



President's Message

By: Jeanie Baratono, President

Greetings Docents!

Is anyone as awe struck as I am by the fact that we are close to having our 200th giraffe baby? I never would have believed that giraffes that live on the Savannah in Africa would flourish at a mountain zoo in Colorado! What vision (or luck) that Spencer Penrose had when the first pair came to Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in 1954. The giraffe is our signature animal as well it should be. As guests travel through the zoo I hear a lot about Pallas' cats and where are the hippos but most of all it's the experience they get with our giraffe herd. I remember feeding them crackers through a chain link fence when I was little (the tongues creeped me out then). Guests marvel at being able to get up close, personal, and at eye level with these amazing animals. Other zoos have giraffes and more and more are having feeding experiences but no other zoo does what we do and allows our guests to touch a giraffe. There was a debate about this a while back on the AZAD page on Facebook.

We also are incredibly lucky to have such a visionary staff! Our 'Love4Longnecks' are the front runners in hosting a yearly giraffe care workshop that is attended by giraffe care professionals from all over the world. I hope many of you were able to hear Dr. Liza Dadone speak to us on her recent trip to Uganda with Operation Twiga. If you missed it she will be presenting on the same topic at the AZAD conference in Phoenix on April 14.

We'll all be waiting and watching the giraffecam to see if Laikipia or Muziki deliver the 200th giraffe baby. Number 201 will be just as exciting and just as loved!

Thank you to everyone who sent me cards, texts, and e-mails during the detour in my life. I appreciate all your thoughts and well wishes. I am healing at home and hope to be back in full swing soon. **Jeanie Baratono**

Editor's Note: You can now distinguish our pregnant giraffes from the rest of the herd. On March 23 Muziki's front hooves were painted pink and Laikipia's blue so you can tell them apart from the rest of the herd and from each other. No that is not a hint as to sexes of calves. As a FB reply from the Zoo states: "We are good, but not that good." You can see the procedure on the Zoo's FB. Page. By the way, Laikipia is named after her father – he died and she, his last calf, was born within just a few weeks.

2017-2018 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 2018

- 2 **TB testing** 7:30-9:30 Admin Library
- 4 **TB testing/reads** 7:30-9:15 Admin Library
- 4 Board Meeting Safari Lodge
- 4 **TB tests** after Board Mtg Safari Lodge
- 6 **TB reads** – 730-930 AdmBldg
- 11 TE Meeting & **TB test** after Safari Lodge
- 13 Docent **TB reads** – noon DRC
- 14 IE Meeting (**TB test/reads**) Safari Lodge
- 15 CEC – Spring Fling Due date
- 16 **TB Docent Reads** 330-5pm DRC
- 18 CEC Fire Safari lodge
- 28 CEC Fire Safari Lodge

May 2018

- 2 Board Meeting Safari Lodge
- 9** **TE Meeting - Election And Evaluations** Safari Lodge
- 12** **IE Meeting- Election And Evaluations** Safari Lodge

June 2017

6 Board Meeting Safari Lodge

9** Joint IE/TE Meeting Moose Lake

Mandatory meetings are mandatory. Absences need to go through the President. ** TB testing dates are for those who are required to undergo testing. Reads must be conducted within 72 hours of testing.

TB TESTS

Repeat announcement, please remember that if you handle animals, prepare diets, pop popcorn feed chickens, or make enrichment for the animals you need to take the yearly TB test. Joan Adkins and Judy DeGroot will be administering and reading the tests for the docents AND STAFF this year. That makes extra dates in early April available for docents who will be attending AZADV during normal docent testing times. The cost will be \$5. Please bring exact cash or checks payable to CMZ. Your other option is to have the test on your own. The form that needs to be submitted will be on email thru CMZAUZ. All docents do not need the test and if you don't fit into the categories listed at the top of this article but think you might want to in the next several months you should take the test. If you have had a false positive in the past, talk to Joan about what proof you need to submit. You won't be the only docent that has to do this. Again if you are interested in participating in any of these activities, please plan on taking the test – it is doubtful you will find it any less expensive elsewhere. ****If you are planning to train in BBY or ZOOM you will need a TB test**.** **Contact Joan Adkins if you have questions.**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

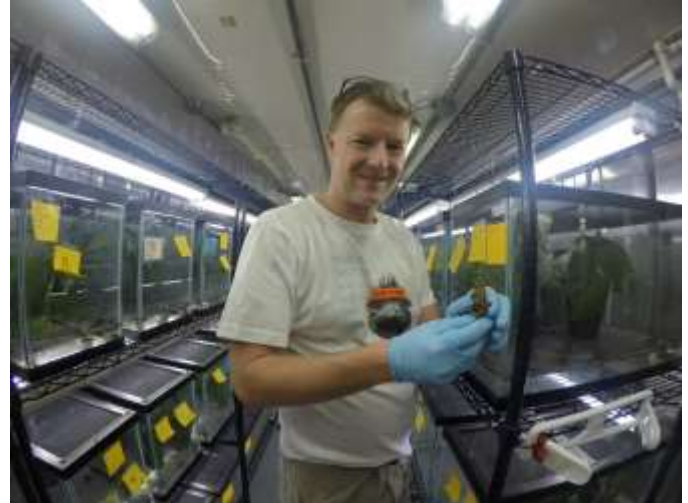
TE Programs: April 11th - Monkey Pavilion Senior Animal Keeper, Rick Hester will teach us about the New World Primate Tag workshop that the CMZ hosed in the fall of 2017. Rick coordinated this event.

May 9** - Ashley Arimborgo and Patty Wallace will be educating us about AZAK, Association of Zoo and Aquarium Keepers.

IE Programs – April 14: Cate Kelly, CMZ Docent will report on her trip to Antarctica.

May 12** – Dr. Eric Klaphake has graciously agreed to come talk to us at the May IE meeting about his recent visit to the jungles of Panama to release

500 frogs back into the wild! It should be a hopping good time. Dr. Eric is the CMZoo associate veterinarian. He is involved with PARC, the Panama Amphibian Rescue and Conservation Project, partially funded by our members and guests, through Quarters for Conservation.



Dr. Eric

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORTS

Restricted Account: Highlights from January and February: Total profit from King Soopers reloads was \$743.00. Keep using your cards!! Year to date grocery reload profits from both King Soopers and Safeway is \$3,966.59. A total of \$1542.95 was spent for the Valentine Animal Project (Primate World). The Scavenge for Vultures sale made \$274.75 for IVAD. Ending balance in the Restricted Account is \$31,190.02.

Budget Account: Highlights from January and February: DRC cleaning and copier expenses. Reimbursement to AZADV delegate was \$488.34. \$539.88 was spent to print docent manuals. Operating Budget ending balance \$464.68.

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

Nancy Hochman

EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND NEW DOCENT CLASS

The class of 2018 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”. Here is the promised information about the rest of this year’s class.

ANDREW WITHEROW

I was born in Indiana and moved to Colorado Springs when I was 4. I went to Colorado State University (go Rams!) for undergrad, and Regis University for my MBA. From when I was a child I have been fascinated with zoo's and the inhabitants within them. It seems whenever we traveled as a family growing up, we would check out the local zoo. When I got a little older I volunteered at the Denver Zoo, and when my job took me to the east coast, I was a PR volunteer at the Roger Williams Zoo in Providence RI. I can't say I have a favorite animal, I enjoy the diversity that a zoo provides when it comes to species and habitats, and becoming a docent at CMZ allows me to know a lot about several of them.

My professional background is in Financial Sales so I love talking, which is probably another reason I like volunteering at zoos, I get to talk to a lot of people, but not about boring business. I am married to my lovely wife Julie, and we have a 2 year old son named Harrison.

JANET CARLISLE

I'm a retired, divorced public school educator. Most of my career was as a middle school science teacher in Harrison district #2. I finished the last several years as an elementary principal in Pueblo district 70. I've always had a passion for animals and seek out experiences interacting and viewing animals as often as possible. I have had the opportunity to travel throughout the United States, as well as Europe, China, Africa, Fiji and a variety of scuba diving destinations. I also enjoy renovating vintage properties, art, pets, movies, books, friends, family, hiking and more. I grew up on the east coast. My brother, sister and I all came to Colorado for college, loved it and never left.

ROSE HERNANDEZ

Born in Pennsylvania and moved to Colorado in 1989 after falling in love with the beauty nature offers here in all aspects of life. My passion has always been nature and its beauty in both wildlife and the mountains. Upon retirement recently, I immediately contacted the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo for volunteering opportunities and was introduced to the docent program. Having volunteered in the past at the Humane Society working with feral cats and helping many find their “new home”, I realized my love for animals and my love for people could be the perfect combination to guiding me to my next adventure in fulfillment and happiness. I am looking forward to the memories that are sure to be imprinted on my mind forever. Thank you Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Association for this precious opportunity.

TORRIE SMITH

Torrie Smith, a recently retired pharmacist, enjoys anything where she is learning something new. She is currently volunteering with GED tutoring, ESL instruction, balance instructor in the elderly, school classroom assistant, VITA tax preparer, Fine Arts usher and Jr Achievement. She enjoys hiking, dancing, singing, travel, bridge, reading and discussion groups. Currently she lives in Woodland Park and is excited to be learning so much about animals and is looking forward to becoming a zoo docent!

ANNE WARDROP

Recently retired from nursing and a career that included critical care, burns, flights and the Director of Trauma and EMS for 4 hospitals in southern Colorado. Mother of 2 children, 1 dog and 1 cat. Lifelong lover of animals and excited about the opportunity to volunteer at CMZ. Member of Copper Mountain Ski Patrol for 3 years and began the host program associated with Ski Patrol. Enjoy hiking, golfing (I hack at the ball), cooking, tennis, and reading. Love to explore Colorado and the world.

MARK “MAC” MCPHERSON

Mark McPherson is a retired officer of the United States Army. He began his tenure as a medical corpsman/combat medic and ended his service over 20 years later as a senior healthcare executive.

Changing career fields upon his retirement, he served as a science teacher in a rural community middle and high school, a building level administrator and principal in mid-sized school districts, and as an Assistant Superintendent for several large school districts. Mark retired from education in June 2017. He is the owner/President of a human resources management and

education leadership consulting firm and remains a licensed teacher and principal/administrator.

As a community member, he served on a non-profit corporate board as the President of Hanover Parks and Projects LLC. He also served as the President of the School District 28, Board of Education for 8 years. He holds a Bachelor's of Science in Biology from the University of Central Oklahoma, a Master of Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, and a Master of Education from Regis University.

When asked why he is working as a Docent, he said "It's a wonderful way to be close to the animals, work with our community and support our kids. Besides, we get to meet and work with so many wonderful people!" He is married to Miss Susie Van Horn of Leavenworth, Kansas. They have six children and ten grandchildren.

GARY FRY

Gary is an engineer who specializes in solid mechanics and the behavior of structural materials in dynamic loading environments. He works for the Transportation Technology Center, Inc. (TTCI) in Pueblo, Colorado. Prior to joining TTCI, Gary spent 21 years on the engineering faculty at Texas A&M University in College Station, TX. He enjoys music, photography, wood working, and outdoor activities including gardening, hiking, cycling, swimming, and jogging. Gary values learning, helping others to learn, and working cooperatively with teams. He commits special effort in support of organizations that promote positive participation in our communities. Gary's family is a special source of strength and joy. He and his wife, Erin, have been married for 30 years and have two adult sons

PAT URBAN

I grew up in Denver, and left home at age 17 to attend college in Enid, OK. I met my husband there, and we have been married for almost 41 years. We lived in Laramie, WY and Tulsa, OK before settling in Colorado Springs, my husband's hometown. Over the course of my life, I have earned 2 bachelor's degrees and 2 master's degrees. I have worked in 4 different school districts in 2 different states, working as a teacher, a speech pathologist, an inclusion facilitator, and a central office administrator. My retirement from the Manitou Springs School District, as the Director of Instruction, capped my 35-year career in education.

I have a passion for music, both as a musician myself, and as a member of the board of Rocky Mountain Highway Music Collaborative (RMHMC). This group's mission is

to bring quality music, both local and national, to the Pikes Peak region. Our signature event is the Meadow Grass Music Festival. I also love to golf, swim, hike with my dog, and camp, as well as knit, crochet, needlepoint, and read – all of which is much easier to do, now that I'm retired!

I have really enjoyed learning everything the seasoned docents have had to teach us, and I look forward to this newest adventure!

CEC

The final CEC class for this year will take place on Wednesday, April 18th and Saturday, April 28th at 9:30 in the Safari Lodge. This class will focus on FIRE and speakers are from the Broadmoor Fire Department and the Forest Service.

Please let me know if you plan on attending, either by emailing me at sbpotterat@yahoo.com or by phoning me at 632-3120. I need to know that there will be sufficient attendance for the classes to be held. Also, in case of forest or wildfire, the speakers will be needed at their worksites and the classes will not be held. If this takes place I will notify each of you who signed up for the class. *Susie Potterat*

FIELD TRIPS

February 17, 2018 - A group of 12 Docents car pooled to the **Butterfly Pavilion** in Westminster, Colorado. When we arrived, we had Tea and Cookies ready for us associated with a class on "All things Butterflies". We learned that only 2 of all the butterflies they have at the pavilion is bred at other conservation farms that they support. The OWL butterfly is one of the Two and it seemed to hitch a ride from Robert, AnnMarie's husband, for over 20 minutes. We got to handle Rosie the tarantula and tour the areas of invertebrates. We then headed out to the White Farm Ranch where we enjoyed a family lunch passing plates of fried chicken, 3-4 salads, corn fritters and sundae for dessert.

Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Nebraska is next month and we have 18 that have signed up to go. I feel like a VIP with all that the Education Dept. and Docents are planning for our CMZoo Docent group. The EMU trip already has 30 plus signed up and I had to change venues to Boss Hogg's for lunch in La Junta. *Happy trails, Joan Adkins*



KEEPER SPOTLIGHT

The keeper spot light this month is on **Amy Behnke**. Here are her words:

I always loved animals since I was young. I had animal encyclopedias that I would read and re-read and memorize every fact about every animal. I was also lucky that my parents were always looking for educational experiences for my siblings and me during the summer or school breaks. They got a zoo membership when my older brother was born and still have it today so technically I was a member of a zoo before I was even born. The zoo of course was of course my favorite place to visit and my favorite exhibit was the prairie dogs! Growing up in Baltimore I only saw them at the zoo and thought they were hilarious to watch digging in their habitat and interacting with each other in the colony (little did I know that one day I would get to work with them)!

I left Baltimore in 2010 and moved to New Mexico for graduate school to pursue my master's in Zoology. After finishing school in 2012, my husband and I had a big decision to make as to where to move next, back to Baltimore or somewhere new? We had vacationed a lot in Colorado and both decided it would be a great place to live and a new adventure. So shortly after moving to Colorado I was hired as a Keeper Assistant in Aquatics, fell in love with CMZ and have been here ever since in different positions in both the Education and Animal departments.

I can't say that I ever have a "typical day". I have been trained as a primary keeper in several different areas and can be found in any given area on any given day. These days though you can almost always find me in either Primate World or Rocky Mountain Highlands. Sometimes you can find me in both areas in the same day, starting with some gorilla training and ending with some snow leopard training. I love giving Keeper Talks so I am usually doing lots of talks throughout the day and chatting with guests. I also love the training and enrichment, but of course a lot of my day is also spent cleaning too!

My greatest challenges can be keeping up with everything that is going on in so many areas. There have been renovations and new animals in many areas and staying current with training goals is very important to me. I'm also learning to be more flexible and go with the flow during my days knowing that I may need to adapt my priorities at any moment.



ENRICHMENT

2018 Budgie Seed Competition

WOW-WOW-WOW....What an exciting finish! The CMZ Auxillary Docents (The Budgie Gals) were represented again this year and flew into 2nd place; significantly elevating their performance from 2017, and less than a pound of bird seed & sticks from first place! A few minor burns, a lot of FUN, and 18.592 lbs. of Budgie sticks for an extraordinary good cause. Are we up for the 2019 Challenge...you bet your beak we are! Join us and join the fun.....not too early to start planning for the Encounter.

2018 Budgie Stick Competition Results:

It was a close race this year, with the Top 4 Teams as follows: The Finer Things: 19.392 lbs.; The Budgie Gals: 18.592 lbs. - YES – that’s the CMZ Auxillary Docent Team; The Velocirabbits: 11.192 lbs.; The ACMs: 8.532 lbs.



Kate Kelly, Susan McCreedy, Terry Pratt, and Cris Stoddard

The Palm Oil Crisis with Lindsay Mitchell by Nicole Livesay-Townsend

Our January IE presentation was one to remember! It not only highlighted something that we’re all passionate about, animal conservation, but also the reason why we do what we do, to teach and to encourage interest and action. Teenager, Lindsay Mitchell, a Junior Zookeeper in the Loft is a great example of the bright young minds we can impact throughout our docent endeavors. Motivated by her passion, Lindsay educates middle-schoolers about the palm oil crisis with her presentation, “Palm Oil”. Working closely with keepers and animals has led Lindsay down a path of education and conservation which she shares with students.

Lindsay starts with the basics, explaining that palm oil comes from the fruit of the African oil palm tree. It’s found in many everyday products from food to cosmetics creating a high demand. Because it’s the cheapest and most commonly produced form of vegetable oil, countries across the equator with tropical climates and the need for economic stability strive to produce as much as possible.

Then Lindsay highlights the problem, cutting down rainforests to plant more oil palms and subsequent burning (final step in clearing peat and other rainforest debris), puts plants and animals at risk of becoming endangered, especially orangutans. Millions of acres of rainforests are being cut down each year by unregulated companies. To maximize profits, some of these companies forgo the use of already cleared land and cut healthy rainforest habitat for lumber, drastically decreasing the natural habit for wild orangutans. These are unsustainable palm oil plantations.

However, Lindsay’s presentation emphasizes hope. Sustainable plantations. With the help of multi-faceted organizations like the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO), sustainable plantations are becoming more prevalent. The RSPO requires member companies to commit to practicing sustainability techniques such as reusing cleared land, refraining from burning and utilizing the land wisely, including allowing animals on the land to eat the fruit. The RSPO needs consumer support. By supporting companies that protect orangutan habitat, it can send messages to other companies that they should do the same.

This is where the CMZOO Palm Oil app comes in! It’s a simple way for consumers to support RSPO member companies and their sustainability efforts. As a teen herself, Lindsay knows that teaching kids through technology and the Palm Oil app is the perfect way to get them excited and involved. She challenges students to take action through the use of the app, really delving into which companies make the products that they consume and learning whether or not they’re supporting sustainability. Lindsay has these kids take it a step further and reach out to their favorite companies, either thanking them for their RSPO membership and sustainability efforts or asking them to change.

If you’re reading this and you haven’t downloaded the app, download it now! It’s easy. It’s informative and all docents should use it. If you need assistance navigating it, ask a teenager!

ELECTION AND ANNUAL EVALUATION NEWS

The Nominating Committee met on March 25th and selected candidates for the Executive Board for 2018-2019. The Slate of candidates for the Executive Board as well as the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee appear at the end of this newsletter. The May meetings are for both Elections and Evaluations and are mandatory meetings. If you cannot attend you need to inform the current President, Jeanie Baratonno. *Sandy Flynn*

And evaluation forms will be sent out online through CMZAUx. Please download them, fill them out and email them back to me, or print them and fill them out and mail or deliver to me no later than May 12th. These annual reviews are important so that we can continue to improve. Thank you so much. *Glenna French*

AN UPDATE ABOUT WISDOM

Last year Zooline contained two articles relating to Wisdom, the Laysan Albatross, the Midway Atoll, and Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. Last year when she was 66 years old she and her mate successfully raised another chick. This year she is 67 and again laid a fertile egg. It is believed that during her life she has outlived several mates and has raised 30 to 35 chicks. Albatross only lay one egg per year and it is estimated that 70 percent of these birds that exist on the planet nest on Midway Atoll. They are listed as Near Threatened by IUCN and it is obvious that a major tsunami during breeding and nesting season, would devastate the population. Wisdom's current mate, Akeakamai and she have raised several chicks together. It is estimated that in her long life Wisdom has logged 2 to 3 million miles since 1956 when she was banded. That is equivalent to 4 to 6 round trips to the moon, according to the US Geological Survey. (Source:

National Geographic and Smithsonian Magazines).



Akeakamai with newest egg



Wisdom with chick



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Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Auxiliary Ballot
2018-2019

President 2018-2019 Glenna French

President (Elect) **Nancy Hochman** _____

1st Vice President Jean McKanna

1st Vice President (Elect) **Cate Kelly** _____

2nd Vice President Suzanne Twohig

2nd Vice President (Elect) **Terry Pratt** _____

Recording Secretary **Judy DeGroot** _____

Corres. Secretary **Marie Poyzer** _____

Treasurer **Pat Gray** _____

IE Chair **Ann Marie Jackson** _____

Past Pres. Ex Officio Jeanie Baratono

Vote for the entire Slate _____

2019 Nominating Committee Candidates

Circle one from each Group:

<p><u>Group 1: IE's</u> Sheila Aldrich 95 Patricia Tolleson 96 Paul Tolleson 96 Yvonne Weeres 96 Diana Gantz 97 Jeannie Phillips 98 John Mayher 05 Mary McCann 03 Kay Bard Gray 04 Julie Rich 05</p>	<p><u>Group 2: IE's</u> Cynthia Preston 08 Caz Oswald 12 Marcia Morris 11 John Nickle 15 Sharon Nickle 15 Linnea McDonald 15 Sharon Ledlow 17 Carol Maynard 17 Gisele Miyamoto 17 Ann Anderson 15</p>	<p><u>*Group 3</u> Sally Goldstein 69 Ellie Solomon 69 Greta Johnson 82 Lovena Porter 86 Kaiti Poehlmann 87 Nancy Hochman 88 Marie Poyzer 89 Dona McBride 90 Helen Holmgren 90</p>
<p><u>*Group 4</u> Cindi Caroll 91 Sheree Lira 96 Judy Rhoads 96 Larry Williams 96 Becky Poole 99 Don Haller 99 Patsy McAteer 01 Eileen Derry 03 Wendy Seglum 03 Gina Bryant 04</p>	<p><u>*Group 5</u> Sue Switzer 04 Mack Silvertooth 04 Nona Hentschel 05 Louise Garrison 05 Susie Potterat 05 Art Schwall 05 Lynne Stefonik 07 Ron Gray 07 Michel Lira 08 Jody Schmitz 08</p>	<p><u>*Group 6</u> Marsha Fogarty 09 Kathy Kidd 10 Ron Capen 10 Sue Sallee 10 Carol Royse 10 Pat Coleman 10 Joanne Steeves 12 Judy Schlei 12 Paula Charles 13</p>
<p><u>*Group 7</u> Anne Marie Jackson 14 Deana Martin-Muth 15 Joan Adkins 14 Linda Gray 14 Nicole Livesay Townsend 14 Cindy Mahrtdt 14 Susan Gross 14 Don Heinz 14 Gayle Flora 15</p>	<p><u>*Group 8</u> Julie Hall 15 Dawn Brizendine 15 John Kleiner 15 Suzanne Twohig 15 Mindy Mahler 16 Merrill Boruchin-Spielman 16 Barbara Kalbli 16 Kim Katalin 16 Gloria Wiersema 16</p>	<p><u>*Group 9</u> Lisa Forbes 16 Deborah Compton 16 Pat Dwyer 16 Rick Decker 17 Susan McCreedy 17 Rick Jenkins 17 Terry Pratt 17 Cate Kelly 17 Cris Stoddard 17</p>

*These groups contain a combination of TE's, IE/TE's, and TE/IE's. {Members of the 2017 Nominating Committee are not included on this ballot, as a Docent cannot serve two years in a row on the Nominating Committee. The 2018-19 President (Glenna French) and the 2018-19 First VP (Jean McKanna) are excluded from this ballot. Jeanie Baratono, as the 2018-19 Past President, will chair this Nominating Committee (without a vote.)

