

President's Message

I'll be writing about the state of the Club with every issue of Central Valley Birds—we would like to keep all of you involved with the Club's current activities.

One of our members, inspired by Louise McCollough's birthday party at last year's symposium, has established a bequest to the Scholarship Fund from her estate. The Sacramento Region Community Foundation will administer the funds, allowing the Club to continue to send young birders to national bird camps. We would like to thank this individual for the generous bequest, and we would urge all of our members to consider a long-term giving plan to the Club.

Because of your generosity, we were able to send eight young people to camp this year. Both Sierra Foothills and Altacal Audubon contributed substantially to the scholarship fund, allowing us to place every applicant this summer. Thanks to Board member Cliff Hawley for actively managing the scholarship program.

Keep your eye on the Club Facebook page and Central Valley Birds; the California Ricelands Waterbird Foundation will be reaching out on social media to ask for matching funds for a federal grant. They plan to continue their work to winter-flood rice fields to provide habitat for waterbirds. This highly successful program has been active for the past 10 years, and the grant needs to be renewed for them to continue their work. The Board made a contribution from the Waldo Holt Conservation Fund. Information about the program can be found at <https://calricewaterbirds.org/>.

This year's symposium is coming together so mark your calendars for November 21-24, 2019 at the Stockton Hilton. We can only continue to put on a great symposium with the support of our sponsors. But, unfortunately, in the last CVBC Bulletin we failed to thank all of our Sponsors: So a big **Thank You!** goes to Yellowbilled Tours, Central Valley Joint Venture, and GloriaAnn Farms.

See you there,

Patricia Bacchetti,

CVBC Board President