



SUMMER 2018

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PWC CALENDAR

2nd Tuesday of the month – Board of Directors at 4:30 pm

Volunteer Opportunities Orientations – sign up at the PWC website if interested in learning more about volunteering (Center, Hotline, Rescue-Transport, Clerical, Committee, Board of Directors). Follow up trainings.

June Primary Election – PWC volunteers staffed a precinct poll in S.L.O

October

19-21 Oiled Wildlife Care Network Summit Meeting (PWC will participate)

26-29 CCWR (California Council for Wildlife Rehabilitators) Symposium

November

Sunday, 4th- Eighth Annual Soupabration!

Tuesday, 6th – Election Day - PWC volunteers will staff a poll

SAVE THE DATE

PWC's Annual Fundraiser
November 4th – Eighth Annual



giving wildlife a

Second Chance

PWC – “NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR” – CA SENATE DISTRICT 17 by John FitzRandolph



Out of the multitude of worthy nonprofit organizations in California’s Senate District 17 – including much of Monterey County, all of Santa Cruz County, portions of

Santa Clara County and all of SLO County – why was Pacific Wildlife Care chosen as “California Nonprofit of the Year?”

According to State Senator Bill Monning (the California Senate Majority Leader), who selected PWC as nonprofit of the year: “Pacific Wildlife Care has done a tremendous job in its rehabilitation, advocacy, and education efforts for wildlife in San Luis Obispo County. The nonprofit treats nearly 3,000 animals every year in addition to providing educational presentations at local schools and organizations.”



The Senator added: “Thank you to everyone at Pacific Wildlife Care for your dedication to the protection of California’s wildlife.”

Positive response to PWC’s honor also came from District 2 Supervisor Bruce Gibson, who said: “PWC does great work for the wonderful wildlife of the Central Coast. Their commitment to help wild animals is extraordinary and their educational programs have inspired so many youth.

“This recognition is richly deserved,” the supervisor continued.

PWC president Kimberly Perez – who traveled to Sacramento with Kathleen Dillon to accept the award at a CalNonprofits ceremony on June 6 – thanked “... All our past and present volunteers and staff for your vision and steadfast commitment to our mission. Your gift of time and talent are priceless.”

WHAT A PLACE TO BE STUCK! by Gwen Kellas

On May 22nd I received a text from the PWC Hotline Volunteer asking if I could rescue a gull stuck inside a chimney on Moonstone Beach Drive in Cambria.

Sure, I said. I am used to ladders and getting up on roofs so saw no issue for me. When I went to check out the motel, I saw that the chimney was huge: Santa Claus could have gone down it, so I am sure a gull had no problem getting in, but, it turns out it was stuck on a ledge with a grate that stopped it from going all the way down into the motel office or from coming back up the way it went in.

I needed a net: unfortunately mine was loaned out and not returned. A few phone calls later I went over to Marcelle’s house and borrowed her net and returned to the motel.

The front desk staff was aghast that I intended to go up on the roof to perform this rescue (a ladder was even readily available due to some workers working nearby) but, the staff adamantly told me “No way!” - since their insurance would not cover me.

They called their maintenance staff. I offered rescue suggestions and warned them that gulls have a nasty bite. A charming chap went up with a buddy and one very sooty, irate gull was pulled out and crated and I delivered it to the Center.

After being cleaned up, within a few days, it was released by Pam Hartman at Leffingwell Landing on Moonstone Beach Drive. Glad we have such a great team working together for a positive outcome!

PWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

In March, new Treasurer, Jack Mahrt, and new Secretary, William Haug, withdrew from their Board positions for personal reasons.

In April, the Board appointed Bob Blakely, new Board Member-at-Large, to the position of Treasurer for the remaining term. Bob Blakely and his wife, Sharon, joined Pacific Wildlife Care in February, 2016. Bob graduated from Texas A&M with a BS in Horticulture. He retired as Vice President of California Citrus Mutual on December 1, 2017, completing a 43-year career in agriculture. Bob comes with broad business experience, a good working knowledge of the grant process, and experience with fundraising.

We are still seeking someone for the Secretary position; however in the interim, Kathleen Dillon, Board Member-at-Large and Facilities Coordinator, has assumed these duties.

If interested, please contact Kimberly Perez at 805-748-7425 or email, president@pacificwildlifecare.org.

RELEASES

January - April 2018

American Coot	1
American Kestrel	1
Ancient Murrelet	1
Anna's Hummingbird	4
Band-tailed Pigeon	3
Barn owl	3
Black Crowned Night Heron	1
Black Rat	3
Brewer's Blackbird	1
Brown Pelican	1
Brush Mouse	2
Brush Rabbit	5
California Ground Squirrel	2
California Gull	1
California Vole	3
Cedar Waxwing	1
Clark's Grebe	3
Common Poorwill	3
Deer Mouse	1
Desert Cottontail	2
Dusky-footed Woodrat	1
Eurasian Collared-dove	17
Field Mouse	3
Great Blue Heron	1
Great Horned Owl	4
House Mouse	4
Long-billed Curlew	3
Mew Gull	2
Mourning Dove	1
Northern Fulmar	2
Pallid Bat	1
Pied-billed Grebe	2
Red-necked Grebe	1
Red-tailed Hawk	1
Red-throated Loon	1
Rock Pigeon	8
Turkey Vulture	2
Virginia Opossum	9
Western Fence Lizard	1
Western Gray Squirrel	2
Western Grebe	12
Western Gull	2
White-crowned Sparrow	1
Willet	1
Yuma Myotis	1

Total: 125

Central Coast Wildlife Festival (held May 12th in SLO Mission Plaza) a HUGE Success



Learning Among the Oaks - Leader Beverly Gingg with Oak Ambassadors performed skits and puppet shows at their Oaks Theater to the delight of all children in attendance.



Camp Natoma, one of 22 eco-partner participants, who had children's activities at their booths, showed a display of knot tying.



Earth Genius (One Cool Earth) allowed kids to dig in dirt to discover what is naturally found there and to create seed bombs.



Face painting and arts & crafts opportunities were popular locations. Sarah Blair Field paints an animal image on a little boy's face.



Wildlife Photo opportunity board (painted for last year's event by Kaya) allowed parents to photograph their children as a raccoon, a fox or a bobcat.



PWC's Education Team brought 6 of our wildlife ambassadors. Kathy Duncan & Max enthrall a crowd about the habitat and behavior of Great-horned Owls.



Infant Jackrabbits - photo by Karen Todd

REHAB CHALLENGES by Claudia Duckworth

Each year, Pacific Wildlife Care receives many infant Cottontails, Brush Rabbits and Black-tailed Jackrabbits. These small mammals come to us for many reasons, the most common being a nest uncovered through mowing or weed trimming or the infants are discovered by a dog or cat. Early on, we had very little success with these species. There was often much despair by volunteers when we received them because most of them died.

Thanks to new protocols in the past several years and the willingness of a few volunteers to specialize in their care, our success with these fragile babies has improved. Jenni Clayton and Melinda Alvarado have successfully rehabilitated orphaned Cottontails and Brush Rabbits and Karen Todd has taken on the challenge of Black-tailed Jackrabbits.

As Karen explains, despite the name, Black-tailed Jackrabbits are hares not rabbits. Unlike rabbits, hares are born with their eyes open, fully furred and able to move around within hours of birth. They rely on speed for survival while rabbits rely on

concealment. Because they are prey for many predators, a characteristic shared by both rabbits and hares is that they do not tolerate stress.

Karen, who has been rehabilitating Jacks for 7 years started because they were known to be difficult and she likes a challenge. Both species have delicate digestive systems, and maintaining their health involves fortifying their standard formula with multiple supplements. Often, despite advice from PWC to not do so, initial rescuers feed orphans causing fatal digestive problems.

Karen explains that weaning Jackrabbits can be especially hard since they love their formula and will often go on hunger strikes to avoid moving on to solid food. She spends time foraging in local fields, gathering appropriate pesticide-free grasses for her young hares.

Another challenge includes preventing habituation — their survival in the wild depends on their natural fear remaining intact and providing exercise without causing injury.

Much of the current improved success with these species is thanks in part to information shared with Pacific Wildlife Care by other rehabilitation centers and to the dedication of volunteers like Karen, Jenni and Melinda.

PWC continues to study and research ways to further improve our rehabilitation of these fragile animals.

Despite the improvement in rehabilitation techniques, as with any wild animal, the very best care is by the parents. These species are left alone for most of the day by the parent and usually do not need to be rescued.



PWC'S CHOSEN WINNER OF THE "WILD WORLD WE LOVE" AT SLOIFF

Logan Gilbert, 11, of West Linn, Oregon was the 2018 winner of the 1st "Wild World We Love" Award sponsored by Pacific Wildlife Care at the SLO International Film Festival (SLOIFF) in the Young Filmmakers of Tomorrow category. He was reportedly very surprised and happy with this award given to him, March 18, 2018.

Watch Logan's film on youtube: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=GU0dP2OvB5s>

If you know an individual, group or a classroom of youth ages K-12 that are interested in creating an original short or animated film wherever you live, the 2019 SLOIFF, Young Filmmakers of Tomorrow is a great way to showcase that work and win prizes.

If you want to be considered for the "Wild World We Love" award, then pinpoint a wildlife issue, connect people with a misunderstood species of wildlife, or just show your love for the natural world. Now is the time for young filmmakers to begin thinking of ideas to win the \$100 prize. **Entries are due in January 2019.** See our website for details: <https://tinyurl.com/PWCFilmContest>

Welcome New Members & Donors (January – April 2018)

Kaylee Adams	Kathy Degner	Nora & Mike Lewis	Jill Rietjens
Rick Austin	Brian Dobbs	Thomas Lynch	Lukas Robertson
B.H.E. Renewables, LLC	Amanda Donovan	Stephen Main	Zoe Rossman
Andrzej Baran	Hilary Elgin	Erica Maluski	Sarah Rosemas
T. & C. Barrilleaux	Jodi Fitzpatrick	Debra Marasco-McNulty	Rachael Rospond
Hayley Barnes	Lori Gillespe	David Mason	Susan Schafer
Vanessa Barrios	Austin Griego	Brooke McCann	Joseph Seitz
Tina Benjamin	Dennis Hamil	Kelley McCoy	Cynthia Shaheen
Amber Bjerre	Michael Harrod	Kip Meredith	Alexandria Simmons
Claudine Blackwell	Rebecca Hart	Oliver Milici	D. Smith & J. Pett
Monsie & Ron Bourtayre	Daran Haug	Katherine Mollenkopf	Margaux Snider
Lauren Brotherton	Ariana Hlawek	Cole Moore	Mary Strobridge
Neil Burke	Kaila & Terry Hooker	Johnna Moran	Sue Sunderland
Lisa & Ric Burkel	Wendy Hudson	Frank Moustirats	Chyna Thomas
Dennis Camp	Mary Huestis	Hap & Robert Patchett	Marilyn Tonneson
Seychelle Cannes	Lori Johnston	April Peet	Angela & Peter Van Trig
Shirley Carson	Brice Jones	Alicia Pell	Janet Wagner
Steve Carle	Ron Keller	Michael Phoenix	Katherine Walker
Sarah Chacon	Emily Kent	Matt Powers	Saoirse Wendy
Juli Chun	Zahara Keulen	Becky & Mike Price	Tom Wilzbach
Beth Cornelius	Christa Lam	Robin Proffitt	Ashley Wilson
Rachel Cullop	Brina Latham	I. Ralston & S.W. Bailey	Carman Yardley
Delilah Curtis	Daniel Law	Gregory Randall	Hope Young

“Spring sprang once again with many babies at the Clinic and in homecare”



PWC’s mission is to support San Luis Obispo wildlife through rehabilitation and educational outreach. We envision Pacific Wildlife Care as an advocate for wildlife. By sharing our experiences, we inspire community participation to reduce harm to our wild neighbors.

SPECIAL THANK YOUS

Home Rehabbers – PWC thanks our 22 home rehabilitators, who help care for animals that are young/orphaned or, needing a larger cage/aviary or, who are not well-suited for remaining in the hub-bub of a Clinic. The staff appreciates you! You carry a heavy burden spending over 50 hours from January-March.

Dani Nicholson - currently has TWELVE American Crows in homecare (Crows are a particularly difficult species and care for a dozen is a huge undertaking.)

Baby Bird Room Leads – Thank You **Sharon Blakely, Claudia Duckworth, Donna Herbst** and **Andrea Muentner** for their oversight of the Baby Bird Room & Baby Bird program - helping make this season go smoothly (our baby bird patients are thriving nicely).

Central Coast Wildlife Festival – (see related images on Page 2) Thank you to our various area leaders: **Susan Belany** (Children’s Art & Facepainting); **Karen Venditti** (Food Vendor Coordinator); **Beverly Gingg** (Children’s skits); **Cal Poly Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, Jermaine Washington’s Cal Poly Architecture students, Cal Poly Sprout Up Club, Zsolt & Magen Vandenmar.**

Membership/Donations Save Lives

“ Yes, I would like to give wildlife a second chance! ”

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- Vice President: Marcelle Bakula
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- Treasurer: Bob Blakely
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