

Amazona Society of Great Britain

There is an Amazona Society of Great Britain. Numerous people inquired about this during the 1995 AFA convention. Those wishing to join this society should make out a bank draft of £ 13 (13 pounds Sterling) to:

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AFA State Coordinators Needed in North East Region

"Legislation hits New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire preventing the ownership of birds..."

This *could* become a reality if legislation remains unwatched in these states. The American Federation of Aviculture is seeking members residing in these states who are interested in becoming State Coordinators. No experience is necessary, only a willingness to monitor state legislation and promote the AFA at some state events. Training will be provided. AFA State Coordinators automatically become members of the AFA House of Delegates, receive quarterly reports and are listed in the AFA Watchbird Journal.

If you are interested in protecting and promoting aviculture in your state, become a volunteer with the AFA, the leading avicultural organization in the U.S.A. Please contact Regional Vice President Linda S. Rubin, 93 Woodcliff Road, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167. Phone: 617-469-0557, fax: 617-469-0368. ●

Halmahera Project Gets Under Way

a Foundation Loro Parque news Release

Amongst the most recent projects that the Loro Parque Foundation has become involved with is the two-year long field project that has been initiated by Birdlife International on the island of Halmahera in the Maluku Island group in Indonesia.

This is widely regarded as one of the most important conservation projects being undertaken at the present time as Halmahera supports no fewer than 26 endemic birds and is the home for nine species of parrots. Perhaps the most important psittacine from Halmahera is the globally threatened Umbrella Cockatoo *Cacatua alba*. But all of the species from this island including the Eclectus *Eclectus roratus vosmaeri*, Blue-winged King Parrot *Alisterus a. hypophoniurus*, Violet-necked Lory *Eos s. riciniata*, Chattering Lory *Lorius garrulus*, Red-flanked Lorikeet *Charmosyna placensis*, Great-billed Parrot *Tanygnathus megalorhynchus*, Maluku hanging Parrot *Loriculus amabilis*, and the Red-cheeked Parrot *Geoffroyus geoffroyi*, will be studied during the course of the project.

The project budget amounts to about U.S. \$ 205,000 which

includes the employment of Indonesian personnel, travel, equipment and materials, reports and publications and project administration. In September 1994 the Loro Parque Foundation agreed to contribute approximately U.S.\$ 89,000 over the course of the two-year project which amounts to almost 50% of the total funding.

It is hoped that this field project will lead to a detailed understanding of the avifauna of Halmahera and that at least one new area of natural reserve can be created once the final recommendations of the research team have been studied. ●

In Memorium: Ray H. Rudisill

A tragic accident recently claimed the life of Ray Rudisill, noted Canary breeder, show judge and past Second Vice President of the AFA. An explosion at his work place, where he was employed as a chemist, left him with third degree burns. Taken to the hospital, he didn't survive the night.

Ray's avicultural passion was Canaries, which he began to breed in 1977, specializing in Northern Dutch Frills. He turned to the exhibition circuit in 1978, and in later years added both Borders and Glosters to his breeding and showing regimen.

Ray became active with the AFA in 1980, when he served as Missouri State Coordinator for three years. He then held the position of Central Regional Vice President and, in 1985 was elected to the office of Second Vice President which he held for two years.

It was in 1985 after numerous show wins that Ray became a certified Panel Judge for both the Old Varieties Canary Association and North American Border Club judges panels. His judging expertise was in demand throughout the United States and he presided over the Old Varieties Division at both the 1990 National Cage Bird Show in Atlanta, Georgia and the 1994 National Show in Manchester, New Hampshire.

A staunch supporter of both local and national organizations, Ray served as president or board member for numerous associations and organizations.

Our heartfelt sympathy to his family and his many friends in the fancy who shall miss his valued input and his presence. ●

Trade Show

April 21, 1996

1996 AFA Northeast Conference and Northeast Meeting Fundraiser for AFA Legal Defense Fund

The 3rd Annual Northeast Meeting and Avicultural Conference will be held at the Franklin Park Zoo, Boston, MA 9:00A.M.-5:00 P.M.

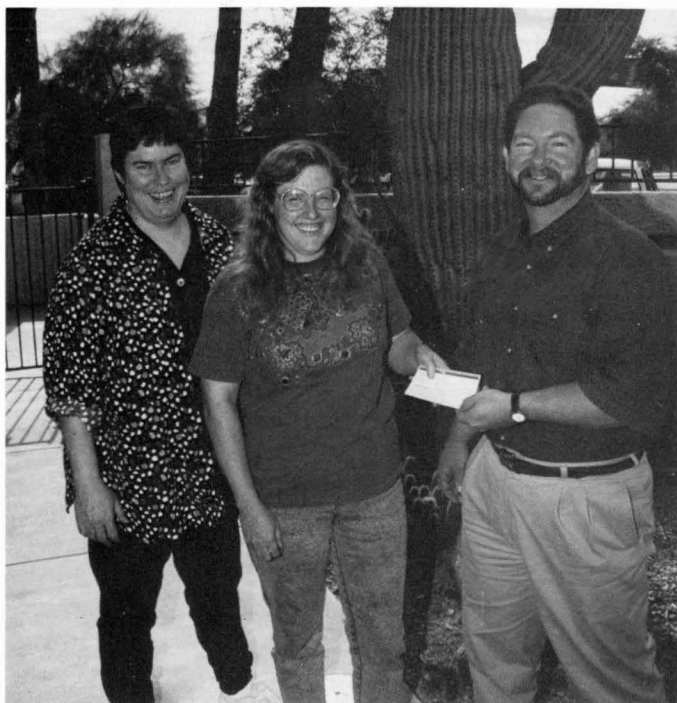
Tentative Speakers Include:

Frederick Beall, Curator of Birds, Franklin Park Zoo
Marjorie C. McMillan, D.V.M., Avian Medicine
Gary P. Lilienthal, AFA Legal Counsel
Janet L. Lilienthal, AFA Legislative Vice President

Catered Luncheon, Northeast Meeting, and much more.

For registration packets/fees, contact:
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Phoenix Board Meeting November 9-12, 1995



Photos by Sheldon Dingle

Vice president of the Western Region, Kelly Tucker, (left) stands proudly by while Sandi Brennan, State Coordinator for New Mexico presents a fat check to Jim Hawley, AFA's Chief Financial Officer. The money was raised by the New Mexico Bird Club and donated to the AFA in hopes that other clubs would follow suit.

Even in November, the sunshine in Arizona provided pleasant weather so that some of the meetings were held outdoors. It's a tough job but rest assured, your AFA officers are dedicated and willing to make the sacrifice. Most of them paid their own way to this meeting.



The banner depicting the AFA logo was created by Richard Hazell, (Center) South Central Regional Vice President. He made lots of them to be available for local fairs, birdmarts, etc. Here California State Coordinators Marty Muschinske, L. (San Diego area) and Jami Kennedy, R. (Los Angeles area) receive their banners to be put to good use.



This AFA Board Meeting took place in Phoenix, Arizona last November to go over the 1996 budget. A lot of work took place and a satisfactory budget was hammered out. CFO Jim Hawley (right foreground) did most of the hammering.