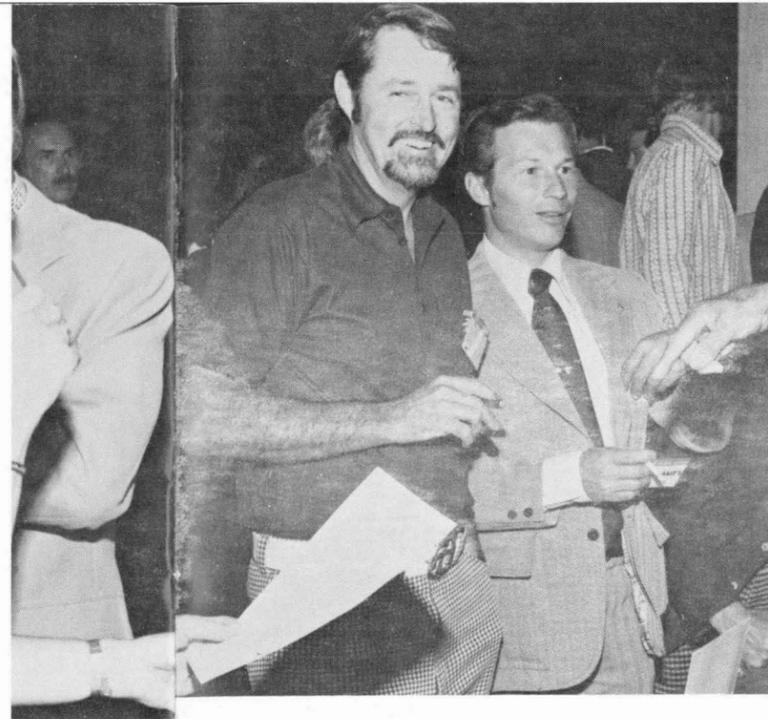




Registration area.  
R to L foreground,  
Roger Talley, Gary Aalfs and  
Herman Gehrlich  
half concealed by  
Joe DeAguiar.

Group assembles around K.C. Lint, Curator of Birds, San Diego Zoo, about to begin a very interesting foot tour to see the many beautiful aviaries and birds.



L to R, Pat Rex, Kai Juhl, Merle Trudo, foreground, John Whitmore.

## Convention A Resounding Success

Smiling faces, enthusiasm and excitement characterized A.F.A.'s first Annual Convention held in San Diego, Calif. August 1-3, 1975. Members and guests from across the nation, including some of the best known names in avicultural and scientific circles, attended.

Friday evening's social hour and board of directors' meeting kicked-off the week-end activities. Delegates from Illinois, Iowa, and throughout California participated in a lengthy planning session for the coming year's programs. The need to promote the Federation's goals and to expand the membership were emphasized.

Saturday began with a personally guided tour of the aviaries of the San Diego Zoo by Kenton C. Lint, Curator of Birds. Mr. Lint, internationally renowned

ornithologist and aviculturist, proved an excellent host. His efforts over twenty-eight years have produced the best collection of Psittacines birds in the world. The collection is unique in the variety of Lorys and Lorikeets, while the zoo boasts one of the best breeding records known.

After lunch, a series of informative lectures were offered. Dr. Luis Baptista, Director of the Moore Laboratory of Zoology, Occidental College, Los Angeles, led off with an illustrated discussion of his study of song dialects in the White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*) and its application to the aviculturist. During the course of his field work, Dr. Baptista learned to imitate the various calls of the White-crown, which he rendered for the audience.

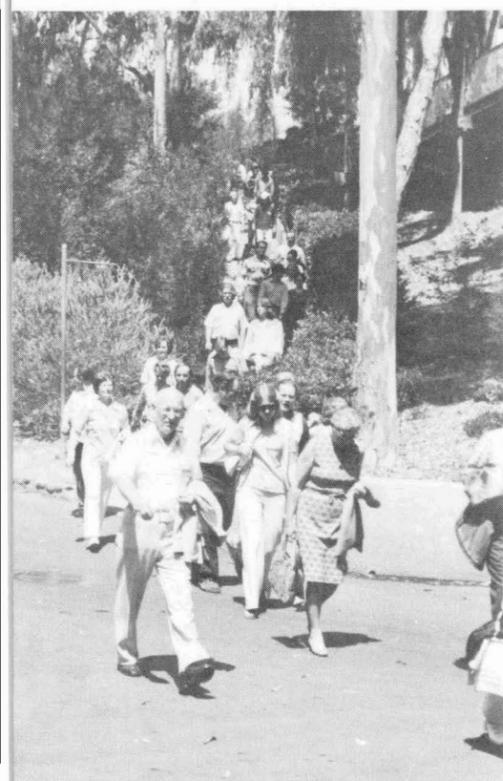
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Mr. & Mrs. Joe Osuna



R to L Raffle Chairman - Joe with Pat Rex, Bernie Fleming, John Rex, Frank Kozeluh, Mr. Morgan.



Zoo bird watching walk.



R to L - Jerry Jennings, K.C. Lint, Lee Horton look over the convention program.

Raffle Chairman,  
Joe DeAguiar  
congratulating  
calculator  
winner,  
Ray Brode.





Speakers table, R to L — Dr. Luis Baptista, Don Dinning, K.C. Lint, Lee Horton, Frank Todd, Jerry Jennings, Dr. Ray Kray, Dr. Larry Swan.



A.F.A. Officers R to L — Russ Sutton, Frank Kozeluh, Jerry Jennings, Cathy Cunningham, Lee Horton, Gary Aalfs.

Dr. Raymond Kray, Watchbird columnist, and nationally known veterinarian specializing in exotics, presented an interesting overview of common dietary and pathogenic problems plaguing breeders. His collection of slides accentuated the importance of good health to a successful breeding program. A lively question and answer period seemed to support the notion that breeders recognized some of the ailments depicted but had been unable to locate a veterinarian with Dr. Kray's background and experience. Dr. Kray currently practices in North Hollywood and was veterinarian in charge of a Psittacine Quarantine Station in Barranquilla, Columbia, before the Newcastle embargo.

Dr. Larry Swan, Professor of Biology and Systematic Ecology at California State University, San Francisco and a director of the San Francisco Zoo, wrapped up the trio of seminars with a lecture on territoriality in birds. Slides of his unique, tubular flight tunnels spread over two and one half acres of scrub oak surrounding his Redwood City home supported his observations and corroborated earlier field studies. Dr. Swan, born in Darjeeling, India, has traveled extensively throughout Asia and Africa on field expeditions. Recounting an expedition to the Himalayas, he described his amazement at hearing the honking of Bar-headed Geese flying overhead, at night, at an estimated altitude of 30,000 feet.

Saturday evening began with a cocktail hour followed by the Raffle drawing. The Installation Dinner was presided over by Lee Horton, First Vice President, with Mr. Frank Todd providing the installing honors. The 1974-75 officers were re-elected to serve another year and were praised for the leadership they provided during the first year of A.F.A.'s existence.

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R to L — Ray Brode, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Bucci look over a giant birthday card circulated for well-wishers signatures.



Another calculator winner, Mamie J. D'Alcorn with niece.



Dining room with bay view. Wives of officers and speakers in foreground.

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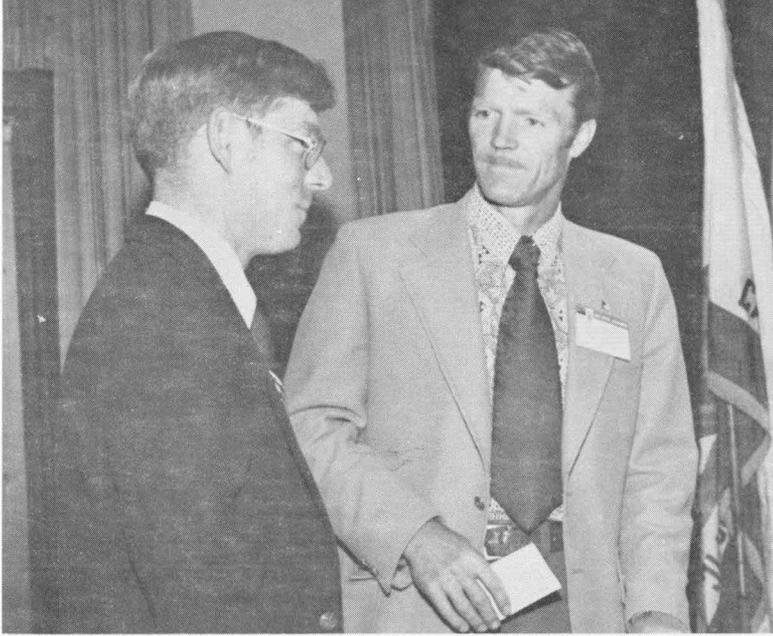
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Frank Todd  
with Kai Juhl



Guest Speaker, Frank Todd.

Mr. Frank Todd, Corporate Curator of Birds at Sea World and noted waterfowl authority, delivered the keynote address. Todd emphasized the great need for aviculturists of all interests to unite to counter destructive state and federal legislation. He predicted difficult times ahead for breeders and zoos, urging everyone to become actively concerned.

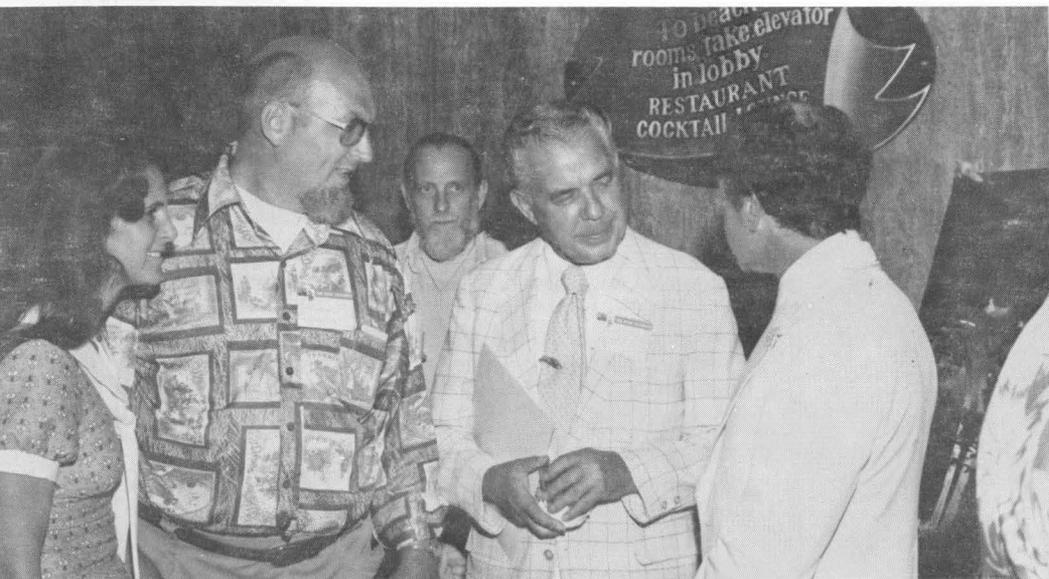
The evening concluded with dancing in the hotel lounge.

Sunday's main event saw convention attendees visit Sea World at Mission Bay for Frank Todd's personally guided tour of the world's second largest waterfowl collection. The tour included a behind the scenes view of Penguin and Parrot facilities not open to the public. Upon completion of the tour many elected to remain in the park to view the marine attractions while others arranged for visits to local, private aviaries.

Special thanks and recognition are due to 1975 Convention Committee members Lee Horton, Shirley Elswick, Marilyn Dixon, Frank Kozeluh and Don Dinning. Their untiring efforts over several months resulted in an outstanding success and an event that will be remembered for a long time ■



Foreground L to R - Bob McMorris, Zoologist, San Francisco Zoo, talks with game breeder Mickey Ollson from Arizona. Background - Roger Tally, Francis Billie, and Frank Todd.



R to L - Mary & Joe Lannon, Jack Wanstrath, K.C. Lint, Lee Horton.



Gary Aalfs, Mr. & Mrs. Winn