



President’s Message – Nancy Hochman

Greetings Docents,

September was an amazing month at the zoo. For those who missed the pool party — and I was one of them — it was a pool party to end all pool parties. Docents, volunteers and staff had the time of their lives playing in the hippo pools, while our girls remain on standby, anxious to move into their new enclosures. Some faint but pesky leaks are being tracked down and repaired. Hopefully, Kasai and Zambezi will be here soon, but I’m not sure what soon looks like.

A memorable event for all docents was our celebration of 50 years as an ongoing, energetic and expanding organization. If you weren’t able to attend, you missed a major event. Glenna French organized this glorious affair and did a magnificent job with tremendous assistance from her able committee. Glenna has an article in this Zoo Line, so I won’t steal her thunder. Ellie Solomon gave a phenomenal presentation, taking us on a docent trip down memory lane. She started at our beginning and showed how we have developed into the amazing group we are today. Bob Chastain, Stacey Graham and Kathy Loo also spoke, reminding us that we are an important part of the Zoo family. One of the highlights for me was seeing the list of programs started by docents that are now part of other departments of the Zoo, such as:

- Zoo tours (now done by the Edventure staff as well as docents)
- Education Department
- Summer camp
- ZOOM
- Zoodents and Explorer Docents (now our Zoo Crew and JZK)
- Haunted House (now Boo at The Zoo)
- Christmas Lights Night (now Electric Safari)
- Speakers Bureau (now handled by Development)
- Art on The Hoof (now run by the keepers)

You should feel proud of our organization for all we have contributed to the Zoo. A link to the website for photos from the event is forthcoming.

By the time this article comes out, docents who attended the AZADV Conference in Greenville, SC, will have returned. Jeanie Baratono is our delegate and I’m sure she’ll give a great report about all the pre- and post-trips, the Ice Breaker, the Greenville Zoo, the fantastic speakers and much more. I’m looking forward to hearing about their experiences.

Rhino Day was fun for everyone, especially those who tried to spray like a rhino. There were lots of opportunities — pin the horn on the rhino, guess the weight of rhino poop — for a chance to meet Jumbe, and of course biofacts and talking about the plight of rhinos in the wild.

One final item: Boo at the Zoo is just around the corner. It’s a fun event and great way to earn some IE hours. See you at the zoo! *Nancy*

DATES TO KNOW

Meetings start at 9:30 a.m.

- Oct 2 Board Meeting....Safari Lodge
- Oct 9 TE Meeting.....LML
- Oct 12 IE Meeting.....Safari Lodge
- Oct 23 ... Education Mtg....Safari Lodge
- Nov 6 Board Meeting....Safari Lodge
- Nov 9 IE Meeting.....Safari Lodge
- Nov 13 ... TE Meeting and Staff Lunch
Lodge at Moose Lake
- Nov 20 ... Education Mtg. ... Safari Cabin
- December.....No Meetings
- Dec 7.....Holiday Party @ Marie Poyzer’s
- Jan 4..... Trainee Meet & Greet
10:00-2:00Safari Lodge
- Jan 8..... Board Meeting....Safari Lodge
- Jan 11 IE Meeting.....**Library**
- Jan 15**.... TE Meeting.....Safari Lodge
- Jan 22..... Education Mtg. ... Safari Cabin

CECs and TRAINING

CECs start at 9:30 a.m. unless noted

- Oct 16 & 19 CECSafari Lodge
- Nov 20 & 23 CECSafari Lodge

Class of 2020 Training

January 11 through March 21
Saturdays .. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. .. Safari Lodge

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Monthly Program Information

TE Meeting October 9 in the Lodge at Moose Lake
What's the Buzz All About?? The October TE meeting will be in the *Lodge at Moose Lake* and will feature a presentation by Mike Halby, a member of the Pikes Peak Beekeepers organization, who will discuss the plight of the bee and their importance in our world!



IE Meeting on October 12

At the October 12 IE meeting, we are thrilled to have Cassie English from the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Department as our guest speaker.

50th Anniversary Committee

Saturday, September 21 was a festival of fun, food and favorite facts about our fantastic organization. The celebration of our 50th anniversary wouldn't have been possible without our committee and others who helped make it possible.



The committee first met in January to start planning for this event and the work was not done until 3:30 pm on the 21st, when the last decoration was taken down. The committee was divided into the five categories listed below and the docents who worked to make their part perfect:

- Program Committee: Charlotte Greene and Sue Mayher
- Menu, Bar & Cake: Eileen Derry, Nancy Hochman and Barbara Kalbli
- Guest List, Invitations, Programs & Nametags: Eileen Derry, Nona Hentschel, Lovena Porter and Marie Poyzer
- Gifts & Photographer: Pat Coleman, Gayle Irani and Sue Sallee
- Decorations: Diana Gantz and Kathy Kidd

Our consultants and experts were Ellie Solomon and Sally Goldstein.

There aren't enough words to thank these docents but I have to recognize them for all they did and say "great job." Sue Mayher knows every piece of paper in the DRC as she spent an enormous amount of time researching every document. Charlotte, with Sue's assistance, planned and implemented the entire program. They put together the slide presentation as well (Charlotte was the task master). Barbara, Nancy and Eileen made sure we had a delicious meal and wow — what about that cake! Yum!! Nona, Marie, Eileen and Lovena made sure invitations were sent out on time, programs printed and everyone had a nametag. Gayle, Sue Sallee and Pat put a lot of time into selecting gifts

for guests as well as gifts for both Ellie and Sally for their 50 years as docents. The Lodge at Moose Lake was turned into magic by the hard work of Diana and Kathy. Wasn't it beautiful? Ellie and Sally kept us on track and made sure details were accurate.

Besides saying thanks to this wonderful committee, I also want to recognize Ron Solomon as he stood on a ladder for hours helping the other two ladder climbers, Diana and Kathy, put up the splendid decorations; the zoo for their financial help; Guest Services for helping get things to the LML and for giving guests rides to and from the Lodge; Maintenance for providing ladders; and Miriam and Ashton for all the IT help. It does take a village and to all — **THANK YOU!**

Annual Keeper/Staff Luncheon

Just a reminder the annual Keeper/Staff luncheon will be held at the Lodge at Moose Lake on Wednesday, November 13, following the monthly TE meeting. This is just one small way we can show our appreciation for the amazing job the keepers and staff do every day to make our zoo one of the best in the country! The main dishes will be catered and there will be sign up sheets for salads and desserts at the October meetings.



Thank you, Kim Bunch-DeCou and Eileen Derry

Behind-the-Scenes Walkabout

Basia Dann, keeper for RMW, led 30 docents (see photo below) on a behind-the-scenes walkabout tour of the Amur tiger and Amur leopard facilities on Wednesday, September 18. Forty additional docents expressed an interest in participating and were placed on a waitlist. Many thanks to Jane Emerson-Brown for organizing the event!



Fall CEC Information

A big thank-you to everyone who has taken the time to do the Fall Recall. There's still time to get it in. You can find it on the bottom of the September Zoo Line.

Coming up this month is a fun and informative class on Storytelling. Our Storytelling Committee is putting together a great presentation you won't want to miss. They will share some of the stories about our animals and give you techniques for collecting your own stories. Join us *at the Safari Lodge* on either Wednesday, October 16, or Saturday, October 19, at 9:30 am.

As a reminder, every docent must complete 2 CEC credits each year to stay in good standing. The November CEC classes will be an Advanced Mammal Tour Refresher/Certification on November 20/23.

Top 5 Biofact Handling Tips

As presented by Marianne Brooks at the September TE and IE meetings, following are the Top 5 Biofact Handling Tips:



1. Don't let guests hold biofacts – docents should keep physical control at all times!
2. Guests with dirty hands should not touch biofacts.
3. Return biofact to correct container for that biofact.
4. Fold pelts with hair/fur side in and tanned side out.
5. To prevent damage, don't force pelts into their container or into carts.

Thank you!

Save the Date: Scavenge for Vultures!

Please save the date and this vulture! Saturday, Feb. 8.

This is our annual fundraiser and your donated goods will help save vultures!



Start cleaning out those closets and drawers to donate animal-themed clothing, jewelry, stuffed animals and other knickknacks for this annual fundraiser. The money raised will be put into an account for Jenyva, our awesome ARV keeper, to use for supplies for IVAD (International Vulture Awareness Day). Funds are also donated to Vulture Conservation in Africa. Contact Merrill, Caz or Cris if you have donations. Please be sure to price items in even dollar amounts (\$2, \$4, etc.). More information to follow!

Fun fact #1: Vultures have a bad public image, but the truth is they play a vital role in controlling disease. They have a unique digestive system capable of dissolving anthrax, botulism and cholera. *They help save us, so let's help save them!*

BYLAWS AND RULES AND POLICY CHANGES

On September 4, 2019, the Board considered and approved the following changes to the Rules and Policies.

TB testing for Active Docents

At the August 7, 2019, meeting of the Board, it was moved by the Education Committee that the Auxiliary return to an older requirement that all active docents submit to annual TB testing and reporting. The current, proposed and approved language follows:

Current Language / R&P Appropriate Behavior [37]

4. TB Screening: All members participating in Zoo activities for which current Zoo policy requires an annual TB screening test will be required to offer proof of annual TB screening, including the required follow-up reading in accordance with current Zoo procedures. This policy includes at least, but is not limited to, all docents participating in ZOOM activities and any docents preparing diets that are intended to be fed to Primates or Elephants. The TB test shall also be required for docents preparing enrichment.

Proposed and Approved amendment to R&P [37] / Appropriate Behavior [37]

4. TB Screening: All active members participating in Zoo activities shall be required to offer proof of annual TB screening, including the required follow-up reading. Any Docent who has resigned, been inactive, or sustaining and is reactivating membership, must also offer proof of current TB screening.

This change in policy also required the following change to Membership [25] Reinstatement

Current Language / Reinstatement [25]

A member of the Auxiliary who has resigned in good standing or has a status change to sustaining or inactive may be reinstated to active membership by renewing zoo membership, if it has lapsed, submitting proof of a current TB Skin test if required for their role, and meeting training requirements to update docent skills as determined by the Education Committee.

New approved language deletes "if required for their role."

Reinstatement [25] A member of the Auxiliary who has resigned in good standing or has a status change to sustaining or inactive may be reinstated to active membership by renewing zoo membership, if it has lapsed, submitting proof of a current TB Skin test, and meeting training requirements to update docent skills as determined by the Education Committee.

Service Hours earned by Zoom Docents

On August 7, the Education Committee recommended that service hours earned by Zoom docents be changed to incorporate the additional time required by the Zoo for Zoom docents to not only present animal presentation programs to the public but to perform additional tasks as well. The Board approved the change.

The current language read as follows / R&P [31]

Service Hours

4. Education Program: Zoom Docents, provided their annual service requirements have been met, will earn one credit hour for each hour of animal presentation for the public on Zoo grounds and two credit hours for each hour of animal presentation off Zoo grounds. Zoopeteers, provided their annual service requirements have been met, will earn one and one-half credit hours for each Zoopeteer presentation as listed in the Auxiliary Education Program brochure.

The Proposed and approved amendment to R&P [31]

Service Hours 4. Education Program:

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Articles and Information of Interest

- In case you missed it, the thought-provoking *Sides of a Horn* movie: <https://www.rhinomovie.com>
- The Wildcat Conservation Alliance (formerly ALTA) is working with the Russian government to create a re-introduction facility. Imagine that someday, Anya and Anadyr's grand kittens could be released into the wild?! That's the power of our zoo: <https://conserwewildcats.org/resources/amur-leopard-facts/amur-leopard-reintroduction/>
- A nice article in the latest Waterhole about CMZ Aux/docents, in case anyone missed it: <http://bit.ly/DocentsContribute>
- Article on PBS.org from September 18, 2015, entitled *Giraffes Hum to Each Other Throughout the Night, And Zookeepers Never Noticed*: <http://bit.ly/giraffeshum>

Reminders

Cannoli making schedule September 2019 to August 2020:

- Saturday, October 12 (after IE meeting)
- Saturday, November 9 (after IE meeting)
- Saturday, December 14
- Saturday, January 11 (after IE meeting)
- Saturday, February 8 (after IE/TE meeting)
- Saturday, March 14 (after IE meeting)
- Saturday, April 11 (after IE meeting)
- Saturday, May 9 (after mandatory IE meeting)
- Saturday, June 6 (after mandatory IE/TE meeting)
- Saturday, July 11 (after IE meeting)
- Saturday, August 8 (after IE meeting)

Linking Your King Soopers Card

In order for the Auxiliary to receive the rewards from your purchases at King Soopers, your card has to be linked to the Auxiliary's community rewards program. This change does not affect your gas card points.

If you already have a King Soopers account:

- Go to the King Soopers official site www.kingsoopers.com
- Click on My Account
- Put in your password
- On the left side of the screen, click **Community Rewards**
- Search for Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Auxiliary or our organization number which is: **BC371** (either of these will work)
- When search comes up, click **Enroll** (if you don't go down and click on enroll it won't link your account to the Auxiliary's rewards)

If you don't already have a King Soopers' account but have a loyalty card, these are the instructions to create an account:

- Go to the King Soopers' official site www.kingsoopers.com
- Click on Welcome/Sign-in pull-down
- Click Sign in
- At the bottom of the page on the left, click **Create an Account**. You will need an email address to create an account.
- Create a password for this account
- Enter the number of your loyalty card found on the reverse side of the card or if you have your phone number as an alternate ID you may use that number instead of the loyalty card number.
- Don't forget to go all the way to the bottom and click **"Create an Account"** located on the left side.

- Once that account has been created, then click on **Community Rewards** on the left side of the page
- In the search box put in Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Auxiliary or our organization number **BC371** (either will work)
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If anyone needs some assistance, Nancy Hochman, Marcia Morris, Marie Poyzer, Susie Gross or Glenna French will be happy to help.

CMZA Zoo Line Information

Please send all submissions — information, articles, pictures, etc. — to cmza.zooline@yahoo.com. Deadline for the November issue is **Monday, October 21**.

Thank you - Linnea McDonald & Joelle Shreves, Editors



Pictures

International Culture Awareness Day



CMZA 50th Anniversary Celebration



Water's Edge Africa Pool Party



Photo Credits

Thank you to all who provided photos!

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