

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUEBIRD CLUB

April 1, 2017

Irvine Water District Meeting Room

Bill Wallace opened the meeting at 9:00 am. One new visitor, **Bill Lindahl**. He had talked to **Jim Semelroth** about coming to speak to his group (F.A.S.T: Functional Amputee Support Team).

JoAnn Collier's Treasurer Report: **CCI** Donations \$483.00, Expenses \$290.80, Net Total \$6,616.69.
SCBC Donations \$218.00, Expenses \$109.00.

Susan Bulger Invited members to borrow her books and magazines, she reminded us of Love Fullerton, April 29, 2017. She brought an old box from a trail in Lake Forest that was in need of replacement or serious repair.

Gillian Martin's PowerPoint presentation: There were pictures of the fallen tree in Mason Park that had several cavities and in the past season two different types of birds were using it at the same time, bluebird and woodpecker. During the last storm, it fell over. The part that held the cavities was saved to be shared with park rangers in Orange County and their interpretive programs. Turtle Rock Nature Center has a tree cavity that Earl Garrison donated. In Short Leaf Pine, NC there is one of our Wildlife Tree Signs. In the Humane Gardner, there is a chapter that **Gillian** was interviewed for.

Natalia Doshi: a graduate student from Cal State Fullerton Biology Depart presented her PowerPoint presentation about her research on the effects of ambient noise on the reproduction of the bluebird. Noise pollution can interfere with behavior (communication), Physiology (stressful), ecology (leaving the area), and reproduction. Eastern bluebirds have been studied on the east coast. It was shown to reduce the size of the clutch. **Natalia** works for the OC Water District in the Natural Resources Department as an Intern. She was very appreciative of the support of the Club and individuals that have helped her with her research.

April 8th the Orange County Register is going to have an article on the perils of Easter grass for the bluebirds. **Susan Bulger** helped with information and pictures. Jennifer Myer, backyardbirder.com is the reporter.

Green Scene is April 21-23 at Fullerton Arboretum. **Bill Wallace** needs volunteers.

Respectfully Submitted

By **Danette Davis**