

Zoo Line

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President's Message

By: Ron Gray, President

March is here already! We can tell by the gale force winds blowing in and out. Big things going on at the Zoo. The lion cubs are outside effective Sunday morning. There was very little hesitation on the cubs' part. Lomila was actually more hesitant than the cubs. Of course, she hadn't been outside since they were born so she was checking everything out for changes. They stayed outside all day and the keepers reported that the cubs crashed when they came back into the Relaxation Room. We are eagerly awaiting our new male tiger to make his debut. He's very handsome and we hope Zoya feels the same. We are getting into our busy season for tours and Sue Sallee reports we can expect mucho tours in March and May. April is a testing month for the schools and there will be a lull so take that into account when planning for fulfilling your service hours requirements. Also, we will have 13 trainees jumping into the mix very soon. Our board approved a \$600 grant to the vet Department for a litter to handle movement of larger animals like cats and bears. Human litters just don't handle 500 pound critters easily. The Ad Hoc Committee that I established to scrub our Bylaws, Rules and Policies is very close to finishing their work. We will be bringing those changes to you at the TE and IE meetings this month. We will give you time to digest them and then entertain formal approval of the Bylaws changes at the April meetings. We have three significant changes to

Bylaws for your consideration. First is establishment of a 2nd Vice President-elect position as an elected officer to assist the 2nd Vice President and to learn the job. This position will be similar to the 1st Vice President-elect job and the Board unanimously approved the change. The second significant change recommended for you to consider is to include a leadership development function to the nominating committee. This also was recommended unanimously for your consideration. This will require at least part of the nominating committee to meet more often than the current scope set forth in the Bylaws. The third significant change describes the Suspension process for docents and clarifies the process and procedures for the unlikely such action is required. There is a number of editorial changes which you will also see but these are the major ones. More to follow.

Cheers, Ron

Auxiliary Directory

A Valuable Resource

There are so many useful tools in your Docent Directory! Here are just a few:

What to find someone's phone number or contact information but don't know how to find them?

- 1) Active Docents - You can locate them by looking them up by their first name which is located on page 11, Active Docents Listed By First Name
- 2) You can scroll through the Directory and locate them by their picture which would be listed on pages 12 through page 32.
- 3) Inactive Docents – their information can be found on pages 34 and 35.
- 4) Sustaining Docents – their information can be found on pages 36 through page 40.

Wonder what the IE or TE meeting schedules are for this year?

- 1) You can locate that information on pages 4 and 5 under Meeting Schedule.
- 2) Is it a mandatory meeting? That is also noted on those pages.

What is our official Dress Code?

- 1) Turn to page 10 – it is listed for you there.

What are the Zoo Emergency Codes and who do we call in the event of an emergency?

- 1) The codes, phone number and extension are listed for you on page 5 of our current Directory.

Check back in the ZooLine again next month and I will list other resources that are readily available to you in the Auxiliary Docent Directory.

Jody Schmitz
Corresponding Secretary

2015-2016 CMZ Auxiliary Calendar

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**

March 2016

2	Board Meeting	Safari Lodge
9	TE Meeting	Safari Lodge
12	IE Meeting	Lodge at Moose Lake

April 2016

6	Board Meeting	Safari Lodge
9	IE Meeting	Safari Lodge
13	TE Meeting	Safari Lodge

Upcoming IE Meeting Programs

The March 12 meeting is in Lodge at Moose Lake.

May 7 is in the Safari Lodge. (Also April 9 meeting)

March 12 – Allison Rosin – CMZ Keeper for African Rift Valley will present what she learned at her Natural Encounters Inc. (NEI) Workshop. Natural Encounters, Inc. has served more than 120 facilities in over 20 countries, offering expertise in animal training, staff training, educational program production and presentation, exhibit design, and enrichment. With innovative, industry-leading technology, the NEI team of trainers has worked with hundreds of species of

animals and has taught the art and science of behavior change to thousands of people.

Our [NEI] goal is threefold: to Engage, Inspire, and Empower audiences and animal professionals all over the world by teaching the art of training and the science of behavior change.

April 9 – Sherrie Trippe – the Beaver Lady – will discuss the importance of beavers within our environment. Sherrie Trippe has made it her life mission to help beavers and she is an ambassadors of these special creatures. She speaks to conservation and how the beaver helps in this efforts and she will share her experiences and stories of these adventures she has been on. If you want to learn more, google: Sherrie Trippe Beaver...and there are many spots to visit to find out more about this interesting woman.

May 7 – (note date change) – Reprisal performance of Jason Bredahl requested to talk again, this time at the outdoor exhibit of the Elephants and Rhino

March TE Meeting Program

Our program for the March 9th TE meeting will be presented by Anthony Nelson, Animal Keeper. Anthony recently spent time in Africa working with SANCOB and the Penguins there. You won't want to miss his presentation describing the work that's being done to help save these magnificent birds!!

Sandy Flynn

Another Reason to Subscribe to National Geographic

By Lovice Riffe

I must assume that most of us receive National Geographic every month (I know, never assume). But for those of you who don't, I feel the need to alert you to the January edition that has not one but two articles very pertinent to what we try to teach every day. So you guys that don't receive it, rush to the library. To those of you who do but haven't gotten around to actually reading it yet, go find it within that pile of magazines and catalogues. The issue is titled "The Power of Parks" and honors our 100th anniversary of President Theodore Roosevelt's founding of the American National Park System. The second major article (and worth owning this edition just for the fold out chart) is called "Bloody Good". But on the cover it attracts us docents with the teaser – "Vultures; More than Vile." And did I tell you that the fold out chart is worth the price of this edition all by itself? The article not only has all the photos we have come to expect in this publication but is educating all of us about the importance of these incredible birds to the total health of our planet. Lest we forget about those scavengers in our talks – this one reminds us. Did you know that vultures can totally strip a zebra



carcass in 30 minutes? And how many lives just got saved there? The article of course speaks to attempts to save these birds, tragically disappearing around the world coinciding with a spike in rabies, anthrax, and other horrible diseases. But it also speaks to attempts to save them, and includes a photo of Kerri Wolter holding a Cape vulture that had flown into a non-

bird proofed power line. Our Q4C program and our friend, Jenyva Turner, have been supporting her program VulPro. There is a FB site for VulPro as well as VulPro.com. The home page has fascinating videos and up-to-date news. FB even more as Kerri uses it often so you can see daily releases, see the lives saved; but the down side is the poisoning, the mufti, the fatalities, and those they tried to save but couldn't. (By the way Kerri's other passion is horses and they are bred for the dressage ring, so you may find photos of



those too. I visited VulPro a few years ago and remember staring at this enormous enclosure that contained around 20 vultures. I was gently prodded in the back, and turned to see a totally beautiful horse equipped with a mosquito mask over its face, obviously telling me, "What the heck are you staring that way for, I am here and I am beautiful, too." (And right she was.) I am attaching a photo of a baby Egyptian vulture that Kerri asked me to photograph so Jenyva would be jealous. I may have included a similar photo in ZooLine a few years ago. On the same trip I saw one bird, then two, then ten, then.... The driver went to where they were and we saw half of an antelope, the other half not too far away and all these guys plus more awaiting dinner.

Oh, and this edition is worth it just for the fold out chart. I may have forgotten to tell you that.

CMZA Upcoming Election for Board and Supplemental Chairs: 2016-2017

Lynne Stefonik, Past President

The **election** is scheduled on **May 11** at the TE Meeting and **May 14** at the IE meeting.

Straw Ballots will be passed and filled out at the TE meeting on **March 9** and the IE meeting on **March 12**. The Nominating Committee will meet in April.

Please consider these ideas as you volunteer or nominate others for a position on the CMZA Board:

- Nominees for President Elect are committing to three years on the Auxiliary Board.
- Nominees for 1st VP-Elect are committing to two years on the Auxiliary Board.
- All other positions are for one year of service: June through June
- All Board members write and submit an end of the year report to the outgoing President.
- Board meetings are usually held at 9:30 on the first Wednesday of the month.
- The CMZA President and President-Elect serve as members of the CMZ Board of Directors.
- The President-Elect and IE Chair-Elect schedule monthly programs at meetings.

- The 1st VP-Elect assists with all Education matters and orders uniforms.
- The 2nd VP is the contact between schools and provides information for booking Tours and Safaris.
- The Treasurer also manages sales of King Soopers/Safeway cards in addition to financial recording and reporting.
- DRC/Library Chair also manages the copier in addition to DRC and Library issues.
- The Service Registrar collects all credit sheets and records them, determining award recipients at the end of the year.
- Social duties include coordinating refreshments for meetings, potluck lunches, and annual events. (This can be a 2 person job.)
- When you believe in an organization and its mission, it is good to volunteer for a year or more in a leadership position.

The Belize Zoo

My wife and I had the pleasure of visiting Belize in August, 2015. We have since decided to move to Belize, and will be leaving the U.S in June. One of the places we visited was the Belize Zoo. This is a quaint zoo, exhibiting exclusively animals native to Belize. The text below comes directly from <http://www.belizezoo.org>. The photos and captions are mine. The Editor

The Belize Zoo was started in 1983, as a last ditch effort to provide a home for a collection of wild



Jaguars are big! Note the 1950's style enclosure

animals which had been used in making documentary films about tropical forests.

Shortly after the backyard "zoo" began, it was quickly realized that its Belizean visitors were unfamiliar with the different species of wildlife which shared their country. This very aspect fomented the commitment to develop the little zoo into a dynamic wildlife education center.



Harpy eagle. Rivals our Bald eagles in size.

Today, The Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Center is settled upon 29 acres of tropical savanna and exhibits over 170 animals, representing over 45 species, all native to Belize. The Zoo keeps animals which were orphaned, rescued, born at the zoo, rehabilitated animals, or sent to The



One of the unconfined denizens of the Belize Zoo. I do not know what type of bird this is.

Belize Zoo as donations from other zoological institutions.



In this lush environment, philodendrons reach for the forest canopy.

The Belize Zoo has become the first nature destination in Belize that is fully accessible to visitors with physical disabilities.

A visit to the zoo is the best way to get an introduction to the animals of Belize, and to understand why it is important to protect the habitats that sustain them. We hope this website will be the next best thing to visiting us in person.



An albino coati mundi.

The Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Center believes that by bringing the people of Belize closer to the animals which are their natural heritage, they will feel proud of these special resources, and want to protect them for future generations.

The Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Center receives over 65,000 visitors annually, 15,000 being Belizean students, parents and teachers, as part of the progressive education programs, and popular zoo events including: Birthday parties for Fuego the Tapir, Junior Buddy the Jaguar, and Panama the Harpy Eagle; summer camps; and Student Career Training.

ZOOGEOGRAPHY: Latitude, Tectonics, and Biomes, OH MY!! CEC News!!



*How does the evidence about the way life has evolved on Earth from long ago tell us about the Earth today? This question and many more Depth of Knowledge questions will be uncovered in our next CEC Session! 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

Date: Wednesday, March 16th

Time: 9:30-11:45

Location: Safari Lodge

Date: Saturday, March 19th

Time: 9:30-11:45

Location: Moose Lodge Lake

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

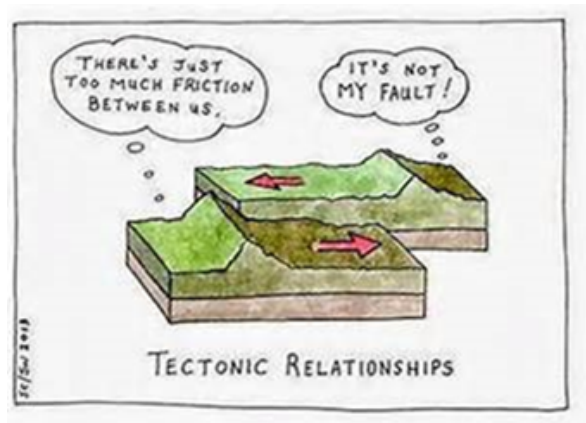
To register: Sue Sallee:

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SPECIFY WHICH DAY YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND!

Sue Sallee, 2nd

VP (on behalf of Patsy McAteer, CEC)



GORILLAS OF THE WORLD



**MOUNTAIN
GORILLA**

Gorilla beringei beringei



**CROSS RIVER
GORILLA**

Gorilla beringei diehli



**EASTERN
LOWLAND
GORILLA**

Gorilla beringei graueri



**WESTERN
LOWLAND
GORILLA**

Gorilla gorilla gorilla



ROGER HALL
WILDLIFE ART

Animals Affected by Palm Oil



Orangutan
 Sumatran (CR) pop. 7,300
 Bornean (EN) pop. 45-69,000
 ↓ ~1,000 / yr



Sumatran Rhino (CR)
 pop. 170-230



Sumatran Tiger (EN)
 pop. < 500



Proboscis Monkey (EN)
 pop. < 6,000



Clouded Leopard (VU)
 pop. < 1,500-3,200



Sun Bear (VU)
 pop. ↓ 30% in last 10 years



Flat-Headed Cat (EN)
 pop. < 2,500



Bay Cat (EN)
 pop. < 2,500
 <25 ever recorded



Malayan Tapir (EN)
 pop. 1,500-2,000



Asian Elephant (EN)
 pop. < 53,000



Lar Gibbon (EN)
 pop. 15-20,000



Fishing Cat (EN)
 pop. <10,000

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