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## President's Message

*By: Jeanie Baratono, President*

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### REFLECTIONS OF AZAD

For those of you that don't know, AZADV stands for the Association of Zoos and Aquarium Docents and Volunteers. Nearly every year they have a conference for all docents and volunteers from around the country and some from around the world. We all come together at a host facility and share information, ideas, and fun. This year the host was the Greensboro Science Center in Greensboro, NC.

We began with pre-trips to the Duke Lemur Center and the Museum of Life and Science in Durham, NC. The Duke Lemur Center is the largest center outside of Madagascar. This impressive facility focuses completely on Scientific Research, Education, and Conservation both at the facility and on the island of Madagascar. They currently are studying 17 species of lemurs but I was surprised to learn that there are over 200 species! They have 240 animals and we had guided small group tours through the facility. We were excited to see a family of Red Wolves at the Museum of Life and Science. The 4 puppies were born in April and the whole family will be moving to the Wolf Conservation Center in New York where they will have a 1-acre habitat. We also saw many other animals from bears to a butterfly garden to a gray and white skunk!

We spent a day at the North Carolina Zoo and were hoping for a glimpse of Dembe, our 5-year old gorilla who moved there recently. Alas, he was still behind the scenes but it was good to see the enclosure he will be in and his adopted family.

This is a huge zoo with an African Savannah that houses many species of animals that live with no fences! They also have one of the top polar bear exhibits in the country. I was enamored with the desert dome and the assortment of lizards, no surprise there.

The icebreaker was held at the Greensboro Science Center and we ate delicious food while observing penguins, a giant octopus, and my favorite - fishing cats! There were many other species of fish sea creatures, and even some monkeys in the Amazon exhibit.

Our opening speaker, Dr. Lydia E. O. Light is a primate behavioral ecologist and biological anthropologist whose research focuses on behavioral flexibility and variation in nonhuman primates. I loved learning more about the behavioral ecology of White-handed Gibbons.

The official "Zoo Day" arrived and we all donned our official uniforms and explored the outside of the Greensboro facility as well as the education center and outreach animals. There were opportunities for behind the scenes and the keepers and volunteers were welcoming and informative. I loved the Screaming Hairy Armadillo as well as the Giant Anteater and the Gibbons we had learned about the day before.

Saturday was for education on new topics. We had opportunities to learn about different topics shared by docents from other zoos. My favorite was on Tapirs. The Speaker's luncheon focused on raising a Javan gibbon in human care. We finished off the conference with the traditional banquet listening to Gregg Tully, the Executive

Director of Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA), the largest association of wildlife centers in Africa.

I hope this will peak your interest in joining AZADV and coming to a conference. The next one will be in Phoenix April 10-15, 2018. Details are on the AZADV website and I have some fliers. I am particularly excited about going to Reid Park Zoo in Tucson (Abuto came from there).

*Jeanie Baratono*

## 2017– 2018 CMZ Auxiliary Calendar

Meeting Times are 9:30 AM  
Training Times are 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM approximately  
Education Committee Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday every month at 930 in Safari Lodge  
**Bolded items – date, time or location has been changed**

### Dec 2017

No meetings

2	CPR Training	Safari Lodge
9	Holiday Party 2-5PM	Marie Poyzer

### Jan 2018

3	Board Meeting	Safari Lodge
6	Orientation - <b>trainees only</b>	Safari Lodge
10	TE Meeting	Safari Lodge
13	IE Meeting	Library
13	Training	Safari Lodge
<b>13</b>	<b>CEC – Water - after IE</b>	<b>LAML</b>
17	CEC –Water	Safari Lodge
20	Training	Safari Lodge
27	Training	Safari Lodge

## SOCIAL EVENTS HOLIDAY PARTY

### HO HO HO!!!

You are cordially invited to join fellow docents & significant others, as we usher in the Holiday season. The date of our CMZ docent Holiday **Open House** is December 9th between the hours of 2 -5 p.m. Marie & John Poyzer have graciously offered to host our annual event. Directions to their home follow. Please note that there is limited parking in the drive and that should be utilized by those who may require closer proximity to the house.

All are asked to bring your favorite adult beverage - water & coffee will be supplied by the Auxiliary. In the spirit of Christmas, if you choose to do so, consider bringing an appetizer or dessert to share. We would, also, request that you RSVP to either Terry Pratt or Barbara Kalbli, so that we might have a general idea of how many folks to expect. Naughty or nice...hope to see ALL there!

### DIRECTIONS TO 541 VISTA GRANDE DR. FROM SOUTHBOUND I-25...

Take exit 141 (Hwy 24 and Cimarron)  
L at the light – Cimarron St (Hwy 24)  
Follow Cimarron west bound for 1.5 miles to 21<sup>st</sup> St. then L on 21<sup>st</sup> St.

### FROM 21<sup>st</sup> ST. AND CIMMARON (HWY 24)

Turn South (toward zoo)  
R at 4<sup>th</sup> light (Argus) about 1.5 miles  
Pass entrance to Bear Creek Park  
Come to T intersection (Orion)  
R on Orion-go up a hill and over 2 large speed bumps  
Vista Grande is the 4<sup>th</sup> left after the 2<sup>nd</sup> speed bump-about 1 mile from Argus and 21<sup>st</sup>  
L on Vista Grande  
541 is the 6<sup>th</sup> mailbox on the left, it is a flag lot with a 300 ft. driveway, but an easy walk  
Look for balloons on the mailbox  
In case you can't find it call: 576-2664

*And more, from Terry Pratt regarding the Staff Lunch!*  
“Thank you Zoo Staff!” That was the theme for the annual Staff Luncheon this year on November 8<sup>th</sup>. In spite of the questionable weather, the event was well attended both by Staff and Docents; even the Peacocks were checking it out!! On behalf of the Social Committee many, many thanks to the Docents for their (as always) amazing food donations that complimented our main course.





## OH, AND SPEAKING OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES ...

Ellie ended up with a serving fork that is not hers at the Fall Party. Here is a photo. The fork measures 7&1/2 inches. The back says: Rogers deluxe stainless, Oneida LTD. Hope somebody claims it.



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### TE Meetings

**January - Brett Tennis** from the Garden of the Gods will be presenting a program on Honey Ants, a species unique to our Garden of the Gods

**February Joint meeting** - Dr. Liza Dadone will present her department's updates as well as presenting information on her last trip to Africa to relocate and do testing on giraffes. She may also talk about her visit to the white rhino reserve.

### IE Meetings

**January** – Lindsey Mitchell is a teenage volunteer in the Loft and has gotten so excited about the Palm Oil issue that she has educated herself and is now teaching others! She will talk to us about palm oil and her volunteering activities. We may be a bit crowded in the Zoo Library but come and support and enjoy. Igniting this spark is why we do what we do!

## CEC AND CPR NEWS

On Saturday December 2nd, a CPR class will be offered to docents and others interested. The class will be at 9:30 in the Safari Lodge and will cost \$25.00. No CEC credit will be given. Please call or email me if you are interested so that I know that there will sufficient attendance. Checks should be made out to Fred Monroe. My phone is 632-3120 and my email is [sbpotterat@yahoo.com](mailto:sbpotterat@yahoo.com).



And Ginger wondered if there were any crudites.

A CEC for credit on **WATER** will be given on Saturday January 13th following the IE meeting in the **Lodge at Moose Lake** and again on Wednesday January 17th at 9:30 in the Safari Lodge. No sign up is necessary for this class. *Sue Potterat*



Charlotte Green sent this along to us from Borneo

## **KEEPER SPOTLIGHT**

### **Jake Jachim**

#### **Elephants/ Rhinos**

I'd say the driving force behind my career is a desire to work with animals as far back as I can remember. I had wanted to be a Veterinarian very early on to take care of animals much like James Herriot wrote about to us all, and more importantly, the importance of wildlife that my father taught me about while spending most of my young life in the wilderness camping and fishing. After a time in the Army I realized that zoo keeping was what I was meant for. Elephants were the animals I always wanted to be around but no animal was unwanted to me.

My journey here began with PPCC and starting an internship program through Conservation with BFFs, WY toads, and animals in quarantine. After a quick week there, I realized this is exactly where I wanted to be.

My typical day looks like this. Feeding our 6 female African Elephants and our male Black Rhino, medicating accordingly, shifting them on exhibit, training our daily routines with all of them, and educating our guests during our training demonstrations, as well as through our feeding experiences with both our Elephants and our Rhino.

My greatest challenges are those I feel all zookeepers share.....ensuring our animals are the best cared for animals in the best facility on this planet Earth!

## **MEET YOUR BOARD**

### **Nancy Hochman**

Like many docents, I am a former teacher. I taught elementary school in California (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades) for five years. After coming to Colorado in 1971, I taught at El Paso Community College (now Pikes Peak Community College) and at an alternative elementary school, the Community School. For a few years I was a very amateur potter. I even have my own, now much unused, wheel and kiln in a little studio at home.

We used to own a flat in London. We had it for forty years, but the time came when it was time to sell. We used it as a starting point for a lot of travel....Africa, China, India, Russia and various countries in Europe. Needless to say, I miss it. Our kids looked at the flat as the place we went for the summer, sort of like the family cabin in the mountains.

Once we had the kids, I was very involved with their schools, Ruth Washburn Nursery school and the Colorado Springs School. My husband, Bill, taught for many years at Colorado College and because of that we have been very involved with a great many activities at the college, especially the Summer Musical Festival and the Vocal Arts Symposium. Now the zoo occupies most of my time.

**While contemplating life after the kids left the schools where I was spending so much time, we went to a members' night at the zoo. It was a rainy night so much of the time was spent indoors. Several of us were invited into the Cat House, now the Monkey Pavilion. We sat on the floor, eating popcorn from large black trash bags while docents regaled us with information about the animals and their many, many personal zoo stories. I was fascinated and decided this was the place for me. I became a docent while my kids were still at CSS, much to the embarrassment of my youngest who would cringe whenever I came to his school in my zoo outfit. However, he did, although reluctantly, allow me to practice my tours with him. Now, like many docents with grandkids, my grandkids think CMZ is grandma's zoo.**

When I first became a Docent, there were chimpanzees at the zoo. We were one of a very few zoos to have Gorillas, Orangs and Chimps. I think the chimps were my favorite then. Glenn got me involved with a program called Chimpanzoo and we spent a lot of time gathering observational information about them. Now it's hard to say what is my favorite. When working with the carts, I really enjoy the giraffe cart and the elephant/rhino cart. Guests are always intrigued by our many biofacts. My most favorite part of being a docent is giving tours and being a ZOOM docent. I love interacting with the kids, although we have all had our moments! The Amazing Mammal tour, while not our most complex, is one of our most rewarding when many kids experience feeding giraffes for the first time often squealing and giggling with delight. Jean McKanna and I are the last of our class. Thirty years has gone by in a flash.

## **ENRICHMENT PRIMATE PASSION**

This year the Enrichment Committee (Nona, Sue, Suzanne, Lisa) began an Animal Valentine's Day Campaign!

Through this program, we are raising funds to come alongside our keepers and help them with their non- food enrichment needs. Our cash donations, pooled together, will go toward the purchase of enrichment items that will provide mental stimulation and encourage movement for our beloved animals. Each year, we will focus on a different section of the zoo!!

**For 2018, Primate World was selected as the benefactor of our support for the following reasons:**

To provide additional enrichment while:

- 1) disruptions are happening due to construction
- 2) troop reorganization
- 3) introductions

Also: the keepers have been very cooperative in formulating our first year of the program. All items were hand-picked by our keepers to encourage goal based enrichment behaviors.

**Items we are pooling our cash donations for include:**

-Boomer Balls-Tujoh likes to cover with a sheet and bang on it (see photos!). This is the last of the boomer balls. All of the others have been broken. Keepers are in need of the severe heavy duty variety in 12" or 18". We get to pick the colors, the request is for 3 to 6, if possible.

-High density polyethylene sheeting that can be heat formed, shaped and welded to fabricate orangutan proof enrichment. Yes Baka (aka The Destructor), these have you in mind. As you know, Baka is highly intelligent, likes to use tools and items built with this material will last. Designs are in place for Foosball and Pinball Tables along with a large Fidget Spinner. This is the most desired item! The sheets are very expensive and the hope is we are able pool our funds to provide three.

-Bobbins, heavy duty tubs, belt straps, padlocks and pear links....oh my. Most are to provide moving perching and to hang enrichment. This will allow our keepers to give enrichment to lots of animals at once and to change the animal's exhibits more regularly.

-Roxie's wish for a new DVD player to watch her favorite movie, "Koko the Gorilla" has been fulfilled! Thank you so much to her Secret Admirer!!

**How to give:**

Make your check to CMZ, include Animal Valentine's Day in the memo line.

Mail to:

Animal Valentine's Day

c/o Hochman

1237 Terrace Road

Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Use your red envelope if you were at November IE or TE meeting. If not, any envelope will do! You can also bring your donation to the Christmas Party. Primate World will have a special mailbox there ready to accept your donation! Please do not send cash, your check will serve as your tax receipt. People have asked if individual items can be purchased but it will work best for us to pool our cash gifts. Purchases will be made by the Enrichment Committee and presented to Primate World at our Joint TE/IE meeting in February, just before Valentine's Day!

It is so much fun to be part of this with all of you!!! Please consider donating today. This will allow us plenty of time for advance purchasing.

*Lisa Forbes*

**Tujoh and his boomer ball in a sheet. Photos by Deb Compton**



## VULTURE NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Most of you may have already seen the news about the release on November 8th, of 35 Cape, Lappet Faced, and African White-Backed vultures that had either been born in captivity or had been rehabilitated after poisoning or injury. This release was conducted by VulPro and is the largest release ever in Africa and perhaps ever. We can share proud ownership of this event as money from our Q4C program helped finance the building of the enclosure in which they were readied for release and then the doors were opened. Jenyva Fox forwarded a copy of two videos to us. In case you missed them, here are the links.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewwhFg5VXXg&feature=youtu.be>

[VulPro Vulture Release.mov](#)

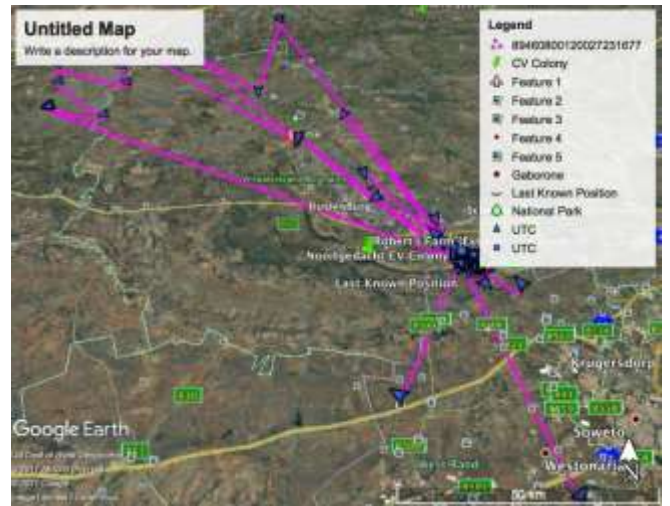
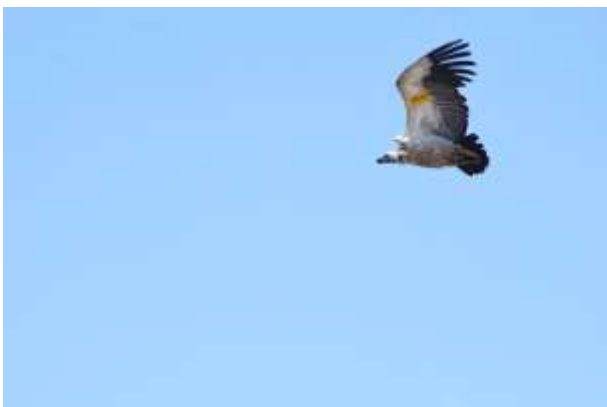




**Above photos from National Zoological Gardens of South Africa and Andrew Keys**

More photos and videos can be viewed on the VulPro website and Facebook page.

All vultures were equipped with ids and tracking devices.



What a grand way to end the year and enter the Holiday season.



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