Merlin

Peregrine Falcon

Ash-throated Flycatcher

Great Crested Flycatcher

Western Kingbird

Eastern Kingbird

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Least Flycatcher

Eastern Phoebe

White-eyed Vireo

Philadelphia Vireo

Red-eyed Vireo

Loggerhead Shrike

Blue Jay

Fish Crow

Carolina Chickadee

Tufted Titmouse

Tree Swallow

N. Rough-winged Swallow

Barn Swallow

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Cedar Waxwing

Brown-headed Nuthatch

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

House Wren

Sedge Wren

Marsh Wren

Carolina Wren

Gray Catbird

Brown Thrasher

Northern Mockingbird

European Starling

Eastern Bluebird

Veery

Gray-cheeked Thrush

Swainson's Thrush

Wood Thrush

American Robin

House Sparrow

House Finch

American Goldfinch

Lark Sparrow

Clay-colored Sparrow

Seaside Sparrow

Nelson's Sparrow

Savannah Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow

Eastern Meadowlark

Western Meadowlark

Red-winged Blackbird

Brown-headed Cowbird

Common Grackle

Boat-tailed Grackle

Worm-eating Warbler

Northern Waterthrush

Black-and-white Warbler

Tennessee Warbler

Orange-crowned Warbler

Nashville Warbler

Connecticut Warbler

Common Yellowthroat

American Redstart

Northern Parula

Magnolia Warbler

Bay-breasted Warbler

Blackburnian Warbler

Yellow Warbler

Black-throated Blue Warbler

Palm Warbler

Pine Warbler

Prairie Warbler

Black-throated Green Warbler

Wilson's Warbler

Summer Tanager

Scarlet Tanager

Northern Cardinal

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Blue Grosbeak

Indigo Bunting

All reported sightings will be accepted and published in *The Yellowhammer*. However, the meeting compilation list in *The Yellowhammer* is not an official record. Species that are **boldfaced**, or listed in the Hypothetical section of the AOS Field Card, must be supported by complete written details and submitted to, and accepted by, the Records Committee to become an official AOS record. Italicized species usually need written details but these may be brief. Out of season and locally rare birds should also be documented. Refer to the front page of the AOS Field Card for additional details.

AOS WINTER MEETING, JOE WHEELER STATE PARK, JANUARY 26–28, 2024

AOS Winter Meeting Schedule



NLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL ACTIVITIES BEGIN or occur at the Joe Wheeler State Park Lodge, 4401 McLean Drive, Rogersville, AL 35652.

Casual dress is appropriate throughout the meeting. To register online for the Winter Meeting, go to: <http://www.aosbirds.org/aos-meeting-registration>.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023

6:00 p.m. Board Meeting via Zoom

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023

Bird on your own if you arrive early. See <https://alabama.birdingtrails.com>.

1:00–5:00pm: Wilson Lake Boat Trip—Keynote Speaker and gull expert Amar Ayyash will boat to the dam to teach gull identification. (Requires advance signup and extra payment, \$60 per person. Contact Damien Simbeck for details. tnbarredowl@aol.com). If there is sufficient interest a second trip can be arranged for Sunday afternoon. This trip is weather dependent especially with respect to fog.

4:30 p.m. Registration—Cypress Room

5:00 p.m. Social Hour—Cypress Room

6:00 p.m. Dinner from menu in the Lodge Dining Room

7:00 p.m. Workshop—Amar Ayyash
“Getting to Know Your Gulls”—Cypress Room

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023

7:00 a.m. Field Trips—Meet in the Lodge Lobby

1. Tennessee River Birding

The trip will bird the Tennessee River and environs from Wheeler Dam to The Sinks. Our Keynote Speaker and gull expert Amar Ayyash will follow up on his gull workshop with in-the-field ID techniques and advice at the dams and other gull spots. This will be a most-of-the-day outing, and we’ll have a picnic lunch in the field where convenient. The route is basically a loop. Bring your own lunch, but we will make a stop at Subway in Florence for a bathroom stop and

for those who prefer to buy something for lunch. Numerous Alabama rarities including loons and grebes have been seen over the years in the areas we’ll bird.

2. Key Cave National Wildlife Refuge to Waterloo

Drive to Key Cave Creek NWR (stopping for any rarities seen between the Lodge and Key Cave) for birding this grassland area. Bobolinks, Dickcissels, and Grasshopper Sparrows are usual here as well as harriers and other raptors. The outing continues along the Tennessee River to Waterloo, looking for ducks, grebes and other waterfowl. The Waterloo area has had numerous Bald and Golden Eagle sightings.

4:30 p.m. Registration—Cypress Room

5:30 p.m. Social Hour—Cypress Room

6:30 p.m. Banquet—Cypress Room

7:15 p.m. Announcements

7:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker Amar Ayyash—“Man and Gulls”

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023

7:30 a.m. Field Trip—Around the State Park and Wheeler Dam. Trip Leader TBD

12:00 p.m. Compilation—Lodge Cypress Room

ACCOMMODATIONS AND INFORMATION

Joe Wheeler State Park is about 27 miles east of Florence, Alabama, and 22 miles west of Athens on US 72 (not US 72 Alt). We have 25 rooms reserved, available through December 31, 2023. If all rooms sell out early, we can usually add more if available. Rooms are reserved at the lodge for a convention rate of \$89/night plus tax. The reservation numbers are: 1-800-544-5639 or 256-247-5461. Please indicate that you are with AOS.

The Park also has cabins for rent near Wheeler Dam about 14 miles from the lodge. Contact info for cabins: 256-685-2656. There are also several motels in the area. If you cannot get into the Lodge, the best bet is probably the Florence quad cities area or Athens.

Websites: <https://alapark.com/joe-wheeler-state-park>

AOS WINTER MEETING, JOE WHEELER STATE PARK, JANUARY 26-28, 2024

Meet the Speaker: Amar Ayyash



Man and Gulls



AMAR AYYASH is an expert on the gulls of North America and an evangelist for “gull recreation” (gulling). He coordinates the Annual Gull Frolic on Lake Michigan, hosts the website anythinglarus.com, administers the Facebook group “North American Gulls,” speaks at birding events, and leads trips throughout the continent.

Much of his free time is spent traveling the world to photograph and study gulls. Ayyash has published articles on gull identification, distribution, and molt, and is the author of the upcoming book, *The Gull Guide*. Amar has been teaching mathematics for 20 years, and lives in northern Illinois with his wife and four children.



OF ALL THE WORLD’S SEABIRDS, GULLS ARE THE most visible to man, gaining admission into our most immediate surroundings. Often approached with apprehension, gulls have earned a love-hate relationship with many birders, and they’re often perceived as second-class avian creatures. But also, among the larids are some of the most coveted bird species in the world, presenting us with an interesting juxtaposition. Do we prefer some gulls over others? And if so, why? Amar Ayyash, an expert on North American gull species, will take us through an entertaining and intriguing journey of their natural history, along with some of their less known behaviors and adaptations.

Gulls. A group frequently met with a blend of fascination and apprehension. Among them are some of the most coveted bird species on the planet (think Ross's and Ivory Gull). Others are commonplace, living among us in our immediate surroundings (think Wendy's and Walmart parking lots). Unlike other families of birds that have seen precipitous declines in recent decades, many gull populations have become increasingly resilient as they find ways to capitalize on anthropogenic practices—few bird groups are as suited for such conditions. They're equally at home on land, in the air and on water, and we don't have to go very far

OPPOSITE PAGE, ABOVE: *Can you identify the species in this photo of a group of gulls? If not, be sure to attend the Friday Evening Workshop hosted by our Keynote Speaker, gull expert Amar Ayyash. BELOW: A Glaucous Gull in flight. (Both Amar Ayyash) OPPOSITE PAGE, INSET: Amar Ayyash (Jeff Gordon)*

FRIDAY EVENING WORKSHOP

Getting to Know Your Gulls

WHETHER YOU'RE JUST BEGINNING TO LEARN how to identify your local gulls, or have long struggled with this group of birds, winter is the perfect time to take on Gull ID. Amar will walk us through the key components of identifying the gulls found in Alabama and eastern North America. He will present a multitude of photos and collages for comparison, and will also touch on some of the often-ignored topics in gull study such as the aging process and molt. Come learn why an increasing number of people are being drawn to this family of birds and are eagerly calling themselves "larophiles," at 7:00 p.m. in the Cypress Room.

to find them. Some are all-purpose seabirds. Others are much more landbound and seldom take to the sea. Their bills range from small and pointed, like daggers, to large and bulbous, with hooked tips. They're equipped with webbed feet for swimming, and with legs mostly centered under the body that allow them to walk with ease. Gulls are master opportunists and, on the whole, I would assert that they are more versatile than any other group of birds.

They've also gained a love-hate relationship with many birders, and in some respects, are underdogs of the avian world. But why? Is it due to their propensity to hybridize, and their variable plumages? Perhaps. Might there be some deep-rooted resentment for organisms that are able to thrive in our own surroundings, while seemingly taunting us with identification challenges?

Inhabiting all of the Earth's continents, they are a remarkable group of some 50 species, yet gulls have spawned more identification debates than the rest of the planet's bird taxa combined. This is one of the powerful attractions when it comes to gulls. They are everywhere we turn. Some are quite distinctive and almost never present identification concerns, while others are, truly, Gordian knots that defy ID. Anyone and everyone can easily have a go at identifying them with enough wonder to arrest our curiosity for a lifetime. They're equally accessible to the average lay



person and to field ornithologists alike. Once we delve into their plumages and variability, a somewhat addictive element takes over that can only be tamed with increased observation.

With that said, my identification workshop promises to walk you through some of the basic nuances associated with gull ID, with an emphasis on species found in and around Alabama. I'll also touch on topics that are often ignored by birders, such as aging and molt. The literature on these topics can be dense and difficult to understand, requiring instruction from those with experience.

For my main talk, I will challenge you to rethink your approach to common gull species, and highlight how these taxa serve as very important bio-indicators for us. Further, I'll discuss how recent genetic data and frequent hybridization in this family compel us to reassess the very concept of a species.

New Members

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The Yellowhammer is Going All-Digital

AOS SPENDS MORE THAN \$3,400 A YEAR TO PRINT AND MAIL *The Yellowhammer* to the approximately 115 members who still request a print copy. That is more than \$29 per subscriber, while individual dues are only \$25. As a result, the AOS board of directors has made the difficult decision to discontinue the printed edition, freeing up more than \$3,400 for conservation, meetings, speakers, and much more. The digital newsletter is in full color, so that everyone can enjoy the stunning photos and the magnificent design.

Alabama BirdLife, the official journal of AOS, will remain available in a digital and print edition.

This is the final print issue of The Yellowhammer. Beginning next year, only digital issues will be available. There are members for whom we do not have a valid email address. It is imperative that we have a valid email address for all members. Please send them to the acting treasurer (patreed1987@gmail.com). Your email address will not be shared.

The Yellowhammer will be available on the website, www.aosbirds.org, soon after each meeting. All registration, field, trip, and schedule information will continue to be available on the website as soon as it is developed.

Deadlines for Yellowhammer Submissions

Spring 2024	February 10, 2024
Summer 2024	May 10, 2024

Upcoming Meetings

WINTER MEETING—January 26-28, 2024

Joe Wheeler State Park

SPRING MEETING—April 19-21, 2024

Dauphin Island, Alabama

FALL MEETING—October 11-13, 2024

Dauphin Island, Alabama

AOS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Your Membership Dues Support the Work of the Alabama Ornithological Society

Please check membership category: ____ New Member ____ Renewing Member

Please check membership category: ____ Student \$10 ____ Individual \$25 ____ Family \$40* ____ Sustaining \$50
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Registration @ \$25 per person	\$
Banquet Buffet @ \$30 per person	\$
2024 DUES	\$
DIBS Land Purchase Fund Contribution	\$
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$

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