

Cheyenne Mountain

Zoo Auxiliary

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## President's Message

By: Sandy Flynn, President

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### President's Report

#### Summer Fun

What a great summer we've had!! Tours are not that popular during the summer but we had 13 tours and one safari. Twenty two docents led 231 guests on these specialty tours. Some of the organizations asking for tours were NISE Chinese students, First Baptist Church, Hope Montessori, Women's Resource Agency, and Pikes Peak Hospice. Total revenue was \$1,600 which exceeds our summer goal.

And we were involved in seven special events. One hundred one docents volunteered for special events this summer for a total of 244 hours. Special events were Membership Appreciation Day, World Elephant Day, Groovin' for Gibbons, World Giraffe Day, Member Enrichment night, and member night. Twenty three docents participated in the Chobe watch.

#### Zoo Happenings

Our giraffe "Msitu" participated in a voluntary ultrasound and guess what!! We saw little legs and expect a baby in the February/March 2017 time frame.

Unfortunately, we've had some losses. Mountain lion Yuma was euthanized because of cancer and declining quality of life. Amur tiger Zoya was injured and couldn't recover from her injuries. African penguin, Sally experienced a sudden decline in health and passed. She was 15 years old.

We now have an African Cape Porcupine. Her name is Waffles and she hails from Mesker Park Zoo in Indiana. At the time of this writing, she was in quarantine and housed in the ARV basement until ready for prime time.

The zookeepers are doing a fabulous job of training our animals. They now do voluntary

blood draws on the giraffes, lions and other animals.

Have you seen the two large hippo crates? Our hippos are currently being trained to go into them and are getting used to them. Kasia and Zambezi are shifting in and out easily. Aw, the power of watermelon treats!!

We just weighed our grizzly bears, Digger weighs 760 lbs. and Emmett is at 743 lbs.

Our silverback Goma is making progress with the "howdies" process.

#### Meet your 2016/2017 board members

We have two docents chairing our field trips – Ann Anderson and Julie Hall. Both graduated in the 2015 class.

Ann Anderson's favorite thing to do at the zoo is hanging with the lions and she is really enjoying watching the cubs grow up. She and her husband retired in Colorado because of all the great activities that they love – hiking, fishing, golfing and skiing. She remembers when our zoo had Llamas!

Julie Hall's favorite thing to do at the zoo is spend time with the elephants and talking about them with our guests. She also loves the lion cubs. Julie is also a volunteer for Chihuahua Small Dog Rescue (CSDR), and conducts home visits following an adoption.

In April, Julie will have her 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Beta Sigma Phi. She and Mary Weiger were in Beta Sigma Phi together and she has fond memories of coming to the zoo, walking with Mary and talking about our zoo animals.

I look forward to seeing you around the zoo!!

**Sandy Flynn**

## 2016 – 2017 CMZ Auxiliary Calendar

Meeting Times are 9:30 AM  
 Training Times are 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM approximately  
 Education Committee Meetings are held at 9:30 AM on the  
 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Safari Lodge. \*Date /  
 time/ or location change \*\* Mandatory Meeting

### Sept 2016

7	Board Meeting	Safari Lodge
10	IE Meeting	Safari Lodge
14	<b>TE Meeting **</b>	<b>Safari Lodge</b>

### Oct 2016

1	Field Trip	Wild Animal Sanctuary
5	Board Meeting	Safari Lodge
8	IE Meeting	Safari Lodge
12	TE meeting	Safari Lodge
19	CEC – Life Cycles	Safari Lodge
22	CEC – Life Cycles	Safari Lodge
31	CEC - Fall Recall Due Date	

### Upcoming Zoo / National / International Animal Celebration Dates

September 3	Vulture Appreciation Day
September 4	National Wildlife Appreciation Day
September 22	World Rhino Day & Elephant Appreciation Day

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

Save these dates, you may want to come to the zoo and educate guests about these animals on these special days.

### TE PROGRAMS

**September 14** – We have 2 programs. Stacey Graham will talk to us about “Go / No Go”, tips on addressing options for interactions with guests – especially with those sensitive issues. You know the ones; plus some you maybe didn’t know about. Our second set of speakers, Sue Sallee, Marie Poyzer, and Becky Poole will update us on all the new tour procedures and responsibilities. Much work has been done to streamline our entry into the Zoo and solidify other procedures. Since we have guests daily and tour season is just around the corner, this is an important meeting for every one of us.

**October 12** – Jenny Diaz will tell us about the Bird Training class that we helped fund for her so she could increase her skills. There may be a special guest as well.

*Jeanie Baratono*

### IE PROGRAMS

**September 10** - Nichole Lauppe is scheduled for our Sept.10 meeting. She will meet us at the main entrance to Australia at 10:45am to give us a behind the scenes tour. This should align nicely with our new biofacts box. The meeting is still scheduled for Safari Lodge. If it is moved to Moose Lodge for any reason and anyone anticipates needing transportation from there to Australia, please email or call me directly and I will make arrangements.

*Nicole Livesay-Townsend*

### FIELD TRIPS

The Docent's Fall field trip will be on October 1st. We will be going to The Wild Animal Sanctuary---[www.WildAnimalSanctuary.org](http://www.WildAnimalSanctuary.org).

A bus (47 passenger) and a catered box lunch have been arranged. The bus will depart from the zoo parking lot at 8 am and return at 5 pm. The registration forms will be available at the August and September TE & IE meetings and were sent by email. The cost will be approximately \$65 plus a donation for the Sanctuary and a tip for the driver. So select your options and turn them and your payment in at the September IE and TE meetings. Make checks payable to CMZ. Deadline for payments is September 14. For questions, please contact **Julie Hall** - 660-1944 or **Ann Anderson** - 488-0026.



Eddy, black leopard raised as an orphan and featured on Animal Planet.

## THE AUSTRALIA BOX

The box for Australia is now in place. Please come and take it out for a spin. As a reminder, the following biofacts are in the box.

D-085A	Emu	Egg with stand
D-134	Emu	Skull
D-147A	Emu	Feathers from D-147
D-146	Kookaburra	Skull
D-138	Bennett Wallaby	Skull
D-083	Echidna	Skull
87-117B	American Alligator	Hide piece
D-184	American Alligator	Skull
D-243	Crocodile (Nile)	Skull

A notebook is in the plastic tub. It contains all the pages necessary for signing in and telling you what is in the box. At the moment the tub is one that is too big to fit under the sink in the budgie closet. It is located next to the sink and is still a tight fit. When Don gets back, he will address that issue. All the biofacts could fit into a smaller tub. A keeper in the Budgie Building will let you into the closet to get what you need. I have added some photos to the notebook as well as some additional information....kookaburra photo and info, thorny stick insect photo and info, echidna photo collage and info, several comparison photos of alligators and crocodiles, plus a few pages of info comparing the two species, White's Tree Frog collage photo and info, and pretty much all the material that was in the joey notebook about marsupials.

If you think of something else that should be included, let Don know. He will be back in early September. Ann Marie will have the Australia Box at the IE meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> in case you don't have an opportunity to work with it before then. Here's another fun opportunity to interact with our guests and give them a better zoo experience.

*Nancy*

## ENRICHMENT FAVORITES

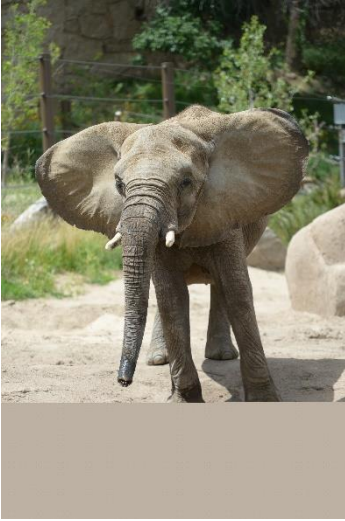
We had a special birthday to celebrate this June 25th! Remember how excited we all were to greet our new lion cubs. And how they have grown over the past year! We helped them celebrate this milestone with some of the pride's favorite treats according to Amy Schilz, lead animal keeper. She says they go bananas for canned cat food and canned Redi-Whip whipped cream! Of course they can have the latter sparingly! Watching them lap that up was a real treat.

Other animals have their favorites as well according to their keepers. I think we all enjoyed watching last summer as Chalupa, our sloth, ate one low-salt canned green bean after another while demonstrating behaviors--who would have guessed! We can encourage her learning and reinforcing behaviors by providing these. As for the giraffes--not only do they like romaine lettuce, but apparently canned pumpkin, green beans and molasses as well! The elephants and Jembe, our rhino, love bagels (picked up at Einstein's by several docents.) In addition their favorites include peanut butter, applesauce, dried fruits and low sugar-jams and of course, peanuts just to name a few. Primates like coconuts, dried fruits and Kellogg's corn flakes and raisin bran. (Kellogg is an RSPO member company). Primates, bears and tapirs enjoy rawhides, pig ears, hard shell nuts and dried fruits. Monkeys in monkey pavilion ask for tennis and golf balls. And lastly, Jenyva Turner says the meerkats and birds love earthworms (night crawlers). Maybe that and bugs go into the egg cartons we provide! So, if shopping for fishing supplies maybe you could purchase some extras!

This is hardly an exhaustive list, but just summer ideas for special animal treats. And it is still summer! A more complete list is posted in the Cannoli Book in the DRC.

***Marcia Morris 2015-2016 Enrichment Chair***

[Editor's note – Marcia submitted this article earlier this year]



**Jambo with ears flaring (Erica Meyer)**

## **SOME NUMBERS FROM THE ZOO**

- Attendance 2005-391,169      2016-764,693
- Denver attendance 2012-67,000 2016-122,000. They have done targeted advertising to this market
- Assets 2005-19 mil 2016 51 mil
- Revenue 2005-4,078,931 2015(I think) 12.6 million a 211% increase

*Nona Hentschel*

## **TORTOISE TALES**

Many of us recall the near disaster that befell Chobe, our African Spur Tortoise a few years ago after his run-in with one of our giraffes. His shell was crushed through by a hoof, but he was nursed back to health by our vet team and wonderful keepers and with a bit of artistic help from Jenyva Turner Fox, looks and feels as good as new.



**Photo of Chobe by Jenyva Turner**

On a lighter note, a docent still in the learning process about Timmy, our Red-footed Tortoise, was asked his age by a guest. The docent replied that we weren't sure as he had been wild-caught. The guest nodded towards his wife and replied, "So was she!" (By the way Timmy was not caught from the wild, but we are still not sure of his exact age. He's in his 30s though, since we have had him since 1984.)

This editor received the following story from Daisy Preston, a tortoise being lovingly cared for by Cynthia Preston, one of our own,

I really don't remember much except for that in February my prior human took us to a pet store... and left us there. My friend, who I had lived with for years, disappeared one day not long after we arrived. I don't know where she went. I was left in a cage and I remember that I started to not feel very well. As the days went on I felt worse and worse and I decided to just try to sleep. It was very dry and I think I felt thirsty a lot. I did have a friend with me after a while, a smaller friend who walked an awful lot and had a shell like me. He walked and walked around me. He seemed friendly. But all I wanted to do was sleep.

One day a human came in. She sounded worried about me. She said I was a Yellow-footed tortoise. She had a lot of questions. I did not open my eyes. I could not open them any longer. All I really remember next was a bumpy car ride to my new home. I was placed in water which felt nice. But still all I wanted to do was sleep.

This human seemed very intent on shoving strawberries and other bits in front of my beak. But I just could not eat. Then I remember making many more bumpy car rides to the doctor. My new human sounded relieved that I guess there wasn't anything really scary wrong with me but that I was in real need of food and vitamins, and some love. But still all I really cared about was sleeping.

One thing I loved was when it would rain. My human put me in a large tub and it would rain and rain just like in the Amazon where I am

from. That's when I decided to open my eyes one night, or at least try. I rubbed my eyes and tried really hard. My human jumped up and down. I learned that if I worked hard to open my eyes that she would make it rain again the next day.

But I still just could not eat. I guess this is about when the tube came. I had to go to the doctor again, and woke up with a tube in me! I have to admit that the tube helped me feel a bit better. But I wish I felt like eating on my own.

It's been a while since I came home from the pet store. I have gained a lot of ounces and the doctor says my shell looks stronger, but I am still not feeling the best and I don't feel like eating on my own. But I do open my eyes often, especially in the bathtub when my human makes it rain! My favorite time lately was when we took a long ride in the car. My human took me to Yellowstone Park because I guess I need help with my feeding tube every day, so I could not stay home with the pet sitter. I got to look out the window this time since I could open my eyes! I loved sitting in the sun so much and feeling the grass on my plastron. I walked and walked and saw some bison poop! I wanted to sit in some of the hot springs but I guess that is frowned upon. My mom says that I am surely the first Yellow-footed tortoise to set a tiny scaled foot in that park. I made a lot of friends. Many humans came up to ask about me, even some park rangers. Mom says that there are now pictures of me all over the world. But I think for now I would like to just stay in my new home.

My mom says that she has two Red-footed tortoise friends at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and that we are related. Sometimes it is hard to tell a Red-footed from a Yellow-footed. Maybe I can tell you how to tell in an upcoming Zooline!

*Daisy*



## To my Docent Family

We wish to express our thanks to you all for your cards and wonderful support during Jack's final illness. Your kindness, warmth and caring was so appreciated by Jack, myself and our family. To know that you were all sending positive thoughts our way gave us much comfort as we progressed on our last journey with Jack. Thank you for being there and for your continued presence in our lives. You give credence to the words: "Love never dies".

With great appreciation, *Glenn Carson and Family*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## FALL RECALL 2016

Completion of the Fall Recall fulfills one of the two required CECs for the year. Please e-mail your completed Fall Recall to me at [ecosister@hotmail.com](mailto:ecosister@hotmail.com) by October 31, 2016 or by mail to Jean McKanna, 4002 N. Chestnut St. Colorado Springs, CO 80907. Be sure to put your name at the top.

1. T F Skunks are usually nocturnal
2. T F Birds are bipedal
3. T F Gorillas have nictitating membranes.
4. T F A group of turkey vultures riding a thermal may be called a “kettle”.
5. If you are at the otter exhibit and a guest asks where the closest bathroom is, where are the two closest facilities and are they handicapped accessible and do they have baby-diapering stations?
6. Are Black Footed Ferrets and Domestic Ferrets closely related and do they fill the same trophic level?
7. How many digits does a three-toed sloth have in total?
8. Name three methods that an elephant has for cooling off.
9. What does the Zoo do to make the occurrence of wildfires less likely?
10. Define the following: Ungulate

Digitigrade

Plantigrade

Give one example of each on Zoo grounds.

11. We use the Characteristics of Mammals on tours. Can you create a similar set of characteristics for other classes?

Mammal	Bird	Reptile
Endothermic	_____	_____
Hair/Fur	_____	_____
Live Birth	_____	_____

A unique characteristic for mammals is nursing their young. Name a unique characteristic for birds and reptiles.

12. We have Dermestid Beetles on Zoo grounds. They are not on exhibit, yet we breed them. Where are they and why do we have them?

13. Compare and contrast the life cycles of the honeybee and butterfly. How do they each provide for their young? What is the role of the adult stage in each?

**Please return your completed Fall Recall to Jean McKanna either by hardcopy or e-mail by October 31, 2016.**

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### **MORE CEC NEWS**

The October CEC will take place on Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 22<sup>d</sup> at 9:30 in the Safari Lodge. This will be an opportunity to certify for Life Cycle Tours. Everyone who attends will get a CEC credit. If you have not previously been certified in Life Cycles, you can certify if you attend a class session and complete a quiz. There have been changes to the tour so everyone is encouraged to attend. This will be a more in depth class than the one offered previously and it will be useful to IE docents as well. *Jean McKanna*



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