

Zoo



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President's Message

By: Glenna French, President

Fellow Docents: There is an old saying "time flies when you are having fun". If that were the case then this past year was a lot of fun. It seems it was just yesterday when Jeanie Baratono turned the gavel over to me to begin the next year's presidency. Now on June 8th at our Joint meeting, that gavel will be given to Nancy Hochman to begin another Docent year. Since this will be my last Zooline article as the Auxiliary president, I want to first thank all of you for the honor and privilege of serving the Auxiliary in this capacity. Second, I also want to thank everyone for giving a lot of hours and hard work to make the Auxiliary continue to be a unique volunteer organization. The 2018-2019 proposed budget for the Auxiliary was \$42,100. Final numbers are not in at the time this article was written, but the last estimate was \$49,759. Without Docents coming together, working hard, and supporting each other, this would not have been possible. Again thank you and as you reflect on this past year, give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done!

The year flew by fast and we learned many new things through presentations at our IE and TE meetings. We always love to have Dr. Liza at our meetings to give an update on all the new and innovative programs regarding animal care. Besides Dr. Liza, we learned new things from staff presentations given by Jason Bredahl and Dr. Sara regarding Twiga III, Jenyva Fox on the Migratory Bird Act and bird migration, Courtney Rogers reporting on her Animal Care workshop in India, Jeff Baugham talking about conservation projects, Rebecca Wicker giving wolf information, Stacey Graham giving us information on the Zoo's "We Believe Statements" along with ideas on how to have great interactions with Zoo guest and Bob Chastain giving updates on Water's Edge Africa as well as Zoo happenings. Also, the many behind the scene events Cris Stoddard put together after IE meetings gave Docents a new perspective the care of

our animals. Bob Jacobs presented "The Elephant Brain" at the May TE meeting. What a wealth of knowledge we gained from these presentation and the experiences that were given. The CEC's that were given this year heightened our awareness and our learning. Charlotte Greene made the Fall Recall and Spring Fling relevant to our Zoo animals to help in our connection with the Zoo and our animals.

Some of the Auxiliary accomplishments this year included the Valentine Day fundraising event that enabled the elephant keepers to purchase new items for the "girls". Andrew Witherow made it a fun event and Docents' contributions made this a huge success. Also, Auxiliary contributions from the Auxiliary went to the Vet Clinic to help with their new addition, dollars were given to assist in Title I schools through EdVenture's opportunity fund, financial grants were given to help keepers and staff attend workshops to enhance their skills. The Auxiliary continued to provide the enrichment programs of cannolis and popcorn for many of our animals.

This year Docents enjoyed many field trips that included places near and far. What a range of trips Joan Adkins put together. Those that were close to home were Chico Basin, Pueblo Zoo and the Raptor Center. Trips to far-away places included Sandhill Crane Festival in Monte Vista, Colorado and Socorro, New Mexico and the Wild Sanctuary in Keenesburg.

I would like to close by saying that this has been an incredible year for me where I have learned more about "emergency" management. I am thankful to the wonderful board that helped me through this year. Where would we be without Nancy, Jean, Cate, Suzanne, Barbara, Marie, Judy, Pat, Ann Marie, Jeanie, Andrew, Ron, Glenn, Charlotte, Kathy, Joan, Jody, Marcia, Marsha, Deborah, Eileen, Anne, Nicole, Mindy, Lynne, Sue and Lovice (who we all have to thank for the marvelous job she has done with the

Zooline over the years), Cris and Linnea? I was fortunate to have this dedicated board working with me. All board positions require a lot of time, energy and dedication to make it all work. What an astonishing year this has been and big thank you to everyone in this organization for making that happen. Thanks is extended to Stacey Graham and the EdVenture department for being there to support and advise the Auxiliary. This has been a great experience for me and I want to wish Nancy and her 2019/20 board a very successful year ahead. *Glenna French*

2019 SUMMER CALENDAR

Meeting Times are 9:30 AM
 Education Committee Meetings are held at 9:30 AM on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Safari Lodge. **Bolded items – changed date. ** Mandatory meeting**
 June 5 Board Meeting Safari Lodge
 Members of both the current and next year's Board should attend this meeting.
June 8 Joint Meeting Moose Lake Installation/Awards**
 July 13 IE meeting Safari Lodge
 August 7 Board Meeting Safari Lodge
 August 10 IE meeting Safari Lodge

PROGRAMS

June 8– 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 must notify the President.

2019-2020 Executive Board and Supplemental Activity Chairs

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Nancy Hochman
President-Elect	Sue Sallee
1 st VP	Cate Kelly
1 st VP -Elect	Art Schwall
2 nd VP	Barbara Kalbli
2 nd VP-Elect	Judy Sondermann

Corres. Sec.	Marie Poyzer
Rec. Sec.	Mindy Mahler
Treasurer	Andrew Witherow
IE Chair	Cris Stoddard
Past Pres (ex-officio)	Glenna French

SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Animal Enrichment	Kathy O'Donnell
By-laws	Lovice Riffe
Carts	Marianne Brooks
CEC	Charlotte Greene
DRC/Library	Kathy Kidd
Membership/PR	Marcia Morris & Carol Royse
Safari Coordinator	Gayle Irani
Service Registrar	Deborah Compton
Social	Eileen Derry and Kim Bunch-DeCou
Special Events	Sue Mayher
Tour Coordinator	Jean McKanna
ZOOM	Jeanie Baratono
Zoopeteers	Sheree Lira
Zooline	Linnea McDonald

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair: Glenna French

Member: Sue Mayher, Linnea McDonald, Jean McKanna, Jim Hunter, Ron Capen, Charlotte Green, Judy DeGroot, Mindy Mahler, Andrew Witherow

1st Alternate: Doris Banks, Carol Maynard, Greta Johnson, Pat Gray, Nona Hentschel, Susan Gross, Barbara Kalbli, Rick Jenkins, Gayle Irani
2nd Alternate: Caz Oswald, Linda Gray, Glenn Carson, Don Haller, Marsha Fogarty, Don Heinz, Suzanne Twohig, Cris Stoddard, Mac McPherson

THE ZOO SAYS THANK YOU TO DOCENTS

The Zoo appreciates all that we do through the year and thanks us Docents in various ways. Again this year Docents were thanked by being given 10 Zoo passes. These tickets may be shared with friends and family. They can also be used to give to someone who would not be able to come to the Zoo without help. If you were not at the Appreciation Breakfast to receive these tickets, you can go to Base or to Patty Mussone, Bob Chastain's Executive Assistant, and pick up your tickets. They are both located in the Administration Building. *Glenna French*

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Mark Your Calendars for the End-of-Year Joint Meeting

June 8th is just around the corner for the annual Joint IE/TE meeting where we also welcome our newest class of Docents.

The meeting will be held at Lodge at Moose Lake starting at 9:30am and followed by a potluck. If you haven't already signed up for food please bring a salad/side dish/appetizer. A sheet cake honoring our 2019 Docent class will be provided by the Social Committee.

Come hungry and ready to meet your fellow Docents. *Eileen Derry and Anne Wardrop*

ART ON THE HOOF

Are you interested in a fun evening at the Zoo AND supporting local artists and Zoo keepers? This event has it all! Art on the Hoof features nature and animal inspired works of art, as well as a silent auction and live auction.

AAZK of Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is looking for local artists to donate animal or nature themed art to the 18th annual Art on the Hoof, which will be held on Sunday, August 25th, 2019 from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm at The Lodge at Moose Lake. Ticket sales for the event will go on sale in August. Be sure to

check out the AAZK web page at www.cmZoo.org/aazk, or follow us on Facebook for updates!

Details:

Art on the Hoof, Sunday, August 25th, 2019 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Lodge at Moose Lake, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Rd, Colorado Springs, CO

Ticket sales start in August, deadline for art submissions is August 18th

Art on the Hoof is a fundraising art show and auction that showcases local artists and helps support your local AAZK chapter! Art on the Hoof features nature and animal inspired works of art. Artwork with an estimated value of \$100 and up are featured in this event. Guests receive admission, drink tickets, and an "art drawing ticket"; drawings for the art will occur throughout the evening. When a ticket is chosen, the guest chooses a piece of art and the drawing continues until all of the tickets have been called. This means that every person who purchases an art ticket is guaranteed to take home a unique piece of art!

Come join the fun and meet some fun Zookeepers while contributing to a great cause! *Ashley Arimborgo, Zoo Registrar Contact Ashley for a copy of the brochure.*

Thanks to Ellie and Ron Solomon for working together to forward this wonderful photo from a public source for us all to enjoy.



DRC NEWS

Our Copier--Did You Know...

Basic instructions for navigating our new copier's display panel can be found on the wall behind the copier. It explains the basic symbols and how to indicate the number of sides your original has (one-sided or two-sided), then how to choose one-sided or two-sided for printing. If you are using a flash or thumb drive that contains your document(s) to be printed, you can use the computer's USB port to view your documents for printing like we have done in the past, or bypass that step entirely and plug your device into the copier's USB port located on the right front. The display panel will change and you can locate the file name, open it, and locate the document to be printed, then choose one-side or two-sided and number of copies. You can practice printing just one copy. Sounds like too much? Just use the computer like you used to. *Kathy Kidd, DRC/Library*

Save the Date

Saturday, September

21, 2019

**CMZA 50th
Anniversary**

Celebration

10:30-2:30

**The Lodge at Moose
Lake**

MEET YOUR BOARD

Lovice Riffe

I became a Docent within a view months of my retirement from the District Attorney's Office here in the 4th Judicial District – El Paso and Teller Counties. I had been a long time member of the Zoo but due to my work hours, rarely visited despite paying that annual fee. So my interest was here. Ironically I learned of the Docent program from a fellow worker in law enforcement, now a Sustaining Member, who was taking time off from her job to attend, what I and many I believe still call, Zoo School. I had previously been able to travel to Kenya, Africa, on a Zoo sponsored trip back in 1994. The Zoo CEO at that time was the "Tour Chair". My mom went on this trip with me and one of my all-time favorite photos was taken just north of Nairobi at Sweet Waters Camp as she was able to stroke a drowsing Black Rhinoceros – this animal had been orphaned due to poachers when just a few days old, was rescued by, raised by, and totally bonded with humans. Another talking point about this photo is the guy next to her was holding a very long and serious looking automatic weapon. You can't see it in this photo as it was in his right hand and arm. Yes, it was an Uzi. He was there to protect that particular rhino, not my mom, not me, nor anyone else of the human species. And by the way, rhinos feel like warm velvet. How great is that?



Anyway, I grew up in a military family – dad a WWII Vet who then retired from the Air Force in the early 1960s. My mom loved to see new places –

explanation of her eagerness to go to Africa – in fact, she met and married my father in the Territory of Alaska after WWII. We traveled and lived in different countries and states A LOT. I never entered the same school in the fall that I had left in the spring until 7th grade. That was partially because of the Air Force Academy. My dad was assigned to the Academy when it started so 3 years in different schools in Denver as the Academy was then at Lowry AFB while the campus was being built and school districts kept switching out the military kids annually; and then a grade in a Colorado Springs school as the campus for cadets was there but there was no base housing for support folks yet; then there was, so I was a 5th grader at Douglas Valley elementary – the first class (and I believe, in the “This is a small world category”, that Ms. Ellie Solomon was one of the teachers at that school that same year). Then my dad got another transfer back to Lowry but he was close to retirement and we had found a place to settle down and were already building a forever home. So part of 6th grade was spent back in the Springs while our new home was built but we moved in before he was transferred again this time to Iceland, at that time an isolation post. The Cold War was still sort of hot then. But that move got me into my final school that carried me through to graduation at Lewis Palmer in Monument. My graduating class had only 27 people. How cool is that after all this bouncing, bouncing, bouncing? Whew! Being an Air Force kid I thought that was a normal upbringing. One of my mom’s favorite stories was about a parent/teacher conference when I was in second grade. The teacher told my mom, “Oh! You are Lovice’s mother!” My mom braced herself for some sort of negative comment about the military. The teacher continued, “You know, I can always tell my military students. Every time I announce a new project they are always first in line and with all of their supplies.” We have so many fellow Docents that are or were teachers, and so many from a military background, I wanted to share this part of my life with you. And as a result of all those bounces, not many pets until we finally settled down. But I think I have made up for that lack, as now I have a home, surroundings, heart, and wonderful avocation at this wonderful place and all are filled with animals.

An old story about our giraffe as told to us on that 1994 Kenya trip by that Zoo CEO, that while interviewing to come to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, she was shocked when going into the old and now departed giraffe barn to see all the giraffe crowded together in a pretty small space and asked about it. The escort said “Well, look there”, and pointed to the wide open doors into the yard. “They like to be together.” That sold that particular CEO on our Zoo. I think all of us that spend so much of our time here, like to be together, too.

Oh and another reminder – very important – yes, a very important reminder.

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Cris Stoddard was fortunate to take a spring vacation at Yellowstone. While wading through lingering snow she came upon this. A cousin of Digger and Emmet dining on a bison carcass.



And Cris adds: Well I am partial to this next one, because Harlequin ducks generally range much farther North, up in Glacier NP and throughout western Canada, but they appear briefly at LeHardy rapids in Yellowstone for only two weeks. They are the only North American duck specialized to fast moving water. They are also in decline, due to climate change. They were fun to watch and just around the bend from the Grizzly/bison!



TOSS THE TUSK

On April 6, 2019, the Woodland Park Zoo in Washington State sponsored “Toss the Tusk”. This event allowed people who possessed “trinkets” and other items consisting of body parts from endangered animals to drop them off at the Zoo from 10-2 on that date. Oh they got to visit the Zoo for no charge. Washington State is one of the major ports into the United States. In 2015 a Citizen Sponsored initiative was approved by voters that made it a felony to sell, offer to sell, trade, purchase, barter for or distribute any parts of certain endangered or vulnerable species. Species include elephant, rhino, tiger, lion, cheetah, leopard, pangolin, marine turtle, shark and rays. There are certain exceptions such as for antiques, for instance. 300 pieces including rugs made from cheetah and leopards, a narwhale tooth, ivory jewelry, and dominoes made with walrus tusks were turned in. You can look up more information on line. The Washington Statute is RCW 77.15.135



YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

The Docent year ended with \$9.88 in the Operating Budget. . . which is the way the Board wants to end the year. The Restricted Account ended with \$30174.71 in April. We had \$3548.25 in King Soopers profits and \$610.75 from Safeway. We haven't received the King Soopers profit report since the change in the way King Soopers manages it. That just began in April so stay tuned. In the meantime, please, please be sure to register your loyalty card. If you have questions about how to do this, contact me or Glenna or check the article in the April Zooline. Yes you can still reload those gift cards. Many of us like to use them as it helps track our purchases for our budgets so your habits can stay the same **ONCE YOU HAVE REGISTERED YOUR KS LOYALTY CARD!**

The Auxiliary has given \$3393.00 in 8 Grants this and we are very proud of all the Staff that have spread the good word about the CMZ. *Pat Gray*

And for those of you who didn't see it, this is a photo of big brother Phoenix meeting his about 4 and ½ week old sibling. This pack animal thing apparently begins early. Look how much the face of this small babe has already lost much of its infant pup look.



This edition marks the last edition of Zooline for this 2018-2019 season. Next year the Editor will be Linnea McDonald who possesses WAY MORE computer skills than I do. Please remember to send in articles, as this is your Zooline and you have things to tell to and show to us all.

A couple of additional recent springtime in Colorado photos for you to enjoy.





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