



President’s Message – Nancy Hochman

Let’s take an informational pause from the coronavirus and Zoo news. I think we are all aware of the serious situation that surrounds us. We can access more information than we can possibly assimilate by listening to all available 24-hour news cycles and the Zoo has been wonderful about keeping us up to date with developments at the Zoo.

Instead, I’d like to remind all of us about an important anniversary date coming up. I have for you a brief history lesson, summarized from Earth Day Network, 2009.

April 22nd marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Each Earth Day marks a very special anniversary, the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. On April 22, 1970, twenty million Americans took to the streets, parks and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment. Thousands of colleges and universities organized protests against the deterioration of the environment. Groups that had been fighting against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, the loss of wilderness, and the extinction of wildlife suddenly realized they shared common values. Earth Day 1970 achieved a rare political alignment, enlisting support from Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, city dwellers and farmers, tycoons and labor leaders. The first Earth Day led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts.

Earth Day founder Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, proposed the first nationwide environmental protest to shake up the political establishment and force this issue onto the national agenda. “It was a gamble,” he recalls, “but it worked.”

Senator Nelson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1995 by President Bill Clinton for his role as Earth Day founder. This is the highest honor given to civilians in the United States.

Earth Day went global in 1990, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries and lifting the status of environmental issues onto the world stage. Earth Day 1990 gave a huge boost to recycling efforts worldwide and helped pave the way for the 1992 United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

As the millennium approached, Denis Hayes, the national coordinator of Earth Day 1970, agreed to spearhead another campaign, this time focused on global warming and a push for clean energy. Earth Day 2000 combined the big-picture feistiness of the first Earth Day with the international grassroots activism of Earth Day 1990. For 2000, Earth Day had the Internet to help link activists around the world. By the time April 22nd rolled around, 5,000 environmental groups around the world were on board, reaching out to hundreds of millions of people in a record 184 countries. Events varied: a talking drum chain traveled from village

DATES TO KNOW

Meetings start at 9:30 a.m.

The April Board Meeting, TE Meeting, IE Meeting and Education Committee Meeting have been **CANCELLED** due to the Zoo closure until at least April 17.

Stay tuned to your e-mails for further information about the Zoo re-opening and other meetings, tours and safaris being rescheduled or cancelled.

May 6 Board Meeting....Safari Lodge

May 9 **MANDATORY IE MEETING FOR ELECTIONS**..... Safari Lodge

May 13 **MANDATORY TE MEETING FOR ELECTIONS**..... Safari Lodge

May 27... Education Mtg....Safari Lodge

June 3 Board Meeting....Safari Lodge

June 13... **MANDATORY JOINT IE/IE MTG**
9:30-1:30 Lodge at Moose Lake

CECs and TRAINING

Please see the CEC Article on page 5

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Hang In There

President's Message - continued

to village in Gabon, Africa, for example, while hundreds of thousands of people gathered on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Earth Day 2000 sent the message loud and clear that citizens the world 'round wanted quick and decisive action on clean energy.

The fight for a clean environment continues. Become a part of this history and a part of Earth Day 2020. The theme for this year is climate change. Plan ahead for Colorado Springs Earth Day activities. There are no planned activities at our Zoo, so google the web "Colorado Springs Earth Day 2020" to find a list of activities. There will be something for everyone.

Celebrate the day (remembering proper social distancing).

Nancy

Monthly Programs Information

April monthly programs are cancelled due to the Zoo closure until at least April 17th for COVID-19 distancing.



The Program chairs will see if it's possible to reschedule the topics to fall (TE) or summer/fall (IE). Please stay tuned to your e-mail for information on the May meetings, which are mandatory for elections.

Financial Report

At the end of February, the Operational Account showed purchases made for DRC/Equipment, the Social Committee, Education Committee and Zoo Line. Expenditures for the year are at \$5,855.56, leaving a balance \$644.44.

The balance in the Restricted Account at the end of February was \$27,166.80. This includes the addition of contributions from the King Soopers Community Program of \$1,385.16 and \$451.50 from the Scavenge for Vultures event at the February Joint Meeting.

TB Tests Required for All Docents in 2020

TB testing at the Zoo concluded on March 16th, the day before the initial State of Colorado restrictions.

All docents are required to show proof of TB testing this year. If you missed the testing at the Zoo, you must receive one of the following tests as soon as possible, and give or send proof of the test to Joan Adkins.

- **TB Skin Test** – at physician's office or El Paso County Health Department
- **Chest X-Ray** (good for 5 years) – requires physician's order
- **Quantiferon Gold Blood Test** (good for 1 year) – for individuals with auto-immune related issues. Requires a physician's order. Can be done at the El Paso County Health Department or Lab Corp.



CMZA 2020-2021 Executive Board SLATE OF OFFICERS

President-Elect ... Barbara Kalbli
1st Vice-President-Elect Susan Gross
2nd Vice-President-Elect Marie Poyzer
Corresponding Secretary..... Kathy Kidd
Recording Secretary Mindy Mahler
Treasurer Andrew Witherow
IE Chair..... Ann Marie Jackson
These positions above will be voted on along with the 2020-2021 Nominating Committee on May 9th (IE) and May 13th (TE) mandatory meetings.

ZOOM and Zoopeteers may now choose their chairs.

The following Executive Board positions are filled through the progression from the 2019-2020 "Elect" positions, or from President to Past President and are not voted on by the membership:

President..... Sue Sallee
1st Vice-President..... Art Schwall
2nd Vice-President Judy Sondermann
Past President..... Nancy Hochman

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR THE 2020-2021 NOMINATING COMMITTEE BALLOT

New Biofact Usage Protocols Until Further Notice

After discussions with Nancy, who has talked to Sue and Stacey, it was decided to take extra precautions to protect you, our guests and our collection of biofacts as a result of the COVID-19 virus. You can help by taking these additional steps related to biofacts **until further notice**:

- **Wash your hands** (preferred) and/or use hand sanitizer, before working with carts or handling biofacts.
- **Do not use any of the pelts** in any of the carts as there is no way for them to be sanitized.
- **Do not allow guests to touch** any of the biofacts. Have them "look with their eyes and not their hands" for the non-pelt related biofacts.

Practice your best judgement on biofact use and social distancing! If you have any questions, please contact me at: CartmasterCMZA@gmail.com

Marianne Brooks

CMZA Zoo Line Information

Please send all submissions – information, articles, pictures. etc. – to cmza.zoline@yahoo.com. The deadline for the May issue is **Monday, April 20**.

Thank you - Linnea McDonald & Joelle Shreves, Editors

2021 Nominating Committee Candidates

Circle ONE from each Group:

<u>Group 1: IE's</u> Sheila Aldrich 94 Patricia Tolleson 96 Paul Tolleson 96 Yvonne Weeres 96 Diana Gantz 97 Mary McCann 03 Kay Bard Gray 04 Marcia Morris 11 Caz Oswald 12 Doris Banks 14 Linda Gray 14	<u>Group 2: IE's</u> John Nickle 15 Sharon Nickle 15 Sharon Ledlow 17 Carol Maynard 17 Gisele Miyamoto 17 Gary Fry 18 Micha Rhude 18 Leslie Boyce 19 Ginny Finn 19 Meg Fossinger 19 JoAnne Warren 19	<u>*Group 3</u> Sally Goldstein 69 Ellie Solomon 69 Greta Johnson 82 Glenn Carson 85 Lovena Porter 86 Kaiti Poehlmann 87 Dona McBride 90 Helen Holmgren 90 Cindi Carroll 91 Sheree Lira 96
<u>*Group 4</u> Judy Rhoads 96 Larry Williams 96 Don Haller 99 Patsy McAteer 01 Eileen Derry 03 Wendy Seglem 03 Gina Bryant 04 Mack Silvertooth 04 Louise Garrison 05 Nona Hentschel 05 Susie Potterat 05	<u>*Group 5</u> Art Schwall 05 Lovice Riffe 07 Lynne Stefoni 07 Jeanie Baratono 08 Michel Lira 08 Jody Schmitz 08 Marsha Fogarty 09 Pat Coleman 10 Kathy Kidd 10 Carol Royce 10 Sue Sallee 10	<u>*Group 6</u> Jennifer Farnsworth 12 Judy Schlei 12 Paula Charles 13 Joan Adkins 14 Ann Marie Jackson 14 Dawn Brizendine 15 Gayle Flora 15 Julie Hall 15 John Kleiner 15 Deana Martin-Muth 15 Suzanne Twohig 15
<u>*Group 7</u> Merrill Boruchin-Spielman 16 Deborah Compton 16 Judy DeGroot 16 Pat Dwyer 16 Lisa Forbes 16 Kim Katalin 16 Gloria Wiersema 16 Rick Jenkins 17 Cate Kelly 17 Susan McCreedy 17 Cris Stoddard 17	<u>*Group 8</u> Matt Brickell 18 Janet Carlisle 18 Tami Dickens 18 Jane Emerson-Brown 18 Melanie Frost 18 Rose Hernandez 18 Gayle Irani 18 Mac McPherson 18 Judy Sondermann 18 Torrie Smith 18 Pat Urban 18 Anne Wardrop 18	<u>*Group 9</u> Marianne Brooks 19 Kim Bunch-Decou 19 Susan Corcoran 19 Sherry Cripps 19 RaNae Duran 19 Sandy Greenspoon 19 Janie Levis 19 Kathy O'Donnell 19 Nancy Rogers 19 Joelle Shreves 19

*These groups contain a combination of IE's, IE/TE's, and TE/IE's.

Members of the 2020 Nominating Committee are not included on this ballot, as a Docent cannot serve two years in a row on the Nominating Committee. The 2020-2021 President-Elect (Barbara Kalbli), 2020-2021 1st VP Elect (Susan Gross) and 2020-2021 2nd VP Elect (Marie Poyzer) are also excluded from this ballot.

Nancy Hochman, as the 2019-2020 Past President, will chair this Nominating Committee (without a vote.)

Tours – You Don't Know What You Don't Know

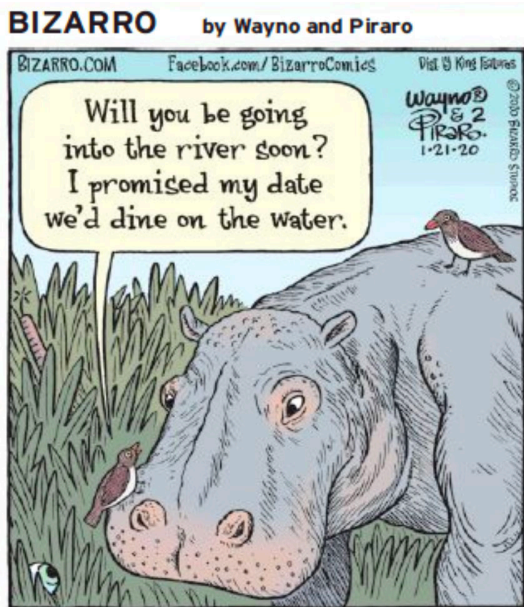
That statement is so true in today's crazy COVID-19 world. At this point, we don't know definitively when the Zoo will re-open. Likewise, school systems don't know when / if they will re-open for the remainder of the school year.

I will share with you what I do know...as of now. We had 16 Tours & Safaris on the books for April and 14 Tours & Safaris scheduled for May. However, with state ordered "stay at home" in effect until at least April 11th I would assume that mass gatherings won't be happening for quite some time.

When this whole thing broke, phone calls for setting up tours STOPPED. The Cheyenne Mountain Junior High group cancelled their March Ecology tours. There has been one cancellation in April, but the teacher would like to (possibly) reschedule sometime in May.

I promise to get information to all, as soon as I hear anything. Please stay home & be safe.

Barbara Kalbli, 2nd VP



CMZA 50th • Docent Memories

Sheree Lira

I was in aquatics for Parents' Day for people who had adopted an animal. A man was sitting on the bench. I started talking to him and asked him how did he like to be a hippo parent. His family had adopted the hippo for him. I said that was nice of them. He said, he thought it was because he was fat like the hippo. I didn't want him to be unhappy. I started telling him about hippos being territorial and killing more people than lions do each year. He that that was great and now he could live with being a hippo parent

Helen Holmgren

I know this happened to most if not all docents, but I have a vivid memory of a little girl on an Amazing Mammal tour. Probably a 3rd grader, she was so excited and interested. At the end of the tour, holding my hand as she had done for most of it, she looked into my face and said, "I want to grow up to be a docent just like you!". All the thanks I needed.

Nona Hentschel

Working Cinco de Rhino several years ago, I was in charge of a station to demonstrate that rhinos pee backward and to show the distance that their pee can travel. Guests were to take a plastic water bottle, put it between their knees and then squeeze as hard as they could to see if they could "pee" like a rhino. Every guy from three to eighty-three got into the competition. Laughing hysterically and totally determined to win, they all had a blast and I doubt they will ever forget how far a rhino can pee backward.

How the Two Different Auxiliary Budgets Work

Since I have been in the Treasurer role for several months, I thought it would be a good time to write a quick article describing some of the basic inner workings of the two different budgets that we use.

Some of you are familiar with the reports I prepare each month prior to the Board meeting. These are the monthly reports on the Operating budget and the Restricted budget. Prior to finalizing those reports, I send them to the Finance/Accounting team at the Zoo to make sure that we are on the same page and the numbers match up. If there is a discrepancy, we work together to resolve it, and fix the report.

As many of you know, CMZA's fiscal year goes from May 1st to April 30th every year, the same as the fiscal year of the Zoo itself. On May 1st every year the Auxiliary receives \$6,500 from the Zoo directly. These funds are used to finance day-to-day operations of the Auxiliary. There are currently 28 different accounts on the Operating budget, that fall under Administrative, Docent Education, or Animal/Public Education. Commonly used accounts are DRC/Office Equipment, Social, Biofacts and Carts among many others. In general, money only leaves the Operating budget, rarely do we add money to it. The goal every year is to spend down all of the assets in this account.

The Restricted budget contains 23 different accounts, and we often see money come in and go out of the Restricted budget. The money in this account is received in various ways: some is donated as memorials



for docents or their spouses who are no longer with us; some is raised through different events such as Scavenge for Vultures; and quite a bit is brought in from docents



utilizing our community sharing programs with King Soopers and Safeway, among others. We use money in this account for many things: grants to employees of the Zoo who need help getting funding to

attend various conferences or trainings; different conservation causes that docents are passionate about such as the Bushfire Emergency Wildlife Fund; and any other expenditure that does not fall under day-to-day operations. The Restricted account continues into perpetuity and, unlike the Operating budget, we don't spend all the money in this account on an annual basis.

If you ever spend your own money to purchase items for the Zoo, please fill out a reimbursement form, attach the original receipt to the form and either give it to me personally, or place in the docent tray in the Administration Building. You are also welcome to scan and email any receipts with a reimbursement form to andrew.witherow7@gmail.com. Remember, due to the nonprofit tax status of the Zoo and the Auxiliary, we do not reimburse for taxes. When filling out a reimbursement form, please exclude any tax you paid from the amount being requested for reimbursement.

If you plan ahead, you can get a copy of our tax-exempt certificate from the Treasurer and present it to the store where you are purchasing a needed item. In most cases, this should allow you to make the purchase without paying taxes.

Andrew Witherow, Treasurer



April 2020 CEC Report

NOTE: This article was written prior to the State of Colorado Stay-at-Home order. Dates listed in the article are subject to change. **Please keep an eye on your e-mail for updated information on CECs.**



There has been great support for the CEC program so far this year. As a group we have completed well over 330 CECs. There are only 13 docents who lack one and 2 docents who need to complete two for the year. Many of these docents have had some challenging situations come up and of course that will be factored in when it comes time to move ahead into the new year in June, especially given the classroom cancellations we've had to make.

There have been over 20 Spring Flings completed. It's a simple review on the animals that will be in the new Water's Edge: Africa exhibit. It's straight from our Docent Manual and can be done in an hour or so. But, hopefully it will engage you and you'll spend some time reading other areas in the Manual that interest you. I'm happy that so many docents have looked into the new animal, guinea pigs, that will be in the exhibit. I've received some great talking points about them. Take some time to complete this simple review. It was included with last month's Zoo Line. If you need a copy, just drop me an email and I'll send it along with instructions on how to access our electronic Manual which is on the Docent Web Page.

The March classroom CEC, Administrative Tools that was cancelled last month, will be given in May if we are able to have meetings by that time and can schedule a classroom space. The classroom CEC for April is on the animals that will be in Water's Edge: Africa. It will be held on Wednesday 15 April and Saturday 18 April in Safari Lodge at 9:30 am. Last weekend, our team of presenters did a walk through the new area with the three keepers. It was awesome, I wish each of you could have seen this state-of-the-art exhibit in its "almost" finished state. The presenters are putting together information about the animals, where they will live and stories that we've gathered. There will be plenty of time during the CEC for everyone to make comments and share anecdotes.

Now, to close, I'd just like to encourage you to do a bit of study and research. Each of us has an area of special interest whether it's lizards, lions or lemurs. For some reason, I imagine you have plenty of time right now to dig out some fun facts, watch a conservation video or just review those areas that keep you active in our docent program at our beautiful and fun Zoo on the mountain.

Charlotte Greene, CEC Chair

Meet the Docent Trainees

For the past two months, brief biographies of the 12 trainees have been included in the Zoo Line so you can start to get to know them. This is the last in the series.

Laurie Lindsley

I moved from Memphis to the Springs about 12 years ago with my husband, Dan, and we love it here. We have three grown sons who live across the country. Professionally, I was an executive assistant and office manager. Currently, I am a substitute teacher and volunteer at Children's Hospital Colorado. Besides my love for animals, I enjoy photography, cooking, and especially being out in nature.

Connie Munson

Colorado is my home as I was born and raised here. There is so much I appreciate about the state as it supports my hobbies of running, hiking, skiing, biking, kayaking, and volunteering – of course all of this when not working. Family is very important to me and I spend as much time as possible with them. I have two children, with one living in Germany and the other in Oregon. Both nice places to visit with so much to see. For me, the world offers so much from the people and their customs to the beauty in other countries. I take those learnings to one of the classes I teach at UCCS, as many students will be working for or with a global company. The Zoo offers yet another opportunity to learn and understand the world and the impact people have. It is important to enjoy and save what we have.

Vickie Pokaluk

I am a skilled executive with over 20 years of retail experience. I traveled the garment trade centers of New York, Los Angeles, Dallas, Tokyo, and Hong Kong, managing people, products, and organizations, while working for Macy's, May Company, The Broadway Stores, and Joslins Department Stores. As the owner of VP Management Group, a leadership consulting firm, I have worked with clients in the areas of strategic customer relationship development and implementation, employee training and development, employee performance enhancements, executive search, coaching, and outplacement. I recently retired from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory where I spent 10 years working as a trainer and OD specialist in developing a comprehensive training program for managers that covered all aspects of leadership. For five years, I was a member of the board of directors for the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce. I served as an advisory council member of the Women's Business Council of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce. I now am enjoying retirement. Gardening and traveling to visit friends and family are some of my many joys of retirement.

Vicki Sherer

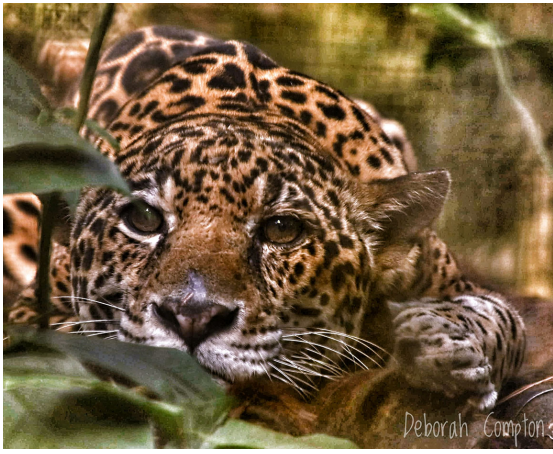
I grew up in a military family along with seven siblings and moved around a lot as a child. I joined the Army National Guard and served in both part- and full-time positions for 24 years. My military positions included administrative positions, field medic, licensed vocational nurse, training non-commissioned officer, military instructor and first sergeant. I retired from the Army National Guard in 2001 but was working full-time at the California National Guard Headquarters in Sacramento as a state employee at that time. Once again, I held various positions (legal and administrative) until I retired. I have two daughters. My oldest daughter served in the Army and is now working as a nursing assistant at Fort Carson. My younger daughter lives in California and is working as a firefighter/paramedic. I retired in December 2018 and moved to Colorado in June 2019 to help my older daughter with my 10-year old grandson, Noah. However, I became bored with my free time and quickly found information about the docent program at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. I had visited the zoo a few times and quickly fell in love with it. I always have loved animals and teaching and thought the docent program might be a good fit for me.

Information and Articles of Interest

- Zoos Victoria is livestreaming several of its Animal Cams, including the penguins, zebras, lions and **ADORABLE SNOW LEOPARD CUBS!** Find their webcams at: <https://www.zoo.org.au/animal-house> Since Melbourne time is 17 hours ahead, their animals are more active from 3 p.m.-midnight MDT.
- If you have a subscription to National Geographic, check out this article about fake animal stories going viral on social media. Your magazine subscription gives you access to their online repository of great information and articles. <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/2020/03/why-do-people-want-so-badly-to-believe-this-fake-story-is-true/>
- In case you missed Dr. Liza's presentation at the February Joint meeting, or have misplaced the message the Zoo sent out late in 2019, here is a link to the video about her latest trip to Uganda to help relocate Nubian giraffe: <http://bit.ly/Twiga4>

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- *Hang In There sloth* by Linnea McDonald
- *Hippo cartoon* from Jan. 21, 2020 C/S *Gazette*
- *Elephant in Snow picture* by Linnea McDonald
- *Belize pictures and Sally Goldstein pictures* courtesy of Deborah Compton
- *Updated I-25 billboard* from Marie Poyzer



Belize Trip pictures

Clockwise from Top Right

- **Black Howler Monkey, Community Baboon Sanctuary**
- **Mayan Temple at Xuanantunich Maya Ruins**
- **Owl Butterflies at Chaa Creek Natural History Centre**
- **Bird Banding at Tropical Education Centre**
- **Rescued conflict jaguar from behind-the-scenes tour at the Belize Zoo**



Left
Herb and Sally Goldstein with 50 Year Recognition gifts

Right
Herb and Sally Goldstein with Ellie Solomon. Sally and Ellie are the two remaining active docents from the Inaugural Docent Class of 1969

Pictures taken at Docent Holiday party, December 2019

