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President's Report – June 2017 – Evergreen Audubon

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Is summer finally here? I think so, as we are about to switch to the Summer Hours at the Evergreen Nature Center (Thur/Fri 10-12 and Sat/Sun, 9-5). If you haven't been to visit yet, I encourage you to do so. It's so satisfying to see the adults trying to guess the species of the furs on the touch table and children exploring the microscopes, putting on puppet shows and wearing the new bird & animal costumes. Thanks Rachel Hutchison for your creative sewing! As always, I encourage all members to help support this great resource and volunteer a few hours each month. FYI, we have two parking spots designated for us again this year, so parking during crowded weekends shouldn't be an issue!

On the financial front, thank you to all members and sponsors who have supported us so far this year. We have received close to \$3,500 in our annual appeal and about the same from our sponsors. We have also received a generous grant from the Rotary Club to make improvements to the Education Center classrooms and outdoor space (thanks Mendhi Audlin). We will continue to seek grant applications and other creative ways of raising money, including participating in July's Triple By Pass as

race marshals and selling ducks for the August Damn Duck Derby. Our annual Bash, will be on Friday August 25th, so mark your calendars and plan on joining us. If you are interested in helping with any of these events, please let me know.

Several of you have approached me about how pleased you are with our chapter meeting programming. The thanks goes to Ed Furlong for his due diligence in finding speakers. If you have ideas for future presentation or know interesting speakers, please let Ed know, he can be reached at education@evergreenaudubon.org. And, remember we will NOT be having our summer chapter meetings at the Nature Center this year; we will stay at the Education Center.

I'm pleased to welcome Larry White, Chris Pfaff and Megan Fuse who have joined our board of directors. Larry and Chris will be co-chairs of the at-large position and Megan will step in as our social chair. Special thanks to both Mendhi Audlin and Peg Lin for there past participation on our board; both have stepped down due to other commitments.

-Kathy