

Zoo Line



President's Message

By: Jeanie Baratono, President

Fellow Docents,

What a terrific year for Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, 784,000 guests, a new record! We hit \$2 million for Q4C! It's been quite a year for the Auxiliary. In addition, we were budgeted by Edventure for \$33,000 and we brought in \$47,000. Thank you, docents for stepping up and making that happen!

It's going to be a summer to look forward to. Lots of guests, animal babies, and construction. Be sure to be out there on the mountain for our member's nights. There is nothing like the zoo at night, especially summer nights! It's a great way to get some IE hours! We've got some other great special events coming up, World Giraffe Day and Migratory Bird Day. There will be plenty of opportunities to interact with guests in Australia, BBY, Rocky Mountain Highlands, Encounter Africa, African Rift Valley and of course with the primates in Primate World. Grab that Making Waves kit and let guests know what is going on in that area. I hope to see you walking the hills this summer! Jeanie

2018 SUMMER CALENDAR

Meeting Times are 9:30 AM		
Education Committee Meetings are held at 9:30 AM on the 4 th Wednesday of the month in the Safari Lodge. Bolded items – changed date. ** Mandatory meeting		
June 6	Board Meeting	Safari Lodge
Members of both the current and next year's Board should attend this meeting.		
June 9**	Joint Meeting	Moose Lake
	Installation/Awards	
July 14	IE meeting	Safari Lodge
August 1	Board Meeting	Safari Lodge
August 11	IE meeting	Safari Lodge

PROGRAMS

June 9– Joint Meeting Installation and awards.** Introduction and graduation of new docents, pins, recognition of 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 President and Board, and passing of the gavel. Evaluation results are normally discussed at this meeting as well. The meeting will be followed by a pot luck lunch.

Attendance at this meeting is mandatory (R&P 16). Docents who cannot attend should notify the President.



Kiah's tummy and pouch and Poppy snoozing. Photo by Deborah Compton

2018-2019 Executive Board and Supplemental Activity Chairs

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SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Animal Enrichment	Andrew Witherow
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Zooline	Lovice Riffe

Zoom and Zoopeteers leaders will be selected by those docents.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair: Jeanie Baratono

Member: Diana Gantz, Caz Oswald, Marie Poyzer, Larry Williams, Susie Potterat, Ron Capen, Joan Adkins, John Kleiner, Rick Decker.

First Alternate: John Mayher, Marcia Morris, Ellie Solomon, Eileen Derry, Jodie Schmitz, Kathy Kidd, Susan Gross, Mindy Mahler, Deborah Compton

2nd Alternate: Mary McCann, Linnea McDonald, Jean McKanna, Patsy McAteer, Mack Silvertooth, Carol Royse, Don Heinz, Barbara Kalbli, Cris Stoddard

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Mark Your Calendars

End-of-Year Joint Meeting

A friendly reminder of our mandatory/ joint end-of-the-year meeting to be held on June 9 at Lodge at Moose Lake. The meeting will commence at 9:30 and conclude with a “pot luck” salad bar. Please bring your favorite salad or appetizer to share! Dessert will be provided, however, there has been some mention of “gluten free” alternatives. If a couple of folks would like to volunteer their skills to whip up a gluten free dessert (in lieu of salad), please let us know. Additionally, to continue our efforts to support the reduction of plastic consumption, we are suggesting the use (please bring yours) of refillable water containers...coffee, tea & water (from pitchers) will be available. *Barbara & Terry*

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2018 – THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR

By the end of April 2018, the end of our fiscal year, there was a balance of \$0.00 in our Operating Budget Account. Well done! Our restricted account balance was \$28,532.80. We earned \$4919.99 from our King Soopers and Safeway gift cards this year. If you wish greater detail of the April 2018 report email me and I will send it to you. *Nancy Hochman*

FIELD TRIPS

On May 5, 2018, 21 docents and 10 additional family and friends visited the Emu Farm at Rocky Ford, Colorado. There was no charge but donations were appreciated by the owners, Tony and Donna Cannon

They house 2 breeding pairs as well as 1 male youngster that was in another paddock plus a 1 month old chick in their home. This chick kept running around at our feet.

More chicks had been expected this year but unfortunately the incubator shutoff at a critical time and he lost all but the one chick. Tony told us the history of the farm and also related that his dream had always been to raise Emus commercially. Then he suffered from a motorcycle crash and also a bout with West Nile Virus so now this dream is a HOBBY only. And it is not only his hobby but also a hobby for Donna. Tony also carves the eggs and the intricacy of the designs is superb. The cost of those eggs start at \$500. Many docents could be seen picking up the Dual Feathers from the ground to bring back to others. You can never have too many of those to show to guests at the Zoo!

Lunch was at the Boss Hogg's Saloon and Restaurant in La Junta, Colorado. Some of stopped on the way back for a slice of pie at Christine's. Yummy!!! *Joan Adkins*



KEEPER SPOTLIGHT

The keeper in the spotlight this month is **Alia Cooper** Here are her words:

I've always loved animals. When I was 4 years old I told my parents that I wanted to be like Jane Goodall, but I wanted to go to Madagascar to study Ring Tailed Lemurs. My love for RTLs is something that has never wavered.

I was lucky enough to grow up coming to CMZ at least monthly. I fell in love with the facility, animals, and people. When I started volunteering in Monkey Pavilion at 14 I fell in love with our ring-tailed lemur boys and also with working with primates in a zoological setting. While I still want to go to Madagascar someday to visit lemurs, I think, for right now at least, I'd love to work with them in a zoo setting rather than research them in the wild.

Depending on which area I'm in my days can look a little different. When I am managing BBY my day is generally full of animal husbandry (cleaning, feeding, enriching, etc.), running the chicken experience, and educating our guests about just how amazing chickens are and how they can make great companions. My Loft days are mainly broken down into mentoring our teen volunteers and educating guests about our amazing animal ambassadors.

It's always a fun challenge to find more ways to incorporate guest help into our days, like breaking down an enrichment item into its simplest form and having kids help create it for the animals.

Interacting with and educating guests is definitely my new favorite part of my job. In BBY we have a lot more amphibians and inverts than when I started in the area a couple years ago. It's a fun challenge to come up with new ways to enrich those guys. The Koi fish are another great enriching challenge. They view their world so much more differently than we do, finding something they actually will notice and use can definitely be challenging. It's like a fun enrichment challenge. *Photo: Alia and Friends*



Below is a photo from the Orangutan Exhibit at the Phoenix Zoo. Recognize anything?



A FIRST TIMER'S REPORT FROM AN AZADV CONFERENCE

Part Two

Last month I ended this report with the Thursday activities as well as photos of Sand Cats, another animal I had never heard of before this conference. The other one I had never heard of was the Dwarf Screaming Hairy Armadillo. Truthfully I believe that is as good a name for a species as is Thorny Devil Stick Insect, right? I also didn't mention that the Keynote Speaker on Thursday was Ruth Allard, Executive Vice-President for Conservation and Education at the Arizona Center for Science and Nature Conservation (Phoenix Zoo). The Theme of the Conference was "Connecting and Protecting Our Natural World" and her timely talk was entitled "I Didn't Know Our Zoo Did That" – a topic we relate to daily at CMZ and no doubt also every accredited zoo in the USA - Q4C, Captive Breeding, Enrichment, Re-introductions, Medical Advancement - to include reproductive health and contraceptive reversals. Friday was Zoo Day. Docents dressed in their official uniforms and spent the day at the Phoenix Zoo. The morning was for touring, some special behind scene events, keeper and docent talks, and on your own time.



Lynne in a behind the scene encounter with a giant anteater.

And I admit it, I am fascinated by the African canines. These pups were enticed by enrichment. Their excited yelps for all to hear. The funny part is that one enrichment item – just one- there were others still there for the taking – rolled into the spring. That is all any of them wanted. Remind anyone of their own canines?



After lunch there were presentations conducted by Zoo Staff at three different conference rooms. Topics included Bornean Orangutans; Illegal Pet Trade and Conservation; Artificial Nest Cavities for Hornbills; Influencing Change: Zoo Teen Volunteers; Collaborative Conservation in the

Chaco; Costa Rica Jaguar Corridor; Stingray Training; and Non-native Turtle Trapping. The Illegal Pet Trade talk suddenly became more immediate as the conference coincided (April 10) with the discovery of 10,000 of the Critically Endangered Radiated Tortoises that were found in a house in Madagascar. A plea was made at the conference for medical staff and other volunteers to go assist. The Jaguar Corridor project was interesting and the Phoenix Zoo is involved not only with staff – but with the sale of Press Coffee, a wildlife friendly coffee produced by growers in the area where this corridor is being made possible. Did you know that pineapple fields act as a barrier to animals? So part of the project is teaching coffee and pineapple farmers how to create safe passage space. To learn more about the jaguar and coffee story search phoenixzoo.org/2017/10/05.



Internet Nat Geo/ Photo of just one room.

Saturday was the big day. No trips anywhere but so many possible places to learn new things. Again 3 conference rooms (but at the hotel so no busses). Papers by docents and others were presented at 3 set times in the morning (so 9 of them) then lunch with the Keynote Speaker, then 9 more in the afternoon. The Keynote Speaker was Hilda Tresz, Behavioral Enrichment and Animal Welfare Coordinator for the Phoenix Zoo and Mentor for the Jane Goodall Institute. The Zoo gives her a few weeks off every year so that she can go to Zoos in other countries and teach them how to improve conditions and provide enrichment for their animals. A documentary film has been produced about her work and we were able to view much of it during the presentation. Fascinating stuff. The Papers? Well something

for every interest. Bats; Mountain Lions; Climate Change; How to conduct “Touch” tours; Photographing Wildlife; How does animal hearing differ from human (animal) hearing?; How to connect to protect our Natural World; long term Primate “Sanctuary experience; Sustainability; the San Diego Global Academy and the New AZADV Website; Citizen Science Naturalist Workshops; Diary of a Phoenix Zoo Assistant Volunteer Keeper; and last but not least “Working Together to Save Wild Giraffe” by Dr. Liza Dadone. Dr. Liza spoke to a packed house about the SAFE program, the giraffe transports, the hoof x-rays and blood work of those wild ones; and then the hoof care that domestic zoos are learning so much more about thanks to CMZ. She also told how our animals may help the wild ones to assist in testing the effectiveness and longevity of treatments developed to address a parasitic skin condition among some wild giraffe. So the full circle – as we know she was x-raying the feet of wild giraffe in order to compare them to giraffe in human care. Our giraffe can say thanks by perhaps in the future helping with the development of disease management and treatment for wild giraffe.

Closing Banquet that night and with yet another wonderful speaker, Susan Dicks, DVM and a graduate of CSU who now works for US Fish and Wildlife Service with the Mexican Gray Wolf Reintroduction program. Her interests include wolf biology, wolf medical affairs, and neonatology. By the way, since the 2d week of May, the CMZ is home to 2 percent of all Mexican Gray Wolves, I believe.

There was yet another field trip offered the day after the conference. A 12-ish hour trip to take a train ride through the Verde Canon. It was relaxing and informative and fun and gave a chance to view more of the Arizona landscape. I learned that “Verde” is a female noun because the river is mostly gentle and meandering. No comment there. We rode by Black Mountain that still displays its volcanic rock; open-range cattle country; walls of limestone 100 million years old; oh and mistletoe, something I didn’t expect to see

in such an arid climate – but I am by no means a horticulture pro.



Ron Solomon took this photo. Our attendees from left to right – Charlotte Green, Ron Gray, Lovice Riffe, Lynne Stefonik, Melanie Frost, Kay Bard Gray (in her Reid Park Zoo outfit), Glenna French, Ellie Solomon, Linda Gray, Pat Gray. Photo taken on Zoo Day so we were all in our finery! (Not pictured, Diana Gantz)

I encourage you all to join AZADV. The dues is only \$20 annually and you can join on line and can also pay 2 or 3 years at a time for a discounted cost! You will receive Symbiosis, the AZADV newsletter normally published 3 or 4 times a year, you can gain access to the Facebook Page full of news from zoos and aquariums and wonderful photos (the way many of us kept track of the day to day life of Fiona, the premature baby hippo from the Cincinnati Zoo), not to mention opportunities to attend annual national or regional conferences. The next conference will be held in Greenville, South Carolina September 25-28, 2019 (plus before and after dates for those field trips!).

The last two pages of this publication are reversed for mailing ability so don’t forget to scroll all the way down to see the EDVENTURE article from Stacey and an introduction to our new faces! Happy summer, everyone! There should be a special summer edition appearing in you Inboxes about mid July.



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EDVENTURE UPDATES FROM Stacey Graham

Gearing Up for Summer!!

As you all well know- summer at the zoo is the busiest time of year, and that is definitely the case for our EdVenture Department too! We are gearing up for summer camp, preschool programs, teens coming back, and exhibit improvements- all while hiring and training new people. Below are some details on the five folks moving into new roles with our department:



Kevin Pellow:

Kevin has worked as a summer camp mentor, lead camp mentor, EdVenture mentor, and BBY keeper. He is excited to start this role as EdVenture Keeper working in Loft, BBY and ZOOM starting May 1!



Bryce Oberg:

Bryce has worked several departments at the zoo. From guest services then as a keeper assistant. Bryce has worked with us for the last year and is also gearing up to be an EdVenture Keeper in mid-April!



Amber Callen- Ward

Amber was one of our Summer Camp mentors last summer, but recently started as our Lead Mentor. She assists with all programs including training our new staff. Amber will definitely be a friendly face around the zoo!



Karyn Saathoff:

This is Karyn's third summer with us, but her first summer in the Lead Teen Mentor role. She will be working with Austin to ensure our 90 teens have the best summer experience both on grounds and off!



Mitch Rosenberg:

Mitch has worked in the EdV. Dept for a couple years now - he is starting a new adventure as our Lead Camp mentor. He will work closely with Stacey, creating amazing camp experiences for almost 1000 kids!

Please be sure to welcome and congratulate these folks in their new roles. And remember that even though they may have been here for a couple years- this is their first time in this role, so please be patient as they all learn the minute details of their positions.

We are excited for their new ideas and the amazing experiences they can share with our team!