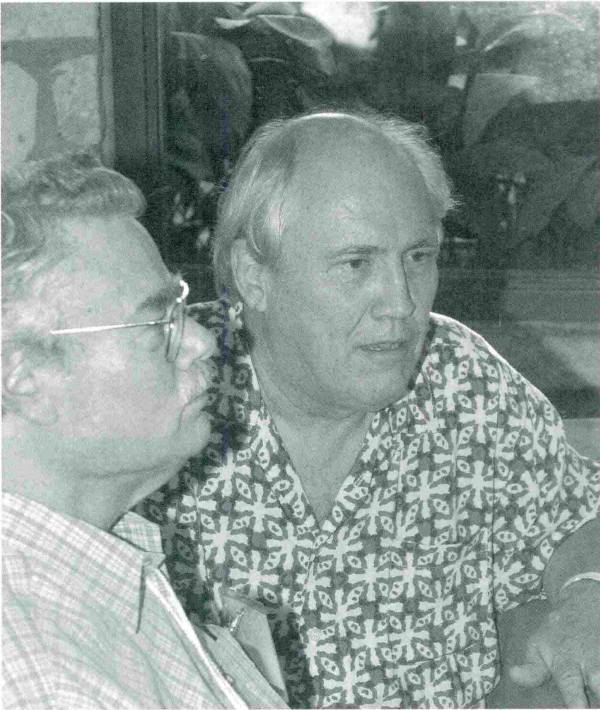




# AFA Convention, San Antonio, 2003

Photos by Jerry Johnson and Sheldon Dingle



Two of the speakers at the convention chat at the San Antonio Zoo. Dr. John O'Neill (left) is a very interesting fellow and has many stories to tell about his field work in Peru. Indeed, I believe he is credited with discovering more new species of birds than any other living person. And Jerry Jennings is the founding father of the AFA and has one of the largest collection of toucans, aracarís and toucanettes in the world. And he has about 7 first breeding awards.



Now here are two young worthies who are well known in the bird world. Sandee Molenda and Rick Jordan, both entertaining and lively speakers with abounding humor.



Here is a broader look at the San Antonio Zoo's dining room where John' O'Neill and Jerry Jennings are chatting (photo to the left). All who took the zoo excursion enjoyed a great feast as well as a good look at the zoo birds and animals.



At the Mazuri company's booth Dave Salmon (left) digs out some valuable bird feeding information for Dr. Janice Boyd while Kevin Huesman meditates on the whole affair. The Mazuri company is a Corporate Sponsor for the AFA and has been very supportive. Check the inside back cover for their ad depicting a full range of feeds for exotic animals including a lot for birds.

# Soar Like an Eagle

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Kelly Williams, surrounded by Brent Andrus (left) and Dr. Benny Gallaway, receives the "Eagle Award" on behalf of the 2nd place award for clubs over 50 members for the Greater Pittsburgh Cage Bird Society. She also accepted the 2nd place award for under 50 members - Delco Bird Club.

While Brent Andrus was the chairman of the Membership Committee (at the same time serving as Chairman of the Publications Committee and Western Regional Director), he instituted "Soar Like an Eagle," a contest between all the AFA affiliated bird organizations whereby the clubs gaining the most members for the AFA are recognized with an award and AFA Watchbird pictures of the club representatives receiving the awards. This resulted in a number of new AFA members and has been a great boost to the organization. many thanks are due to Brent for his diligent efforts and also to those affiliated club members who did the recruiting.



Left Fran Smith; right Joyce Myers - San Diego Bird Breeders, accepting the 1st place award for clubs under 50 members



Debbie Treanor - Arizona Bird Club accepting the award for 3rd place under 50 members category



Andy Bachleda accepting the award for 3rd place for clubs over 50 members for the Las Vegas Avicultural Society.



Fred Barrett is accepting the first place award for clubs over 50 members for the Arizona Seed Crackers Society.



The speakers at the AFA conventions attract great audiences. And everyone in the audience always come away knowing a lot more than he or she did upon arrival. In this picture, Laurella Desborough is presenting a thorough program on *Eclectus* parrots — a very popular species of parrot in american aviculture. Do you know (be truthful, now) how to identify all nine recognized subspecies of *Eclectus*? Not likely. But by the end of this excellent lecture/slide show, one had the basic information to make sure two different subspecies are not mated as a pair.



One of the final ceremonies at each AFA convention is the swearing in of the officers and board members. Beginning with the **front row** left to right: Fred Smith, Florida/Puerto Rico Regional Director (RD); Benny Gallaway, President; Wanda Elder, 1st Vice President; Natalie Frumin Weiss, Northwestern RD; Tony Candelaria, Southern California RD; Kelly Tucker, Western RD, and Donna Mallory-Field CFO. **Back row** left to right: in the big white hat is Dwight Greenberg, 2nd vice President, Mary Ellen LePage, Secretary, Barry Wold, Northern California RD, Brenda Piper, Northeastern RD; Nancy Speed, Southeastern RD; and Ed Kelly, South Central RD. Members not pictured: Margrethe Warden, Director, National & International Affiliated Organizations, and RDs Yvonne Catena and Jeff Faleo.