

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You may have noticed that issues of *Western Birds* have recently been appearing quite frequently. WFO hopes and expects that all issues of Volume 22 will appear during 1991, so that the journal will be caught up by the end of the year. Then from 1992 and Volume 23 onward, four issues will come out in the correct calendar year. This also means that the renewal notices for Volume 23 will be sent out in early 1992. Please renew promptly even though it will be less than a year since you last renewed.

At its meeting in Bend, Oregon, in June 1991 the WFO board decided that Volume 23 would be the last for which the life membership is \$250. Life membership will be raised to \$350 for Volume 24 in 1993. If you are thinking of becoming a life member, this is the time to "just do it." Also remember that you can pay in up to four equal installments. WFO has several new life members since the list published on page 142 of Vol. 21, No. 3. They are

Dr. William A. Carter	Oklahoma
Gilmer Ewing	California
Dr. Peter R. Gent	Colorado
Richard A. Hallowell	California
Clarann Levakis	California
Dr. Eugene I. Majerowicz	California
John T. McBride Jr.	Louisiana
Neil Multack	California
Dr. Evelyn B. Myers	California
Dr. Peder H. Svingen	Minnesota
Carl G. Thelander	California

In addition, the following members have paid their first installment:

Douglas W. Aguillard	California
Dr. David G. Seay	California

Contributors to *Western Birds* please note that editor Philip Unitt will be out of the country from approximately 10 November to 31 December 1991. During his absence, please send correspondence to associate editor Tim Manolis, 808 El Encino Way, Sacramento, CA 95864.

Finally, the date of the WFO Seventeenth Annual Meeting has been set. The meeting will be held on the weekend of 18–20 September 1992 at the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory, Alviso, California. It will be hosted by executive director Don Starks and other members of the observatory. They can be contacted at (408) 946-6548. I hope to see you all there.

Peter Gent