



**Friends of the Klamath County Library
Quarterly Membership Meeting Minutes
15 January 2025
At the Library and by Zoom**

Fran McDermott, Friends of the Klamath County Library vice president, opened the meeting at 2 pm with the introduction of Elizabeth Meisman, National Science Foundation Graduate Reserach Fellow.

Ms. Meisman presented a fact filled talk about her research and findings on habitat quality and breeding for Swainson's hawks in Butte Valley in far northern California. Her work is a continuation of a project in the Butte Valley that has been going on for several decades investigating what environmental factors affect breeding success for these hawks in Butte Valley. These hawks return year after year to nest and fledge youngsters in the same trees/bushes as where they themselves were born. The fledglings are banded before they make the arduous journey to Argentina each year. Often, many of the banded birds are again resident in Butte Valley the following years.

Ms. Meisman also extended her thanks to the residents of Butte Valley for their support, assistance and interest in her work. In addition to her research, Ms. Meisman spent time doing science outreach to children and residents of the area to interest them in how they might participate in protecting these birds.

The meeting was well attended; extra chairs were quickly placed to seat the overflow crowd. Many questions were asked by audience members at the conclusion of Ms. Meisman's informative presentation.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Deutschman, Secretary
Friends of the Klamath County Library