



President’s Message – Nancy Hochman

Greetings Docents,

Election time is nearly upon us. With that in mind, it seems a good idea to remind all of us how this process works. The actual process is not complicated, but how it all fits together can be confusing.

It begins with a list – sent to all Docents or published in the Zoo Line – of all active Docents which includes a summary of the various jobs they have held on the CMZA Board. The list not only includes the Executive positions held but also the Supplemental Activities Chair positions, as well as positions on the IE Board.

This list is designed to give all of us an understanding of the responsibilities each of us has taken on. It is not a reflection of involvement, as we have all been part of our organization for different lengths of time. It is designed to show what our experiences have been. This should help when considering docents for various positions. The list of jobs held is as accurate as is humanly possible. There are probably omissions, but the list will give a general view of activity.

The Straw Ballot is the next piece. This lists the positions on the Executive Committee for the next year. In this case, it is for the year 2020-2021. You will see that the people holding positions of President-Elect, 1st VP-Elect and 2nd VP-Elect from 2019-2020 have moved up on the ballot and will automatically be the President, 1st VP and 2nd VP for 2020-2021. The current President moves automatically to Past-President.

You are being asked to make your suggestions for the “Elect” positions as well as the rest of the Executive Board. The Nominating Committee will review the suggestions and will make a choice for only the Executive positions. The committee meets in March and is chaired by the current Past-President. The Nominating Committee’s selection, however, isn’t final, and anyone can make a nomination from the floor at the May meeting when we vote on the slate of officers.

The Straw Ballot also lists the Supplemental Activities. This is your chance to put forward additional folks you think would be good for the various jobs available. Glenna has prepared a brief summary of the responsibilities for each position. If you are interested in a position, either on the Executive Board or a Supplemental Activity, I would suggest you talk to the current chair or office holder and discuss what the job entails.

You may put your own name on the Straw Ballot, in fact, you are encouraged to do so. The Supplemental Activities Chairs are selected by the outgoing (2019-2020) and incoming (2020-2021) Executive Boards following the May election. Volunteering, by putting your name down, lets both Executive Boards know you are willing to serve. The new Executive Board and Supplemental Activities Chairs will take office at the June joint meeting. *(continued next page)*

DATES TO KNOW

Meetings start at 9:30 a.m.

- Feb 5..... Board Meeting....Safari Lodge
- Feb 8..... **Joint IE/IE Meeting**
9:30-1:30 Lodge at Moose Lake (LML)
- Feb 26.... Education Mtg....Safari Lodge
- Mar 4..... Board Meeting....Safari Lodge
- Mar 11 ... TE Meeting**LML**
- Mar 14 ... IE Meeting **Safari Cabin**
- Mar 25 ... Education Mtg ...Safari Lodge
- Apr 1 Board Meeting....Safari Lodge
- Apr 8 TE Meeting Safari Lodge
- Apr 11.... IE MeetingSafari Lodge
- Apr 22.... Education Mtg....Safari Lodge
- May 6 Board Meeting....Safari Lodge
- May 9 **MANDATORY IE MEETING**
..... Safari Lodge
- May 13 **MANDATORY TE MEETING**
..... Safari Lodge
- May 27 Education Mtg. Safari Lodge

CECs and TRAINING

CECs start at 9:30 a.m. unless noted

- Mar 18 CEC.....Safari Lodge
- Mar 21 CEC.... Location TBA
- Apr 15 & 18..... CEC.....Safari Lodge

Class of 2020 Training

- January 11 through March 14 plus
March 21 (only if needed as make-up day)
- Saturdays ...9 a.m.-4 p.m. Safari Lodge

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President's Message continued

The members of the IE Board will also be chosen following the May election. They are selected by both the recently elected new CMZA President and the new IE Chair.

The final piece is voting for the Nominating Committee for 2021. The current Nominating Committee was selected last year. There are nine separate groups on the ballot. All active docents are included. You are to vote for one docent in each box. Basically, active docents are placed in a box based on length of service and their status as an IE, IE/TE or TE/IE. In order to have a wide representation, the first two boxes are only for IE docents. All boxes have docents listed by their class training year. Effort is made to have the number of docents evenly distributed among the boxes, but that isn't always possible. It is a complicated task to fill the boxes. Those who will serve on this year's nominating committee are ineligible to serve next year. Those individuals who are elected to an "Elect" position are ineligible as they would be helping to choose their own successor. The election of the 2021 Nominating Committee also takes place at the May meeting. The new Nominating Committee will be listed in the Auxiliary Directory for 2020-2021.

Questions? You can always talk to me or to Glenna French if this article hasn't made our election process clear. We want everyone to understand how the CMZA Board is elected. **Nancy**

Monthly Program Information

February 8th's Joint TE & IE Meeting will be a potpourri of events at the Lodge at Moose Lake starting at 9:30.



Scavenge for Vultures sale will take place and February's program will be a presentation by Dr. Liza Dadone, VP of Missions and Programs. As always, Dr. Liza's presentation is one not to miss!

Come "scavenge" the treasures to buy, enjoy the potluck luncheon and catch up on news with fellow Docents! See you all there on February 8th! **Sue Sallee**

Financial Report

At the end of December the Operational Account showed expenditures for the year at \$4,804.34, leaving a balance of \$1,695.66. Expenses included computer supplies, get well and sympathy cards, supplies for the holiday party and DRC cleaning.

The balance in the Restricted Account at the end of December was \$26,607.19. This includes monies received for the BBY Valentine's project, and funds already designated for the Vet Clinic, conservation, keeper support, TB tests and other projects.

Finally, Scavenge for Vultures is here!



Saturday, February 8th at the Joint Meeting. **Come early** for the best selection and **bring your cash – lots of ones and fives – and checkbooks** (no credit cards accepted)

We plan to set up Friday Feb. 7th at 2 pm at the Lodge at Moose Lake. All items should be already tagged with prices in even whole dollar amounts (\$2, \$4, etc.) Price your items to sell!

If you can't bring your donations on Friday, February 7 from 2:00-4:30 p.m., **IMMEDIATELY** contact Caz at 930-8380 or Merrill at 651-2881 and they try to will arrange to pick up your donations.

Now is your final chance to look around your house for donations of your animal-related clothing, knick-knacks, jewelry & other animal-associated items. It's a win-win: a bit of cleaning after the holidays plus helping the conservation of vultures!

Some money is put into an account for Jenyva to use for IVAD (International Vulture Awareness Day) and some money is donated to Vulture Conservation in Africa. We have the sale as a way of supporting the vulture conservation program and helping to raise awareness of their plight.

Looking forward to seeing you all on February 7th & 8th. **Merril and Caz**

Winter Dress Code Reminders

Wondering about the dress code – check the Directory ☺

If you can't find your directory here are some tips for winter dress when working at the Zoo:

- The wind breaker is required clothing so all docents should have one and layers of clothing can be worn underneath with the jacket zipped up.
- If that isn't enough, no one is to freeze just be in the proper attire. Docents should wear a jacket that fits with the color of our uniform as closely as possible...no bright orange, for instance, and no logo jackets.
- If a docent is working outside in the cold and doesn't have our winter jacket, a name tag should be clearly visible.

CMZA Zoo Line Information

Please send all submissions – information, articles, pictures. etc. – to cmza.zooline@yahoo.com. The deadline for the March issue is **Monday, February 17.**

Thank you - Linnea McDonald & Joelle Shreves, Editors

CEC Report

A big thank-you to everyone who has completed their two required CECs. This month everyone can continue to earn CEC credit by attending training classes. Check the master schedule for the lectures that qualify. Please arrive early, get signed in and find a chair so you won't be disrupting once the presentation begins.



On Wednesday 18 March and Saturday 21 March at 9:30 a.m. (place to be determined), we are going to have a classroom presentation on how to effectively use all of the administrative tools we have. As we become more dependent on electronics, we need to stay educated on how to access, record and find the information that keeps our docent group running smoothly.

The April CEC will cover our new exhibit, Water's Edge: Africa. It's been brought to my attention that many active and enthusiastic new docents have never worked with our hippos and penguins. This classroom CEC – on Wednesday 15 April and Saturday 18 April at 9:30 a.m. in the Safari Lodge – will be filled with information and fun facts about all the different animals coming to Water's Edge. We want to be prepared for tours, cart talks and special events in this new area because I'm sure it's going to be very popular when it opens.

Also, the Spring Fling will be a review of these animals. It will be included in the March Zoo Line.

Charlotte Greene
CEC Chairperson

Enrichment

Many thanks to everyone who donated to the Valentine BBY project. A check with the final amount for BBY and prizes will be given at the joint IE/TE meeting on Saturday, February 8. Thank you for making this a success for Marty, our hens, and everyone who visits or works the chicken yard.

We will make cannolis after the February 8th joint meeting so please join us.

We DON'T need Cheerios, boxes, egg cartons or toilet paper rolls.

We DO need DRIED FRUIT and PAPER TOWEL ROLLS and ANYTHING ON THE ZOO WISHLIST.

Thank you for everything you do for the Zoo.

Happy trails,
Kathy



Joint Meeting February 8

Our Joint IE/TE meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8th (9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) in the Lodge at Moose Lake.



Thanks to all of you who have already signed up to bring a salad or dessert! This should be a fun time as we'll also get to know the 2020 Class!

Meet the Docent Trainees

There are 12 trainees in this year's class. Over the next 3 months, we will be including brief bios in the Zoo Line so that you can start to get to know them.

Jean Bennet

Jean is a new resident to Colorado Springs having come from Arizona. Every time she visited the Springs, she also visited the zoo, falling in love with its warm, welcoming, and intimate feel. She has 2 grandsons, one just starting college and the other is about to take his first steps. Jean was a Developmental Specialist working with special needs children in her early career. Then she owned gas stations and convenience stores. For the last 25 years, she worked for Nordstrom. She is now retired.

Michael Stein

Michael is husband to wife Lynne and father to daughter Jacquelynne and sons Robert and Michael. He is an Army veteran, serving as a Field Artillery officer during the Cold War. After serving his country, Michael went into the aerospace industry and spent 32 years in numerous roles, primarily as a security professional. Michael earned a Bachelor's degree from Norwich University where he graduated with a Biology major. Michael has volunteered two days a week at CMZ since March 2018. He supports both the ARV2 and WEC areas, assisting the wonderful staff in whatever needs to be done (as in shoveling a lot of poop!) – and says it keeps him in shape. Being so close to the animals and having had some amazing experiences has encouraged Michael to become a Docent. He looks forward to sharing his personal experiences and knowledge with CM Zoo attendees.

Sharon Jamison

Sharon is very excited to begin the process of becoming a Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Docent. She has 4 children whom she has taken to the zoo throughout most of their lives. They all love animals and the natural world as a result of the exposure. As a Speech/Language Pathologist, she understands the importance of educating children and demonstrating the value of all life. She is thrilled to support the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in its mission to give children goosebumps every time.

Vicki Unger

Vicki is originally from Michigan and has lived in Colorado Springs for 38 years. In May 2019 she retired after 43 years of teaching. After retiring, Vicki began volunteering in African Rift Valley 2. She's become a giraffanatic! When not hanging out at the zoo, she enjoys reading and spending time with her baby granddaughter. (Vicki is one of the 3 people named Vicki in this year's class!)

CMZA 50th • Docent Memories

Lovice Riffe

Where to start? Well, one of my very favorite memories involved joey handling. As you recall 2 docents were there at all times, one to hold the Joey, and one to hold and distribute the hand sanitizer. My very favorite memory from this was from a young child who is destined to teach English or to be a famous author. He called it "Hanisizer!" So, I learned a new word that day. And you know what? If I say that word other children know exactly what I am talking about.

Greta Johnson

A very memorable experience for me was the years working on ChimpanZoo (1985-1991). Observing and recording animal (CMZ chimpanzees) behavior, working with and developing ethograms, and meeting national and world-renowned animal behaviorists was an experience of a lifetime. It enabled me and a few other docents to working in a field I had dreamed of, even if it was all unpaid. I will never forget the opportunity and experiences.

Michael Halla

I'll always remember a boy on a tour, probably 3rd grade, who was especially excited. He had obviously been to the Zoo before, and was even wearing a safari style hat. When we got the giraffe exhibit, he said being able to be so close to them and feed them was his favorite part of the Zoo. As he was interacting with one of the younger giraffes, another reached down and relieved him of his hat, dropping it inside the enclosure. He started to melt down, so I told him I was pretty sure his hat wouldn't be eaten and that a keeper should be able to get it back for us. He said, "Okay, then it's still my favorite thing at the Zoo."

Answers to Typo Scavenger Hunt (January issue)

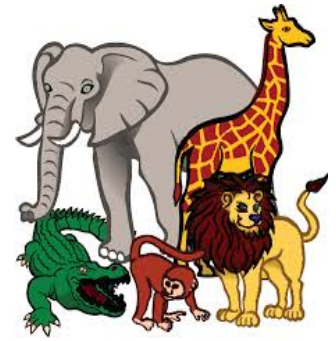
These are the corrections for the typos found in the 2019 and earlier manuals.

- Page I-15 – in the Okeetee Snake section, Range/Habitat line. Should be "Carolinaa. Hang..."
- Page R-11 – Goeldi's Reproduction section. Last line has "the entire" repeated.
- Page S-1 – Sean O'Meallie section, first line. Should be Fine Arts Center, not "Fire Arts"



Animal Anecdotes Now Available in Carts

The team working on Animal Anecdotes (stories) is proud to announce completion of the first phase of the project of collecting anecdotes that make CMZ's animals unique and interesting.



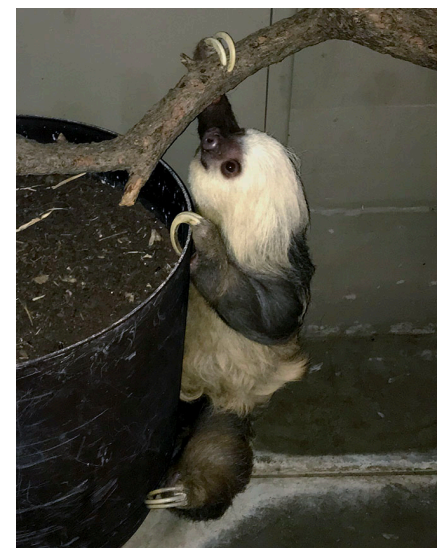
All the anecdotes that were collected have been checked, printed, and put into each of the cart notebooks, and there is also a copy in the DRC. PDFs of the sets of anecdotes have also been e-mailed out by the Message Master.

Take some time when you are out doing carts to look them over and add them to your tool kit for things to use during your cart talks or tours. The team is grateful to all those who generously shared your anecdotes, so that everyone can enrich the experiences of our guests.

Tami Dickens

Articles and Information of Interest

- If you missed the Nature episode on "Hippos – River Giants", it is available **until 2/12** to watch on your computer at PBS.org: <http://bit.ly/RiverHippos>
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has a nice brochure with information on Rocky Mountain Goats and Bighorn Sheep available as a PDF online: <http://bit.ly/CPWGoatsSheep>
- Nat Geo video about a newly discovered population of Bornean orangutans: <http://bit.ly/neworanggroup>
- Time-lapse video from the Cincinnati Zoo of a Red-kneed Tarantula molting: <http://bit.ly/TarantulaMolt>
- Dec 2019 Nat Geo magazine, article about tigers captive in the US. Page 82, *The Tigers Next Door*



Chalupa making her weekly trip to the ground, during Electric Safari 2019

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