

Redbud Audubon Society, Inc.

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Dear Redbud Audubon Members,

To date, we have raised \$900 of our \$200 goal in our 2016-17 Donation Campaign. Can you help us reach our goal?

In 1975, 41 years ago, a group of county residents founded our Redbud Chapter of the Audubon Society? Do you realize that each third Thursday of the months September through April we have a meeting with a speaker on some aspect of the natural world that is <u>free</u> and open to all, as well as a bird walk on the Saturday following the meeting at various places in Lake County or surrounding counties?

If you visit our website, www.redbudaudubon.org, you will see a list of the speakers and topics for this year. Since September we have had: Dr. Harry Lyons, biologist and Professor Emeritus from Yuba College; Dr. Floyd Hayes, zoologist and professor at Pacific Union College known for his research and work in Micronesia, Paraguay and the Virgin Islands; Bob Lewis who has taught birding classes in the Bay Area for over 20 years and is currently co-teaching a popular Master Birding class at the SF Academy of Sciences; Redbud Audubon member Brad Barnwell who is a local photographer and naturalist and who prepares birders for the annual Christmas Bird Count with his bird identification program; and biologist Ron LeValley who was involved with the Point Reyes Bird Observatory beginning in 1966 and served as a biologist at the Farallon Island research station.

Need I say more about the caliber of our presenters? Many of our presenters travel to Lake County to share their expertise. In upcoming months, we look forward to topics that will include the birds of Ecuador, California Dragonflies and Bats!

We write to you asking for contributions to our fund drive to help cover an honorarium for our speakers; we try to help with fuel and hotel cost for our non-Lake County speakers and to support our educational endeavors.

As with all nonprofits we operate with a small band of dedicated volunteers and would love to include you as a donor. Please help us in our efforts to educate and inform and delight our members and others with the joys and the preservation of our planet. To donate, click on the **DONATE NOW** button or you can send a check to the above address.

Sincerely,
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