For thousands of years mankind has looked upon birds with amazement. We paint their pictures, we photograph them, we put their images on coins and we even make enormous etchings of them in the desert of Peru. In this talk I’ll show some of Audubon’s plates and some of my pictures corresponding to the birds in the plates. I’ll also show some of the Quarters from the U. S. Mint’s State Quarters Program and the America the Beautiful Quarters Program that feature images of birds on the back of the quarters.

I do not regard myself as a lister or a birder or a photographer. I just take pictures of things that interest me. Actually I am a biochemist and a molecular biologist. I have a B.S. in Chemistry from John Carroll University and a Ph.D in Biochemistry from Texas Tech University. I am the author of 25 publications and I have been lucky enough to have papers published in The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences and the journal Science.
**Upcoming Fieldtrips**

**LATE MIGRATION AT CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK**

8:00 a.m., Sunday, June 2
Station Road Bridge Trailhead: 9141 Riverview Road, Brecksville 44141
Leader: Fred Dinkelbach

**Description:** Expected species for June 2nd would be Yellow-throated Warbler, Cerulean Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, possible late migrant Canada and Blackpoll Warblers. We will head north to the Bald Eagle nest overlook at the marsh where Hooded Mergansers also nest.

**Directions:** From the south, north and west: Take I-77 to the Brecksville Rt. 82 exit, head East into Brecksville and continue 2.4 miles on Rt. 82 (A.K.A. Chippewa Road) to Riverview Road. Turn right and the entrance to the Station Road parking lot is a few hundred yards farther, turn left onto Valley Parkway which is the entry to the parking lot.

From the east: Take I-271 to the Macedonia Rt. 82 exit, head West 4.3 miles on Rt. 82 (A.K.A. Aurora Road) to Riverview Road. Turn left and the entrance to the Station Road parking lot is a few hundred yards farther, turn left onto Valley Parkway which is the entry to the parking lot.

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**SHOREBIRDS AT LORAIN IMPOUNDMENT**

Saturday, August 17, 2019, 7:30 am
Lorain Impoundment, Lakeside Avenue, Lorain, Ohio
Leaders: Paula Lozano & Anna Kozlenko

**Description:** There’s always something to see at the Lorain Impoundment. The focus will be on migrating shorebirds, including least, semipalmated, pectoral, stilt and spotted sandpipers, dowitchers and yellowlegs. Of course, there may be many more shorebirds, as well as gulls, terns, waterfowl, swallows, blackbirds, and neotropical migrants on their way south. Remember to bring your spotting scopes!

**Directions:** From I-90 East or I-90 West, take the Exit 151/ SR-611 and proceed north. Continue on SR-611/ Colorado Avenue for 6 miles. Where SR-611 turns left, continue straight on Colorado Avenue through the light at SR-6/Lake Road to where Clorado Avenue ends at Lakeside Avenue. Turn left on Lakeside Avenue and immediately right into the Spitzer/Lakeside area. Come down the hill and park near the south entrance to the path around the impoundment.
The KBC board met on April 17 for its quarterly board meeting. We discussed the procedure for electing officers for the 2019-2020 program year. We also discussed what we would do if nobody ran for president and vice president.

At the May 1 meeting, President Dale Gaul announced the candidates for officers. They included Tom Romito for president, Laura Peskin for Recording Secretary, Anna Kozlenko for newsletter editor and webmaster, and Mary Anne Romito for treasurer, and Andy Jones as board-member-at-large. Dale called for nominations for vice president, but there were none. Dale asked the candidates if they accepted their nominations for office. Tom said he accepted the nomination for president, provided that someone ran for vice president, but nobody did. For the past two years, Tom tried unsuccessfully to recruit anyone to serve as vice president when he became president.

Mary Anne noted that at their April 17 meeting, the officers decided that if there were no candidates for either president or vice president at the May meeting, we would hold a field trip on September 4 in lieu of a program meeting. Then on October 2 we would hold a membership meeting without a speaker to discuss the future of KBC.

The membership present at the May 1 meeting asked the board to write an article for the fall newsletter to explain this situation to all paid KBC members. This article provides that explanation.

The reality of the situation is that KBC cannot continue to exist without a president or vice president because the bylaws require them. Bylaws can only be changed with membership approval. In 2013, a committee of concerned members met and outlined five options for how to continue the club with or without officers. We will discuss those options at the October 2 meeting.

The current board members really hope that the membership will look at this meeting as an opportunity to help KBC become an active club whose goal is the study of ornithology and is willing to help new members become better birders. We call on all paid members who care about KBC to attend the October 2 meeting.

If nobody attends, the board will decide on its own how to dispose of the treasury, laptop, projector, and banners, the Cleveland Bird Calendar and how to close out our non-profit status. Kirtland Bird Club has a long history in Northeast Ohio. We hope that most members will want to see KBC continue. Please come and be prepared to be an active and positive thinking member. Please consider becoming part of the board, either as vice-president or board member-at-large.