



President's Message

By: Sandy Flynn, President

AZADV CONFERENCE

Charlotte Greene and I (aka Thelma and Louise) drove to the AZADV conference in El Paso last week. We joined Michel and Sheree Lira as the contingency from Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

The conference opened with the delegates meeting on Thursday. Some of the highlights are:

- AZADV currently has 1,556 individual members from 86 organizations. Four new organizations joined this year. They are: International Elephant Foundation, Butterfly Pavilion, San Antonio Zoo, and Zoo Knoxville.
- The 2017 meeting will be in Greensboro, North Carolina. Visits include: North Carolina Zoo in Ashborough, Duke Lemur Center, and Conservation Center.
- The 2018 meeting will be in Phoenix, April 10-15. We have a lot in common with them as they are a non-profit organization and also have a black footed ferret program.
- AZADV gave ten organizations \$1,000 grants for worthwhile projects in 2016. Next year the amount for grants will increase to \$2,000.
- AZADV memberships are now available for 2-year or 3-year renewal in addition to the current one-year membership. You will save a few dollars by renewing for 2 or 3 years.

We enjoyed several paper presentations and they were all held at the El Paso zoo. I attended three of them:

- The Przewalski's horse (the only feral horse in the world) – this horse nearly

became extinct but due to conservation efforts is now growing in numbers.

- Zoo 2 You – Fresno Chaffee Zoo docents received an AZADV grant for their outreach program to inner city children and it has become successful with a lot of community leaders now supporting it.
- Weird, Wild & Wonderful – This presentation gave docents tools to use when interacting with guests. A couple of those are: Use biofacts as a hook to get people to talk with you and then wow them with great stories about animals; People love facts but they like to be entertained more so wrap an entertaining story around your facts to make the experience memorable for guests.

The El Paso zoo was really fun and informative. They have a lot of animals that we do not have including a very beautiful Przewalski horse. He was playing soccer with a large ball and I had a hard time leaving him!! Attached you will find a picture of him along with some of their other animals. See how many you know.

Meet Your Board of Directors

Deana Martin-Muth is currently the co-chair with Gayle Flora for the CMZA social committee. She loves to hang out with the Grizzly Bears at the zoo. They remind her of the 20 adventure-filled years she spent in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Deana first decided to become a docent while studying anthropology at UCCS in 1979 which took her to the zoo to document chimpanzee behavior. Deana finally met the docent goal in 2016. Deana's favorite docent responsibilities are

working special events such as World Elephant Day and Int'l Vulture Day. She also enjoys giving tours and safaris.

Deana and her husband, Bill have had the pleasure of living and working many places across the globe, most recently in Myanmar and Nigeria. They have retired to Colorado Springs to be near aging family members.

Don Heinz is currently serving as the Cart Master for CMZA. We have ten carts scattered around the zoo and in that role he monitors the inventory, checks the condition of each cart and performs repairs as needed. It's important to protect our biofacts to ensure they are presentable for our guests. He also communicates and educates docents on the use and care of the biofacts.

Don was a guest at the zoo and visited Australia where Patsy McAteer was holding a joey. He was so infatuated and interested in her work that he asked her how he too could become a docent. Patsy gave him the information and person to contact and the rest is history.

He felt honored to be on the birth watch for Ember. His shift was midnight to 3:00 a.m. and he spent several nights there. The last night he arrived at his usual time but had missed Ember's birth by 20 minutes. He was frustrated but actually got to watch via monitor all of the activities following her birth. To be part of that was an amazing experience for him.

Don is retired from the Army alter 24 years of service and also a retired radiologic technologist.

Sandy Flynn





Sandy's answers in next month's edition (or email her)

UPCOMING ZOO/ NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL CELEBRATION DATES

October 12-18	Wolf Awareness Week
October 13	African Penguin Awareness Day
October 20	International Sloth Day
October 21	Reptile Awareness Day
October 24	International Gibbon Day
November 13	Orangutan Awareness Day

ZOOPETEER NEWS

The season is almost here.
 Animal puppets are anxious and ready.
 The stage is ready.
 Schools are booking. (25 shows so far).
 Our organizational meeting, sign ups and rehearsal will be Thursday, October 6.
 930AM at Charlotte's "party" room.
 See all you "ZOOPS" on October 6.

Marie Poyzer

TE AND IE PROGRAMS

TE MEETINGS

October 12th – **Stacey Graham** will talk to us about "Go, No Go" – You know what that is - those triggers that make you say the totally wrong thing, or just maybe a sort of the wrong thing; or maybe nothing at all because your brain just froze. Come to the meeting and get some ammunition.

November 12 – **Jenny Diaz** will be presenting a program on Bird Training, incorporating what she learned at her advanced avian training class in Florida. There will be feathers. You may need a hat.

IE MEETINGS

October 8th- Still tentative at publication.
November 12 – Scott Myers, Horticulture

2016 – 2017 CMZ Auxiliary 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.

**Date/time/or location change. ** Mandatory meeting*

Oct 2016

1	Field Trip	Wild Animal Sanctuary
5	Board Meeting	Safari Lodge
8	IE Meeting	Safari Lodge
12	TE Meeting	Safari Cabin*
19	CEC – Life Cycles	Safari Lodge
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31	Fall Recall is due	

Nov 2016

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

Dec 2016

3	Holiday Party	Marie Poyzer 2-5
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SOCIAL EVENTS

The Staff Appreciation Lunch will be held after the TE meeting on November 9th at the Lodge at Moose Lake. The main dish will be provided by Fazoli's but docents are each asked to bring a side dish or dessert - enough to feed ten people. As we know these folks work hard and come hungry! Signup sheets will be available at both the IE and TE meetings in October. Also save December 3 from 2 – 5 for our Annual Holiday Party. Marie Poyzer is again generously opening her home for this event.

Deana Martin-Muth

CEC NEWS

The **Fall Recall** went out in the September edition of the Zooline. In order to get your CEC credit, the due date for returning completed quiz is **October 31st, 2016**. You may return the quiz by mail, e-mail or by hand. Make sure **your name** is on the quiz in order to get credit.

The next CEC is a review of the **Life Cycles** tour and safari. You have two opportunities to attend a class.

Wednesday, October 19th, 2016

and

Saturday, October 22nd, 2016

Both will be in the Safari Lodge at 9:30 a.m.

We will be going over the vocabulary, safari and, because of the demolition of the Aquatics building and construction of the new hippo and penguin exhibits, we will have new tour routes. There will also be information provided for use at cart and house talks.

All written material will be e-mailed to the docent population via e-mail for you to download and print. (If you do not have the ability to do this, please contact me one week before the CEC and I will have a set printed for you to pick up at the CEC.)

If you would like to download the safari itself on a thumb drive, please bring one with you. Kathy Kidd has agreed to meet with you in the DRC after the CEC to help you do so.

Attendance at either session of the CEC will earn you one CEC credit. If you are currently certified for Life Cycles, you do not have to re-certify. If

you are currently not certified and would like to be, you have the opportunity to become so by attending either session and completing a short quiz, which will be given to you at the CEC, and returning it to me by November 30th, 2016. (Docents from the class of 2016 may certify, but cannot lead a LC tour until the fall of 2017.)

If you do the Fall Recall and attend one of the Life Cycle training CECs, you will have completed your obligation of 2 CECs for the 2016-2017 year!

More CECs will be available including attendance at any of the content classes of the 2017 new docent training. Watch for the dates in upcoming Zooline editions.

Jean McKanna

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

Restricted Account: In August nearly \$960 was deposited in the King Soopers/Safeway Accounts bringing our total profit since May 1 to \$1354. Sustaining Docents paid \$360. Ending balance in the Restricted Account \$27,953.

Budget Account: \$369 was spent for printing, DRC cleaning, postage and our directories. Operating Budget ending balance was \$5295.

If you wish greater detail of the August report, email me and I will send it to you.

Nancy Hochman

EW TRAINEE TOUR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following certification requirements were adopted by the CMZA Board on September 7, 2016.

One safari, either AM or ARV. Trainee observes experienced docent first and then is certified by the same docent. Certification involves giving the same safari, often at the same school. If the trainee is uncomfortable in a classroom setting a second supervised safari will be suggested.

Two tours with school children, one AM and one ARV. The trainees first follows a tour given by an experienced docent. At a later date, the trainee will lead a tour accompanied by an experienced docent who observes and certifies.

ECO will still be required for

certification. If school requests for ECO do not supply enough opportunities to be certified in the normal manner, then ECO certification may be adjusted as follows: docent trainees will follow an ECO tour directed by an experienced docent. The trainees will be the students, no more than five trainees per leader. The trainees will later lead an ECO tour, two trainees sharing the leader role and one experienced docent being the certifier. (Obviously if school students are available, it is preferable to use the normal certification procedure.) Once a trainee is certified on safaris, the trainee will be able to offer the ECO safari.

Certification for IE docents remains unchanged: 3 carts, be familiar with all carts.

Susan Gross

EdVenture Updates

Back From Costa Rica!!

The Zoo Teens arrived back from Costa Rica safe, sound, and full of memories to last a lifetime. It was an incredible 9 days, and it could not have been a smoother experience. These teens were truly inspired by this adventure and are ready to continue their explorations in the future.

Though there we did a lot of things, met a lot of wonderful people, and saw a lot of incredible animals, there were definitely some highlights that the group seemed to favor.

- Horseback riding through the San Luis Valley and seeing sloths, snakes, and owls was a huge hit! We rode through jungles, open hills, and coffee fields all via horseback- this was a great opportunity to see local flora in a whole new way, and seeing an 8 foot red tail boa was a pretty amazing sight as well.
- Night hikes through the dense jungles of Monteverde was definitely a favorite. The jungle is surprisingly loud at night with all of the crickets and cicadas singing to each other- and with only the light from a head lamp cutting through the darkness, it was always a fun game to see who would be able to spot the next creature. One group even saw a porcupine- an incredibly rare sight for this area.

- Visiting the Pacific Ocean and white sand beaches. Some of the teens had never seen the ocean before and were immediately captivated by sounds, smells, and sight of huge waves roaring into shore. Large groups of brown pelicans flew overhead as the teens scoured the shores looking for shells, crabs, and sand dollars.

Overall the trip was incredible. Not only did we get to see things we thought we would never see, but we also learned about the importance of eco-tourism, supporting local communities, and sustainability. While we were there we helped the University of Georgia fill close to one hundred bags with dirt to later be filled with seedlings. These trees not only help offset our carbon emissions from travelling there, but as these wild avocado trees grow, they will help create a biological corridor to help the endemic bell bird be able to safely migrate through that area.

Not only were all of our teens inspired by this country, but our teens were inspiring to others as well. Everyone we met took the time to let us know how powerful these teens can be, and that if they keep doing what they are doing, they can help us change the world. It was a truly amazing trip and we could not have shared it with a more wonderful group of teens. They have shared their knowledge, passion, and excitement with professionals in conservation based fields and have impressed every person they have met. They have inspired these adults and reaffirmed that kids can make a difference and get involved, giving us all hope that these young environmental stewards can share their experiences and inspire more and better change in the world.

Hopefully this is the first of many international conservation trips to come!

Stacey Graham



REPORTS FROM THE ROAD TRIP

As Sandy noted in her report, there were 4 representatives from our Auxiliary that attended the AZADV Regional Conference in El Paso this year. Sandy and Charlotte Greene traveled together by car. During this trip they stopped in Albuquerque to visit the Rio Grande Zoo. It is no longer named the Rio Grande Zoo. Charlotte tells me, and the website confirms, that the zoo is now just one part of a larger facility known as the Albuquerque BioPark. All are located along the Rio Grande. The BioPark includes the ABQ BioPark Zoo, the ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden, the ABQ BioPark Aquarium, and Tingley Beach.

The Zoo is the birthplace of Bhutan. Charlotte sent us this photo of his mom and dad.



MORE PHOTOS FROM AZADV REGIONAL CONFERENCE



Photo: fellow docent attendee, Jenny Reineck of Zoo Atlanta



The CMZA delegation, Michel, Charlotte, Sandy, and Sheree (photo: courtesy of Charlotte Greene)

THE GOATS ARE BACK AT BEAR CREEK CREEK

You have no doubt read and perhaps seen for yourself that the goats are back at Bear Creek Park doing their worthwhile job of devouring noxious weeds, reducing fire danger, and enchanting us all. They left early last year because people were still letting their dogs run loose despite all the warnings and signs. Some juveniles actually set the goats loose one night. In the meantime the El Paso County Commissioners put some teeth into the regulations regarding loose animals in County Parks. Despite being within Colorado Springs city limits, Bear Creek is a County “regional” park, not a city park - and that does complicate things. So far so good this year.

The county is allowing the goatherds to actually camp there so they and their dogs are present 24/7. You should drop by, if you haven't had the opportunity to. Another unique attraction, besides the camping aspect is that this year there are BABY goats, too, 10 of them! Many of us were fortunately to attend the TE meeting a few years ago when Lani Mahlberg taught us more about ungulates than most of us had ever thought about. She was worried she was taking too much time, but those present all believed she could have talked all day long and no rear ends would have left their seats. The contribution to an ecosystem that is made simply by the process of a herd of goats chomping down on weeds is astounding – less than 99.7 percent seed dispersal – those weed seeds die in this process – so the plants die and no new weeds in their place. If the landowner chooses to re-seed beneficial plants while the goats are still present, their hooves drive the seeds into the ground and their increased body heat created as a result of the nasty and toxic plants they eat and then have to digest, helps to germinate those seeds as the goats take a rest and camp on the ground for a few hours. These are just a couple of the benefits.



Children have again added signage to reinforce the official ones, reminding us to keep our dogs under control and on leashes.



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Young goat and adults at Bear Creek 9/27/2016

