

Zoo Line

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President's Message

By: Ron Gray, President

Fellow Docents,

It's almost February and we've had some tours. I actually had an Amazing Mammals tour last month. Zoo School has started and is well along. Looks like a good crop of trainees anxious to be Docents. We've got a new Amur Tiger and he's really impressive. Grom has gone but the new guy, Ivan, is not yet out in the main yard because the keepers want to make sure that he's comfortable enough to shift back inside. Makes sense. I wouldn't want to go out there and get him if he didn't want to shift back inside. The "Making Waves" campaign is well under way to raise money for the Aquatics area. There is a gathering on Feb. 4th for the Auxiliary to learn more about it and think about making a donation. No strong arm tactics but it is an opportunity. The new exhibit is going to be great. The Auxiliary Board approved a \$6000 donation spread over 2 years for the campaign. That's consistent with what the Auxiliary has contributed to previous capital campaigns. You've got to see the whole Lion pride in the Relaxation Room! That's Abuto, Lomila, Zwena and the three cubs. Angie likes her peace and quiet. But the six youngsters (less than ten years old) are doing great! Abuto even lets the cubs play with his mane and jump on him. He's settled down a lot so the cubs can play on him without getting squashed. You also need to pay a visit to the elephants when all six are in the barn. We have a herd! The keepers say they are doing great. Jambo remains a little rambunctious but the other five are really getting along. You will probably see this in February so winter will still be in full roar but Spring is inevitable which means tours and new Docents. Get ready!

Cheers, Ron

<p>2015-2016 CMZ Auxiliary Calendar</p>
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Meeting Times are 9:30 AM	
Education Committee Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:30 AM in the Safari Lodge.	
** Mandatory meetings *Date Change	
February 2016	
3	Board Meeting Safari Lodge
6	Joint TE/IE Meeting** Lodge at Moose Lake
March 2016	
2	Board Meeting Safari Lodge
9	TE Meeting Safari Lodge
12	IE Meeting Library



SCAVENGE FOR VULTURES

SALE TO SUPPORT VULTURE CONSERVATION

Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016, starting at 8:45, before and then after the Docent Joint Meeting

Where: The Lodge at Moose Lake

Donations from keepers, staff, volunteers and docents are welcome.

Think.....clothes, books, sculptures, jewelry, knick-knacks, note cards, coasters, wood carvings.....if it has an animal theme, it's in! If it's no longer giving you joy.....perhaps it can give joy to someone else.

Set up is Friday, Feb. 5 around 2 o'clock in the Lodge at Moose Lake. You are welcome to come and help!! Please bring your treasures at that time. If you are unable to bring them on the 5th give us a call and we will pick them up from you at the Zoo. (Nancy Hochman 632-5494 or Glenn Carson 598-9323)

Premark all goods in whole dollar amounts. If it isn't worth a dollar, bundle it with something else! There will be a coat rack, but you will need to provide hangers for your items if needed.

Joint IE/TE Meeting Reminder



Fellow Docents

Just a reminder that on 2/6/16 we are having a TE/IE JOINT MEETING at the LODGE AT MOOSE LAKE. As well as having a SCAVENGER SALE

that day we will be having POTLUCK LUNCHEON. The food theme is SALADS AND DESSERTS. Go wild and create something new, tempting and exciting.

THE MEETING WILL START PROMPTLY AT 9:30, SO COME A FEW MINUTES EARLY TO BROWSE SCAVENGER FINDS FOR SALE AND DROP YOUR FOOD DONATIONS

THANKS
SUZANNE
STWOHIG215@COMCAST.NET

Directory Reminder

Have you moved or changed your cell/phone number?

Has your email address changed?

If they have, or when they do, please remember to contact me so I can get that change in the Docent Directory.

Jody Schmitz
Corresponding Secretary
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719-596-3737



CEC NEWS!!

So what are the changes that have been made to the Life Cycle and Ecology safaris and tours? Come to the CEC Refresher and find out! This will get you in "shape" for the tours coming this Spring! We know you will feel "refreshed" and "renewed"! Don't miss out!

CEC Refresher Life Cycle and Ecology

Dates: Wednesday, February 17th or Saturday, February 20th
Time: 9:30-11:45
Location: Moose Lodge Lake

The CEC Zoogeography will be a certifying CEC for the Safari and Tour! Come see the wonderful revamping that has been done by our talented Education subcommittee! You will be so glad you came!!

CEC Zoogeography

Dates: Wednesday, March 16th or Saturday, March 19th
Time: 9:30-11:45

Location: TBD

Please contact Sue Sallee via email to sign up: zoodocentsallee@gmail.com

SPECIFY WHICH CEC YOU WANT TO ATTEND AND THE DATE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND!

I will send back a confirmation email to you that you are signed up.

Be watching your email for the handouts that you will be responsible in bringing with you to the CEC!

Memorial Donations

The Auxiliary has received several generous donations in memory of Carol Osborne and Mary Wieger:

\$100.00 from Eileen Wills and the Dance A-Robix Class in memory of Carol Osborne.

\$50.00 from Nancy Hochman in memory of Carol Osborne and Mary Wieger.

These 2 ladies were both part of the 1986 docent class and remained docents until their passing. They will be greatly missed!

Jody Schmitz
Corresponding Secretary

CMZA Elections

By Lynne Stefonik, Past President

- Our elections are on May 11 and May 14 at the TE and IE meetings.
- At the TE and IE Meetings on March 9 and March 12, each Docent will receive a

Straw Ballot to volunteer for a Board position or nominate someone (that you have talked to) for a position. When you believe in an organization and their mission, it is good to volunteer for a year of service! All Active Docents are eligible, but someone should not serve for more than 2 years in the same position, unless there is no one else willing to serve in that position.

- Before the March meetings, you will receive an email that lists all Active Docents and the positions that they have held in CMZA. This list should be used in conjunction with our *Directory* to make nominations on the *Straw Ballot*.
- Your elected Nominating Committee will meet in April to determine the slate of officers for election. Members of this committee include: Jeannie Phillips, Dennis Akkola, Jean McKanna, Jim Hunter, Pat Gray, Art Schwall, Kathy Kidd, Jennifer Farnsworth, and Don Heinz. (Alternates are listed in the *Directory*.) This slate of candidates will be published in the Zooline before the elections in May.
- The CMZA officers, from this year and for the new Board, will meet after the election to choose Supplemental Activity Chairs.
- Stay tuned. There is more news for the Election on the way.

THE 1926 SOCIETY

Jeanie Baratono

This is a program that not many docents know about but is very important to the future of Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. I took this off of the Zoo's website. I personally have done this. I like knowing that long after I'm gone I will be walking the mountain in spirit with my gift to the Zoo.

That's when it all began...

In 1926, Spencer Penrose founded the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. Spurred into action by a growing collection of animals with nowhere to put them, Penrose was inspired to create the "zoo on the mountain." When he incorporated the Zoo as a non-profit public trust for the people of Colorado Springs, he could hardly have imagined that his small menagerie would someday become one of the finest private zoological parks in the country.

Today, the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is thriving, in no small part because of the unwavering community support we receive. Because the Zoo operates without any local or regional tax support, it is our friends and supporters who help us to achieve our mission of conservation, education, and animal care. Over the years, many individuals and families have chosen to leave lasting gifts for the Zoo through planning giving, creating a unique way to leave their own legacy.

Leaving a legacy

The uniqueness of our Zoo creates experiences that last a lifetime. Your support allows the Zoo to continue to be a community treasure, while also participating in important conservation work locally and globally.

The 1926 Society is an elite group of Cheyenne Mountain Zoo's long-time supporters who have

included the Zoo in their estate plans. Their contributions help us bring the Zoo's mission to life, and they create a lasting impact for future generations of guests who can help preserve wildlife and wild places.

Your membership in the 1926 Society is activated once you notify the Zoo that your estate plans include the Zoo.

For more information about the 1926 Society contact Elizabeth Preble, Major Gifts and Planned Giving Manager, at 719-424-7864 or email spreble@cmzoo.org.

Urban Wildlife Includes Busy Beavers

By Lovice Riffe

... and they are busier than you think. We all mention our local urban wildlife quite often when talking to school children. We have jays and raptors and magpies, it is surprising how often we have to explain to a guest what the beautiful black and white bird is. We have bear, bobcats, fox, coyote, rabbits, and deer galore. We have rodents



- most especially pesky squirrels and mice. But we also have beaver. Yes, the second largest rodent on the planet is actively pursuing its

mission in our community including along a popular trail. Kathy Kidd led me to this treasure just a few days ago. Near milepost 34.5 along the Pikes Peak Greenway trail – the bit between



Fillmore and Garden of the Gods and near the dirt bike park, you can leave the trail and walk down to Monument Creek and view decades old elms



that have been gnawed away, fallen, nearly fallen, nibbled upon; and there are fresh wood chips you can gather as biofacts so that children can view the gnaw marks.



By the way you can do a search on line under Cheyenne Mountain Zoo beaver videos and find a number of them featuring our very own. I especially like the one where she takes tree limbs left in the middle of the aquatics building, back to her den. If you haven't seen it please look it up. A great story to tell guests



The photos show activity both old and new as well as mostly undisturbed beaver feet and tail tracks. I have also sent along a photo of a raptor and one of those deer we see so often that were visiting at my house.

Please Note!

This is the corrected, corrected Uniform Order Form for 2016. Orders must be in by February 27th!

Uniform Order Form 2016

Name: _____

Please print your name clearly. (Exactly as you want it embroidered or on nametag)

(XS thru XXL)	Men Ladies	SIZE	QUANTITY	Extra Charge*	TOTAL COST
Sweatshirt (S – XXL) \$20.75 (XXL \$22.75)	M				
Heavy Jacket \$55.00	M				
Short Sleeved Polo \$21.00 (XXL \$23.00)	M L				
Long Sleeved Polo \$25.25 (XXL \$27.25)	M L				
Fleece Jacket \$29.50 (XXL \$31.50)	M L				
Fleece Vest \$29.50 (XXL \$31.50)	M L				
Windbreaker \$33.00 (XXL \$35.00)	M				
Blue Summer T-Shirt \$5.00 (S – XXL)	M				
Safari Vest \$70.00	M				
Nametag \$6.40					

*Extra Charges

TOTAL COST: _____

\$2.50 additional for magnetic nametags

\$5.00 each to have name embroidered (Safari Vest cannot be embroidered)

\$2.00 additional for each XXL size

Please print your name clearly in the box below exactly

Return to Susan Gross: gross.susan@gmail.com

as you want it on your nametag or uniform:

515 Pluto Drive

Colorado Springs, CO 80906

471-0041 (H) 719-330-8863 (cell)

Orders are due by FEBRUARY 27, 2016

Check or cash must prepay all orders. Make checks payable to CMZ.

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