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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PERCH

NATURE LOST

I was blessed to receive the gift of nature while growing up. Like most kids raised in my Meadowlands community we had very little in the way of material possessions. But what we did have was and still is impossible to put a monetary value on. It was a special gift that gave anyone that came from those Meadowlands neighborhoods a lifelong love and respect for the natural world. In many ways that passion guided us through life and became part of who we are and what we would become forever.

When I am able to reconnect with some of the folks that grew up in and around my home, our conversation always leads back to one single thing that connected us the most. It was not **something** we thought much of at the time, it was just what we did. We took it for granted but now we know how truly special it really was -- the simple ability to walk out our front door and within a minute or two connect with the natural world around us.

We didn't have to wait for our parents to give us a ride to some far away nature center, or register for an event, schedule a playdate or wait for a school trip, we just walked out our door in any direction and learned about the natural world from a child's point of view, unorganized and unscripted the best way possible. The nature I witnessed and came to love gave me knowledge that can never be obtained in a classroom, and the experience gave me my life's story that now I can pass down to future generations.

Yes, times have changed, and no, this isn't a "How I walked to school 10 miles in a snowstorm uphill everyday story". This is about losing a generation of chil-

dren and maybe even adults that won't have a real connection to the natural world around them. The same kids that grew up on the very same street I did today would now have to find an adult to drive them miles to find a natural place to walk and enjoy. These kids are now endangered -- will they miss the beauty of seeing a Monarch butterfly only in a book or an eagle as an image on TV. Walking through a forest of trees might have to wait until they can drive (that's if they're interested enough to do that as they grow up). As Rachel Carson warned about pesticides in the Silent Spring -- we now need to sound the alarm of losing a generation of children disconnected from nature here in the Garden State.

The loss of nature has spread throughout many local communities in our area especially underserved communities. Where once there was a local pond to visit, a field of wildflowers to run in and trees to sit under on a hot day -- today they are replaced with giant warehouses, strip malls, public storage facilities and a whole host of other buildings duplicating like invasive plants throughout our landscape. The next time you are in your car driving through a neighborhood try to imagine where kids can go in that town to connect with nature? Bet you'll find it hard!

So what is the real future danger of losing nature? How about climate change? How can we ask people to care about the dangers of climate change if they cannot grasp the importance of nature in the first place? We can all agree that we need clean water and clean air to live but what if that awareness is lost. Will laws like the Clean Water Act and the Clean Air Act be defended if fewer people understand

and care about nature. Today we get to enjoy the Bald Eagle, Osprey and the Peregrine Falcon thanks to the Endangered Species Act but what if the next generation becomes so disconnected that there'll be no one to fight for future generations?

We all need to work together to find ways to get everyone outside into nature. Our biggest challenge will be introducing every child to the natural world to discover and connect with our birds and butterflies. It won't always be easy as we clash between work, school and family matters. We will need to make nature a priority in our lives not only for the future health of the environment but also for our very survival as well. Let your elected officials know that we value nature and open space through supporting activism in our schools, local towns and State government. It will take a concerted effort by every conservation organization, parent, nature lover, teacher to work together and help introduce people to nature.

And here is a good way for you to start right now! Go outside and take the family or your neighbors and walk the paths and trails of our woods and meadows. Take nature in and let it become part of who you are and who your children will become. Most importantly be sure to share your passion of nature with anyone that will listen! Nature need not be lost, it's still out there waiting for all of us to find once again. Let's not lose it!

See you in the Meadowlands.

DON TORINO

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BCAS PROGRAMS – APRIL - JUNE 2023

These programs will be presented on zoom at 7:30pm. Please check www.bergencountyaudubon.org for more updates and info on our speakers, and further descriptions and photos of the event.

April 11-- Sharon Wander will speak on **NJ Butterflies and their Host Plants.**

May 9-- Wade Wander (husband of Sharon Wander) will speak on **Moths and Environs.**

June 13-- James Huffstodt will present his book:
The Man Who Loved Birds: Pioneer Ornithologist Dr. Frank M. Chapman, 1864-1945.

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Please submit program suggestions to Marilyn Sadowski, at msadowskibcas@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES

Mark these important dates in your calendar

May 21, 10 -2PM. **Native Plant Day** at Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst

July 23, 10 -3PM. **Butterfly Day** at Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst (rain date July 30).

August 5, 10-1PM. **Hummingbird Day** at the Overpeck Butterfly Garden in Leonia

October 1 8:30-3PM. **Meadowlands Birding Festival**, Richard DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst

INTRODUCING A NEW WEBMASTER FOR OUR SITE.

Sadly Cina Memar is moving on and we wish him well in his work and future endeavors. He was instrumental in setting up our website and giving it a rich layout. We will still see him as a member and participant of BCAS.

Welcome to our new Webmaster, Tzvee Zahavy.



Tzvee was born and raised in NYC then moved to Minnesota to work as a professor at the University of Minnesota for 20 years, where he learned all about bass fishing in hip waders and cross country skiing and frequently played golf. Then he came back east to NJ to work in IT for the major Wall Street companies. He's retired now and swims laps daily and bikes and hikes around NJ and plays golf occasionally. Tzvee says, "I'm happy to help with the chapter's website and look forward to joining in other activities."

FYI Tzvee pronounced Zvi.

We look forward to meeting you on the trails, Tzvee.

LEARNING TO LOVE DARLING 58

It is said that, at the turn of the previous century, a man could have walked from the state of Georgia to the Canadian border on the tops of American chestnut trees. Early in the twentieth century, the species was stricken with a fungus that proceeded to functionally wipe out the treasured giant of American woods and town greens. Biotechnology is now on the verge of success in restoring a resilient and adaptable American chestnut to its natural habitat.



Introduced from Asia in the late 1800s, the chestnut blight fungus (*Cryphonectia parasitica*) attacks the cambium layer of the tree. The root system remains alive and may sprout, but the tree will not reproduce. For a dozen decades, foresters have been trying to develop a blight-resistant tree using breeding, biotechnology, and biocontrol. Meanwhile, European and Chinese chestnut

were introduced to the American environment. In collaboration with The American Chestnut Foundation, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry has lately made impressive strides in developing a specimen that is truly American chestnut in DNA and resistant to blight.

According to Tim Termini, tech engineer in the latest stages of the project, the team had reached 94% success, but still hadn't achieved fungus resistance in the *Castanea dentata* (American chestnut). So, they created the "dentatabase" to track every specimen, its source, and DNA traits. The solution to blight tolerance was to insert a gene from wheat, oxalate oxidase (OxO), that neutralizes the fungus. The gene is well studied, also found in strawberries and bananas, and presents no known risk to humans, wildlife, or the ecosystem. The result was Darling 58, as close as possible to a wild American chestnut tree and best hope for restoration. Approval will be required from the USDA, EPA, and FDA before production can start in earnest. Once in place, perhaps this summer, test orchards will be established. One possible site is William Paterson University.

The American chestnut was a keystone species. Many organisms historically depended on the trees, including tadpoles, bees, moths, and caterpillars. These have all been tested for safety in the transgenic model of Darling 58. Our mascot, the Blue Jay, caches chestnuts at precisely the right depth for propagation. Squirrels and bears are fans and humans roast them on an open fire, hence FDA interest. Chestnuts fruit after about six years, so production orchards can be effective fairly quickly. Planting throughout the Appalachian region will require stock that is regionally adaptable. Darling 58 has that potential. But, it is crucial to require acceptance by the naturalist community and volunteer planters. If the American chestnut restoration succeeds, there will be hope for other lost and endangered tree species, such as Elm, Hemlock, and Ash.

A SAD PASSING

One of our own, Geraldine Agnes Byrne, has passed away at the age of 88 after a short battle with COVID. She lived a healthy and vibrant life. She grew up in Mt Vernon NY and attended St Luke's to become a nurse. She married her be-



loved husband, Harry in 1961 and they moved into a house in Oradell, where they have lived for 58 years raising two children and recently celebrating their 60th Anniversary. Gerry later obtained a bachelors and masters, becoming a nurse practitioner and-

working for many years at Bergen Pines. In above photo, she is accepting the Feinberg Conservation Award from Don Torino on behalf of BCAS. Gerry was a Conservation Chair for over ten years.

Don Torino remarked that "*Gerry Byrne committed her life to making the world around us a better place for both wild-life and people, from protecting Bald Eagles' nests to establishing native plants in our parks and towns. She led by example and left a legacy for future generations.*"

Upon retirement she and Harry traveled all over the world on many birding trips. Much of her retirement was dedicated to volunteering, focusing on environmental issues and birding. She served as the Regional Soil District Conserva-



tion Supervisor for 20 years, helping to organize native species plantings twice a year in many of the Bergen County parks.

Once even getting to hold an eaglet from a nest as a veterinarian helped it. She and Harry also enjoyed hiking and volunteered for the NY/NJ Trail Conference for many years where they maintained trails in West Milford.

Gerry is survived by her husband, George Harry Byrne, her daughter, Kim Novak, her son, Chris Byrne and her grandchildren Will and Jessica Novak and Owen and Devin Byrne. Those wishing to honor Gerry are invited to make a donation in lieu of flowers to Friends of the Bergen County Zoo (Van Saun), <http://www.friendsofbergencountyzoo.org/donate.html>

MAY-JULY 2023 FIELD TRIPS

Unless noted, all field trips are rain OR shine. Visit www.bergencountyadubon.org for field trip directions.

Contact Field Chair, Chris Takacs for new trip suggestions at 201-2070426, americanchris22@gmail.com.

Where not noted, Don Torino use email greatauk4@gmail.com.

May 3 (Wed.) 10AM Borg's Woods, Hackensack

Meet on Allen Street entrance.

Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com

May 6 (Sat.) 9AM Eight Acre Woods, Hawthorne

Park in the Boys & Girls Club parking lot.

Contact: Liana Romano (201) 675-2427.

liana_romano@hotmail.com.

May 6 (Sat.) 11AM-3PM 12th Annual Secaucus Green Fair 4000 Riverside Station Boulevard, Secaucus

Don Torino will offer a Birding for Beginners talk and walk. Learn the basics of how to get started birding. He'll cover bird identification, field guides and optics. Bring binoculars if you have them.

May 7 (Sun.) 10AM Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst

Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com.

May 10 (Wed.) 9AM Losen Slote Creek Park, Little Ferry

Park in the lot adjacent to the soccer field.

Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com.

**May 13 (Sat.) All day - BCAS Spring Count Fundraiser-
Participants Needed.** Contact: Dave Hall (973) 226-7825,
david.hall@einsteinmed.edu

May 14 (Sun.) 8AM Mother's Day Walk at Garret Mountain Reservation, Woodland Park

Meet in the three tiered parking lot, entrance off of Mountain Avenue.. Contact: Chris Takacs (201) 207-0426,
americanchris22@gmail.com

May 14 (Sun.) 10AM Mother's Day Walk at Teaneck Creek Conservancy, Teaneck

Meet in the parking lot off of Puffin Way.

Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com

May 17 (Wed.) 9AM Halifax Road/Lake Henry, Mahwah

Park at Continental Soldiers Park.

Contact: Chris Takacs (201) 207-0426,
americanchris22@gmail.com

May 20 (Sat.) 10AM Endangered Species Day Walk at Rich- ard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst

Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com.

May 21 (Sun.) 10AM-2PM Native Plant Day at Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst

Learn about the importance of native plants with informa-
tional tables, talks and walks. Contact: Don Torino (201)
230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com

May 24 (Wed.) 10AM Mill Creek Marsh, Secaucus

Park behind Bob's Furniture store.

Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com

May 27 (Sat.) 10AM Native Plant Walk at Teaneck Creek Conservancy, Teaneck

Meet in the parking lot off of Puffin Way.

Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com.

May 28 (Sun.) 10AM Birding for Beginners at Tenaflly Nature Center, Tenaflly

Learn the basics of how to get started birding. We'll cover
bird identification, field guides and optics. Bring binoculars
if you have them. Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983

May 31 (Wed.) 10AM Frank Chapman Trail, Teaneck

Meet in the parking lot on the corner of River Road and
Riverview Avenue.. Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 .

June 3 (Sat.) 10AM New Milford Woods, New Milford

Meet in the New Milford Swim Club parking lot, 160 Trotta
Drive. Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 .

June 4 (Sun.) 10AM Losen Slote Creek Park, Little Ferry

Meet in the parking lot adjacent to the soccer field.

Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com

June 7 (Wed.) 10AM Teaneck Creek Conservancy, Teaneck

Meet in the parking lot off of Puffin Way.

Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com.

June 11 (Sun.) 10AM Bluebird Walk at the New Jersey Bo- tanical Garden, Ringwood

Meet by the carriage house/visitor's center.

Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com

June 18 (Sun.) 10AM Father's Day Walk at the Frank Chapman Trail, Teaneck

Meet in the parking lot on the corner of River Road and
Riverview Avenue. Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983.

June 21 (Wed.) 10AM Summer Solstice Walk at Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst

Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com

June 25 (Sun.) 10AM Birding for Beginners at Teaneck Creek Conservancy, Teaneck

Learn the basics of how to get started birding. Bring binocu-
lars if you have them. Meet in the parking lot off of Puffin
Way. Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983,
greatauk4@gmail.com.

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June 25 (Sun.) 10AM Birding for Beginners at Teaneck Creek Conservancy, Teaneck

Learn the basics of how to get started birding. Bring binoculars if you have them. Meet in the parking lot off of Puffin Way. Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 .

July 2 (Sun.) 10AM Native Plant & Butterfly Walk at Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst

Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com

July 5 (Wed.) 10AM Teaneck Creek Conservancy, Teaneck

Meet in the parking lot off of Puffin Way. Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com.

July 9 (Sun.) 1PM Butterfly Walk at the New Jersey Botanical Garden, Ringwood. Meet by the carriage house/visitor's center. Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983

July 12 (Wed.) 10AM Frank Chapman Trail, Teaneck

Meet in the parking lot on the corner of River Road and Riverview Avenue. Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983.

July 15 (Sat.) 10AM-1PM Garden Tour at the Overpeck Butterfly Garden, Leonia

Park in the lot adjacent to the equestrian center parking lot. Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com

July 16 (Sun.) 10AM Native Plant Walk at Teaneck Creek Conservancy, Teaneck

Meet in the parking lot off of Puffin Way.

Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com

July 19 (Wed.) 6:30PM Evening Walk at Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst

Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com

July 23 (Sun.) 10AM-3PM 14th Annual Butterfly Day at Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst

(Rain date Sunday, July 30). Walks, talks, information tables, children's activities, and music. Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983 greatauk4@gmail.com

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THE WONDROUS RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER

By Maggie Estrada, 4th grade

Red-bellied Woodpeckers have striking barred backs and gleaming red caps that make them an amazing and



memorable sight. They might display a puzzling behavior such as flying quickly and unevenly, descending and then taking flight. Experts say this odd behavior is play that teaches the young how to escape from a dangerous predicament.

To find this bird focus on middle heights and along main branches and trunks of trees. They bring vivid colors and amusing action to bird feeders. You may be able to attract them using feeders filled with suet (in winter), peanuts, and at times sunflower seeds.

Maggie will appear in our BlueJay every quarter with a new sighting and drawing. The Editor

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PEGGY O'NEIL

From 1/23 thru 3/24/23

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EDUCATION

Marie Longo, Chair

Certified Wildlife Garden Program



Our CWG program welcomes seven new certified gardens. They are located in Leonia, Secaucus, Rochelle Park, Teaneck, Paramus, Maywood and Spruce Pine, North Carolina. We now have certified gardens in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri and North Carolina. All of our CWG's received a beautiful sign to display in their gardens.

Native plants provide nectar for pollinators including hummingbirds, native bees, butterflies, moths and bats. They also provide shelter for many mammals. The native nuts, seeds, and fruits produced by these plants offer essential foods for all forms of wildlife. The insects they attract helps support migratory birds and their young. Interested in certifying your garden? Visit bergencountyaudubon.org/cwg/ for details and an application.

Monarch Butterfly Update

The overwintering populations in Mexico are down 22% as compared to the previous year. The effects of climate change, habitat loss, pesticides, illegal logging in Mexico are all contributing factors to this decline. During the mating and egg laying period last year, there was a week of colder temperatures which reduced the population as well. As you may recall, we also had excessive heat and drought in the Northeast during the summer. Now more than ever, we must continue to do our part and make every effort to create and preserve habitat for these beautiful creatures before it is too late. Plant milkweed and also provide nectar sources that bloom throughout the spring, summer and fall, especially crucial for migratory monarchs.

Audubon Adventures

BCAS is sponsoring kits to two new participants. Hawes Elementary School in Ridgewood will be using the nature news packets to educate their ESL students on the importance of native plants. They are also planting a pollinator garden using native plants thanks to a grant from BCAS. Van Trat of the Land Conservancy of New Jersey requested kits and will be using them with a pollinator program she is going to begin as well as using them with the Boys & Girls Club in Paterson and Passaic. BCAS proudly sponsors Audubon Adventures free of charge to educators in our area. Visit our website or audubonadventures.org to learn more about the program.

Great Backyard Bird Count

Here are the results from the 2023 Great Backyard Bird Count which was held February 17-20, 2023. Thank you to all who participated.

7,538 species of birds identified
202 participating countries
390,652 eBird checklists
372,905 Merlin Bird IDs
151,479 photos, videos, and sounds added to Macaulay Library
555,291 estimated global participants

BIRDING FOR BEGINNERS

Come discover the wonderful world of birding with us! A class followed by a walk. You'll learn the basics of how to identify birds, about optics, and field guides. Bring binoculars if you have them.

April 30 -1PM-New Jersey Botanical Gardens in Ringwood . Meet in the carriage house/visitor center. Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983, greatauk4@gmail.com.

May 6 -Secaucus Green Fair , Visit Green.SecaucusNJ.gov for the exact times.

Don Torino will offer a Birding for Beginners talk and walk. He'll cover bird identification, field guides and optics. Bring binoculars if you have them. BCAS will also staff an informational table. Join us at the Secaucus Xchange for a celebration of our planet, with environmentally conscious vendors, exhibits, and fun activities for all! Food and eco-friendly products will be available for purchase. Admission to the event is FREE. To be announced: environmental education presentations, kid's activities, food vendor lists, and more. Visit Green.SecaucusNJ.gov for the exact time of Don's talk and more details .

May 28 -10AM-Tenafly Nature Center. Meet in the parking lot. Learn the basics of how to get started birding. We'll cover bird identification, field guides and optics. Bring binoculars if you have them. Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983, greatauk4@gmail.com.

June 25 -10AM-Teaneck Creek Conservancy. Meet in the parking lot off Puffin Way. Learn the basics of how to get started birding. Bring binoculars if you have them. Contact: Don Torino (201) 230-4983, greatauk4@gmail.com.

2023 BCAS SPRING COUNT ON MAY 13- Bird-watchers Wanted!



Would you like to volunteer for our 31st Annual "Spring Count"?

Please volunteer for the 31st Annual "Spring Count"? It will be held Saturday, May 13, rain or shine.

Similar to last year, we invite participants to view birds in your local park, your yard, or in one of the larger natural areas in Northern New Jersey, such as Garret Mountain, Oradell Reservoir, Teaneck Creek, DeKorte Park, Losen Slote, or the Celery Farm. But we would also love to send people to other promising habitats such as MahWah/Ramapo, Van Saun Park, Tenafly Nature Center, the Hudson River shoreline, or even further afield.

The goal is not only to identify as many bird species as possible, but to estimate the number of birds per species that you have found in your territory. This event will also be the basis for our Spring Fundraiser, which is explained elsewhere in this issue.

Invite a friend to join you. Tell me in advance (by email, please) where you plan to be birding, and I may be able to match you with other birders with the same goal. If you send an email in advance, of the event to david.hall@einsteinmed.edu, I can also share a report form to record your birds.

After May 13, please send back your findings to **Dave Hall** (973 226-7825). david.hall@einsteinmed.edu, including a clear account of where you were birding.

May brings us a wonderful selection of birdlife, and this event can be a fun way to practice your bird identification skills. The more the merrier!

DAVE HALL

BCAS SPRING FUNDRAISER - SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

Pledge your support for BCAS and all the conservation and education projects by sending in this form or using our website.



You may pledge "X" amount per species and your donation will be multiplied by the total number of species seen on that day, or you can pledge/donate a fixed amount. Your donation is fully tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to Bergen County Audubon Society.

1. Mail form/check to BCAS Spring Fundraiser
P.O. Box 235
Paramus, NJ 07653-0235 or
2. Use the donate button at www.bergencountyaudubon.org.

We appreciate any donation you can make and if your financial situation is limited we appreciate that too, but hope you can still go birding and help with the data collection and enjoy the spring migration .

Pledge- per species amount \$ _____
or check amount \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Tel. # _____ Email _____

Contact Peggy O'Neill at (201)868-5829 if you have questions.

DON'T FORGET TO CLEAN YOUR BIRDFEEDERS BEFORE YOU FEED OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS THIS SPRING!

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birds and a concern for the
environment. Our mission is to
promote and protect wildlife in their
natural habitat by providing
opportunities for observation and
conservation.*

*All field trips and programs are open
to the public and free of charge.*

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Please enroll me as a member of the Bergen Audubon Society (Q07) and/or the National Audubon Society.

My check is enclosed for

() \$20 Individual or () \$35 Family Chapter Sustaining Member. All funds stay in our area, helping us to support local efforts and provide services in Bergen County. Make check payable to Bergen County Audubon.

() \$20 - National Audubon Society Member. (1st year rate for new NAS members only). Includes Chapter membership. Make check payable to National Audubon Society.

Name: _____

Address : _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

E-mail (I would like to be notified of upcoming events online and receive the newsletter electronically.)

BlueJay will be mailed to you unless you request online version.

Please mail to : BCAS Membership Chair, PO Box 235, Paramus, NJ 07653-0235

Volunteer opportunities in local chapter activities or committees are available. Please circle your interest and mail with your subscription or see any officer or chair at one of the meetings.

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