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President's Report – March 2017 – Evergreen Audubon

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It certainly feels like spring outside, but as I work on the 2017 birding challenge I'm still seeing lots of our year-round feathered friend. I know our migrating and summer species will soon be here. In the meantime I'm enjoying honing my duck identification skills. During yesterday's Third Saturday Birding Trip I had the opportunity to compare Canvasback and Redhead ducks and Greater and Lesser Scaups. What a treat! If you haven't taken advantage of these walks, I highly recommend you do! Chuck is also starting to do his monthly Wednesday walk. I wish I could join him but I'm still working full time.

At my work, one of my responsibilities is to increase membership in the professional organization we manage. In our marketing literature we use the phrase "Membership Matters." I'm going to start using it for Evergreen Audubon. Your membership *does* matter and it's a win-win proposition. The organization benefits from your support and you benefit from being involved. You're part of a community dedicated to conserving and protecting wildlife and the natural environment and to educating others about the natural world. With your membership you will:

- Become an important supporter of our project, The Evergreen Nature Center, one of our community's best resources for nature education. You are entitled to free or discounted fees on programs offered by the Nature Center and a 15% discount at the Nature Center's gift shop.
- Have many opportunities to socialize and network with other Evergreen Audubon Supporters. Events include the Annual Banquet (Jan), Dawn Chorus (May), Summer Picnic (July), Bash & Benefit (Aug), monthly birding hikes, and of course, our monthly chapter meetings which feature interesting and intriguing presentations about natural history, conservation and wildlife ecology.
- Be able to participate in fun and educational projects, such as, the Christmas Bird Count, bluebird nest box monitoring, and invasive plant awareness and control.
- Receive the monthly Dipper e-newsletter which will keep you up to date on local Audubon and Nature Center events.

Thanks to all those who have already renewed their 2017 membership. If you haven't renewed yet, consider this a friendly reminder. For more details on membership and to renew visit:

<https://www.evergreenaudubon.org/membership/>.

Spread the word... Membership Matters!

– Kathy