



President's Message

By: Jeanie Baratono, President

Hello docents! Wow! It's hard to believe that fall is here! Summer flew by and what a busy summer it was! I listen to docents that have been around a while and they tell me that summer was the down time for them, very few tours, few special events, just the IE meetings to stay connected and then a 'Woodsy' in September to reconnect. That is not the case anymore. We gave 12 tours this summer for 350 guests using 60 docents. The docents participated in Gibbon Day, Giraffe Day, Elephant Day, and Teddy Bear Days. The docents manned 3 Member's Nights and 3 adult evenings at the zoo. Altogether we did 10 special events using 90 docents and logging 307 hours. 458.5 hours were put in on working carts. ZOOM docents participated in school programs, daytime and nighttime onsite SSA events, member appreciation nights, adults only evenings, marketing events for Toyota and Children's hospital, library programs, retirement homes, Vintage Days, picnics, camp and summer programs around Colorado Springs and the surrounding area. The ZOOM docents also went to Cheyenne Mountain Resort every Saturday morning and manned the Loft every day for a total of 979.5 hours with 23 docents participating in those events. We can't forget about the success of Big Back Yard! Docents worked 401.5 hours in this new space. What an inviting place to be. The docents covered lunch and gave great guest experiences all summer. Thank you to everyone who manned the Making Waves station this summer. It really helps our guests understand what is going on in that area and that there really are some terrific things to come as well as some

pretty special primates behind the construction. For the first time Zoopeteers gave puppet shows for the camp kids in June and July! Altogether for June, July and August the docents logged 2,504.5 hours. Now it is time to gear up for fall tours and of course Boo at the Zoo. *Jeanie Baratono*

CMZ AUXILIARY CALENDAR 2017-2018

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 2017

4	Board Meeting	Safari Lodge
11	TE Meeting	Safari CABIN*
14	IE Meeting	Safari Lodge
18	CEC – Zoogeography	Safari Lodge
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Nov 2017

1	Fall Recall is due	
1	Board Meeting	Safari Lodge
8	TE and Staff Lunch	Lodge at Moose Lake
11	IE Meeting	Safari Lodge
17	Field Trip	Denver Museum Natural Hist and Sci.

Dec 2017

No meetings BUT---

2* CPR class (open to docents and their guests) cost is \$25. Contact Sue Potterat if you are attending.

9 Holiday Party at the Poyzer's

CEC NEWS

If you are submitting the Fall Recall that was printed in last month's Zooline, please send that to me by November 1st. A CEC on Zoogeography will be offered on Wednesday October 18th and again on Saturday October 21st. The class runs from 9:30 until about 11:30. The Safari Lodge is

the location for each class. A CEC credit will be given for attendance. Additionally, you may qualify to do Zoogeography tours by completing a quiz handed out at the end of the class.

A CPR class will be offered to docents and their guests. The class will be on **Saturday, December 2** in the Safari Lodge. The hours are from 9:30 to 12:00 or 12:30. The cost is \$25.00 and NO CEC credit will be given. Please contact me if you plan to attend.

In January, a CEC class will be given on water. The dates are Saturday the 13th of January following the IE meeting, and again on Wednesday, January 17th, at 9:30. *Sue Potterat*

TE AND IE PROGRAMS

TE MEETINGS

October 11 – Becca Frucht, Education Outreach Director for Chico Basin Ranch will join us and provide information about the 87,000 acre working cattle ranch. She will talk about life on the ranch, ranch philosophy and conservation efforts to keep the land and ecosystem healthy.

November 8 – Jenyva Turner, Senior Lead Animal Keeper in ARV I will speak about Bird Banding.

IE MEETINGS

October 14 - Charlotte Green will speak about Eco- travel - Defining Moments and Impacts on the Environment and People

November 11 - Linnea McDonald will talk to us and have many photos to share about her recent trip to Africa.

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

Restricted Account: In August, the profit from King Soopers reloads was \$379.50. Keep using your cards!! Money from Sustaining and Inactive Docents was \$320.00. Jenyva Fox was given \$100.00 for IVAD. Ending balance in the Restricted Account \$25,710.89.

Budget Account: \$129.79 was spent from DRC/Office Equipment for DRC cleaning, the copier and for a National Geographic book Photo Ark. \$40.98 was spent for 2nd VP printing, \$35.34 for Zoopeteer supplies and \$246.71 for Directory

printing. Operating Budget ending balance was \$3,657.56

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

Nancy Hochman

MEET YOUR BOARD

This month spotlight is on **Kathy Kidd**. Here is a little about her:

Each spring, my 4th grade teammates and I would plan our once a year field trip. My preference was to be outside and explore a park, go hiking to look for plants and animals that we had studied in our science units. In Bear Creek Park, the students used activity sheets to help them record what they had seen. They were really, excited when they discovered a fox den. As we walked, we'd pick up trash. No, they didn't get to count the underwear they found nor did we discuss why it might have been there. At Florissant Fossil beds, we found plenty of flora and fauna to record. One parent announced he'd learned how to identify coyote scat and he did. On the bus ride back to school we had one more thing to look for, ticks. One was found looking for a cozy spot. Two or three times we were, able to visit Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. We would go on scavenger hunts and fill out activity sheets. In the 1980's the monkey viewing was different. All the students were warned to not get too close to the bars on the enclosures, stay behind the line so they'd be out of range. Not all kids listen, are you surprised? At least one kid would get wet. No matter where we were or what we did, there were memorable experiences. During my tenure as a teacher, I considered what I might do when I retired. Work at a garden store because I like the warm moist environment and the flowers, volunteer at the Bear Creek Nature Center or maybe as a zoo docent. Jackie Barrilleax, a coworker for many years, became a docent and loved it. (She is now a Sustaining Docent). Louise Garrison, my early teaching teammate, moved back to Colorado Springs and Jackie encouraged her to become a docent. So...here I am enjoying all the new friends I've made, human and animal.

Is there something else that nudged me to be a docent beyond all the cool animals, kid, and adult interactions? Maybe it was a chilly day in 1956 or 1957 when I was 5 or 6. My family drove from Boulder to Colorado Springs to visit the Zoo. I recall it was near closing time and the staff were bottle feeding ocelot (?) kittens, my sister and I helped. That is the only thing I remember about being at the zoo that day.

KEEPER SPOTLIGHT

The featured keeper this month is **Courtney Rogers** who works in Rocky Mountain Highlands. These are her words:

I grew up in CA and my parents often took me to Oakland Zoo, San Diego Zoo, and Marine World. I loved to see the animal shows and meet the keepers. During the elephant show and Marine World, keepers would show how strong the elephants were by having a pachyderm vs. people tug of war contest. I was shocked to be on the human team against Judy the elephant, and was shocked that Judy won so easily. It made a big impression on four-year old me. It's also why I love our 'Defining Moments' program here at CMZ so very much.

My family moved to CO in 1997, and became members of the zoo soon after. CMZ has been my favorite zoo for 20 years now...I may be a bit biased. I always knew I wanted to work with animals, and was particularly interested in elephants (Judy's influence). I met grizzly bears Emmett and Digger in 2011, and within 30 seconds they had me converted to an avid bear fan. I knew after I met them that our North American wildlife is where my heart lies. I started attending the zoo keeping tech program at PPCC and applied to work Guest Services at the zoo simultaneously. I was a keeper assistant for several years, led Wild Nights for a time, did a lot of data entry for Membership, tried my hand at being the weekend Base girl, and still remember how to operate the Sky Ride and Carousel!

My typical day in Rocky Mountain Highlands begins by checking on all the animals in our area.

We get to work right away, cleaning and setting up exhibits for the day. That includes adding enrichment items and hiding food for foraging purposes. After the animals are safely shifted onto exhibit for the day, it's time for diet preparation, medicating animals that are under vet care, and more cleaning! We are very lucky that our area has a team of dedicated helpers, including interns, volunteers, and JZK's. We have four keeper talks or shows daily. In between show times, we try to fit in as many animal training sessions as possible, create fun enrichment items, clean, do defining moments with guests, fill out some paperwork, and clean a bit more before getting the animals settled for the night. We are busy learning a new routine now that Rocky Mountain Wild has merged with Asian Highlands. It's been fun since the keepers are all learning from each other about the animals' training, personalities, and species information.



Ginger has taken the newly laid sod from her enclosure and lined her den with it. She does drag it through the water occasionally to refresh it. This gives new meaning to green shag carpet. (photo by J. Baratono)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
2018 Docent Class

Now is the time to fill out applications for the 2018 Docent Class.

If you know someone who loves and cares about animals, is passionate about our zoo and would be interested in sharing information about conservation and how we all can make a difference - we would love to talk to them!

You may also meet guests as you work carts or special events that comment about how they would “love to do what you do”. Have your Docent Program Cards available to give them and encourage them to call us or email us for more information. (The cards are available in the DRC). They can also go online to cmzoo.org – click top right on “Get Involved” – then choose the “Docents” yellow tab.

Remember the class size is limited – so encourage them to apply now. **Jody Schmitz** 596-3735
jodyhome2019@gmail.com; **Nona Hentschel**
473-2323 dnhentschel@msn.com



By popular demand – Rosemary. Also in the photo is Kay Bard Gray on BBY duty. Thanks to J. Baratono for the photo.

DAISY UPDATE

Cynthia Preston sent along an update about Daisy, the Yellow Footed tortoise she rescued from a pet store in the Denver area and she had to feed through a tube for months.

“Daisy is doing so great!!! She is now over 5 pounds. She does some outreach with Nature's Educators and I take her to the dog park with us so she can walk around in the grass on the opposite side. Everyone loves her. She is getting so big!!! I can tell especially when I soak her because her soaking tub is shrinking!!!!”



Daisy is not impressed with a possible ancestor.

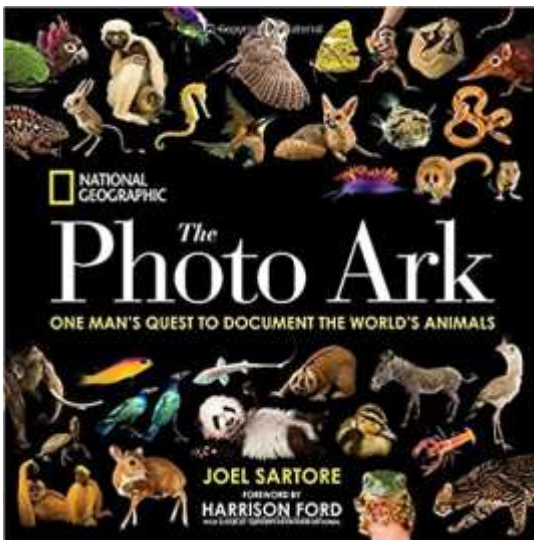


And she has fans

DRC/LIBRARY NEW ACQUISITION

**National Geographic The Photo Ark: One
Man's Quest to Document the World's
Animals**

By Joel Sartore



You have been reading about Joel Sartore's project for years. You may have seen the documentary on PBS depicting the project and many behind the scenes experiences. Well, the book was finally published this spring (although Mr. Sartore is not yet done with his project to photograph all endangered species).

Thanks to Diana Gantz, a copy is now available for your perusal in the DRC. You can order your own copy online. (Personally I choose to order from National Geographic in order to support the project. But that's just me. There are many sources available.) Many of you may not know or may not remember that some of the animals in this book are our very own. Jenyva Fox sent me some of her personal behind the scenes photos of a visit.





BANFF National Park Docents Photos and text by Louise Garrison

Two docents were working the top of Sulphur Mtn, arrived at by gondola. Inside, there was a docent with biofacts and various scat. Outside, the docent had the sheep skull with removable horn. He let people take photos while holding the pieces and telling them about horns.

Then he looked down and there were live models!



The next two docents had a much harder job. At Johnson Canyon, their table was set up for one purpose. Tourists, campers, and hikers, please be responsible for all food you have for your trip. Store food properly, and dispose of in bear proof containers. The Park Rangers found that transporting bears miles away from tourist areas did not help. The bears returned. In 2008, the policy changed and this is what now happens to bears who consistently forage for food from humans, rather than doing as nature requires. The docents told children and adults that the bear pelt you can see in the photo had been killed in 2008 by Park Rangers.



ENRICHMENT

A Conversation with Anthony Nelson, Animal Keeper



Over in Primate World it is reported Tujoh (Bornean Orangutan) was being a repeat offender. It seems he kept plugging the outside drinker with dirt and various items. After careful observation, Anthony suspected Tujoh was doing it because he liked the sound being made when his drinker was clogged.

In search of a solution, a baby sound machine was purchased (Version 1.0) to provide an alternative noise. It was a plug in type, offering four different selections: white noise, heartbeat, lullaby and ocean sounds. I asked Anthony how long it took Tujoh to figure it out..." less than 5 minutes", was the answer. Version 1.0 had limitations though, its 20 minute timer and the very fact it plugged in.

"Part of the problem with always inventing new enrichment is that we have to build it ourselves, which is expensive". But build it Anthony did. Using a Bluetooth speaker and a cellphone battery, Version 2.0 did the trick. Selections now include: classical music, a 2 hour best of the 80's loop and ocean noises. Tujoh's preferred listening channel is classical. Other family members have taken a turn at the channel changer but in true stereotypical fashion, our boy Tujoh is largely in charge. The keepers put it out in their enclosure when they are outside...not all the time but frequently. Also there is a silence setting on the 2.0.

What innovative keepers we have! Their love, understanding and desire to serve our animals best interests amazes me and should be rewarded through recognition. Let them know you know the great job they do!

Lisa Forbes text and photos by Deb Compton





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