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COMING EVENTS

•**Friday, February 23, 2001, 7:30 p.m.** - Annual General Meeting. WBFN member, Bill Crowley will present *Alvars - An Introduction*, an illustrated talk on Alvars, which are limestone plains found in limited areas in the vicinity of the Great lakes. The amount of soil on an alvar varies from almost none to enough to support grass and scrub trees. The climate of an alvar is harsh; thus, the vegetation is special, including the spectacular globally rare Lakeside Daisy. Cobourg Public Library.

•**Saturday, March 3, 2001 Astronomy Night, 7 - 8 or 9p.m.** Gather at Richardson's Lookout Conservation Area on County Road 9 west of Garden Hill at 7 p.m. Bring scopes and/or binoculars, lawnchairs, and dress very warmly. In case of full cloud cover, alternate night is March 4. Call Alison Elliott (905) 797-1123 for details.

Look for more outings in the spring including a Murray Marsh/Lone Pine Marsh trip and Thursday Evening Walks in May.

•**Friday, March 30, 2001, 7:30 p.m.** - General Meeting. WBFN member, Elizabeth Kellogg, will give a talk on Bird Banding. Her talk will include information about projects which she and her husband, Roger Frost, have initiated since moving to this area five years ago. Emphasis will be on what can be learned about birds from banding. Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit.



A REMINDER ABOUT MEMBERSHIP DUES

WBFN Membership Dues are payable on an annual, calendar year basis. For your convenience, there is a coupon on page 8 or you can pay in person at the next meeting.

PHOTO EXHIBIT

BY

BILL CROWLEY

at

The Train Place Restaurant & Gallery

VIA Train Station
563 Division St.
Cobourg

March 4 to 18, 2001

Hours

Mon. - Fri., 6:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday - Closed

Wildflower Slide Show

Saturday March 10 & 17, 2001
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Lunch Menu available from 12 noon - 2
p.m.

Seating limited to reservations
Phone: 372-7700

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Jo Foster, Colborne
Celia and Tim Hope, Port Hope

BLUEBIRD ALERT

by Hazel Bird

In just a few weeks the Eastern Bluebirds should be returning to their nesting grounds in the Harwood area, home of the Willow Beach Field Naturalists' Bluebird Project. It is not too early to begin preparations for the routine box checking for another year so that the system runs smoothly.

Last year, the support from volunteers was unbelievably positive: helpers came from Cobourg, Port Hope and surrounding area (one even from Peterborough!) and made each field trip enjoyable. We thank them all, club members and others, for their good work and welcome any 1999 or 2000 veterans, as well as newcomers, who would like to spend some time in bluebird country this year.

Depending on the weather, box-checking should begin toward the end of March and continue through July. For more information, please contact Hazel bird at 905-342-5218.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

•Best wishes of the club to 2nd Vice-President, **Carol Payne**, who has been nursing a broken wrist since mid-December. At last report, the cast is finally off and therapy is in progress.

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The editor is most grateful to those who have contributed to this issue of the Curlw. Copy for the March 2001 issue should be received by February 28, 2001. Rare or interesting sightings should be reported to Norma Wallace (885-5552) or Elizabeth Kellogg (885-9615) for the March Curlw. Correspondence for WBFN should be addressed to: "The Willow Beach Field Naturalists, P.O. Box 421, Port Hope, ON L1A 3W4."

2000 in Review

President's Report – Bob Short

Membership

- Membership continued to grow and we now have 179 memberships covering in excess of 300 people.
- The basic member activities of 8 meetings and 8 editions of the Curlew were maintained. Attendance at the meetings has been good and, for at least two of the meetings, standing room only was experienced.
- 12 outings were arranged by Alison Elliott this year including 4 evening walks during May.

WBFN Activities

• *Peter's Woods Provincial Nature Reserve*. Led by coordinators Russell Lake and Audrey Wilson, WBFN completed its 4th year of managing this Reserve, under an agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources. Attendance each year has been increasing with over 1,100 visitors in 2000 with some from as far away as Russia, Denmark and Switzerland. Many hours of work by WBFN volunteers go into the effort of keeping the trail safe, the washrooms clean and the garbage picked-up.

• *Marsh Monitoring*

Roger Frost continued the marsh monitoring programs in Willow Beach Marsh, Carr's Marsh and the Port Hope shore marsh west of Gage's Creek.

• *Bird Banding*

Elizabeth Kellogg and Roger Frost banded Saw-whet Owls, Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, Pine Siskins, Snow Buntings, Horned Larks, Lapland Longspurs, and other miscellaneous birds.

• *Habitat Projects*

WBFN was involved in a number of projects:

- *Lucas Point Park Naturalization* (with members Dennis Garratt and Janette Johnson);
- Hazel Bird's Bluebird monitoring (many members drove and assisted Hazel);
- *Restoration of a Prairie habitat* on the Koffler property near Harwood (several members collected seed for this project);
- *Consultation* with respect to the extension of the Cobourg Ecology Garden to ensure that important habitat was not destroyed or degraded (Clive Goodwin);
- *Consultation with the GRCA Coordinator* (David

Charette – a new WBFN member) for their millennium project to create an Eco-demonstration Park at the GRCA offices on Cty. Rd. 28 (several WBFN members were involved).

The Northumberland Forest and Woodlot Survey project, undertaken by the Northumberland Stewardship Council, and funded by a grant from the Trillium Foundation applied for by WBFN, was completed.

• *Natural Heritage and Environmental Activities*

- *Presqu'ile Provincial Park Management Plan*. The final plan was published in October, 2000 and WBFN (Clive Goodwin), following a thorough review, has written to Ontario Parks to generally endorse the plan. The Brighton Town Council has also endorsed the Plan.

- *Dombind*. There is concern that the Ministry of the Environment will extend Norampac's certificate (it expired at the end of 2000) to allow the continued use of Dombind in 2001 (and beyond?). WBFN has written to the MoE expressing strong opposition to such an extension.

- *Golf Course in the Ganaraska Forest*. In an effort to raise money the GRCA considered a proposal to build a golf course in the Ganaraska Forest, on the Oak Ridges moraine. Again, WBFN took a strong stand against the proposal. Fortunately the developer failed to pursue the venture. Thanks to Bill Wensley for his work on this project.

- *Cobourg proposal for Skateboarding Facility in James Cockburn Park*. Terry Stopps made a presentation to the Cobourg Council opposing the location of the skateboarding facility in this ecologically sensitive park, and recommending a more central location such as Victoria Park or Legion Fields. Council subsequently located it at Legion Fields.

- *Cobourg Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan*. The Town hired Monteith Planning Consultants to prepare the Master Plan. On behalf of WBFN, Clive Goodwin prepared a brief for consideration in the development of the plan.

- *Kawartha Highlands Signature Site*. This site is located about 50 kilometers north of Peterborough and is one of the new parks established under

Ontario's Living Legacy program. The park may be established as a Provincial Park or as a Conservation Reserve. The Provincial Park designation provides significantly more protection and funding. WBFN has written to the Ministry of Natural Resources recommending the Provincial Park designation.

●*WBFN Young Naturalists Program*

Activities this year included owl and back-yard bird banding with Elizabeth Kellogg and Roger Frost; Monarch Butterfly tagging with Audrey Wilson; and Star Gazing with Terry Stopps. In addition, a number of young naturalists attended many of the general Club outings.

Lori Wensley has been instrumental in reviving the Young Naturalists program. Lori is relinquishing this position and I would like to thank her for her efforts in getting this program going again; many thanks Lori!

●*Bird Counts*

WBFN conducted two annual bird counts; the Christmas count and the summer breeding bird count. Both were organized by Roger Frost.

Federation of Ontario Naturalists

●The FON has received a bequest from Ruth Mallory Wilson, a one-time resident of Port Hope, to be used for the benefit of the naturalist organization in the Port Hope and Cobourg area. An immediate benefit of this bequest for WBFN was to sponsor a young person to FON's Senior Young Naturalists' Camp in addition to the one we have been sponsoring for many years to the Junior camp.

In the longer term, we are looking to purchase, or otherwise protect, a significant wetland or other ecologically significant area. Our first approach was to the owner of Willow Beach marsh (our namesake) but the owner does not want to sell it. We are now in the process of approaching the owner of a significant piece of Carr's Marsh; the balance is owned by the GRCA. Russell Lake is coordinating this project.

●Joan Norris, our representative to the FON, along with other members of WBFN, has attended the FON's regional meetings to report on our activities and to share information with other naturalist clubs. Joan also ran a successful sale of Butterfly and Frog t-shirts.

Member Activities

In addition to the involvement of our members in the activities listed above, many others were involved in

different projects and all should receive recognition:

- Carol Pryce for coordinating our regular meeting program;
- Nancy Stopps for returning to her role of Secretary following the major surgery required by Mary-Lou Adams. I am pleased to say that Mary Lou is recovering nicely;
- Editors Norma Wallace and Elizabeth Kellogg for their interesting and informative issues of the Curlew;
- Sharon Pickering for coordinating fund raising via our monthly raffles – and a special thank-you to all of you who donated items for the raffles;
- Audrey Wilson for handling the selection process for the FON Young Naturalists Camps;
- A.K. Sculthorpe and Geoff Dale for handling the Property Account. A.K. has been the chair of this account for many years and has now resigned for a well-deserved rest. Many thanks to you A.K. for your many years of work on our behalf. Russell Lake has replaced A.K. in this position; thanks, Russell!
- Janette Johnston for keeping the books and Bill McCarthy for ensuring that the accounts are handled correctly in his role as Auditor;
- Mark Rupke for his representation of WBFN on the board of the Lone Pine Marsh;
- Lastly, the Board of Directors (Terry Stopps, Rod Lee, Carole Payne, Jack Goering, Russell Lake, A.K. Sculthorpe, Joan Norris, Pauline Graham, Audrey Stacey and Audrey Wilson) for their support and advice in the day-to-day issues.

Priorities for 2001

- Continue to expand our membership. This may require us to review our meeting venues to provide for larger audiences.
- Review our membership fee structure in light of increased costs for printing and mailing the Curlew and the potential increase in room rentals.
- Participate in the field-work for preparation of the 2nd edition of Ontario's Breeding Bird Atlas. Field-work takes place over a 5-year period starting in 2001.
- Initiate some fund raising activities for special projects. One that WBFN would like to undertake is to produce three bound copies of the Curlew's that have been produced since the inception of the Club. The Cobourg and Port Hope Libraries would each receive a copy and the third would be for the WBFN archives.
- Develop an inventory of members' skills. Environmental issues are constantly arising that need

A ROADSIDE BIRD AND PLANT SURVEY OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

by Clive and Joy Goodwin

In 1994 we had been living in Cobourg for three years, and our lack of familiarity with Northumberland County was beginning to be rather irritating. Someone would see a bird on, say, Jacobi Road, and we not only wouldn't have the faintest idea where that was, but when our long-suffering informants tried to give us directions, they found our knowledge of the county didn't extend much beyond the town boundaries, if that.

So we decided to do something about it. Never ones to do things by halves, we thought it would be an interesting project to drive every road in the county [outside the towns, of course] and find all the best birding places. Six years later, we're still at it. If you ask us what we're up to in the summer, you're likely to get a rather cryptic reply about 'fieldwork', which for want of anything better is the name the project seems to go by. It's hardly fair to call it work, as it has proven to be very interesting, and no one asked us to do it!

In fact, in the intervening period the scope of the survey has grown considerably [another feature of Goodwin projects]. Now we're not only looking for birds, but plants as well, and there's even some talk of butterflies and dragonflies. However, for the present we've got about all we can handle for a while.

In fact, the more we thought about it the more potential the idea seemed to have. As far as we knew the only comprehensive bird survey of the county was in the Breeding Bird Atlas, back in the early 1980's. We knew we couldn't aspire to that kind of coverage, but it would be interesting to see how the information we were accumulating might compare, and it might even help with a future Atlas. We also had already encountered times when the Club needed information on an area, and when such needs arose there wasn't usually time to run around gathering data.

Once we got started the plants were a natural evolution. In the misty shades of time when Clive was in his 'teens in the U.K., he was more a botanist than a birder. But neither of us had done much botanizing in Canada, and it wasn't long before we began to come across plants we'd never seen before. So plants were added, and we quickly found that [in spite of very detailed coverage on parts of the county] overall the plants were much less well known than the birds.

The project had now moved beyond a series of

casual birding trips, so we recognized that all the information we were gathering would have to be organized in some manner. Suddenly things had become complicated – we'd had to devise a recording format!

Originally we simply photocopied the sides of all the topographic maps covering the county, and started to record information on to these 'work sheets'. For the less common bird species, we would record the locations of sighting or singing birds in colour on the cap copy itself, while the more common ones were simply counted for the trip. In subsequent years we planned to photocopy the previous year's work sheets annually. This yielded a set of new sheets, which also enabled us to see at a glance what we had done and seen in former years.

At present we still use this basic approach in the field, but we soon realized that simply gathering information in this manner would make it impossible for anyone who did not have access to our worksheets [read, everyone but us] to use the information. The Atlas recorded its results using 10 km. squares. These are marked and numbered on all the topographic maps, so we decided to record our information in this format as well. This entailed some reworking, but as we were already using topographic maps it was fairly easy to do.

It happened that in parallel with all this we had become involved in trying to put all the county bird records into a computerized format – readers may recall a couple of articles about this in previous *Curlwews*. We were assigning records to places [say, Cobourg] within the county, and the program we are using allows us to subdivide these into sites [Cobourg Harbour, for example]. So it seemed logical to allocate a 'place' category to each 10 km. block, and then identify the good areas of habitat in each as sites. So we can now record all this stuff on the computer as well. So much for the mechanics, which maybe sound complicated, but really are not.

Of course, almost incidentally to all this we certainly have achieved our initial objective of getting to know the county. And a fascinating region it has proven to be. North differs from south and east from west, and it all has some wonderful natural areas.

The westernmost parts [mainly Hope Township] have superb woodlands and a very varied

landscape. They are also home to some more southerly plant species that we have not encountered elsewhere – plants like Skunk Cabbage and Pale Jewelweed. To the north and east Red Cedar becomes more widespread, and indeed there are solid stands of it in the east, and Prickly Ash becomes common [to add to the abundant Poison Ivy]. Some plants we have encountered only there include Moonseed and Bladderpod. There were also some more subtle differences: for example, the introduced shrub honeysuckles are common throughout, but in the west, Morrow's seems to predominate, while the Tartarian is the usual one in the east!

Now we have six year's records, so what else have we found and how does it compare with other activities, such as the Atlas and the Club's Summer Bird Count?

First some statistics: we have found 135 species of birds and 747 species of plants in total so far. This is by no means all the plants and summer birds in the county, and there's lots of scope for growth. Looking at the plants first, various environmental inventories in some areas with more unusual plant associations have turned up species we have yet to encounter, and quite possibly will not, because in its nature a roadside survey is unlikely to turn up very localized species. On the other hand, most botanists don't run around doing roadside surveys [does anyone?], so we have come across 60 or so species already that appear to be new to the county.

The other factor influencing the plants, of course, is that birds have always been our major interest, and hence first priority. So 'difficult' plants have been neglected. This has meant that those water plants that demand some wading have received short-shrift, and the same thing has happened with groups that we are less comfortable with [and hence need more time to key out], such as grasses and sedges.

The birds are another story, and here the picture is more complete. Although the commoner species are largely the same as those encountered on the Atlas, there have been some quite striking changes in the intervening 15-20 years. Perhaps the most noteworthy is Blue-winged Warbler, which was only seen in one of the 33 possible squares, while we have had a number of quite well-dispersed records, including a bird feeding young in Peter's Woods. At the same time Golden-winged Warblers still seem to be hanging on, although both these species are easy to miss, as they tend to stop singing early in the season.

Some other warblers have proven to be more common than during the Atlas, especially Black-throated Green, which we encounter quite frequently. Black-throated Blue is still a rare bird in the county, but we have had several, while the Atlas had none. This is even more striking because we have not surveyed Presqu'ile at all, and have consciously limited our time in many of the better places [Willow Beach, Lone Pine and Carr's Marshes, for example] that we knew others were covering fairly regularly.

On the other hand, Loggerhead Shrikes sadly seem to have gone completely, and we have encountered no mockingbirds, although several were potentially nesting here in the 1980's.

We could, of course, have missed them, although we have recorded much less conspicuous species. As we noted with regard to plants, there's no doubt that a roadside survey has its limitations, and our timing [mostly June and July] is biased towards later breeders. Birds such as Red-shouldered Hawk, Upland Sandpiper and woodpeckers may be under-represented for this reason. Indeed, there are five species [cormorant, American Bittern, Black Duck, woodcock and nighthawk] which we have recorded fairly regularly in the breeding season, but which have never appeared on a survey. Their absence also largely reflects our format and timing, although nighthawks are indeed becoming rare.

The Summer Bird Count (SBC) provides a more current comparison, although our own route [#9] is used for both purposes, and so there is some overlap. The SBC has a cumulative 144 species, 9 more than our own. As so often happens, the difference is not just 9 species: the SBC has 14 species we do not have, and we have 5 birds not recorded on the SBC.

Of the 14 species on the SBC, 5 are those listed above, all of which have been recorded on it. Then both surveys have unexpected birds which are unlikely to be seen again, and which in most cases were probably just passing through. The SBC's Western Kingbird and Acadian Flycatcher are in this class, while we recorded a lingering Glaucous Gull one year, and last summer's Lewis's Woodpecker was seen on a survey run. We suspect that the Yellow-bellied Flycatcher and Blackpoll Warbler found on the SBC were late migrants, as both species are among the last migrants to arrive, and both nest to our north.

That leave 5 SBC species [Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Barred Owl, Sedge Wren, Ruby-crowned

Kinglet and Red Crossbill] and three of our own [Mute Swan, Gadwall and Marsh Wren] that are not shared by the two counts, and any of these could turn up on either count in future years, although some are rare at best. Looking over the Atlas again, owls and waterbirds are under-represented on both. This is perhaps not surprising, as wetlands away from the lake are rather scarce in Northumberland, and both counts are mainly [in our case entirely] run in the daytime.

What of the future? Given that the new Breeding Bird Atlas is just about to begin, we'll probably find ourselves heavily engaged with it for

the next five years, but everything we find will add to our own picture as well, and the information we have gathered so far is bound to help the Atlassing effort. We've also recently taken the opportunity to get off the road a little where public access exists or where we have been invited to do so, and we hope to continue this in the future.

We certainly can strongly recommend a project of this kind as a fascinating activity. For us it has changed the summer from being the hiatus between spring and fall migration, to something we look forward to all year. There are memorable moments, like watching harrier display flight, you learn lots

RECENT SIGHTINGS

compiled by Ted McDonald

Horned Grebe	Jan. 14	2	off D'Arcy St. Cob.	MB
Mute Swan	Jan. 16	3	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Gadwall	Jan. 1-31	3	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
American Wigeon	Jan. 1-30	2	Cobourg Harbour	M.Obs.
Northern Pintail	Jan. 22	10	Cobourg Harbour	MB
	Jan. 26	12	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Redhead	Jan. 14	130	Cobourg Harbour	RF
Greater Scaup	Jan. 15	22	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob.	LW
	Feb. 4	800	Gage's Creek mouth PH	RF
Harlequin Duck	Feb. 4	1 f	Cobourg Harbour	DG
	Feb. 6	1 f	Port Hone Harbour	RF
White-winged Scoter	Jan. 11	28	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob.	LW
	Jan. 12	15	off D'Arcy St. Cob.	MB
Long-tailed Duck	Jan. 11-12	48	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob.	LW
Bufflehead	Jan. 10-11	48	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob.	LW
Common Goldeneye	Jan. 11	112	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob.	LW
Hooded Merganser	Jan. 21	1	Gage's Creek mouth PH	RF
Red-breasted Merganser	Jan. 14	203	off Lakeshore Rd. Cob.	LW
Bald Eagle	Jan. 15	1	Port Britain area	IS
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Jan. 24	1	over Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Cooper's Hawk	Jan. 8	1	Cobourg Library property	MRu
	Jan. 9	1 f	Albert St. Cob.	MB
	Jan. 10	1	Durham St. PH	EK
	Jan. 23	1	D'Arcy St. Cob.	MB
Red-tailed Hawk	Jan. 3	4	over Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Rough-legged Hawk	Jan. 9/16	1	over Cobourg Harbour	CEG
American Kestrel	Jan. 24	1	Lake St. PH	NW
Peregrine Falcon	Dec. 23	1	Perrytown area	WN, RN
American Coot	Jan. 1-31	2	Cobourg Harbour	M.Obs.
Iceland Gull	Jan. 29	4	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Thayer's Gull	Jan. 14	1	Cobourg Harbour	RF
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Jan. 29	3	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Glaucous Gull	Jan. 29	7	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Snowy Owl	Jan. 14/16	1	Hwy #2 at Grafton	KB, JF/
Northern Flicker	Jan. 1-24	1	Queen St. Cob.	CO
Horned Lark	Jan. 1	20	Welcome area	CEG
	Jan. 30	12	Hamilton Rd N. PH	ERM
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Feb. 4	20	Northumberland Forest	RF

Sightings - cont'd.

Golden-crowned Kinglet	Feb 4	3	Northumberland Forest RF	
Eastern Bluebird	Jan 6	6	Wesleyville area	MB
American Robin	Jan 14	1	n of Grafton	KB JF
	Jan 19	40	Willow Beach Rd N	IS
	Jan 30	15	Harwood Rd	CH RH
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Dec. 16/20	1	Lakeshore Rd. Cob.	LW
American Tree Sparrow	Dec 21	1	Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
Song Sparrow	Jan 4	3	Lakeshore Rd. & Dickinson Rd. Hone Twp.	BS
Dark-eyed Junco	Jan 3-4	12	Lakeshore Rd. Cob	LW
Snow Bunting	Jan 18	30	Willow Beach Rd N	IS
	Jan 12	800+	near Baltimore	MB
Brown-headed Cowbird	Jan 15	1 M	Durham St. PH	EK
White-winged Crossbill	Jan. 4	4	Bowmanton Rd. area	MB
	Feb. 4	20	Northumberland Forest	RF
Pine Siskin	Feb 4	10	Northumberland Forest	RF
American Goldfinch	Jan 1-31	10	Centennial Dr. PH feeder	ERM
Striped Skunk	Jan 10	1	Augusta St. PH	PB
Raccoon	Jan 13	1	Augusta St. PH	LB
	Feb 1	1	Augusta St. PH	PB

Observers: MB=Margaret Bain; LB=L. Bates; PB= P. Bates; KB=Kim Bratt; JF=Jo Foster; RF=Roger Frost; DG=Dennis Garrett; CEG=Clive Goodwin; CH=Carol Hunt; RH=Reese Hunt; EK=Elizabeth Kellogg; ERM=Ted McDonald; SM=Simone Mérey; M.Obs.=Many Observers; RN=Rohaise Nicholls; WN=William Nicholls; CO=Cath Oberholzer; MRo=Martha Robinson; MRu=Mark Rupke; IS=Ian Sculthorpe; BS=Bob Short; NW=Norma Wallace; LW=Lori Wensley

*"Long-tailed Duck" is the new name of the "Oldsquaw".

MEMBERSHIP FEES - 2001

The annual membership fees for the WBFN 2001 are now due. In order to continue receiving your newsletter, *The Curlew*, we ask our members to remit their 2001 dues as soon as possible. Please fill out the form below and return it and the appropriate remittance to the Treasurer, Willow Beach Field Naturalists, P.O. Box 421, Port Hope, ON L1A 3W4 **OR** bring it with you to the February meeting. Donations or bequests to WBFN are most appreciated. Receipts for Income Tax purposes will now be provided for dues as well as donations. Please make your cheque payable to "The Willow Beach Field Naturalists".

Membership fees for 2001 are as follows:

Family - \$20 Single - \$18 Sr Couple - \$18 Sr. Single - \$16

Membership

desired: _____ Amount: _____

Name: _____ Donation: _____

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Address: _____ Total

Remittance: _____