

**Title:** " Birding For a Cause: My Big Year"

**Presenter:** Dr. Joseph Blanda

**Bio/abstract:** Joe Blanda has been a full time orthopedic surgeon in Akron since 1985. His interest in birding began when a Painted Bunting landed nearby during a trip to Florida in the mid 80's. His Big Year was done in 2016 and resulted in raising \$14K for cancer research. He was able to see 650 birds, mostly during 4 day weekends, with exciting trips to all 50 states. He currently enjoys birding the CVNP near his home or Firestone Park near his office.