



President’s Message – Barbara Kalbli

Happy New Year, Docents!

By the time you read this, 2022 will be upon us. The Holiday Party — graciously hosted (again) by Marie and John Poyzer — was a grand time. Kim Katalin helped make this a very special event for docents to come together in celebration of the holidays. Folks added their unique munchies for noshing. The food was excellent, conversations were moving, and clothing — festive.

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Electric Safari (ES) was ranked Third Best Zoo Lights in the U.S. by USA Today’s 10 Best...woot woot! By all accounts, Electric Safari exceeded expectations for sales and attendance. Other than the BIG winds, the weather cooperated. The addition of the new blow-up animals (see photos below and on page 7) enhanced the ambiance of our unique zoo lights! Many thanks to all of you who put in hours to make ES such a success.

The Education Committee has been super busy getting ready for the Class of 2022. Greta and Marianne will have a full class of 12 prospective docents. The new class will begin on January 8 and meet for the following nine Saturdays. If you have the opportunity, please give our new trainees a warm welcome.

New year = new beginnings. In spite of all that is going on around us, I am hopeful our organization will continue on its journey to “come back.” As another docent told me...”Don’t worry — our auxiliary is strong and we will get through this.” Her words spoke loudly to me — I believe this, too! As the CMZ Standards for Success state: “We value those who raise their hand when volunteers or leaders are needed.” I value each of you.

Barbara



DATES TO KNOW

Meetings start at 9:30 a.m.

Jan 5 Board MeetingSafari Lodge
Jan 8 IE Meeting EdVenture
Jan 12 ... TE MeetingSafari Lodge
Jan 26 ... Education MtgSafari Lodge

Feb 2Board Meeting ... Safari Lodge
Feb 12Joint TE /IE Meeting LML
Feb 23Education Mtg.... Safari Lodge

CECs and TRAINING

January training times TBA

Jan 8 ... Zoo School starts...Safari Lodge
Jan 15, 22 & 29 ...Zoo School continues
at Safari Lodge

CECs available for some Zoo School sessions – specifics will be e-mailed

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ARGYLE SWEATER by Scott Hilburn



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Docent Holiday Party

It was so nice to gather on December 4 for the annual Docent Holiday Party held at Marie Poyzer's house. The weather was beautiful, the food was delicious, and the conversation was a joy! Three of our new trainees attended. It was a pleasure to have a jumpstart on getting to know them.

Kim Katalin, Social Chair



Photo Credit this page goes to Kim Katalin

January TE Meeting

The January TE meeting will give us a chance to gear up for the upcoming tour season. The one, the only, Stacey Graham will be our program — presenting information on age-appropriate learning for children. It will give us all the opportunity to fine-tune our touring to make sure we are presenting zoo facts in an age-appropriate way. Because it is Stacey presenting, I feel sure we will have a good time doing it! In the meantime, have a terrific holiday and see you in January.

Marsha Fogarty, President-Elect

Docent Service Hours

A friendly reminder to all docents to be working on and completing your service hours and two (2) CECs by May 31, 2022, and keeping your Zoo membership current. There are many opportunities in the months ahead, to complete your CECs and service hours in one way or another at our beautiful Zoo.

Sue Sallee, Past President



Archeology & Art



Located in the Air Massif of Niger are two of the largest animal rock petroglyphs in the world. Known as the Dabous Giraffes (see photo above), they have been dated to about 8,000 BCE. While the artist will forever remain unknown, this area of Niger has over 900 similar carvings of animals and humans. The period of these glyphs (12,000-7,000 BCE) was known as the Neolithic Subpluvial, a time when the Sahara was a much wetter savannah that stretched thousands of miles and could sustain animal and human life. The giraffes are carved into a sandstone outcrop and depict a large male and smaller female. Shifting desert sands possibly covered the glyphs for millennia before they were discovered in 1987. [Photo courtesy of the Bradshaw Foundation:

<https://www.bradshawfoundation.com/giraffe/>]

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Animal Enrichment

A big thank you to the December cannoli makers: Linnea McDonald, Anne Wardrop, Marianne Brooks and Kathy O'Donnell. A separate request will go out in early January for our next cannoli-making opportunity after the January IE meeting.

Ellie Solomon, Enrichment Chair

Holiday Popping



This is what eight hours of popping 330 gallons of popcorn looks like. We do this each month for the animals at our wonderful zoo!

Marie Poyzer, Eileen Derry and Mack Silvertooth

Articles and Information of Interest

- Ten Hilarious Winners of the Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards, Smithsonian Magazine: <https://bit.ly/3JAKWEe>
- Fossil of a giant millipede reveals 'the biggest bug that ever lived': <https://cnn.it/34dmNTS>
- Perfectly preserved baby dinosaur discovered curled up inside its egg: <https://cnn.it/32JryE6>
- Video shows rare sighting of transparent barreleye fish off California coast: <https://cnn.it/3EJ6oTL>



In Memory



Charles (Chuck) Zeitvogel
09/04/1935 to 01/22/2021

CMZA 1991–2015 (active)
and 2016–2021 (sustaining)

Memory of Chuck from Kathy Kidd: Chuck was an active docent from 1991-2015. For those of you who did tours, he'd keep the kids moving and he spoke loudly enough for all to hear. Sometimes as a new docent with my tour group, we'd listen in to what he was saying and then move on to our next stop. He'd get it said and I'd ask my group if they had questions. He was an active tour docent and regularly attended the TE meetings.

From Cindi Carroll: Chuck was in my docent class 31 years ago. From the moment I heard his last name, I knew something was familiar. I asked him if his brother was Tom. When he said yes, I said, "I've been sending Christmas cards to your brother and his wife for at least 25 years!" Tom Zeitvogel and my husband became friends at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS, when they were young lieutenants, taking a course in ground radar maintenance. I never met Tom and Sue, but I knew all about their family and five children. What a surprise when Chuck showed up in my docent training class.

Obituary: Chuck passed away at home on January 22, 2021, of natural causes. He was born in Rochester, NY on September 4, 1935, and grew up on a farm near Byron with four siblings. While still in high school, he enlisted in the Army National Guard. At the age of 20, he joined the Air Force and traveled the world for 30 years retiring as a Chief Master Sergeant. Among his many assignments, he especially enjoyed his time in Ankara, Turkey, and Kadena AFB in Okinawa. After retirement, Chuck continued to serve his church and community as an active leader in the Boy Scouts, American Legion Post 209, The Knights of Columbus, and The Retired Enlisted Association. A lifelong learner, he received an Associate Degree in Applied Science, Food Technology in 1955 from State University of New York at Morrisville. Chuck then obtained his Bachelor

of Art degree in Business Administration from Wittenberg University Ohio in 1975, and finally his Master of Science in Public Administration from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs in 1991. Chuck volunteered to help with taxes for the VITA program and the AARP. He entertained and educated young people as a docent at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and engaged all ages through Toastmasters. He was a member of St Patrick's Catholic Church for over 30 years and served there as in various capacities. He was a thoughtful husband, wonderful father, and beloved grandparent. Chuck was laid to rest at Pikes Peak National Cemetery.



Joanna K. Fischer
01/11/1933 to 02/01/2021

CMZA 1986–1992 (active)
and 1992–2021 (sustaining)

Obituary: Joanna K Fischer passed away on February 1, 2021. She enjoyed her friends, tennis, book clubs, volunteer work, and her family, which delighted and bedeviled her in equal measures at times. She was a resident of Colorado Springs since 1967, and was active in many local organizations including McCallister House, the Pioneer Museum, the Fine Arts Center, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, and the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region. She enjoyed supporting the Colorado Springs Symphony and participating in the opera and chorale. She was a disc jockey at KCME 88.1 FM, and wrote the Cheyenne Scene for the Cheyenne Edition for many years. Recognition followed her efforts with a Silver Bell Award from the Assistance League of Colorado Springs, and the Pioneer Museum's Lucky Herzberger Award. Joanna graduated from Milton Academy in 1951 and Radcliffe College in 1955. She married Lindsay Fischer in 1956, and they spent the next 64 years together in Boulder, New York City, Bethlehem, PA, and Colorado Springs.

CMZA Zooline Information



Please send all submissions – information, articles, pictures, etc. – to
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**The deadline for the February issue is
Friday, January 21.**

Thank you, Linnea McDonald & Joelle Shreves, Editors

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