



## President’s Message – Marsha Fogarty

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving! Now that we are beginning our Happy Holidays with a HO! HO! HO! bang working at Electric Safari, I look forward to seeing you at the zoo. I have two shifts, so far, working with Santa. Should be fun working all the areas where staff request our help. As of publication, the only docent Signup Genius out is for the Santa Zone area.

I wanted to announce the results of our Bylaws vote for the Finance Advisory Committee. We had 50 ballots turned in and 49 people voted yes. One person voted Yes but forgot to sign the ballot. If anyone would like to see the ballots, I have preserved them. We are, therefore, official; the Finance Advisory Committee will be added to the bylaws as a Standing Committee. I will be appointing new members to this committee. Jennifer Farnsworth is the retiring chair of the Ad Hoc Committee and I want to thank her for the excellent work her committee did under her leadership. Mac McPherson will be taking over as Chair since it is customary to have someone lead the committee who is a prior committee member. I have asked Charlotte Greene to continue on this year as we implement the new standing committee. I will therefore be appointing three new members of the committee.

In looking back through my records for previous years, I found an interesting handout from 2020. It is a modification of the ‘We Believe’ statements and the “Standards for Success” for CMZ that apply most directly to the Auxiliary. I thought this statement was a great way to kick off a busy time of year for us and a great time to think about all the things we are thankful for as we get to work and have fun at the zoo.

***We believe being a Docent should not be “just a job”, nor is it a right, but instead it is a responsibility a Docent has toward the organization and its mission.***

Hope to see you at the Holiday Party coming up Saturday.

*Marsha*



**Saturday,  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
2:00-5:00 P.M.**

## DATES TO KNOW

*Meetings start at 9:30 a.m.*

- Dec 3 ..... Holiday Party at Marie Poyzer’s from 2:00-5:00 pm  
*No meetings in December*
- Dec 18 .... January Zooline deadline
- Jan 4 ..... Board Meeting ... Safari Lodge
- Jan 11 ..... TE Meeting ..... Safari Lodge
- Jan 14 ..... IE Meeting ..... **LML**
- Jan 25 ..... Education Mtg ... Safari Lodge
- Feb 1 ..... Board Meeting ... Safari Lodge
- Feb 11 .... Joint TE/IE Meeting ..... **LML**
- Feb 22 .... Education Mtg ... Safari Lodge

## CECs and TRAINING

- Jan 7 .... Zoo School starts .. Safari Lodge
- Jan 14, 21 & 28 ... Zoo School continues at the Safari Lodge

**CECs are available for some Zoo School sessions – Zoo School schedule with specifics starts on page 6**

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## Vision Statement

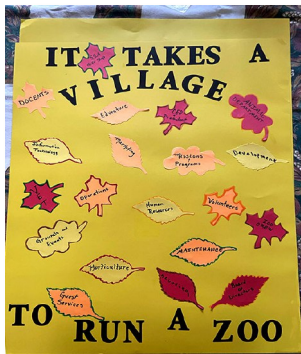
**“Every Kid, Every Time, Goosebumps!  
Every kid, of any age, will have an experience for a lifetime with every visit.”**

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## Tour and Safari Stats YTD

In the first half of our docent year, 51 docents have led tours and/or handled stations on 27 different tours. There were at least 1,229 students who participated in these tours. Docents also gave 57 different classroom Safaris during this same time frame. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered, filled in, or been compelled into helping fill all of the slots for tours and Safaris, and who helped make the first half of our year so successful. Stay tuned for our Spring season – it's sure to be a busy one!

Marie Poyzer, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
Judy Sondermann, Tour Coordinator  
Jean McKanna, Safari Coordinator  
Sue Sallee, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Elect



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## Keeper Appreciation Luncheon

November 9th was a great day to be a zoo employee, volunteer or docent. The day began at 7:30 with an appreciation breakfast. Followed by an appreciation lunch! I chose the theme “It takes a village to run a zoo” and came up with 20 groups

of people. Using Stacey’s approximate figure and the docent count, it is well over 300 people. The tables were decorated with a Fall theme and bellies were filled with warm soup. Zoup catered the soup and bread, then the meal was rounded out with other wonderful salads, sides, appetizers and desserts, and lots of different drink options. There were 6 different soups, with choices for vegan, gluten-free, dairy-free and meat lovers. My rough estimate was that we served between 100-110 people. I received so many thank yous from the staff. It truly is heart-warming to do this for them once a year.



A big thank you to EVERYONE who helped make this year’s appreciation lunch a smashing success!!!

Kim Katalin, Social Chair

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## CEC Corner

The last CEC of 2022 was held on the cold, icy morning of November 19 - and it was a hoot!

Forty-three of us strategized in a rollicking Zoo Trivia Game Show and Bingo, where we explored zoo history trivia, docent lore and some personal stories. Marie Poyzer came in under the radar, outscoring everyone - she sure knows her stuff! Big thanks to Greta Johnson, who helped me put together a challenging set of questions.

Which question stumped the entire room? “This animal was tried in the original ZOOM program. It caused a ZOOM docent to fall and break her hip, thus the animal was taken out of the program.” Can you guess? 🤔

Remember, everyone has to earn two CECs by May 31, 2023. You can attend the CEC on bird migration and the refreshers for Zoogeography and Life Cycles in 2023. Also, attending two sessions marked ‘CEC’ on the Zoo School calendar on the same day earns one CEC credit. The Spring Fling will be published in February, too. So, still opportunities to learn!

This month, I am reading my cookbooks because it is the holiday season! But I will be re-reading Aldo Leopold’s *A Sand County Almanac* this January, as I do every January. His essay, “The Land Ethic,” is an appeal for moral responsibility to the natural world. That essay helps me refocus on the importance of conservation, one of the zoo’s most important missions. I invite you to join me in reading that book this January (and hey, you can even earn a CEC for doing a book report; just check in with me before you start writing!)

Have a very happy holiday season and a splendid New Year. Take care of each other!

Always be learning,

Cris Stoddard, CEC Chair

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## Animal Enrichment in December

We’ll be making cannolis on Saturday Dec 10 at 11:00. If anyone wants to join us, let me know. We thought it would be fun to get pizza afterwards at Pizza With a View.

If you do join us, you will be reporting your cannoli volunteer hours individually.

Please email me to let me know if you can help!

Jean Bennett, Enrichment Chair



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## Field Trip Updates

Hello Docent Friends. On Thursday, November 10, five docents went to Florence, CO to see Nature's Educators. Devin Jaffe spent two hours teaching us about raptors and Falconry. We learned so much! For example, falconers are not people who handle raptors, they are people who hunt with raptors. Devin is one of four Master Falconers in Colorado and has been doing this for over 20 years. We saw a Harris Hawk, a Ferruginous Hawk, a Great Horned Owl, Golden Eagle and a Red Front Macaw. Harris Hawks are also known as the wolves of the sky because they hunt in packs. Also, the difference between hawks and eagles is the size of their talons. It was a wonderful trip and finished up with lunch at Oak Creek Tavern in Florence.

The next field trip is to San Diego, CA, Feb 5-9, 2023. Sunday, Feb 5 fly into San Diego (or drive if you want a road trip). Monday, Feb 6 is a trip to the San Diego Zoo. Tuesday, Feb 7 is a trip to the Safari Park and SeaWorld. Wednesday, Feb 8 is a trip to Lion, Tigers and Bears Sanctuary (a two-hour guided visit of our scenic sanctuary and historic ranch where you will get to meet the exotic animals and big cats and learn their heartwarming rescue stories - \$38.00 donation) and the Japanese Friendship Gardens. Thursday, Feb 9 fly home. There are currently 10 docents committed or interested in the trip; if we have 15 in our group we get a 10% discount on the entry fees for the zoo. Please join us! It will be a fun time to be in a warm place.

The last two field trips of the year are **A MONDAY IN MARCH 2023: CSU Spur, Denver**. A day at CSU Spur has something for all ages – it's a laboratory, veterinary clinic, market, museum, art studio, classroom, garden, innovation center...all in one! 1.5 hour free tour. <https://csuspur.org/> - LUNCH after for those that want to go.

The last field trip of the year will be the **First or Second Monday in May 2023: Bird Migration Identification at Cheyenne Mountain State Park, Colorado Springs**. Learn about birds that migrate to and through the state park. 8 am, 1.5-2 hours on hiking trails with ranger. \$9 per car or free with State Parks Parking Pass. After exiting the state park, we'll travel a mile south on Hwy 115 to **May Natural History Museum, Colorado Springs'** premier bug museum! The museum houses one of the largest private displays of tropical bugs in the world – 7,000 insects – that's a lot of bugs! With this large of a collection, there's a bug for everybody! <https://www.coloradospringsbugmuseum.com/> \$12 pp with LUNCH after for those that want to go.

If you are interested in participating in a field trip, please contact me.

*Kathy O'Donnell, Field Trip Chair*

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## IE Notes

In the first half of our docent year, 51 docents have led A busy month its ahead for all of us. As usual in December, there will not be an IE Meeting BUT there are loads of IE activities going on at our beautiful zoo for you to sign up for. There are still lots of Chicken Tender Slots and Penguin/Pelican Slots in December. There are Special Events for Electric Safari and a new opportunity in Safari Lodge. Sounds like we will be Santa's Docent Elves helping to keep the line moving, taking photos and having fun sharing conservation stories and maybe some biofacts with guests. What could be more fun than to spend some time watching kids of all ages interact with Jolly Ol' Saint Nicholas. Also, looking forward to sharing some time with all of you at our Holiday Party.

### Season's Greetings From Your IE Team

*Charlotte Greene, IE Chair  
Pat Dwyer and Pat Urban, Program Chairs  
Vickie Pokaluk and Anne Wardrop, Education Reps  
Ann Marie Jackson and Linnea McDonald, Secretaries  
Joan Adkins and Doris Banks, Hospitality*



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## Trivia Questions

Cris Stoddard and Greta Johnson presented an educational and entertaining CEC on November 19. So many interesting questions, so little time!




We will be publishing 2-3 questions from that CEC in Zooline each month for the rest of the year for your enjoyment and edification. We won't make you wait a month for the answers, they can be found on another page of the same issue.

### December Questions – Guess Who

- 1) CMZ used to have what large lizard, and where was it housed?
- 2) Our feathers have 2 per follicle, not closely barbed. We also lack a keel. We can make deep booming, drumming sounds with our throat pouch.
- 3) I am 'large Marge' and I am housed in Australia Walkabout, which is ironic, since I am an introduced species to that continent and outcompete the natives there. I am an indicator species!

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## CMZA Zooline Information

 Please send all submissions – information, articles, pictures. etc. – to [cmza.zooline@yahoo.com](mailto:cmza.zooline@yahoo.com).  
**Zooline The deadline for the January issue is Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you

Joelle Shreves & Linnea McDonald Editors

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## Articles and Information of Interest

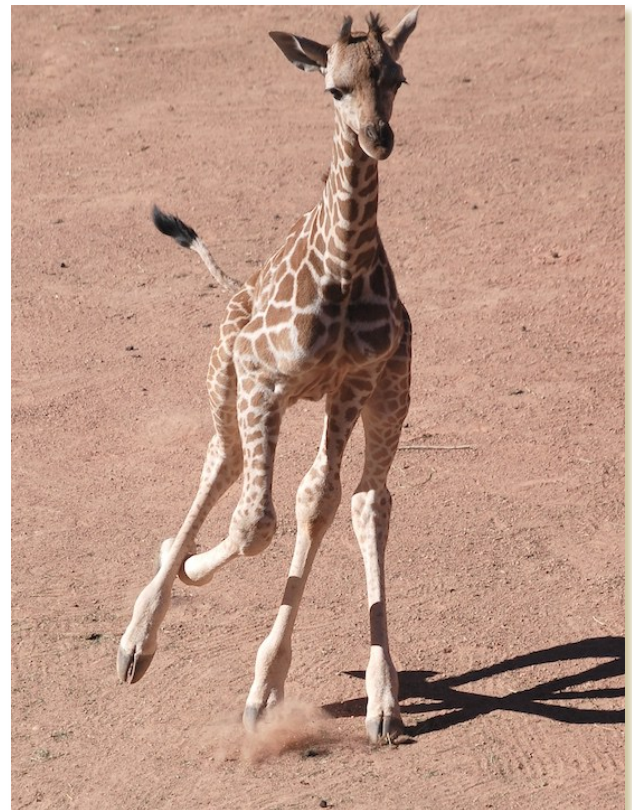
- Some see dead space on the side of the road. Some people see a potential haven for wildlife. A growing number of conservationists are turning to road verges, the often-overlooked grassy areas we drive past every day, to look for solutions to the biodiversity and climate crises. Read at CNN: <https://bit.ly/3ANC7ny>
- Rare fossil of Lion (not a mountain lion!) found in the U.S. <https://bit.ly/3UdusG2>
- Learn more about the cheetah, which big cat it's most closely related to (hint: not the leopard) and how cheetahs and pronghorns are intertwined. <https://www.hope4cheetahs.org/history/>
- Marsupials thought mostly solitary may have complex social lives: <https://bit.ly/3OI7FB2>

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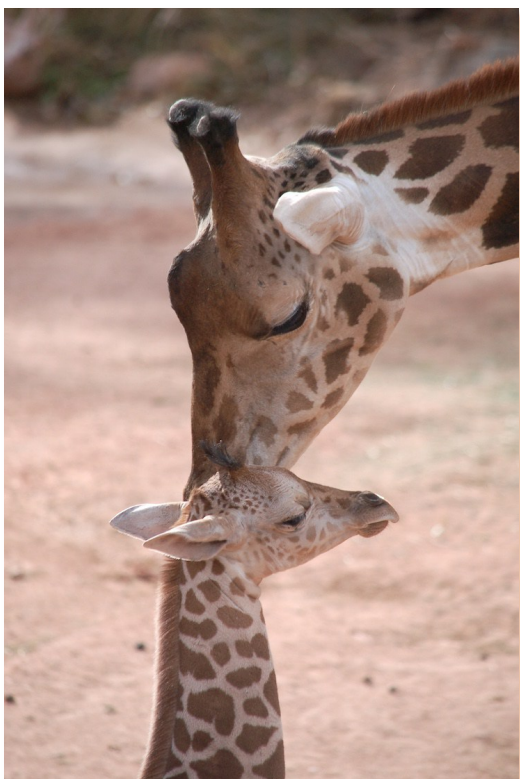
## More Pictures from the Appreciation Lunch



December Trivia Answers: 1) Komodo dragon in Aquatics; 2) Emus; 3) Cane toad. And the answer to Cris' question about the animal that caused a docent to break a hip: a Rocky Mtn. Goat, Margaret Marlette.



Appreciation Lunch Pictures courtesy of Kim Katalin Bailey's baby, Wednesday, (top) by Deborah Compton Wednesday (bottom) doing zoomies in the yard by Susan Hoxie



*Top Left: Ohe with Wednesday,  
by Susan Hoxie*  
*Top Right: Crowned Crane,  
by Deborah Compton*  
*Middle: Meerkat mob, by Deborah  
Compton*  
*Bottom Left: Padfoot with treat,  
by keeper Alia Cooper*  
*Bottom Right: Wakanda,  
Moroccan spiny-tailed lizard,  
by Susan Hoxie*



## 2023 CMZA DOCENT TRAINING SCHEDULE

**Only trainees are to attend out of classroom sessions**

**CEC Credit - you must attend two class sessions on the same day to get 1 CEC credit**

Revised 10/30/2022

### **Meet & Greet – January 7, 2023 (Trainees only)**

10:00	11:15	Expectations & program explanation Orientation (manuals, nametags, directory, photos)	Marianne/Cate
11:15	11:45	History of CMZ	Cris Stoddard
11:45	12:15	Lunch (provided) and continued discussion	
12:15	1:00	History of CMZA Docents	Ellie Solomon
1:00	1:30	EdVenture Department and CMZ “we believe”	Stacey
1:30	2:00	Media Policy	TBD
2:00	2:15	Docent/child behavior	Marianne/Cate
2:15	2:45	Course overview	Marianne/Cate
2:45	3:00	Snack sign-up, Questions, Wrap-up	

### **Session 1 – January 14, 2023**

9:15	9:30	Information and announcements		
9:30	10:30	Taxonomy and evolution	Nancy Hochman	CEC
10:30	10:45	Break		
10:45	11:30	Adaptations	Nancy Hochman	CEC
11:30	12:00	Lunch		
12:00	1:00	Basic Mammalogy	Nancy Hochman	CEC
1:00	1:15	Break		
1:15	2:15	Physiological systems	Jean McKanna	CEC
2:15	2:30	Break		
2:30	3:45	Field trip to Loft and BBY (trainees only)		
3:45	4:00	Review and Information for next week		

### **Session 2 – January 21, 2023**

9:15	9:30	Information and announcements		
9:30	10:30	Biomes	Charlotte Greene	CEC
10:30	10:45	Break		
10:45	11:00	Walk to elephant barn		
11:00	11:30	Elephant keeper talk (trainees only)	Keeper	
11:30	11:45	Return to Safari Lodge		
11:45	12:15	Lunch		
12:15	1:30	Ecology Concepts	Nancy Hochman	CEC
1:30	1:45	Break		
1:45	3:30	Rodents, Armadillo, Sloth, Hedgehogs	Cate Kelly	CEC
3:30	4:00	Review quizzes and information for next week		

**Session 3 – January 28, 2023**

9:15	9:30	Information and announcements		
9:30	10:30	Giraffe, Okapi, Moose, Mountain Goat	Jean McKanna	CEC
10:30	10:45	Break		
10:45	11:45	Hippos, Red River Hog, Wart Hog, Rhino, Tapir	Jean McKanna	CEC
11:45	12:15	Lunch		
12:15	1:15	Elephants, Rock Hyrax	Jean McKanna	CEC
1:15	1:30	Break		
1:30	1:45	Walk to Asian Highland		
1:45	2:15	Tiger talk (trainees only)	Keeper	
2:15	2:30	Return to Safari Lodge		
2:30	3:15	Reptiles and Amphibians	Barbara Kalbli	CEC
3:15	3:45	Characteristics of Carnivora	Cris Stoddard	both
3:45	4:00	Review quizzes and information for next week		

**Session 4 – February 4, 2023**

9:15	9:30	Information and announcements		
9:30	10:15	Cats	Cris Stoddard	CEC
10:15	10:30	Break and move to lions		
10:30	11:00	Lion keeper talk (trainees only)	Keeper	
11:00	11:15	Break		
11:15	12:00	Cats con't	Cris Stoddard	CEC
12:00	12:30	Lunch		
12:30	2:00	Cats con't	Cris Stoddard	CEC
2:00	2:15	Break		
2:15	3:30	Otter, Ferret, Skunk, Meerkat	Judy Sondermann	CEC
3:30	3:45	Break		
3:45	4:00	Review quizzes and information for next week (uniform order forms)		

**Session 5 – February 11, 2023**

9:30	12:00	Joint IE/TE Meeting – <b>LODGE AT MOOSE LAKE</b>		
12:00	12:15	Return to Safari Lodge		
12:15	1:30	Bears	Cate Kelly	CEC
1:30	1:45	Break		
1:45	3:00	Wolves	Cate Kelly	CEC
3:00	4:00	Order uniforms		
4:00	4:15	Review quizzes and information for next week		

**Session 6 – February 18, 2023**

9:15	9:45	Water's Edge keeper talk (trainees only)	Keeper	
9:45	10:00	Return to Safari Lodge & break		
10:00	11:00	Lesser and greater apes	Cris Stoddard	CEC
11:00	11:30	Lunch		
11:30	12:30	Lesser and greater apes con	Cris Stoddard	CEC
12:30	12:45	Break		
12:45	1:45	Lemurs/Tamarins /Colobus Monkeys	Greta Johnson	CEC
1:45	2:00	Break and walk to Primate World (trainees only)		
2:00	2:30	Primate World keeper talk (trainees only)	Keeper	
2:30	2:45	Break and return to Safari Lodge		
2:45	3:45	Uniform regulations, etc.	Marianne/Cate	
3:45	4:00	Review quizzes and information for next week		

**Session 7 – February 25, 2023**

9:15	9:45	Information and announcements		
9:45	10:00	Walk to RMW		
10:00	10:30	RMW keeper talk (trainees only)	Keeper	
10:30	10:45	Return to Safari Lodge		
10:45	11:45	Marsupials (wallaby, tree kangaroo, opossum)	Susan Gross	CEC
11:45	12:15	Lunch		
12:15	1:15	Birds at CMZ (in general, pelican, penguins, chickens, etc.)	Charlotte Greene	CEC
1:15	1:30	Break		
1:30	2:30	Birds at CMZ con (vultures, eagle, emu, etc)	Charlotte Greene	CEC
2:30	3:15	Hornbill visit (at Safari Lodge – trainees only) <b>NOTE – probably at 2:00</b>	Keeper	
3:15	3:45	Signup for tours		
3:45	4:00	Review quizzes and information for next week		

**Session 8 – March 4, 2023**

9:15	9:30	Information and announcements		
9:30	10:00	African Rift Valley (location, Maasai, baobab trees, etc.)	Cate Kelly	
10:00	10:30	AM/ECO/ARV Tour overview	Cate Kelly	
10:30	10:45	Break. Leave for Australia at 10:45		
11:00	11:30	Australia keeper talk (trainees only)	Keeper	
11:30	11:45	Return to Safari Lodge		
11:45	12:15	Lunch		
12:15	2:30	Discussion & tour exercises	Marianne/Cate	
2:30	2:45	Break		
2:45	3:45	Safaris	Susan Gross	
3:45	4:00	Review quizzes and information for next week		

**Session 9 – March 11, 2023**

9:15	9:30	Information and announcements		
9:30	10:15	Carts, cards, tips	Michael Stein	
10:15	11:30	Biofact practice		
11:30	12:00	Lunch		
12:15	12:30	Proceed to Giraffe Plaza		
12:30	2:00	Sample tour (interactive)	Marianne/Cate	
2:00	2:15	Return to Safari Lodge		
2:15	3:45	Tour and cart review and questions		
3:45	4:00	Review quiz and information for next week		

**Session 10 – March 18, 2023**

9:15	9:30	Information and announcements & test review		
9:45	10:45	Signing in and Sign-up Genius	Cris Stoddard	
10:45	11:00	Break		
11:00	11:30	Visit by Hubble to Safari Lodge (trainees only)	Keeper	
11:30	12:00	Q & A		
12:00		Potluck with mentors and instructors		

**March 25, 2023** - Makeup day, if necessary      **June 10, 2023** - Joint IE/TE Meeting