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Editor's Apology

There will be no Torreyana this month. Sunny is taking a well-deserved vacation from her editorial chores. However, we must continue to communicate. To preserve the Torreyana's good name, I'm writing under a different masthead. It's one which we might have used if Dr. Parry had given his name to the trees. In that case, docents might have been called "Parry Piners".

To carry the "what if" game a bit further:

-What if Mr. Scripps had not brought his daughter, Ellen to this country? What if there had been no brother, E.W.?

-What if climatic conditions had not changed thousands of years ago and the entire coast were still forested with pine trees?

-What if this land had not broken loose from Mexico 29 million years ago and slowly drifted 450 miles to the northwest?

January Meeting

9AM, Saturday, Jan. 21. It's time to greet our winter visitors, the migratory water birds. We will meet at the lodge as usual for coffee and announcements. Then Mary Kelley will lead us for a bit of birding at the lagoon. Bring your binoculars and bird book.

Before the meeting, if you wish, you may join Mary at 8:15 at the Guy Fleming trail parking lot to see the early birds in that area.

There will be a door prize, awarded to one or more of those who know and can spell the secret word, Ornithologist.

Welcome

To our newest Associates, Charles and Judy Morrow.

Congratulations

To Julie Marine, who was recognized at our Christmas meeting as the Outstanding Docent of 1977. Hers is the first name to appear on the perpetual trophy.

To Shelley Rogers, who has been transferred to voting member.

Thanks

To Elsa and her many helpers who made the Christmas Breakfast meeting a memorable event. Thanks to all of you for coming and giving us a record turnout of 50 to 60 members and friends.

Advice is where you find it

A Botany professor gave his young colleague just one piece of advice: "When you go on field trips, always remember to walk well in front of your students, so that you can walk on any specimens you don't recognize" - Reader's Digest, Jan. 78

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This change will be presented for approval by voting members at the Feb. 18th meeting, prior to the elections. As announced above, a nominating committee has been formed to select candidates for President, Vice- President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Publications Chairman and Duty Coordinator. This assumes that the change will be approved. To avoid a confusing situation at the Feb. meeting, any members opposing the change are urged to contact a board member, prior to the board meeting of Feb.8th.

A Thought For the Day

Normal day, let me be aware of the treasure you are. Let me learn from you, love you, bless you, savor you before you depart. Let me not pass you by, in quest of some rare and perfect tomorrow. Let me hold you while I may, for it will not always be so. One day, I shall dig my nails in the earth, or bury my face in the pillow, or stretch myself taut or raise my hands to the sky, and want , more than all the world, your return.

- Mary J Irion

Docents are Interpreters

The Naturalist's task is to understand nature. The Interpreter's task is to create awareness, appreciation, enjoyment and understanding of the natural scene in human minds.

Accordingly, this month's art work presents, not the subject, but the object of the interpreter's efforts. We've thrown in a couple of Docents too, Can you spot them?

