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From the President

One of the major duties of a President of an organization is to strengthen it and get its membership involved. Your President can only lead — he must have the full cooperation of all of its officers and council as well as the active support of the general membership.

An excellent example of support was the manner in which our last meeting at Cape May was carried out under the able leadership of Bill Clark and all of his local committee. There was little or no room for improvement in their prior arrangements for all who attended.

One of our constant complaints is that our membership does not learn of the site and dates for our next annual meeting early enough. The answer is very simple. Let each member see if he can locate a site and a group of people willing to put forth the required effort to host EBBA for an annual meeting. We should have at least two sites for up-coming meetings ready to present Council each year.

It should be kept in mind that we try to rotate our meeting sites from year to year. Anyone having suggestions for future sites should write to our Second Vice-President, Valerie M. Freer, and let her know when, where and who is willing to sponsor the proposed site.

I might also suggest that the membership try to be familiar with the Councillors who represent them in their area. Most of our Councillors support the idea of regionalized groups for the purpose of carrying out local projects. In this way EBBA could be of much more service to its members. For those who are interested in setting up local groups, I would suggest they write our Third Vice-President, Kathy Klimkiewicz, who is most active in leading a local group in banding projects.

Let's all make EBBA stronger — get a new member and serve when called upon to do so.

Ted A. Beckett, III, President

Who is . . . ?

EBBA's second vice-president is Valerie M. Freer, an associate professor of Biology at Sullivan County Community College at Loch Sheldrake, NY.

A native of the Ellenville area, Val is married to a banker and has a 10-year-old daughter. Although her husband does not share in the bird world activities, he is tolerant; but her daughter has participated in some birding activities with her.

Val's dissertation for her PhD in Biological Sciences this year at the State University of New York, Binghamton, was on the coloniality in Bank Swallows using banding data. At the spring EBBA conference this year Val presented a paper from her dissertation, "An Analysis of Bank Swallow Returns."

As for banding interests other than Bank Swallows, Val is keenly interested in the breeding birds around her home and the fall migration, especially of warblers. Val is the coordinator of the Region II Atlantic Flyway Review.

Val pursues the study of birds and photography as hobbies.

Memorial Grant notice

The Eastern Bird-Banding Association is offering a \$250 Memorial Grant in aid of research. The applicant must be an undergraduate or graduate student and must be using bird banding as part of his or her research. Applications must be completed before 1 March 1978. For further information write to the Chairman: Dr. Bertram G. Murray, Jr., c/o Biology — Livingston, Kilmer Campus, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.



Annual Meeting Notice

The 1978 Annual Meeting has been tentatively scheduled for 24, 25, 26 March at the University of North Carolina in Wilmington, NC. Arrangements are being made by Dr. James F. Parnell and Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Tipton.