THE PELICAN

"We need to be the stewards of this natural world, not its destroyers!"

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CONSERVATION NOTES

David Hartgrove

In this issue of the Pelican, we've included copies of two petitions to put amendments into the Volusia County Charter. Under our charter form of county government, citizens are empowered to do this. The charter also requires that every 10 years a Charter Review Commission review the effectiveness of the Charter to see if it needs to be amended to deal with current realities facing the county. One of the sub committees is assigned the task of "Protecting the Environmental Core."

The amendment they have drafted is at best, a cruel joke. Tucked into a lot of language that pays lip service to protecting the environmental heart of our county is a provision that sets a 10-year time limit on any protections at all. The idea is that County zoning and land development laws, being generally more stringent than those of the various municipalities, will be preeminent. But just so as to not to interfere with the development onslaught, 10 years after a parcel is annexed, development plans must be approved. This effectively nullifies all of the other flowery language that speaks about the importance of protecting the Environmental Core. Any developer wishing to carve up a portion of what is now fresh water recharge land can file his plans and sit on them for 10 years waiting for the time limit to run out. Then, approval of the plans, however egregious, is mandated under the charter.

If this sounds as stupid to you as it does to me, please sign the enclosed petitions and mail them off as soon as possible.

One will prohibit density increases in the 100-year flood plain. While this would seem like a "no brainer", there are those who make a fortune asking for and receiving permission to do just that. Case in point, the folks in Deltona who discovered several years ago that their homes had been built in an area originally designated a retention pond.

The other petition is to require a unanimous vote by the County Council for any zoning changes or Comprehensive Plan amendments in what is now called the Natural Resource Management Area. Convincing all 7 members that a bad idea is really good should be a hard nut to crack. Let's hope it works out that way.

Please, sign and mail in the petitions right now. First, make copies and have your spouse, your parents, your kids (as long as they're registered Volusia voters), and your neighbors sign and mail them too. We can take back our destiny and that of our progeny. But we have to get moving and there's not much time.

CALENDAR 2006-2007

Trip difficulty ratings. (1) Easy or no walking. (2) <1 mile walk. (3) 1+ mile walk and/or uneven path.

Wednesday, July 5

Halifax River Audubon Board meeting date has been changed due to July 4th holiday. Meet **July 5** at Dickerson Heritage Library. 1:30pm. All members are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, July 18

Pawpaw Chapter of Native Plant Society Program. Michelle Moen, local environmental activist. "How growth affects the Volusia Conservation Corridor". Sica Hall, Holly Hill. 6:30pm.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 20-22.

Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTMNERR). Free Summer Water Institute for Elementary and Middle School Teachers. To register contact Lori Dennard at ldennard@sjrwmd.com or 386-329-4563 by July 10th. Event is held at the GTMNERR Environmental Education Center in South Ponte Vedra Beach, located at 505 Guana River Rd, off A1A 8 miles north of Vilano Beach.

Saturday, July 22

Pawpaw Chapter of Native Plant Society Field Trip. DeLeon Springs State Park: Wild Persimmon Trail/ pancake breakfast/ swim. Meet 7:15am at Daytona Beach Home Depot parking lot ISB. Or meet 8:00am at Park entrance gate. Walk Wild Persimmon trail in the cool of the day. Then at 10:30am breakfast at the Old Spanish Mill Restaurant. Bring water, insect repellent, swimsuit, change of clothes, ID books, etc. Reservations required for Old Spanish Mill. Call Contact Sonya Guidry - cell 386 690-1797 or sonya940@cs.com.

Sunday, July 23

Alachua Audubon field trip. Matanzas Inlet. Meet at Fort Matanzas National Monument near Crescent Beach. 8:30am. Explore the wildest inlet on Florida's East Coast for nesting Least Terns and Wilson's Plovers. Bring water, a snack, and sunscreen and pack a lunch if you plan to stay all day. Call Bubba Scales for info at 352-381-1997. (3)

VOLUSIA COUNTY SPRING 2006 BIRD COUNT

CNT	NAME OF BIRD
7	Grebe, Pied-billed
1136	Pelican, Brown
130	Cormorant, Dbl-crested
67	Anhinga
50	Heron, Great Blue
353	Egret, Great
237	Egret, Snowy
60	Heron, Little Blue
49	Heron, Tricolored
1	Egret, Reddish (white phase)
1009	Egret, Cattle
16	Heron, Green
3	Night-Heron, Yellow-crowned
174	Ibis, White
18	Ibis, Glossy
1	Roseate Spoonbill
116	Stork, Wood
40	Duck, Muscovy
73	Duck, Wood
14	Duck, Mottled
29	Mallard
1	Scaup, Greater
367	Vulture, Black
139	Vulture, Turkey
74	Osprey
15	Kite, Amer Swallow-tailed
15	Eagle, Bald
3	Hawk, Cooper's
74	Hawk, Red-Shouldered
11	Hawk, Red-tailed
2	Kestrel, American
33	Turkey, Wild
5	Bobwhite, Northern
1	Rail, Clapper
1	Rail, Virginia
1	Rail, Sora
75	Moorhen, Common
10	Coot, American
5	Limpkin
140	Crane, Sandhill
37	Plover, Black-bellied
7	Plover, Wilson's
211	Plover, Semi-palmated
48	Killdeer
5	Oystercatcher, American
7	Stilt, Black-necked
2	Yellowlegs, Greater
10	Yellowlegs, Lesser
18	Sandpiper, Solitary
73	Willet
19	Sandpiper, Spotted
253	Turnstone, Ruddy
6	Knot, Red
1474	Sanderling
15	Sandpiper, Semipalmated
29	Sandpiper, Western
60	peep, sp.
3	Sandpiper, Pectoral
1	Dunlin
1	Dowitcher, Short-billed
1	Snipe, Common
1663	Gull, Laughing
15	Gull, Ring-billed
6	Gull, Herring
1	Gull, Great Black-backed
3	Tern, Royal
114	Tern, Least
2	sterna, sp.
164	Dove, Rock
24	Dove, Eurasian Collared
2	Dove, White-winged
505	Dove, Mourning
6	Ground Dove, Common
1	Cuckoo, Yellow-billed
2	Screech-Owl, Eastern
6	Owl, Barred
1	Nighthawk, Common
27	Chuck-will's-widow
220	Swift, Chimney
10	Hummingbird, Ruby-throated
23	Woodpecker, Red-headed
82	Woodpecker, Red-bellied
1	Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied
49	Woodpecker, Downy
1	Flicker, Yellow-shafted
46	Woodpecker, Pileated
1	Phoebe, Eastern
106	Flycatcher, Great Crested
50	Martin, Purple
47	Swallow, Tree
5	Swallow, Barn
136	Jay, Blue
4	Scrub-Jay, Florida
47	Crow, American
172	Crow, Fish
1	Chickadee, Carolina
199	Titmouse, Tufted
3	Creeper, Brown
113	Wren, Carolina
2	Kinglet, Ruby-crowned
27	Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray
4	Bluebird, Eastern
5	Catbird, Gray
333	Mockingbird, Northern
27	Thrasher, Brown
23	Shrike, Loggerhead
197	Starling, European
14	Vireo, White-eyed
6	Vireo, Red-eyed
110	Parula, Northern
4	Warbler, Yellow
1	Warbler, Magnolia
3	Warbler, Black-throatd Blue
1	Warbler, Yellow-rumped
1	Warbler, Yellow-throated
27	Warbler, Pine
2	Warbler, Prairie
10	Warbler, Palm
28	Warbler, Blackpoll
13	Warbler, Black-and-white
45	Redstart, American
1	Warbler, Prothonatory
1	Ovenbird
1	Waterthrush, Northern
1	Waterthrush, Louisiana
18	Yellowthroat, Common
9	Tanager, Summer
337	Cardinal, Northern
2	Grosbeak, Rose-breasted
1	Grosbeak, Blue
26	Towhee, Eastern
5	Sparrow, Bachman's
45	Bobolink
267	Blackbird, Red-winged
5	Meadowlark, Eastern
329	Grackle, Boat-tailed
101	Grackle, Common
7	Cowbird, Brown-headed
1	Cowbird, Shiny
5	blackbird, sp.
1	Oriole, Baltimore
8	House Finch
3	Goldfinch, American
47	Sparrow, House

Date	05-13-06	Time	3:00-7:00
Species	141	Weathr	No precip.
Individs	12,755	Temp	58-85
Observrs	33	Wind	SW-W 3-18

OBSERVERS: Dot Backes, Cyndy Barrow, Kathy Booth, Lori Brakeman, Lou Brakeman, Chandra Bruce, Matt Bruce, Laura Cash, Richard Cash, Beth Cushing, Karen Dell, Kevin Doxatater, Novetta Duffer, John Eggert, Phil Gottschall, Ken Gunn, David Hartgrove, Barbara Kieran, Andrea Lux, Bob North, Roger Peterson, Paul Rebmann, Donna Reynolds, John Roessler, Ken Russell, Don Schaeffer, Ray Scory, Arnette Sherman, Ed Sherman, George Sibley, Sara Lynn Taylor, Nancy J. White.

ITEMS OF INTEREST: These birds were new to our 10-year spring count list: Greater Scaup (Buschman Park lake), Pectoral Sandpiper, White-winged Dove (Dave Stock's backyard feeder), Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Brown Creeper, Magnolia Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, and Rose-breasted Grosbeak (Madeline Shaddix backyard).

NOTE: To review data from 1997 to 2006, log on to Chapter web site or contact *Pelican* editor.

A big THANK YOU to Barbara and Steve Kieran for hosting a Chapter picnic, from all of us who had the great good fortune to attend. It was wonderful!

Willie Burns' Cardinal Diary

Wednesday

My pretty lady Cardinal that roosted on my night-light last fall and her mate, a truly handsome bird, have constructed a nest over my door. Actually, two feet in front but only a foot over my head when I come out. Mockingbirds began this nest two years ago and added to it last year, but gave up.

So there she sits, on her eggs. When it is hot she stands over them, or sits with her bill open for cooling. All that shows over the top of the nest, which is at eye level as I stand in my screened in porch, is her head and tail.

I now get to walk around from my back porch door to my truck. If I water my flowers almost directly below the nest, or pick up the paper and a box of books, she is quiet. Woe unto me if I open the front screen, however! Then she flushes angrily, chirping and squawking like a tiny banshee. The door just gets too close as it opens, I guess.

While carrying groceries around the long way Saturday I saw she was off the nest, eating or drinking or whatever. I tried to bring the last armful of bags and boxes in the short way, but No! She returned and gave me what for in no uncertain terms.

The nest is in my grape vine, sitting on the metal arbor. The large leaves cover her from the street side very well, blocking most of the sun and rain. She watches me in distrust as I do laundry on the porch, or work at my worktable. I have walked three feet from her to get items near the door, which does not panic her. Only the dreaded opening screen is a problem.

She has returned to the nest as I sat at my table. Picture a red rocket zooming under my carport at a thousand miles an hour (seems that fast), then flaring upward with spread tail and wings as air brakes. She settles on the nest in an instant, always alert for the errant cat or screen door. Picture carrying packages around your home instead of two steps to the door, in the rain, or in the dark. 'Nuff said!

Saturday, May 13

Carl and Carol Cardinal have not only built their nest and laid eggs, they have hatched out at least two chicks. After a week of lying on the bottom of the nest like little embryos, this morning they have started poking their little heads above the nest for food. Not surprisingly, one is a slight bit more developed than the other.

Both parents seem to be feeding the babies. The parents also seem to cover the nest a little with small grasses when they fly off, perhaps to help shield the young ones.

Sunday, May 14

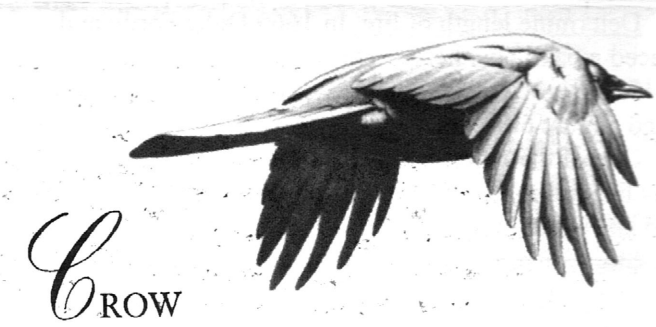
I have my front door back. Just swell. As I went out this morning to get the Sunday paper, I noticed there were no little heads in the nest, poking up looking for food. They have been poking up if I opened the door, apparently sensing the vibrations in the grape trellis.

So I checked, carefully. No baby birds. Sigh.

As I picked up the paper, a crow flew in and landed on my roof five feet from the nest. Looking at me as if as a competitor. I shooed him and another away, and he flew into a nearby oak. Watching. I went back inside, closing the door behind me and stopping to look at the empty nest.

Down flew the crow, alighting on the trellis right at the nest, dispelling any doubts that he was the killer of the defenseless babies. I made a loud noise and waved wildly and off he went in a panic.

Next came Carl Cardinal. He landed, looked into the empty nest, then at the ground in case the babies had fallen out. Nothing there. He hopped around, then flew off, to be replaced by Carol. Same routine, same lack of baby birds. As she flew away Carl returned for one last look.



Yes, I know it is the Circle of Life, and it rolls along without stopping. How did the crows find the nest? Perhaps there were not enough leaves to fully block the view. Life goes on, and my front door is usable once again.

Note: Willie reported in June that the adult Cardinals are still there, but there is no sign of new nesting activity.

Welcome to new members of Halifax River Audubon Marilyn Bader, Shirley R. Beleff, Mr. Darryl Bennett, Samuel S. Campbell, Rita Davis, Walter Ellis, G. M. Gordon, Ruth Hagar, Patricia Koblolth, Janet and Tim Leonard, Sarah Lock, T. Nuse, Al Perkins, Mary Frances Sherman, Irma Trovato, and Mr. Robert Trudeau.

June Program Meeting

BIRD BANDING AT TOMOKA STATE PARK

Paula Wehr

Halifax River Audubon member Meret Wilson told us that March and April 2006 started out slowly at her bird banding station near the visitor center. But things heated up considerably in May when she banded 100 more birds than she did in May 2005. Also three Connecticut Warblers, a species that is rarely seen here were banded during their flight through Tomoka Park.

Meret described a typical banding day at the Park using her ten mist nets to capture birds. She told us about her procedure to extract the bird from the net, attach the band, measure, determine sex and age, note special data, release the bird, and record the event.

Meret's banding station is one of only three stations in the state of Florida. The other two are located at Wekiva State Park and in Key Biscayne. She will be banding at this station for seven years. There are many other bird banding projects around the state, but they are specific to one particular type of bird.

1902 saw the beginning of a scientific system in recording the data gathered from banded birds. Bands found on captured or dead birds stated, "Return to Smithsonian Institute." Today, if you find a banded bird, you can just call and provide the ID numbers printed on the band and the location where you found the bird.

Birds are banded to:

Determine length of life. In 1669 Duke Ferdinand placed a band on a heron. The same heron was recovered in 1728 by the Duke's grandson, showing that the heron lived almost 60 years.

One of the oldest banded Carolina Wren's on record was banded at the Wekiva station. He is nine years old and still fathering offspring.

Show dispersal and migration routes. Banding data has shown that Cerulean Warblers, for example, migrate south along the east coast, dawdling along, stopping here and there to feed and rest. They return north along the Gulf Coast and travel as quickly as possible so they can arrive first to claim the best territories.

In 1803 John James Audubon tied a silver string to the legs of Phoebes near Philadelphia and was able to identify those same birds when they returned to their territories the following year.

In 1595 Henry IV banded a Peregrine Falcon in France. Twenty-four hours later and 1350 miles away, that bird was recaptured in Malta. The falcon averaged 56 mph, giving point-to-point data and flying speed information.

Estimate survival and productivity.

Study population, behavior and social structures. Colored bands mark individuals and allow study of the birds without handling them again. Information includes territory behavior, mate fidelity, territory size and fidelity, and reproductive behaviors.

Disease research and toxicology. Meret is a partner in a nation-wide study to learn about the dispersal of Avian flu and other diseases. She samples fluids from birds captured in her mist nets and sends it to a central research center. She has found no evidence of disease in these birds.

Bird banders in Florida are required to have District, State and Federal permits. Banders must be at least 18 years of age and able to identify common local birds. Three well-known people in the banding or ornithology community must vouch for the knowledge of the bander in order for him/her to obtain a license. The applicant is responsible for acquiring all the training needed. The safety of the birds always comes first.

Meret told us stories about the birds she's captured and banded. Some are placid during the procedure, some put up a loud squawk, and some pretend they're not really there. She's noted that some mated pairs look out for each other when one is captured.

Meret loves banding birds, but it's time-consuming work. Volunteers are welcome, whether you'd like to learn how to handle the birds, be a scribe (record the data) or walk the nets looking for captured birds. Taking the measurements, banding and releasing the bird are done much more easily if she has a helper. She will arrive at the park about 30 minutes before sunrise, Tuesday through Friday beginning in September, and will finish mid- to late-morning. Drop by if you'd like to volunteer or learn more about volunteer opportunities. She bands intermittently in August. Volunteers may contact her at MILEYBUG@aol.com.

PEGGY YOKUBONUS

Halifax River Board Recording Secretary Peggy Yokubonus is originally from Columbia, South Carolina. She graduated from the University of South Carolina where she had met her husband, native Floridian Chuck. They moved to Florida in 1972.

At that time she had no knowledge of Florida or its natural wonders. She said, "It took a few years, but I credit my awakening to Michael Brothers when he was science curator at the museum." Her first birding trip was with a museum group.

She has been a member of the Sierra Club and was active in that group for many years, several as Outings Chair. She is a member of the Florida Native Plant Society, and has been a member of our Audubon Chapter for years.

After 15 years with the News-Journal, she left there in 2000 to work in the family business with Chuck. Last November she completed the final module of the Florida Master Naturalist Program.

She is pleased to be an active member of our Chapter and welcomes the chance to do her part to try to preserve what we have left of our beautiful state.

AMENDMENT TO THE VOLUSIA COUNTY CHARTER REGARDING NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AREA

NOTICE: 104.185- Any person who knowingly signs a petition or petitions for a candidate, a minor political party, or an issue more than one time commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775. 083.

PRINT NAME:_____ **(AS SHOWN ON VOTER I.D. CARD)**

STREET ADDRESS: NO P.O BOX_____

CITY: _____ **COUNTY:** VOLUSIA **STATE:** FL **ZIP:** _____

IS THIS A CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION? _____ **YES** _____ **NO**

VOTER REGISTRATION NUMBER: #_____ ***OR*** **DATE OF BIRTH:** _____/_____/_____

I am a registered voter in the County of Volusia, Florida, and hereby petition the County Council to place the following on the ballot at the next general election.

X _____ _____

SIGNATURE OF REGISTERED VOTER **DATE**

BALLOT TITLE:

Rezoning or comprehensive plan amendment within Natural Resource Management Area requires unanimous council approval.

BALLOT SUMMARY:

Shall the Volusia County Charter be amended to require that adoption of a rezoning or comprehensive plan amendment for those lands designated by the Volusia County 2006 Future Land Use Map as Natural Resource Management Area requires a unanimous affirmative vote of the council; effective upon adoption? _____Yes _____No

FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Article II, Section 202.4 shall be amended to add the following subsection: Unanimous approval required for adoption of a rezoning or comprehensive plan amendment for those lands designated as natural resource management areas.

Adoption of a rezoning or comprehensive plan amendment for those lands designated by the Volusia County 2006 Future Land Use Map as Natural Resource Management Area shall require a unanimous affirmative vote of the council. This amendment shall become effective immediately upon approval by the electors.

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VOLUSIA COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT PETITION FORM

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VOTER REGISTRATION NUMBER: _____

OR

DATE OF BIRTH: _____/_____/_____

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SIGNATIURE OF REGISTERED VOTER **DATE**

VOLUSIA COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT – 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

TITLE: Floodplain Amendment: Prohibiting increased residential density or commercial intensity within the 100-year floodplain.

SUMMARY:
Shall the Volusia County Charter be amended to prohibit increasing the residential density or commercial intensity of development within the 100-year floodplain for all incorporated and unincorporated areas of Volusia County? _____Yes _____No
Provides definitions; provides that existing development may be repaired or rebuilt to the existing density or intensity; provides for a property owner's vested rights; provides an effective date.

TEXT:
[Section 202.4, Minimum Standards for Environmental Protection, insert subsection (1) to existing language; add subsection (2)]

(2) Prohibition against the increase in residential density or commercial intensity of development within the 100-year floodplain.

(a) In order to protect the public health, safety, welfare, and the natural environment, and to protect human life and limit public expenditures and private losses due to flooding, or in areas that are subject to destruction by natural disaster, increases to the residential density or commercial intensity of development within the 100-year floodplain are prohibited. In no event shall the net residential density in the 100-year floodplain exceed a density greater than that in effect as of the date of adoption of this amendment. This prohibition shall apply to all the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Volusia County.

(b) The 100-year floodplain is defined as the areas inundated during a 100-year flood event or identified by the National Flood Insurance Program as an A Zone or V Zone on Flood Insurance Rate Maps or Flood Hazard Boundary Maps. If the property is located within the natural 100-year floodplain, the fact that the land is altered or filled does not remove the property from this definition for purposes of this section.

(c) Development in existence or with approved construction permits or adopted Planned Unit Developments on or before the effective date of this amendment, may be completed, repaired or rebuilt not to exceed the previously existing density or intensity, subject to any other applicable state, federal or local laws.

(d) This amendment is not intended to restrict or otherwise adversely affect a property owner's vested rights under constitutional, statutory or common law. If it is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction that a landowner has vested rights, the landowner can elect to proceed with development under the intensity or density in effect on the date of the adoption of this amendment.

(e) This section becomes effective upon adoption.

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AUDUBON ADVENTURES

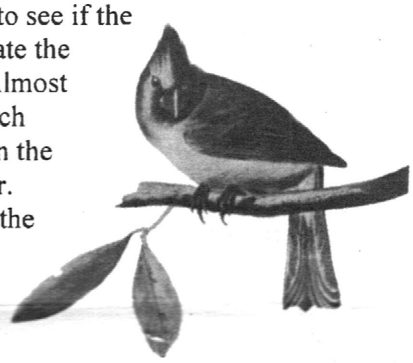
Peter Larmie has accepted the position of Chair for Audubon Adventures, an educational program for elementary schoolchildren. He is a 5th grade teacher in Port Orange, has three children of his own, and his family is active in outdoor activities. He has already researched the job by contacting Audubon Adventure Chairs in other Chapters and is planning to take an active role on the Board. The Board is delighted to welcome him.

HAPPY CARDINAL STORY

Madeline Shaddix

I was not surprised to see an adult female American Cardinal and a juvenile House Finch in my platform feeder at the same time. House Finches nested in or near my house this year for the first time. The cardinals are yard-nesting regulars, raising three or so broods each spring and summer. The black oil sunflower seeds in the feeder would certainly appeal to both species.

I waited and watched to see if the larger cardinal would tolerate the competition for the food. Almost immediately, the young finch began to flutter its wings, in the classic "feed me" maneuver. I *was* very surprised to see the cardinal respond to the finch's begging. In her best mothering method, she picked up one seed, hulled it and fed the meat to the youngster. I cannot remember seeing one specie of bird feed another. The maternal instinct must have been working over time. Mothers are like that.



THE ROBINSONS ARE MOVING

Longtime activist members of Halifax River Audubon plan to move to their new home in Jacksonville this summer. The Chapter paid tribute to Lois and Morrell at our June 19 program meeting. Paula Wehr gathered and put together a list of their accomplishments and President John Roessler read them to the members present. We wished them Godspeed and happiness in their new home. Here are Paula's words:

Lois and Morrell Robinson joined Halifax River Audubon in 1991.

Morrell became Treasurer in October 1994 and was elected Member at Large in May 2006. Unfortunately, the upcoming move will not allow him to complete his term.

We believe that Lois was appointed as Hostess (Hospitality Chair) in October or November of 1993. She held that responsibility through 1998. She held the position of Field Trip Chair from 1995 through 1998. In May 1999 she became President and held that position for two terms of 2 years each, through May 2003.

While taking the reins as President, she started Beginning Birding Classes in 1999 after attending an Audubon Workshop in Wakulla Springs. John Carr attended the course with her.

Following her four years as Chapter President, she became Treasurer in 2003-2005. Just to round out her resume, she was elected Recording Secretary in May 2005.

Lois either participated in or assisted with the organization of two Bird-a-Thons in 2003 and 2005, raising about 25% of the yearly HRA operating budget at each event. She organized and led overnight field trips to Ft. DeSoto three or more times. Every trip was a resounding success with approximately 100 species observed on each trip. Ever flexible and innovative, Lois used different modes of transportation – bus, car pool, rental vans – and organized a picnic lunch, negotiated exceptionally good room rates and ensured we had time in the schedule to stop for an ice cream cone in the afternoon.

The facts I've just given you are basically a list of accomplishments. Although very impressive, they don't tell the true worth and character of Lois and Morrell Robinson. During their years as members of HRA, they have always given willingly and generously of their time, energy and expertise. Members like the Robinson's don't come along every day. Halifax River Audubon was very fortunate that they chose us. We wish Lois and Morrell good health and much happiness in their new home. We'll miss you!

JUNE BOARD MEETING

Willie Burns says The Native Plant Society conference grossed $694.45 for Golden Dog sales.

Conservation Chair David Hartgrove discussed the amendments to the County Charter proposed by VCARG. He and Ken Russell updated the board on the activities of the Charter Review Board and County Council regarding the County's Natural Resource Management Area and plans for it's future. VCARG has asked that all environmental groups donate to the petition drive.

David also updated the Board regarding the future location of Daytona Beach First Baptist Church off Tomoka Farms Road.

Novetta Duffer reported that the new feeder is up at Sugar Mill Gardens. She also says that more benches are needed there.

The Regional Chapter Conservation Committee Meeting will meet June 24, 2006 at Dixie Crossroads Restaurant in Titusville. David Hartgrove volunteered to represent the Chapter.

- Board voted to donate $1,000 to the VCARG petition drive.
- Board appointed Peggy Yokubonus to fill the remaining term of Secretary Lois Robinson. The term will expire in May 2007.

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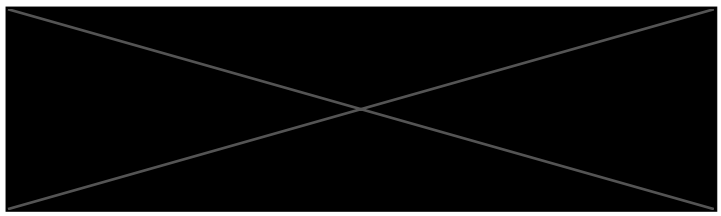

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