

# Looking Forward to the Past or... New Orleans Revisited

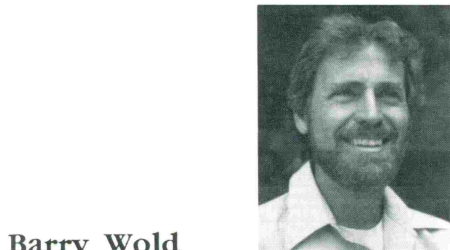
In February 1995 the AFA Board of Directors met at the wonderful Radisson Hotel in the heart of New Orleans, the same hotel where the AFA's annual convention will be held this year. Some business was conducted but, as Mardi Gras was in progress, a lot of monkey business took place also. There were all

sorts of fun things to do and sights to see. I can truthfully say that those who weren't incarcerated had a very good time. This was probably the most enjoyable AFA meeting that had taken place for years. The joy and celebration will surely be duplicated again this August at convention time.



Here you see Regional Vice President James McCabe (left) and Sheldon Dingle flanking a personal friend and *bon vivant* who for obvious reasons wishes to remain anonymous. His/her true nature (clearly seen here) is not manifest until at least four of the famous New Orleans "hand grenade" drinks are imbibed.

## Speaker Highlights

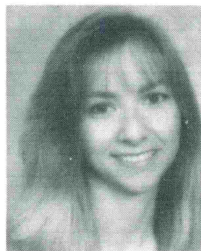


### Barry Wold

Barry Wold is one of the most experienced parrot breeders in California. At one time he and his wife, Sandy, had over 2000 birds in their collection. When they relocated in Northern California, they cut the collection down to about 100 breeding pairs and focused on macaws both large and small. Wold's knowledge of the mini-macaws is extensive and built upon years of experience.

### Fran Gonzales

Fran Gonzales and her husband have been breeding birds for over 13 years and currently have a collection that includes African Greys, Amazon parrots, Hawk-headed Parrots, cockatoos, macaws and caiques. They also have two retail outlets specializing in birds for pets and also for captive breeding. Their philosophy is to educate their customers in all aspects of bird keeping whether they have just one pet or are getting started in breeding.



## Convention Drawings



Cathy Ford

The AFA's new Drawing Coordinator, Cathy Ford, comes to us with an extensive background in coordinating fund raising drawings and raffles. She served six years as Drawing Coordinator for the Santa Barbara Bird club, of which she is a founding member. For two years she served in the same capacity for the Ventura County Bird Club where she was also active as club secretary.

In 1994 Ford represented these two clubs as an AFA delegate at the AFA's national convention. It was at this convention that Ford was drafted into service to handle the AFA's drawing when the person holding that position was unable to get to the convention. Her experience as Drawing Coordinator for the national conventions of the Avian Research Fund and the Association of Avian Veterinarians served her in good stead.

This year Ford has introduced a new concept in drawings. Each ticket will have six different prizes listed on it. Alongside each prize is a box. Choose the prize you most desire and put a check mark in the appropriate box. This way you will be in a smaller raffle for the prize of your choice rather than a huge raffle for random prizes some of which you might not even want. Be sure to check only one box. This is a very user-friendly drawing. You need not be present for this drawing so buy all the tickets you want even if you can't make it to the convention.

There will be an additional drawing for those attending the banquet at the convention. In this case you put your name on the back of each ticket. The tickets will be drawn out of a drum and the winner must be present to collect the prize. If the prize is a live bird, it will not be on site but will be shipped to the winner at an appropriate time. ➤

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