

MARIE R. MCDONALD - EBBA LIFE MEMBER

THIS BANDER BECAME INTERESTED IN BIRDS AS A CHILD WHILE LIVING ON A FARM NEAR BELLE VERNON, PA., WHERE I WAS BORN. AS A TEENAGER, HIGH SCHOOL IN MONESSEN, PA., WAS A THREE MILE HIKE EACH DAY, MOSTLY THROUGH UN-INHABITED COUNTRY-SIDE. IN THE SPRING THE SINGING BIRDS THAT KEPT ME COMPANY EACH MORNING AND EVENING AROUSED MY CURIOSITY AND INTEREST EVEN MORE.

AFTER RECEIVING A B.S. DEGREE FROM CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE, CALIFORNIA, PA., I TAUGHT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF PENNSYLVANIA AND LATER EARNED A MASTERS DEGREE IN EDUCATION FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY WHERE I ALSO TAUGHT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION.

I RETURNED TO HOMEMAKING AND VIGOROUSLY PURSUED MY INTEREST IN BIRDS. THIS LED ME TO APPLY FOR A BANDING PERMIT IN 1961. I HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE OF BEING ABLE TO TAKE THE ORNITHOLOGY COURSE TAUGHT BY MERRILL WOOD AT THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND ALSO A SIMILAR COURSE TAUGHT BY DR. ED WILLIS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

AT PRESENT TIME I LIVE IN STATE COLLEGE, PA., WITH MY HUSBAND, DR. EUGENE T. MCDONALD, WHO IS A RESEARCH PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AT THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY. WE ARE THE PARENTS OF TWO CHILDREN, BOTH MARRIED AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. I AM PRESENTLY A MEMBER OF EBBA, IBBA, WBBA AND THE AUDOBON SOCIETY.

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WE ARE COMING TO THE END OF ANOTHER VOLUME YEAR. I SINCERELY THANK ALL OF THE MANY PERSONS WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE VOLUME 38 OF EBBA NEWS A FINE PRESENTATION TO OUR MEMBERS. MY SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO OUR PRESIDENT CHRISTOPHER N. ROSE, SR., WHO HAS BEEN A CONSTANT HELP AND INSPIRATION TO ME. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE TONE OF COOPERATION HE HAS CREATED BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND EDITOR WILL CONTINUE TO BE A MATTER OF PROCEDURE IN ANY OF THE FUTURE ADMINISTRATIONS. THIS HAS BEEN A ROCKY YEAR IN MANY RESPECTS AND WE ALL HOPE NEXT YEAR WILL BE MUCH BETTER.

F.S. Schaeffer, Ed.

*Wishing  
you a*



*Merry  
Christmas*



*and a very  
Happy  
New Year*

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