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Liberty Wildlife Volunteer News | March 2011

It Begins Again

Whoever said, "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb" doesn't hang out at Liberty! In fact, the reverse is true. At last count, three baby great horned owls, the first of the raptors to nest around here, are now in residence along with a handful of baby doves, a half dozen or so finch eggs, what looks like a quail egg and the promise of a red tail hawk egg to arrive at the center any day. So much for the lamb idea! We all know it's a busy time ahead. Thanks for your continued dedication to helping the helpless and take a deep breath because....

It Begins Again!

- Carol

Volunteers Needed

Wishes for Wildlife Annual Benefit Event

Saturday, April 30th, is the annual Wishes for Wildlife Benefit fundraiser.

As in the past, volunteers are asked to lend a hand preparing for the event. We need a few people Friday to accept and categorize donations and a lot of people Saturday morning to help in the set up process. This is the second year we're holding the benefit at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess off Scottsdale Rd and the 101. (Easy to get to and not far from Liberty.)

If you can spare a few hours, please help.

Email me at csuits@q.com. I will also be putting sign up sheets at Liberty next to the baby tortoises.

Here are the details: We will be needing volunteers for Friday and Saturday morning and a few for Saturday evening:

Friday April 29th: 8:30 A.M. - noon or so -

- We need 4 volunteers to help with donation item delivery and prep. This involves mostly grouping donations for the various sections of the silent auction. A little morning breakfast treat will be provided to keep everyone awake!



Saturday, April 30th: 8:00 A.M. until done
(about noon or 1:00 P.M.)

- We need 12 - 14 volunteers to help move all the items outside to set up the silent auction tables.

Saturday: 5:00 P.M. to close.

- We will need 8 - 10 Liberty volunteers to be Section Leads during the Silent Auction. They will be responsible for overseeing the tables, items, other volunteers and activities in their area. Again this year we have volunteers from US Airways to help with the auction. While they have experience in volunteering for silent auctions at fund raising (Phoenix Zoo is an example), we need our own people as "go to" people for them and our guests if need be.

"I once had a sparrow alight upon my shoulder for a moment, while I was hoeing in a village garden, and I felt that I was more distinguished by that circumstance that I should have been by any epaulet I could have worn."

~ Henry David Thoreau

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- When the auction is over and the guests move to the dinner location, volunteers will be following to help with directions to other areas like the bathrooms (caused lots of confusion last year) and to assist with the live auction process.
- At the close of the event all volunteers will help bring remaining items back to the prep room. (Guests not taking silent auction items with them Saturday night will be picking them up Sunday morning.)

*"Lots of people talk to animals....
Not very many listen, though....
That's the problem."*

~ Benjamin Hoff, The Tao of Pooh.

We ask that those attending in the evening dress to meet the public but most importantly, wear comfortable shoes. Evening volunteers will have food provided when you arrive at 5:00 P.M. I will be sharing information and assignments at that time.

Parking:

Just before you get to the hotel entrance there is a self-park lot on the right. All other lots are valet parking. If you are interested in helping out this year (or know of others who would be interested) please send me an e-mail with the days and times you prefer to work and of course feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

Rescue and Transport

Information Needed

One of the most rewarding jobs at Liberty is the satisfaction of rescuing an injured or orphaned animal. Our rescue & transport volunteers are Liberty's first responders when the hotline calls with an animal emergency. Many rescuers travel great distances, interrupt their plans or head out at night with a flashlight on behalf of the wildlife we're all here to help.

To be successful in this endeavor, it's important that we have accurate volunteer information. We're looking to update the data base regarding the hours and days our rescue/transport volunteers are available to help. If you are a current R&T volunteer and have not updated your records, please email me at csuits@q.com with your rescue times. I guarantee everyone in the process – the animal, the public, the hotliner and the rescuer – will benefit! If you want to become a rescue & transport volunteer, let me know. Tony Sola is the instructor, providing useful information, lots of tips and the opportunity to learn, hands on, how to rescue a raptor. *You'll love it!*



A Grateful Caller

The following message was left on the hotline recently:

"Hello. I just wanted to leave a message saying thank you to the Wildlife Association. Tony just picked up an injured great blue heron behind my house. It only took him about 45 minutes from the moment I called and he was able to catch the bird in a gentle, wonderful manner. And I wanted you all to know I appreciate it and I thank you. My name is Nancy S. from Sun Lakes."

*"If you think you are too small to
be effective, you have never been
in bed with a mosquito!"*

~ Betty Reese

