KBC Meeting – Wed, Dec 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM – Fairmount Cocktail Bar

30-35 people attending

Agenda shared:

1. Food, Drink, and Conversation
2. Announcements
3. Speaker Chuck Slusarczyk

1 – Food, Drink, and Conversation at The Fairmount Wine Bar – people reported enjoying the food and the setting - charge per person was $25 for hearty appetizers and soft drinks, but cost to club was probably $360: $200 for the room, which we’d intended, but $160 overrun from what we’d calculated due to tax & tips not being calculated by us

2 – Announcements

* Winter Newsletter was just emailed to members
* Skit & Announcement re new KBC Business cards – Patty Kellner with new member Sean McCleery demonstrated how to let people we meet know about KBC
* Acknowledgements:
  + Gathering Place, NCSL, & Loganberry Books for hosting KBC for speaker meetings
  + Renee Boronka & Western Reserve Land Conservancy
  + Community Partners: Sean Terry, at Trust for Public Land Ohio & Kim Woodford Smith, founder of JOY (Journey on Yonder), both recipient of a grant to from Cornell Lab of Ornithology to promote birding in Cleveland’s Black community, Kelly Coffman, Cleveland Metroparks Planner and project director for CHEERS
  + Susan Schnur, KBC member for all of her support through tabling at events
  + Board Members Christi Carlson (VP), Mary Anne Romito (treasurer), Anne Kozlenko (newsletter compiler), Paula Lozano (field trip coordinator & facebook poster), Ken Vinciquerra (calendar coordinator, data base keeper). Patty Kellner was publicly thanked by people who were present. Inadvertently Fred Dinkelbach (Corresponding secretary, video manager, and Cleveland Bird Calendar compiler) & Tobi Briskin (Recording Secretary) were not acknowledged at the meeting, but were thanked later by Patty Kellner. It was noted that all have served for at least 4 years and many for longer.
* Books donated to KBC by John Barber (delivered to The Fairmount but not found til after meeting, they will be saved for future meeting and distribution)
* Christmas Bird Count – Laura Gooch read the names and areas of all of the CBC leaders who will be participating in 12/16/23 Cleveland Christmas Bird Count. She invited those who would like to join a group to contact her through info@kirtlandbirdclub.org
* Field Trip Reports – Paula Lozano
* Upcoming KBC Programs
  + Wednesday, January 3 - Basics of Birding, with Patty Kellner on Zoom
  + Wednesday, February 7 – Habitat research on Henslow’s Sparrow, by an KBC OAPI grantee
  + Wednesday, March 7 – Ken Vinciquerra & Louise Acheson, Part 2 of their look at Birds in the Doan Book Watershed, focusing on Forest Hill Park and Lakeview Cemetery
* Upcoming KBC Field Trips
  + Thursday, December 21 – Dusk trip to look for Short-eared Owls – contact Patty Kellner or [info@kirtlandbirdclub.org](mailto:info@kirtlandbirdclub.org) for more info
  + Jan, Feb, and Mar field trips will be posted on the website soon
* Volunteer Opportunities: lots, big & small – KBC is an all-volunteer organization and we depend on people stepping up
* Upcoming Programs of note from other organizations
  + Christmas Bird Counts of ASGC, WCAS, Portage County
* Ornithology Course at Tri-C starting in January on Mondays and Wednesdays – Sean Williams, Tri-C Professor explained that the course will be in the classroom once a week and in the field once a week

3 – Speaker: Chuck Slusarczyk on the Joy of Gulls – Chuck presented a photograph- and story-filled presentation on the gulls found on Cleveland’s north coast – program was well-received.

Next meeting will be Wed 1/3/24 on Zoom, speaker will be Patty Kellner on Birding Basics

Business Meeting – was deferred until next meeting

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at about 9:00 PM