



President's Message

By: Sandy Flynn, President

At the March CMZ Board of Directors meeting, I shared with the Board the history of our Popcorn Enrichment Program. They were amazed at the amount of popcorn we've popped over the years and the dedication of the docents who pop popcorn on a regular basis. I've attached the report for your enjoyment and I'm sure you will marvel at our popcorn endeavors as well. A special thank you to Sue Switzer who did the research and put the article together.

Popcorn History

The Auxiliary began the popcorn program in 2006 when Nona Hentschel and Susie Potterat were in charge of animal enrichment. They were approached by the elephant keepers and using air poppers, they began popping for Lucky and Kimba. In September 2006, the Auxiliary purchased a commercial popper for \$823.87.

Records are sparse or nonexistent until December 2008. At that time the poppers were meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, which is continued to this day. In December of that year, the poppers popped 223 gallons for the following:

Hippos	66 gallons
Elephants	66 gallons
Loft	13 gallons
Primate World	13 gallons
ARV	13 gallons
BBY	13 gallons
Bird and Reptile	13 gallons
Monkey Pavilion	13 gallons
Staff	13 gallons

Fast forward to February 2017. We popped 283 gallons for the following:

Elephants	165 gallons
Giraffes	50 gallons
Primate World	33 gallons
Grizzlies	13 gallons
Monkey Pavilion	13 gallons
ARV	2 gallons
Cannolis	2 gallons
Staff	2 gallons
Conservation	2 gallons
Cannolis	2 gallons
Scutes	1 gallon
Loft	1 sandwich bag

The Penguin pool holds 12,000 gallons of water and the Hippo pool holds 40,000 gallons. From 2006 – 2017, we have popped an average of 3,500 gallons of popcorn per year for a total of 35,000 gallons. That is enough to fill the Penguin pool almost 3 times and by the end of 2017, we will have filled the Hippo pool with popcorn!!

Below is a summary of costs, staffing and hours from June 2010 – February 2017:

Year	Cost	#of docents	# of hours
2010 – 2011	\$440.48	13	318
2011 – 2012	\$418.66	9	310
2012 – 2013	\$909.94	9	378.5
2013 – 2014	\$751.10	8	384.5
2014 – 2015	\$977.30	7	348.25
2015 – 2016	\$804.29	7	330.75
2016 present	\$236.74	5	221.25
Average 6.75 years	\$672.38	8.6	339.45

As you can see from these numbers, we provide a lot of enrichment at very little cost. And with only 9 docents, we average 340 hours per year on popcorn. AND these hours are NOT service hours, only

volunteer hours. A big thank you to all docents who help.

Sandy Flynn

2016-2017 AUXILIARY CALENDAR

Meeting Times are 9:30 AM. Education Committee Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday monthly at 9:30 AM in the Safari Lodge. **** Mandatory meetings**

*** Date or Location change**

April 2017

- 1 CEC – Colorado Life Zones Safari Lodge
- 5 Board Meeting Safari Lodge
- 6 Zoom Refresher 430-700 Loft
- 8* IE Meeting Library***
- 12 TE Meeting & **TB test**** Safari Lodge
- 15** TB Test & Reading from the 12th DRC**
- 15 Zoom Refresher 430-700 Loft
- 17** TB Test reading from the 15th DRC**

May 2017

- 3 Board Meeting Safari Lodge
- 10** TE Meeting - Election Safari Lodge**
And Evaluations
- 13** IE Meeting- Election Safari Lodge**
And Evaluations
- 24 CEC - Making Waves Info Station Safari Lodge
- 27 CEC - Making Waves Info Station Safari Lodge

June 2017

- 7 Board Meeting Safari Lodge
- 10** Joint IE/TE Meeting Moose Lake**

Remember mandatory meetings are mandatory. Absences need to go through the President. ** for TB testing is addressed to those for whom testing is required.

TB TESTS

Repeat announcement, please remember that if you handle animals, prepare diets, pop popcorn or make enrichment for the animals you need to take the yearly TB test. Patsy McAteer will be giving and reading the tests for the docents this year. The dates will be **Wednesday, April 12** before the TE meeting in the Safari Lodge. That test will be read on Saturday, **April 15 at 9:30** in the DRC. Patsy will also be giving the tests that day in the DRC and those tests will be read **on Monday, April 17**. She is open to the times for that for those that work. The cost will be between \$3 and \$5. Your other option is to have the test on your own. We will be sending out the form that needs to be filled out as the dates get closer on email thru CMZAUX. All docents do not need the test only those that are ZOOM docents or prepare diets or enrichment for the animals need the test. If you think you

might be interested in those activities please plan on taking the test. ****If you are planning to train in BBY you will need a TB test**.** **Contact Patsy McAteer if you have questions.**

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Restricted Account: In February we donated \$1500.00 from King Soopers profits to the Opportunity Fund over seen by the EdVenture Department. These funds are to help schools needing financial support to experience a tour at CMZ. Various funds were used to pay our final pledge of \$3000 for the Making Waves Campaign. Profit from King Soopers reloads was \$255.00 and from Safeway, \$285.75. Ending balance in the Restricted Account \$22,714.63.

Budget Account: \$729.07 was spent from DRC/Office Equipment for DRC cleaning, the copier, a new computer, tripod and popcorn popper repair. Operating Budget ending balance was \$2,200.40

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

Nancy Hochman

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

TE Programs: April 12th – Charlotte Green will discuss her AZADV sponsored trip to Madagascar!

IE Program – April: Please join us for the IE meeting on **April 8th** at 930am **in the library!** **Please note location change.** Following the meeting (around 1015), we will meet with Mandy Hester, lead keeper in Primate World, to hear about upgrades to exhibits and the benefits they will bring to the animals. Mandy is also scheduled to do an orangutan demo at 11 for which we are welcome to stay! Please let me know if you will need transportation from the library down to Primate World so I can arrange it in advance. Thanks. See you all there! *Nicole Livesay-Townsend*

No programs are scheduled in May as that is the election and evaluation meeting. Editor



Photo #1 and just what might this be?

EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND NEW DOCENT CLASS

The class of 2017 has finished all training and is now busy getting certified. Thank you to all the hard-working mentors and certifiers who gave so generously to these eager and accomplished “newbies”. The final class was on March 18, with a manager talk, an ECO tour, and a delicious potluck.



Photos courtesy of Deb Compton



ZOOM (Zoo on the Move)

Prior to 1982 a few Docents took their own animals to school programs, Edith Hackney was at a program with her personal friend Solomon, a boa constrictor. Also in 1981 the Zoo’s marketing was running a Speaker’s program and 2 Sulphur-crested cockatoos were used as part of the program.

At the August 1982 Board meeting it was announced plans to develop a “hands-on program” in conjunction with a zoomobile to begin during the current docent year. Requirements were worked out in 1983 and what animals would be used and where they would be housed (not in with or near other animals) was determined. By April of 1984 training was scheduled and by May the program was up and running. Docents were needed each Saturday and Sunday in the Bird and Reptile and Primate House and they would have several animals that could be handled.

In 1986-1987 the Colorado Springs Rotary Club requested Docents bring animals to their meeting. Docents used their own car and had previously even used a docent’s personal horse trailer in order to take a baby camel to an event. In September 1987 KRDO television asked that docents bring animals to the TV station and this appearance resulted in the Zoo and ZOOM having a regular appearance on the station.

In May of 1989 ZOOM had presented 85 programs that year and had 12 recertified docents. There were questions of handling animals off zoo grounds and during the 1990’s animal handling for docents was at a cross roads. From 2000 until 2007 Zoom Docents continued to be active on zoo grounds, animal handling in the Bird and Reptile House (now Scutes) on Sunday afternoons and helping staff with Wild Nights.

In 2005 events began that would again change the role of ZOOM and point it toward the program docents had envisioned in April 1970. Rocky Mountain Wild began and included plans for the “Wild Room” (Loft). The Central Bancorp president and his family gifted the Zoo the needed funds for staff, to underwrite 100 programs off-grounds annually for Title I schools, and to buy a van to take the Zoo off the mountain. Docents were

trained in the new animal handling protocols placing the Animal Ambassadors into three tiers that reflect the difficulty level in their handling. When the Loft opened in the fall of 2007 Service hours jumped from 956 to in 2006-2007 to 1784 from 2007-2008.

The program continues to be successful and ZOOM docents remain very busy. A mandatory training meeting takes place annually where docents and staff review animals handling protocols with the Education Department staff.

Reading the history of the ZOOM program reflects the evolution that American Zoos have undergone in the past few decades. Presently a docent wishing to become active with ZOOM must be a docent in good standing. They must have earned a least 10 hours as either a Tour Educator or Interpretive Educator, earned at least 10 service hours in Special Events, and must have also earned 10 service hours working in the Loft. That person must write a letter of interest to the current ZOOM chair explaining why they would like to be a ZOOM docent then be interviewed by the ZOOM chair, the Education Curator, and the Outreach Coordinator. Once accepted, that individual works with the personnel in the Loft and the Outreach Coordinator in order to be certified in handling the animals.

The 2016-17 ZOOM Refresher will be held 2 times, April 6 and April 15 from 4:30-7:00 in the Loft. Anyone interested in becoming a ZOOM docent is welcome to come and see what it is all about. Please let me (Pat Gray) know if you plan on coming so I can make sure there are enough seats. Those that attend that aren't ZOOM docents or staff won't be handling the animals but will get CEC credit for attending.

Pat Gray



Photo #2 Progress



ENRICHMENT

Hi Fellow Docents,

The animals are calling and they are saying more enrichment PLEASE. We have come up with a plan that would help them. Each month we will pick an animal group that we can supply extra special love to. This coming month APRIL we will be focusing on the PRIMATES. So below is a list of foods you can get for them. Remember this is not for CANNOLI, so fruits can be fresh. There are some ideas we can do, you can partner with 1, 2; or as many docents as you like and pool your resources to get many more things (for example my graduating class of 2015 all chipped in a few dollars each. We raised enough with careful shopping (lead by Julie and Ann) and they bought enough treats for more than 1 group of animals. Don't like to shop? Donate money and I will shop for you, so here is the list for **PRIMATES**.

COCONUTS, WHOLE FRESH OR DRIED FRUIT, APRICOTS, FIGS, CHERRIES, CRAISINS ALL OTHER DRIED FRUIT, MELONS, CANNED LOW-SALT VEGIES, CORN, PUMPKIN, KIDNEY/PINTO BEANS, KETCHUP, UNSALTED PEANUTS IN SHELL, ANY OTHER NUTS IN SHELLS (ALMONDS, WALNUTS, PECANS) ETC. ALSO ANY STRAWBERRIES, BLUEBERRIES, BLACKBERRIES, RASPBERRIES, FRESH MANGOES, KIWI, PAPAAYA, PINEAPPLES.

Let me know if you need any help and refrigerated items can be taken to the animal commissary or let me know. STWOHIG215@COMCAST.NET or 719 338-5616. Thanks, *Suzanne Twohig*

ELECTION NEWS

The Voting Process is underway. Straw Ballots were handed out at both the TE and IE meetings this month and the process was explained. Please return the straw ballots at the April meetings so we can have the Nominating Committee tally them for the May meeting. You may also send the straw ballots by email if you wish.

The Nominating Committee will also tally the nominees for the 2018 Nominating Committee. The list of nominees was sent to you previously by email. The entire slate of candidates for the Executive Board and next year's Nominating Committee will be sent to you in a Special Edition of Zooline by the third week of April. The forms (ballots) will be handed out at the May IE and TE meetings and collected for tabulation for the next year's voting process. Remember that this election/evaluation meeting is mandatory. Those that cannot attend must contact the President prior to the meeting. Questions? Feel free to call me at 599-5024. Thanks. *Ron Gray*

ZOOPETEERS VISIT HILDE

In March a troop of our Zoopeteers visited Hilde at New Day Cottages and put on a show for her and her fellow residents. It was reported that a good time was had by all. Following are two photos that Sheree Lira sent along.



Joan, Helen, and Hilde

CONNIE SULLIVAN, DOCENT CLASS OF 1994.

Connie Sullivan learned to love animals from her Mom and Dad. They all lived in Black Forest during her late elementary years and one day her Dad found a very young fawn and brought it home. It was hunting season and her mother had been killed. "Stranger" (the Fawn's name) lived with them, slept on the sofa, ate from their hands and had the run of the place. When she was old enough, Stranger decided it was time to move on but she still returned every once in a while to say hello. Connie continued her love for animals with trips to Africa, Europe and the Colorado mountains.

When our trip to Africa was scheduled I told Connie she could teach me how to take pictures like she did. And she told me she would put me where I could. AND SHE DID. *Pat Gray*



FROM THE WINTER 2016-2017 EDITION OF THE GOONEY BIRD GAZETTE

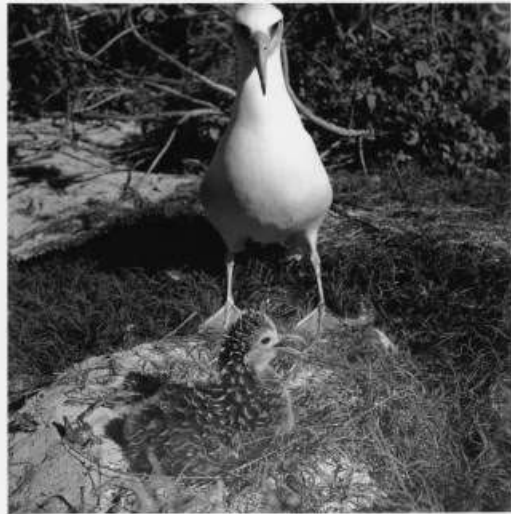
Last month Sue Sallee submitted an article about Wisdom, an at least 66 year old albatross raising yet another offspring. I published an enticing photo of an old photo and promised more. Here is part of it. The son of my late neighbor, Chuck Baker, was searching through his father's possessions and came upon a photo labeled "Gooney Bird - Midway". It was a bit of a shock as his father, a defense contractor research scientist, had never really taken much interest in the natural world. So this photo of a Laysan Albatross "in a box labeled family photos was definitely an anomaly". Chuck was stationed at Midway at the end of WWII and was there from 1945 until mid-1946. He had never talked much about that time and his son was surprised to find negatives in this family photo box that were still in their original mailing envelopes. Eric, the son, is a photojournalist by trade and developed these photos. Coincidentally Eric was able to volunteer at Midway Atoll this winter – 70 years after his father's tour, and wrote an article for the Gooney Bird Gazette. You can access the publication on line. Here are a few photos.



Note the dual Pan American World Airways and USN markings – apparently the vehicle was a wartime USN acquisition.



Who knows? Maybe one of these chicks is Wisdom.



YOUR NAME: _____

2017 SPRING FLING

Completion of the Spring Fling fulfills one of the two required CECs for the year. Please e-mail your completed Spring Fling to me at ecosister@hotmail.com by May 15th, 2017 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 Beaver are a keystone species.
2. T F Meerkats are close relatives of prairie dogs.
3. T F Male and female Okapi have ossicones.
4. T F Naked Mole Rats are eusocial.
5. T F Female Emu are the primary caregivers of their offspring.
6. What improvements are currently being undertaken in Primate World?

7. Where are the AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) located at the Zoo?

8. The approximate gestation for giraffe is: _____
9. The approximate gestation for Mexican Gray Wolves is: _____
10. The new beaver exhibit is being constructed on the south side of _____
11. Name three species of animal at the Zoo, which have programs where the public may purchase food items to feed the animals.

12. What are the bird demonstrations? And where do they take place?

13. Name one husbandry training program the staff at the Zoo perform and at least one purpose for that training.



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**Don't forget to say goodbye and/or come work
April 22-23. Photo by Deb Compton**



**#3 – yet more progress from Antonia's
skillful handiwork**

