

Hi Terri :) – here are the April newsletter notes :). Let me OR CAROLYN know if you have any questions! Karen

reminder – NO May Board meeting and NO membership meeting cuz we be out birding :). Restart in September! check FB and the website for upcoming field trips AND if anyone wants to go to a certain place to bird, call a board member and we can get the word out.

- Picnic is June 21<sup>st</sup>...copy same stuff as last year – Crosswinds Marsh, 5pm to bird, 6 pm to eat, bring a dish and your own drink and table setting...blah blah :)
- Anyone that wants to keep the Club updated on birds moving north, start posting your picture and what you're seeing on FB!

Reminders to keep in the newsletter:

- Carolyn is still accepting dues at the meetings or at our P.O. Box
- JOIN the Erie Shores Birding Association Facebook page – this is where anyone can report bird sightings for club members and you'll receive notices about upcoming field trips and meeting invites.
- check the website [www.esba-monroe.org](http://www.esba-monroe.org) for field trips, pictures, newsletter archives, birding bookmarks, etc. If you'd like to have information or pictures posted, just email the webmistress @ Birdladypotts@me.com
- Carolyn will accept donations of bird-related items at each membership meeting (please, no books).

a birding LIMERIC – Carolyn or Bob will email you one

Carolyn B will be emailing you a paragraph about the club's financial standings to include in the newsletter in the future.

**3/15 meeting recap:** 16 people attended the March meeting, which was the showing of the documentary “Opposing Chums” all about a Big Bird Day competition! Anne Smith opened the meeting welcoming everyone! She thanked Molly Wood for the St. Patrick's Day green snacks and Jackie for the wonderful refreshments! Bob mentioned the Ivory Gull that was seen at the UofM in Flint, MI died on Tuesday and was collected and sent to Janet Hinshaw for necropsy to determine the cause of death. Bob also mentioned that the newsletter upcoming events of Spring Fling at Whitefish Point Bird Observatory at the end of April (Bob, Rita and Karen are going), the 4/8 Raptorfest in Mackinaw, MI, and the Memorial weekend trip to the U.P. That Bob will leading once more! Anne thanked Gene and Patty Naujock for the movie being shown. Gene said it was a good week at Magee Marsh, Maumee Bay State Park and Metzger Marsh with Grebes and all 3 Merganser ducks (bring a scope). Finally, Carolyn mentioned the Ashland, Wisconsin Bird Festival being held May 18-20 (off route 2 in the Western UP, 15 or 20 miles into Wisconsin). Flyers were available at the meeting. She also read a certificate the club received regarding the Non-game Wildlife Fund Peregrine Falcon **thank you from Barb Baldinger?? Carolyn??**

**Raffle winners were: Carolyn will send to Terri**

The next semi-annual raffle will be held in April for a beautiful, large, metal Welcome sign with birds on it and a book of bird stamps donated by the VanDaele's!

**April 19<sup>th</sup>, our Speaker will be Rosann Kovalcik!** Her presentation title is: Berries, Bugs and Snags! She currently serves on the Board of Michigan Audubon and Detroit Audubon. She is a Master Gardener and has owned Wild Birds Unlimited in Grosse Pointe Woods for 24 years. Her 45 minute power point presentation will teach you how to garden with birds in mind, providing important stop-over habitat for migrant birds and year-round habitat for resident birds. Learn the value of native plants and how they relate to birds that visit your yard. Handout of native plants will be passed out.

April refreshments will be provided by \_\_\_\_\_. Drinks by Jackie Copeland

**Recent field trips:**

- 1) Nothing from me!

## **Upcoming Events:** I got nuttin...

Registration is open for the Biggest Week for trips and volunteers! Go to BSBO webpage for more info.

**Michigan Audubon activities:** go to <http://www.michiganaudubon.org/>

**Karen Potts and Rita Montague are signed up to go to Whitefish Point Bird Observatory's Spring Fling from April 29-30<sup>th</sup>! Registration is open NOW to join them! Josh Haas is the Keynote Speaker. Our own Bob Petit will be presenting a program on Bird Songs!!**

**Mackinaw City is holding a Raptorfest in April...info at <http://kang.machighway.com/~mackinaw/>**

**Registration is now open for the Tawas Birding Festival...<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tawas-point-birding-festival-2017-tickets-31726403527>**

## **Ottawa NWR Events:**

only costs \$20 to join for a year. Membership information is available at the visitor center information desk. their website to check for updates is <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/ottawa> or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/OttawaNWR](http://www.facebook.com/OttawaNWR) or at [www.friendsofottawanwr.org/events.html](http://www.friendsofottawanwr.org/events.html))

Registration for trips is free, but required. To register, call 419-898-0014. Bus tours will fill up fast!

The April/May and Biggest Week extended wildlife drives calendar is at [www.friendsofottawanwr.org/uploads/2/8/2/2/28223209/april-may\\_2017\\_public\\_program\\_schedule.pdf](http://www.friendsofottawanwr.org/uploads/2/8/2/2/28223209/april-may_2017_public_program_schedule.pdf)

Ottawa has added FREE tram (first-come, first served) and twilight tram tours that are FREE, so call to register! Also a West Sister Island boat trip on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and is \$75! There are also Bus trips to Navarre Marsh and Cedar Point NWR (closed to the public)

Visitor Center Open daily 9:00 am—4:00pm <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/ottawa> 14000 West State Route 2, Oak Harbor, OH 43449 [www.facebook.com/OttawaNWR](http://www.facebook.com/OttawaNWR)

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**Birds and Brews meet at Bailey's Sport's Grille – lower level in Dearborn (22091 Michigan Avenue) . **Karen will let you know when one is held.****

Email [Shelleyupnorth@gmail.com](mailto:Shelleyupnorth@gmail.com) if you are attending so she has a count. They also have a Facebook page “Michigan Birds & Brews”

## **Detroit Audubon 2016 Field Trip Schedule – Use what you have space for:**

go to [www.detroitaudubon.org/birding/field-trips/](http://www.detroitaudubon.org/birding/field-trips/)

for their field trip schedule! They are also on Facebook for up-to-the-minute news! JOIN if interested