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## President's Report – Jan 2017 – Evergreen Audubon

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Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to a great 2017 for Evergreen Audubon and the Evergreen Nature Center. We ended 2016 with incredible support from our members and community fans. We generated a record \$13,440 during Colorado Gives Day and a record \$3,117 in wreath sales. Thank you to all of you and especially to Brad Andres for staying on top of our Colorado Gives campaign and Marilyn Rhodes, Lisa Wald, Dave Wald and Melissa Leasia for their efforts in making the wreath sale a big success.

Despite the bitter cold and high winds during this year's Christmas Bird Count, it was still a great day to be out in the field enjoying birding. Our overall count was not as high as all of us hoped but it isn't the worse year on record. All the normal species made an appearance, including our mascot the Dipper. It was disappointing to see the Pygmy Nuthatch count significantly lower than normal; they don't like the cold either. On the bright side, we're all getting better at identifying the various populations or races of the Dark-eyed Junco; the percentage of unidentified dark-eyed junco was much lower than in previous years. Thanks Chuck for the great junco identification tips you

presented at the December chapter meeting. The day ended with a great time at the Tally Rally. Thanks to the Dave and Lisa Wald for hosting and the Hackoses and Walds for making the chili.

Remember the **Annual Banquet is on Friday, January 20th** at the Mount Vernon Country Club. I hope all will attend to help celebrate our chapter achievements. The price is \$30 per adult and \$15 per child. This price is lower than originally announced. For those that paid at the higher price, we will reimburse you the difference at the Banquet. You can reserve your seat online at: <https://www.evergreenaudubon.org/annual-banquet-friday-jan-20-2017/> or send payment to PO Box 523, Evergreen, CO 80437.

Please join us at the new education facility on **Saturday January 28th for an Open House** where we'll introduce the new programs to the community. Visit our website for more details on the open house.

If you are looking for New Year's resolutions to add to your list, consider volunteering with Evergreen Audubon and Evergreen Nature Center. We'll be needing lots of help this year with our development efforts, including grant submission, endowment research and recruitment, and of course, all of our various fund raising events. We'll also need help with social activities, communications and social media efforts, citizen science programs, education center improvements, nature center visitor assistants, program assistance and many behind the scenes projects. Colleen and I will be providing details in the February Dipper.

Kathy