

The Spoonbill

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MONTHLY MEETING:

MONDAY DECEMBER 5

**Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonnett, Houston**

**HOLIDAY SOCIAL - 6:30 P.M.
--BOOK SALE--**

GENERAL MEETING - 7:00 P.M.

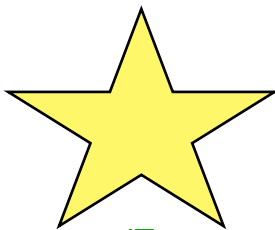
DECEMBER EVENING PROGRAM:

HOUSTON AUDUBON BIRDS

PRESENTED BY

MARY ANNE WEBER

**TEXAS CHRISTMAS
BIRD COUNTS
REPLACE DECEMBER
OG FIELD TRIP**



**IT
IS THE
TIME OF
THE YEAR
TO SIGN UP
FOR AT LEAST
ONE OF THE GREAT
OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED
TO COUNT
!**

“Soar into the world of birds and explore why we find them so fascinating”

Houston Audubon educates over 25,000 every year with the message of bird conservation! Mary Anne Weber has been the Education Director for Houston Audubon for the past 12 years. Mary Anne also runs and directs the activities at the Houston Audubon Sims Bayou Urban Nature Center, located in southeast Houston.

“I have worked with birds since 1983. I began my “bird” journey repainting an aviary for rehabilitated Great Horned Owls at a center in New Jersey in 1983 and from then on I was hooked!

I am excited to bring the world of birds to the OG meeting in December. Soar into the world of birds and explore why we find them so fascinating. My live bird friends will be on hand for all to meet and enjoy!”
Mary Anne Weber

The Houston Audubon bird education ambassadors that travel with Mary Anne Weber all have one thing in common, an injury prevents them from being released back into the wild. Saving injured birds takes an incredible team of dedicated individuals. In Houston we are lucky to have a facility that offers the long term care and expertise necessary to successfully rehabilitate injured wildlife. Sadly, success can not be measured by whether or not these animals return to the life they had before, but is redefined for many of them as they take on a new role as an educator. As stated below, they will lend themselves to educate children and adults about respect, conservation, and restoration of native wildlife, through public awareness programs here and around the country. *V. Sims*

The Wildlife Center of Texas New Name - Same Mission

Dear Wildlife Rehab & Education supporter, today marks a new chapter in their history as they officially announce that they have changed their name to **The Wildlife Center of Texas**. The name change is due to a very significant expansion of services offered to wildlife and to the public and emphasizes the enormity, scope and range of services they provide each day.

To complement this endeavor, an innovative, easy-to-navigate website has been launched and can be found at www.wildlifecenteroftexas.org. The website is informative, educational and filled with captivating stories, videos and photos of a variety of native wild animals that have been rehabilitated at The Wildlife Center of Texas.

Follow the link on the website to link to the new and improved Facebook page!

The Wildlife Center of Texas has become one of the largest wildlife centers in the country thanks to their affiliate, the Houston SPCA, and the kindness and generosity of friends and supporters.

Several milestones have already been reached this year including:

- Received and provided critical care for over 9,000 wild animals – whether due to drought, wildfires or human impact. NO wild animal was refused care;
- Educated over 12,000 children and adults about respect, conservation and restoration of native wildlife through public awareness;
- Trained over 250 people in Oiled Wildlife Response;
- Utilized over 20,000 volunteer hours;
- Partnered with other wildlife rehabilitation groups in Texas and other states.

The name may have changed, but not the mission. The Wildlife Center of Texas will still provide care for all injured, ill, orphaned and oiled wildlife, never refusing an animal in need. They continue to provide comprehensive environmental education for adults and children. And they remain trained, certified and ready to respond to all wildlife emergencies, including oiled wildlife response, anywhere in the world. **The Wildlife Center of Texas**...a place to grow, a place to heal and a place to be wild.

If you would like more information or to schedule an interview, please contact **Sharon Schmalz** at **713.861.9453**. The Wildlife Center of Texas is an affiliate of the Houston SPCA.

OG WINTER QUARTERLY FIELD TRIP

January 26-29, 2012 Trip to NE Texas Announcement

Quality Inn Lobby: January 26, 2012 @ 7:30 PM

Our winter quarterly trip this year will be to northeast Texas, January 26-29, 2012. We will be birding the local hot spots of the area, such as Lake Tawakoni, Hagerman NWR, White Rock Lake, and the Village Creek Drying Beds. At these locales we will be in search of Smith's (rare) and Lapland Longspurs, Red-throated Loon, rare gulls (Little, California, Thayer's, and maybe Black-headed), wintering sparrows, ducks (Scoters possible), geese (Canada and Cackling), and other unusual birds that have a habit of turning up during the winter in northeast Texas. The drought, coupled with the predicted harsh winter for the northern states, should also make things interesting. This could be the year for another Northern Goshawk or when a Snow Bunting shows up in the area! For those of you who follow TexBirds, I am sure most of you have noticed this fall that we have had a record influx of reports of western avifauna- such as the Green-tailed Towhee, Sage Thrasher, Say's Phoebe, and Lark Bunting. So this trip has the potential to be epic. You will not want to miss it.

I am still in the process of arranging a leader, or leaders, for this trip. More details will be in the January Spoonbill, so stay tuned. If you are interested in this trip please let me know and I will get your name on the list and pass along details to you when I get them.

As usual, this trip will be limited to the first 14 people who sign up.

Accommodations: We will be staying at the Quality Inn in Greenville, Texas for this trip. I have 10 rooms (5 singles & 5 doubles) reserved under my name at a rate of ~\$56 per night. **Please consult with me before making your reservation.** The number to the hotel is: (903)-454-7000 and the address is: 1215 East I-30, Greenville, Tx. 75402. The plan will be to meet in the lobby at 7:30 PM Thursday night, January 26, 2012, then head out for a welcome dinner. At the dinner the itinerary for the trip and what time we will need to be ready to go birding Friday morning will be discussed. If you can not make it to the hotel by then let me know so that I may get you the details for when to meet to go birding Friday morning.

Directions: Take I-45 north out of Houston to I-20 west and take I-20 west for just over 6 miles to exit 56C, which is I-635 south. Take I-635 south for 9.5 miles to the exit for US-67 South/I-30 west towards Dallas. Take the left ramp onto US-67/I-30 and go for 37.5 miles into Greenville, Texas.

Be sure to bring: Binoculars, hat, sunscreen, snacks, water, camera, spotting scope, rain gear in case it rains, and WARM CLOTHES because it could be cold weather birding. I am not sure at this point how lunches are going to work on this trip, but due to the cold weather we will make all possible effort to find sit down places to eat to give us the opportunity to warm up before starting the afternoon birding.

~ Adam Wood, OG Field Trip Coordinator, birdsondabrain@earthlink.net, 713-515-1692

Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation [Duck] Stamp:

A purchase of \$17 dollars goes a long way! Stamp valid Aug 31st – Sept. 2012

The 2011-12 duck stamp was issued this past July. Proceeds from its purchase are dedicated to securing wetland and grassland habitat for the Refuge System. In June the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission approved investing more than \$3 million from the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund: to use Stamp dollars to protect an estimated 1,600 acres of habitat on three units of the National Wildlife Refuge System. These three refuges were San Bernard NWR in Texas, Nestucca Bay NWR in Oregon, and Cannan Valley NWR in West Virginia.

Give a little, gain a lot: Birders holding a valid Duck Stamp are admitted free to NWR's.

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Whooping Crane Festival

February 23 - 26, 2012
Port Aransas, Texas

www.whoopingcranefestival.org

*The Spoonbill is always looking for
fun stories and pictures to share.*

*These two beautiful shots are
photographs sent by Harlan Evans
from the October OG field trip !*

Page 5 & 6 has a story that's a hoot:



Osprey, Galveston, East Beach 10/15/11



Marbled Godwit, Galveston, East Beach 10/15/11

Northern Saw-whet Owls in Pennsylvania

sent from JoAnn Raine

These tiny owls usually breed farther north in the mountains of the East, but in late fall and winter they move to escape the deep snow and come closer to their favorite food. How many owls come to winter here each year is also due to how severe the winter conditions are up north. To see them it's a matter of locating where the white footed mice or voles live, find a landfill with a water pit and you are probably going to get lucky.



The New Jersey side of the Delaware River has many such areas formed from river dredge spoils. The surrounding area has small pines covered with honeysuckle vines that provide them with places to roost. We would walk around in the pines, look for white wash on the dry leaves, and then look up under the canopy of vines. These little owls would not be perched very high, sometimes eye level. They sit quietly and stare at you with bold yellow eyes. Some people called them tame but I thought that they espoused the theory that if they didn't move, they were hidden. The first thing everyone said when spotting the rufous streaked breast and piercing yellow eyes was, "that is the cutest little OWL DOLL I have ever seen".



A landfill has trash and also mice, attracting the Saw-whet that hunts the mice at night. One December Christmas count day, we saw 12 Saw-whets in this environment. A female Saw-whet is larger and might weigh as much as a robin. She can sit in your cupped hand, yet has a wingspan of 16-19 inches. As much as we prowled around their trees one never flew in fear, but if you came back the next day they might have changed locations.

Another treat was the opportunity to climb up a rough road to a banding station in Allentown, Pa. and watch owls being weighed and tagged. Most all of the Saw-whets captured on these ridges in mist nets were first year birds. The October night that I was there they had 9 birds. In order to support the banders, we paid a "bounty" to hold and release our owl. \$20 bought you a picture and a chance to hold a fierce little owl. I walked outside with mine into the Pennsylvania darkness and let our eyes adjust to the night. When I opened my gloved hand she flew up onto my head. Then she swooped off to a close tree limb to stare at me. We both were awed. Then away into the darkness she fled to take her chances on living to be a breeder.



*Deb with her "bounty" Saw-whet
(and a wonderful memory to hoot)*

WHOOO WHOOO WHOOO IS COUNTING ON YOU?
TEXAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS THAT'S WHOOO -
WHOOO KNOWS, YOU MIGHT END UP WITH A WONDERFUL
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT MEMORY TO SHARE!

TEXAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

HOUSTON AUDUBON WEB SITE
HAS A COMPLETE LIST OF THE
TEXAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS
DETAILS OF INFORMATION
ARE UPDATED DAILY
www.houstonaudubon.org

San Bernard NWR: 27th Annual

Friday, December 16th

Join by contacting either of the co-compilers or by showing up at the refuge headquarters on CR306 at 0630.

Contact co-compilers Ron Weeks evenings 979-299-0066 or Jennifer Wilson daytime 979-964-4011 to sign up

Houston CBC:

Saturday, December 17.

David Sarkozi and Stennie Meadours will be co-compilers.

Contact Stennie via email: stenmead@aol.com to participate.

Armand Bayou Nature Center:

Saturday, December 17th

Meeting 0630 at Armand Bayou Nature Center's auditorium.

Contact Martha Hood to register lazuli007@yahoo.com

Brazos Bend: 27th Annual

Saturday, December 17th

Park entry fee is waived for participants.

Contact compiler Bill Godley at 281-341-6684 or email fribbish@msn.com for details

Turkey Creek:

Saturday, December 17th

Count includes the Turkey Creek and Hickory Creek Savannah Units of the Big Thicket National Preserve. Meet at the Big Thicket Visitor Center on US69 at FM420, 0630.

Contact Brian Lockwood at 409-951-6821 or John Whittle at 409-722-4193

Freeport:

Sunday, December 18th

Consistently one of the top ten in the country.

Contact the compiler, Mike Austin, by email mj_eh@comcast.net

Quintana Area of Freeport Count contact Adam Wood 713-515-1692 or email birdsondabrain@earthlink.net

For the Freeport Count we have had some great reports from Quintana this fall (Long-eared Owl, Green-tailed Towhee, MacGillivray's Warbler, and Phyruloxia) With the record drought and western birds searching for resources wherever they can find them who knows what else could show up!

Matagorda Co.-Mad Island Marsh:

Monday, December 19th

Features extensive native grasslands, brushlands, floodplain forests, beaches and coastal marshes. Scan for pelagics over the Gulf from land, shorebirders to ride on boats to survey expansive mudflats and marshes of the delta of the Colorado River.

Contact Brent Ortego for count assignments. More information of Brent Ortego's website.

Galveston:

Tuesday, December 20th

Is typically in or near the top twenty of US CBC's. Circle includes land and water areas.

Contact one of the compilers, Richard Mayfield or Lalise Mason.

Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR:

Wednesday, December 21st

Wonderful opportunity to bird the Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR.

Contact Sumita Prasad at sumita@alumni.utexas.net 832-453-4374

Bolivar Peninsula:

Wednesday, December 21st

Count circle includes High Island and Anahuac NWR. Newcomers welcome to join.

Contact Bill Graber at 409-866-5452 for his 50th year of leading this count !

Old River:

Thursday, December 29th

Count covers all points within 7.5 miles of Lake Charlotte. Less than an hour's drive east of Houston. Includes the Trinity River providing diverse habitat near water. Join the group at 6:30AM in the area between McDonald's and DJ's Country Store on the corner of I-10 & Hwy 61 Hankamer exit off I-10. Contact count compiler Harry Elliott, 832-444-0965

Cypress Creek (Katy Prairie):

Sunday, January 1st

Contact compiler Fred Collins at fcndc@juno.com

Nelson Farm area of the Cypress Creek Count leader is Adam Wood. "I have a lot of area to cover on the Cypress Creek Count. So I will need all the help I can get to cover the area adequately and maybe even get to some areas that I have been traditionally unable to cover.

Adam Wood 713-515-1692 birdsondabrain@earthlink.net

Buffalo Bayou Count:

Monday, January 2nd

Adam Wood is compiling the Buffalo Bayou Count again this year. " As usual we need all the counters we can get. This is our local count so I hope just about everybody will be willing to participate in this count either as a field observer or a feeder watcher. Further details about the count can be found by following this link: <http://www.houstonarboretum.org/cbc/txbfintro.htm>.

I am really in need of feeder watchers. To see if your house falls within the count circle please follow this link:

<http://www.houstonarboretum.org/cbc/txbfsimplemap.htm>. If you know of anybody else in your neighborhood that is bird friendly or has feeders please let them know about the count and how to submit data and try to get them involved."

Adam Wood birdsondabrain@earthlink.net 713-515-1692

Sea Rim State Park:

Tuesday, January 3rd

Count in Jefferson County includes Sea Rim SP, Texas Point NWR, and parts of J.D. Murphree WMA and McFaddin NWR as well as the Sabine Pass area. Please contact in advance, as most groups go directly to their assigned area.

Contact John Whittle, 409-722-4139

Ornithology Group Houston Outdoor Nature Club

Minutes of Meeting Monday, November 7, 2011

Bayland Community Center

Number of Attendees: 76

1. **Learning Corner:** *Sparrows of the Upper Texas Coast* was presented by Stephan Lorenz. He stated that one can ID a backlit sparrow by shape. He recommended Ken Kaufman's book, *Advanced Birding*, to ID sparrows by shape, habitat and behavior based on Genera.
 - *Spizella* (long, thin tail and a long, thin body) include Chipping, Clay-colored, and Field Sparrows.
 - **Chipping Sparrows** have a black area between the eye and the bill.
 - **Clay-colored Sparrows** have a long thin tail.
 - **Field Sparrows** have a surprised look on their face; obvious wing bars and a pink bill and a long sleek shape with a long tail.
 - *Melospiza* (larger head; tail long, rounded and whips when it flies) include Lincoln's, Song and Swamp Sparrows.
 - **Lincoln's Sparrows** are olive gray with a triangular head shape and a tail above the horizontal.
 - **Song Sparrows** have a rounded head and are really heavily streaked with an obvious submalar triangle.
 - **Swamp Sparrows** have a big rufous wing patch and a long tail.
 - *Zonotrichia* (large sparrows) include White-throated, White-crowned and Harris's Sparrows.
 - **White-throated Sparrows** have round head and always have a dark bill.
 - **White-crowned Sparrows** have a triangular head and always have a pink bill.
 - *Ammodramus* (big head, medium body, short tail) include Grasshopper, Le Conte's, Nelson's, Henslow's and Seaside Sparrows. The Skulkers!!!
 - **Grasshopper Sparrows** have an obvious yellow loreal spot and a strong eye-ring.
 - **Nelson's Sparrow** is a clean gray on the nape (no streaks); white braces on the back; not as secretive. Pishes up easily in flocks of up to 10 birds and has a golden face.
 - **Seaside Sparrow** has an obvious yellow spot on the face.
 - **Henslow's Sparrow** has a green face and can flush into an oak about 20 feet off the ground.
 - **Le Conte's Sparrow** has a yellow face.
 - *Passerculus*
Savannah Sparrows can be really variable;
light or dark; short tail; chunky body; yellow near the eye; really streaky; bounce along when flushed; sit up on a fence or brush and call "zeet" when they fly away.
 - *Pooecetes*
Vesper Sparrows have a white hook on the face; a white eye-ring; white outer tail feathers when it flies away. It will sit up on top of a tree.
2. **Sightings:** At El Franco Lee Park: Green-tailed Towhee; Ruff; Bald Eagle; Say's Phoebe; female Vermilion Flycatcher; and a Coyote. Bald Eagle at Baytown; Surf Scoter and Least Grebe at San Jacinto Monument; Least Grebe and Vermilion Flycatcher at Brazos Bend State Park; Cooper's Hawk ate a White-winged Dove near Skip's house.
3. **Minutes:** Posted on the internet.
4. **Library:** Have books. Check them out! Book sale will be at the next meeting instead of the Learning Corner. Bid on some of the books. Library Books are listed on the website.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** \$9,570.00 currently in the bank. Will have \$8,300.00 when the checks clear.
6. **Membership:** Time to pay dues for 2012. Due Jan 1st. \$18.00 (emailed Spoonbill) or \$22.00 (mailed Spoonbill). Make checks to Outdoor Nature Club.
7. **The Spoonbill:** Articles are due by November 10th.
8. **Announcements:** Marcy Brown talked about having a Mission Statement for the Ornithology Group.
9. **Past Field Trips:** October monthly trip had 80 species. Scarlet Tanager was the best bird of the trip. Other birds included Franklin's Gulls, Common Terns, Philadelphia Vireo. Three warblers: American Redstart, Orange-crowned Warbler, and Northern Parula.
10. **Future Field Trips:** East Harris County: Baytown Nature Center; San Jacinto Monument; El Franco Lee Park. November 19, 2011 at 6:30am at Baytown Nature Center. Will be looking for Nelson's Sparrow; Rails, Ducks, Sandpipers and other Sparrows.
Winter Quarterly Field Trip Jan 26-29, 2012 at Lake Tawakane. Will be looking Sparrows, Gulls and Snow Buntings.

11. Program: *Hawks of Texas* was presented by Gary Clark and some of the photos were by Kathy Adams Clark.

Gary Clark stated that the Hardy Toll Road is a migratory flyway for hawks. ID tips include the overall shape, structure, flight pattern, vocalizations and hunting location.

Vultures aren't hawks.

- Turkey Vultures have a red head and rock on "V" shaped wings.
- Black Vultures have a gray head and hold their wings straight out.
- Ospreys have an "M" shape to their wings in flight.
- Swallow-tailed Kites snatches insects off the tops of trees.
- Mississippi Kites have a buoyant flight like gulls. They have a long tail, squared at the tip.
- White-tailed Kites have narrow wings and hover over prairies.
- Northern Harriers fly over prairies and marshes. They rely heavily on hearing with their owl-like face. They have a white rump patch. Males are a silvery gray. Females are brown with brown streaks on a white underside down through the belly. Juveniles have streaking only on the breast.
- Sharp-shinned Hawk is the size of a Blue Jay (except for the females). The "shin" refers to thin oval-shaped legs. It has a small head relative to the body; wide at the chest and skinny at the hips; square tail at the corners; heavy ruddy barring or streaking on the underside. The head is crunched in when flying.
- Coopers Hawk is the size of a crow. It has a large head, often with a red hue on the side. It is robust and has a rounded tail at the corners; thin (less dense) ruddy barring or streaking on the underside; dark cap which gives it a hooded appearance. Flight is like a flying cross; head protrudes farther than the line of the wings.
- Common Black Hawk is found in the Big Bend country along rivers in the Big Bend National Park. It is found in the Rio Grande Village every summer.
- Harris's Hawk has chestnut color on the shoulders and thighs; white on rump; white tail band and hunts in family groups.
- Zone-tailed Hawk flies with wings in a "V" shaped dihedral. It has a white banded tail.
- Broad-winged Hawk is a small, crow-sized buteo. It is brown with white undersides and ruddy barring. In flight, wings are pinched in. It has banding on the tail and the trailing edge of the wings is dark. It streams over in kettles on the way to South America.
- Red-shouldered Hawk is medium sized, brown, white-speckled back, ruddy breast, rufous shoulders. In flight, it has translucent windows at the base of the primaries. It has white tail banding. It gives quick flaps and a glide then the tips of the wings bow downwards.
- Red-tailed Hawk is a large, soaring buteo. It has a red tone to the tail on top and is pinkish beneath. It has a brown belly band. The dark bar on the leading edge of the underwing closest to the body makes a quick ID in flight. It also has white patches on the back (scapulars).
- Swainsons Hawk is slim-looking, but it is the size of a Red-tailed Hawk. It rocks on a dihedral like a Turkey Vulture; soars over grasslands; has a ruddy hood on the head.
- Crested Caracara is the Mexican Eagle. It has long legs, big head; black crest; red face; white head, neck, wing and tail patches. It is a long-legged falcon.
- American Kestrel was known as the "sparrow hawk". It is a miniature falcon with twin mustache; a long 2-foot wingspan; hovers over prey. The female is brown. The male is more colorful with a rufous back and gray wings.
- Merlin has a single mustache on each side of the face and flies in a fast, straight line. It looks like a dark pigeon.
- Peregrine Falcon has a broad black mustache on each side of the face. It has a slate-colored back and a light -colored chest with a long narrow tail and narrow wings.
- Bald Eagle has a bright yellow beak. It is the largest soaring raptor in North America.
- Golden Eagle has a bone colored beak and is smaller than the Bald Eagle.

Gary Clark recommends *Adventures of a Texas Naturalist* by Roy Bedichek.

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<http://texasbirder.net/>

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Marie Asscherick, OG Secretary

About the Ornithology Group

The Ornithology Group (OG) is a division of the Outdoor Nature Club (ONC), a non-profit organization dedicated to greater knowledge about the environment and wildlife of the Upper Texas Coast. The OG is a club of individuals interested in all aspects of birding, including bird identification, listing bird sightings, competing in birding events, and preserving bird habitat. Some members study bird behavior, biology, distribution and migration, while others just enjoy watching birds. The organization is designed to accommodate these diverse birding interests. Monthly meetings and field trips provide an opportunity to interact with and learn from experts in local and international birding.

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WISHING EVERYONE

A SAFE &

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

START OFF THE OG NEW YEAR
IN FINE COMPANY
JANUARY 2ND

WINNIE BURKETT
SCHEDULED AS OUR EVENING SPEAKER

--COLONIAL NESTING BIRDS OF GALVESTON BAY AREA--

PLEASE REMEMBER
SEND IN
YOUR 2012 MEMBERSHIP
DUES:

ONC/OG DUES ARE PAID
YEARLY
ON A CALENDAR BASIS
JANUARY 1st



photo by Lee Pasquali
taken at Mitchell Lake

TO START OR RENEW A MEMBERSHIP:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

	<i>Individual</i>	<i>Family</i>
ONC Annual Dues:	\$ 8.00	\$ 15.00
OG Annual Dues:	\$ 14.00	\$ 19.00
Total:	\$ 22.00	\$ 34.00

Additional contributions are welcome in any amount.

Send to:

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PO Box 270894
Houston TX 77277-0894

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Members who do not wish to receive a printed copy of *The Spoonbill* can save \$4 off their dues:

	<i>Individual</i>	<i>Family</i>
ONC	\$ 8.00	\$ 15.00
OG	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 18.00	\$ 30.00

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