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

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Can you believe we are halfway through 2017? Where does the time go? As you'll notice, this month's Dipper is focused on nature's babies and I had a chance to witness some in my own back yard. We tend to take our environment for granted here in Evergreen, but I was still in awe by the sight of a doe and twin fawns walking along a wildlife trail on our property. We do live in a wonderful place!

I hope you all are planning to join us for this year's annual Bash and Benefit where we'll celebrate our mountain birds (this year's theme) and raise funds for the Nature Center. I encourage everyone to come to the Bash and I challenge you to bring a few newcomers to the event which will be held at Hiwan Golf Club on Friday, August 25. I've attended MALT's fund raiser a few times and I'm astonished to see how many supporters they get. I can't help but think that if MALT's supporters believe in preserving land that they would also be interested in educating our mountain community about that land. It would be outstanding if we could tap into some of MALT's supporters; so if you know any, invite them to our Bash!

Need help achieving this year's 2017 Birding Challenge? Join Chuck Aid, Master Birder, for his Wednesday or Saturday monthly trips. We've added a "waitlist" registration so if there are cancellations, Chuck will know who to add to the group.

Remember, starting with the July Dipper (or possibly the August issues), only members will be emailed the announcement that the Dipper is available. Everyone on our email list will still receive announcements about upcoming programming and special events.

On a completely different topic... Did you know that if you shop at smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to your favorite charity! Of course, we hope Evergreen Audubon is your favorite charity. Once on the smile.amazon.com website you'll be asked to login using your amazon.com account or create a new account. Then you'll be asked to select a charity; search for Evergreen Audubon and Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society Inc will come up; that's our original name so go ahead and select that option. Tell your friends and family this nifty trick and ask them to support us too!

Hope to see you all at the annual picnic on Saturday, July 15 at Hiwan Homestead's Picnic Grove!

-Kathy