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Birthday Bash For The Birds

May 15th "Groovy Gathering" 1970s Themed Fundraiser
To Help International Bird Rescue Celebrate 50 Years
of Saving Waterbirds

San Pedro, CA – This party is for the birds.

On Saturday, May 15, 2021, International Bird Rescue is inviting bird lovers to flock together to celebrate its 50th year of rescuing waterbirds. The "Groovy Gathering" is a funky, fun 1970s themed, choose-your-own adventure online party.

The public is invited to interact and explore during this event, to be inspired by speakers, play trivia games, hear stories of hope and tenacity, socialize at a virtual bar, view silent auction items close up, and much more!

The fundraising event runs from 5 pm - 8 pm.

The public can purchase tickets here (use **Pelican50** for 50% off):

<https://www.birdrescue.org/groovy>

Begin bidding on the online auction items: <https://www.birdrescue.org/auction>

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This is the first of two 50th celebration parties planned. An in-person musical event is tentatively scheduled, Covid-permitting, for October 17, 2021 at Freight & Salvage in Berkeley.

As a founding member of the Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN), The organization operates two full-time wildlife centers in California – including its Los Angeles wildlife center in San Pedro near Angel’s Gate Park. It also maintains a rapid response center – in the event of an oil spill in Alaska – in Anchorage. These centers offer expert care for injured, orphaned and oiled waterbirds.

Bird Rescue is widely recognized from the familiar duckling in the Dawn Dish Soap commercials.

Sponsors of the 50th event include: Dawn Dish Soap, Marathon Petroleum, the Estate of Jean Aubuchon Cinader, Valero, Chevron El Segundo Refinery, and Berger & Jones Insurance.

How It Began

Bird Rescue was hatched following a major oil spill in 1971 on San Francisco Bay. Thousands of birds were affected when two Standard Oil tankers collided in the fog on January 19, 1971. More than 800,000 gallons of crude polluted local waters and beaches. Bird Rescue founder Alice Berkner inspired a large group of passionate volunteers from all walks of life to help rescue the oiled birds that had washed up on shorelines – cold and hungry.

Video: <https://youtu.be/z3xeyLPZ-Wq> (One minute)

Over the last fifty years Bird Rescue has rescued over 125,000 wild birds, responded to over 225 oil spill events including saving wildlife at the 1989 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, helping manage the rehabilitation of 20,000 oiled penguins in South Africa, and rescuing oiled wildlife in the Gulf of Mexico during the 2010 Deepwater Horizon well blowout.

For more information about International Bird Rescue, please visit: www.BirdRescue.org

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