



## President’s Message – Barbara Kalbli

Hello to all! It’s been quite a memorable summer for Cheyenne Mountain Zoo...attendance is awesome, Special Events are happening, EdVenture programs are at capacity, ZOOM, Loft, Carts and BBY opportunities are plentiful, “in-person” meetings are being held, cannolis are being made. We even had tours/safaris AND, then, there are the babies! Let’s keep our fingers crossed things continue to go in a positive direction.

The Tech Committee has done a great job rolling out BetterImpact. All docents have their data entered into their individual accounts. Be sure to log into your account (MyImpactPage) to familiarize yourself with key features of the program. Files, including the Directory, Training Manual, information on service hours and how to sign up, have been posted in BetterImpact as an added benefit.

Marsha has been busy putting together the meeting schedule for the year. Look for the new calendar of events in the Directory when it is available. We will continue to heed the advice of El Paso Health Department with regard to Covid restrictions. If you are not vaccinated, it is best practice to continue wearing a mask. For others, please follow your personal preference with mask wearing, social distancing and in-person attendance. Blue “Docent” tee shirts may be worn through the month of September, with the exception of special programs, tours, and safaris.

*Barbara*



*Barbara Kalbli at the Colorado Springs 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Parade*

## DATES TO KNOW

*Meetings start at 9:30 am*

- Sep 1 .... Board Meeting..... Safari Lodge
- Sep 8 .... TE Meeting\*\* ..... Safari Lodge
- Sep 11 .. IE Meeting..... Safari Lodge  
..... *Guest Speaker Bob Chastain*
- Sep 22 .. Education Mtg..... Safari Lodge
- Sep 24 .. All School Tour
- Sep 25 .. CEC..... Safari Lodge
- Oct 6..... Board Meeting.....EdVenture
- Oct 9..... IE Meeting..... Safari Lodge
- Oct 13... TE Meeting ..... Safari Lodge
- Oct 16... CEC..... Safari Lodge
- Oct 27... Education Mtg..... Safari Lodge

**\*\*Mandatory Meeting:** Let the President or President-elect know if you cannot attend

## Continuing Education (9:30 am)

- Sep 25 .... CEC ..... Safari Lodge (SL)
- Oct 16..... Amazing Mammals CEC..... SL

## Other Special Dates

- Sept 11 .....*Silent Night* (5:30-7:30 pm)
- Sept 30 .....*Tails & Tunes* (6-9:30 pm)  
(adults 21+ only)

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## Save the Date: **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

Please mark your calendars for an all-school tour the morning of Friday, September 24. From 65-70 tour docents will be needed! Please note that at this point, this is the **ONLY** tour we have for the fall.



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### First TE Meeting of the Year

The first TE meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 8 in the Safari Lodge at 9:30 am. Our first speaker of the year is guaranteed to start us off with a bang! Bob Chastain will present the Zoo's future that is on the horizon. He will be speaking about the Long-Range Plan and the upcoming Capital Campaign.

*Marsha Fogarty, President-Elect*

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### REMINDER: Docent Summer Uniform Attire Ends **September 30**

As a reminder, the Zoo-approved blue T-shirt may be worn with the docent nametag from May 31 through the end of September, along with khaki-colored pants/shorts, mid-thigh or longer (longer than the safari jacket hem).



Please remember to wear your **GREEN** shirts when giving a **tour** or **safari**. Docents must adhere to the CMZ "Zoo Crisp" standard at any level, including "clean, good quality garments, pressed or wrinkle-free...with shirts tucked in." For further information, see the CMZA directory, pp. 9-10.

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### Animal Enrichment Update

Cannolis will be made in the DRC after the TE meeting **on September 8**. Please contact Ellie at 719-630-7465 or [elron3@msn.com](mailto:elron3@msn.com) if you can help. The Enrichment Team is always in need of paper towel rolls, with one end folded in — there are 180 used each month!



A huge thank you to the following docents for their help in August: Kathy O'Donnell (who helped prep the tubes ahead of time), JoAnne Warren, Diane Brewner, Sue Mayher, Joan Bennett and Anne Wardrop.

Please note that volunteer hours for cannoli making are tracked and submitted by the Enrichment Chair. Do not include cannoli making volunteer hours when you submit your volunteer hours to the Service Registrar.

*Ellie Solomon, Enrichment Chair*

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### CMZA DRC/Library Update

The Library is open. Please feel free to check out books at this time. Greta Johnson and Judy Sondermann weeded out the outdated books and left us with a more updated and condensed library selection.

**Starting September 8**, you will be able to help yourself to three books total from the shelves with the orange tape across it and/or the boxes of donated books from the late Jeannie Phillips. By the end of September, we can decide what to do with the remaining books. This will be an opportunity for all docents to have a chance to add to their library at home.

For those of you who have not been to the DRC for some time, the code to enter is 0135. Just a few reminders: please make sure the lights are turned off, the door to the bathroom is left open when not in use, and the door to the DRC is pulled shut with a bit of force. Thank you!

*Diane Brewner, CMZA DRC/Library Chair*

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### 2021 Upcoming Field Trips

- **September 18: Paint Mines** (10:00 am) at 29950 Paint Mines Rd. Calhan, CO. Cost is \$4 for a guided tour (\$1 discount for our CMZA group). The revenue for this goes straight into the Parks trust and used only for improvements at the Park. There is limited parking, so if you need a ride, meet me at the Falcon Safeway at 9am to carpool. Bring water, your lunch if you plan to eat after our hike, snacks, and comfortable/appropriate shoes. I will have a case of water if anyone runs low. I've been told there are picnic tables on the outlook at the top. Our photo bugs will love the colors we'll be seeing. We have 12 signed up for the hike at this time. Click here for more information: <https://bit.ly/2V4J1mT>.
- **November 6: Denver Zoo** (9:00 am to 12:30 pm) at 2900 E. 23rd Ave, and **Denver Museum of Nature & Science** (2:00 pm to close) at 2001 North Colorado Blvd. in Denver. Information coming soon regarding this field trip.

*Joan Adkins, Field Trip Coordinator*

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### Articles and Information of Interest

- National Geographic, Dusty snow is making the western drought worse: <https://on.natgeo.com/38rCQwa> (article features Eileen Derry's son Jeff)

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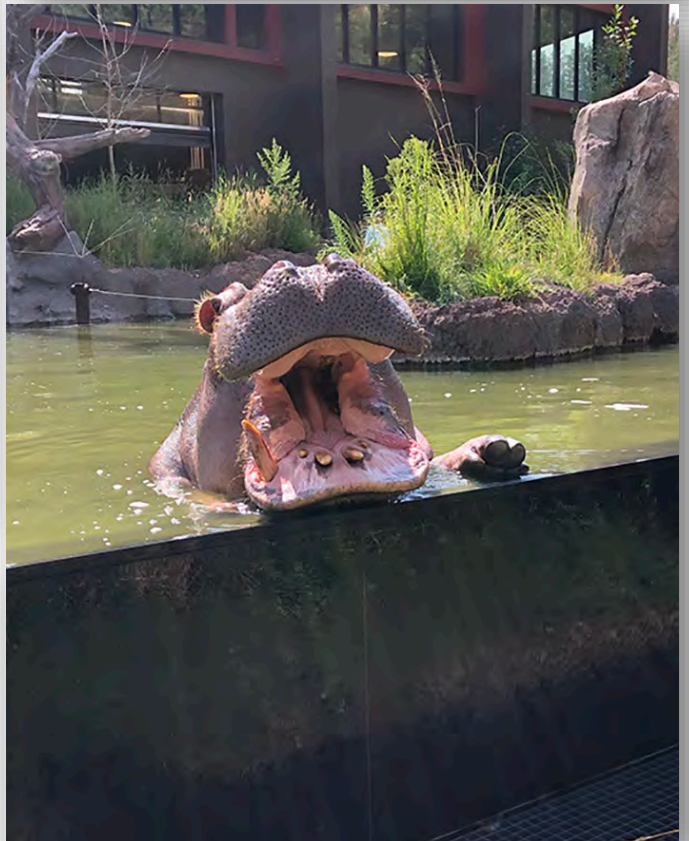
### October Zooline Deadline

The deadline for the **October issue is September 21**. Please send all submissions—information, articles, pictures, etc.—to [cmza.zooline@yahoo.com](mailto:cmza.zooline@yahoo.com). Thank you!

*Linnea McDonald & Joelle Shreves, Editors*



## ANIMAL PHOTOS FROM OUR TALENTED DOCENT PHOTOGRAPHERS



### Photo Credits (this page)

- Goma, clutching his "precious" browse (top left) and Rahsia (middle left) in July at 10 months old (she turns one on September 7) from Deborah Compton
- Chewy (bottom left) from Susan Hoxie
- Baby hippo on land (top right) from Linnea McDonald
- Kasai saying "hi" (bottom right) from Linnea McDonald





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- *Rogue carrying her offspring (top left) from Deborah Compton*
- *Ohe (bottom left) from Susan Hoxie*
- *Baka Keri (top right) sipping some enrichment a few weeks ago from Deborah Compton*
- *Jumbe (bottom right) from Susan Hoxie*





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- *Flora the armadillo (bottom left) from Susan Hoxie*
- *Beautiful Roxie (top right) contemplating her 45<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 31 from Deborah Compton*
- *Guy Fieri and friend (bottom right) from Linnea McDonald*