

President’s Message – Marsha Fogarty

I want to thank all of the docents who emailed/called/handed me feedback that I recently requested. All of the Executive Committee read what you submitted (anonymously if requested) and I also sent them to Lovice Riffe since, as Bylaws Chair, she will be writing up changes we propose. I want to encourage you to come to the joint meeting in February so we can show you what we are proposing. We are essentially proposing that the monthly board meeting will involve the Executive Committee. This Executive Board will each supervise a number of Supplemental Chairs who fit in their area. We are also proposing that instead of having a first vice president and second vice president, we will actually call those jobs by the descriptive name for their job. They will therefore become the Vice President and Vice-President Elect for Education, and the Vice President and Vice President Elect for Outreach. The end result of this is that, for example, the Education VP will supervise the Supplemental Chairs for CEC, Recruitment (formerly called Membership), etc. Rather than go down the whole list here, we will show the proposed Organization Chart at the Joint Meeting.

One other change we are proposing is that we will ALL be docents—no more IE’s or TE’s. We ARE docents after all. Several people suggested we go to having meetings one month on Wednesday, the next month on Saturday. We will be having meetings in July and August, also. We are figuring out what that schedule will look like. If approved by the membership, probably at a meeting in May, we will try this alternate meeting schedule next year.

We are experimenting with the way we do business, mainly because the Supplemental Chairs believed we were having too many meetings and many members were dissatisfied with the system. An Executive Board meeting, with people coming to the meeting, as needed, to present something seems a better approach. It should be much more efficient and lead to less knit-picking. For example, the meeting of the Executive Committee happened with good discussion, no heated disagreements. We were able to make decisions efficiently and effectively with everyone having a say.

Will you have a say in what we are proposing? YES! We are going to present a preliminary plan in February, gather input and then will go back to the drawing board to refine and lay out possible changes to the Bylaws and Rules and Policies. The final vote on all of this will probably be in May. Per our Bylaws, we have to publish any changes in the Zooline one month in advance. That is why we won’t be doing anything official until May. Stay tuned! The board felt visuals at a meeting would be much more effective to inform everyone. See you at our joint meeting on Saturday, February 11th at The Lodge at Moose Lake at 9:30 AM.

Marsha

DATES TO KNOW

Meetings start at 9:30 a.m.

- Feb 1 Board Meeting Safari Ldg
- Feb 11 Joint TE/IE Meeting **LaML**
- Feb 22 Education Mtg Safari Ldg
- Mar 1 Board Meeting Safari Ldg
- Mar 8 TE Meeting Safari Ldg
- Mar 11 IE Meeting **LaML**
- Mar 22 Education Mtg Safari Ldg
- Apr 5 Board Meeting Safari Ldg
- Apr 8 IE Meeting Safari Ldg
- Apr 12 TE Meeting Safari Ldg
- Apr 26 Education Mtg Safari Ldg

CECs and TRAINING

- Feb 15 Zoogeography CEC in the Safari Lodge at 9:30
- Feb 4, 11, 18 and 25 Zoo School continues at the Safari Lodge. Start time usually 9:15, but check schedule
- Note: CECs are available for some Zoo School sessions. See the December Zooline for the Zoo School schedule.**
- Apr 1 & 15 – CECs in the Safari Lodge

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

Looking for New Zooline Editor (2023-2024)

A new editor for the *Zooline* will be needed for the 2023-2024 year, as our two terms will have ended. We are willing to provide on-the-job training for a few months before the new editor takes over. Experience using Microsoft Word is a plus. The new editor can take advantage of templates and resources developed by the current editors. Please contact Joelle or Linnea with questions or to let us know you're interested.

Joelle Shreves & Linnea McDonald, Editors



Joint Meeting and Potluck on Saturday, February 11

The February joint meeting will be held on Saturday, February 11, in Lodge at Moose Lake (LaML) at 9:30 AM. This meeting is

traditionally held to formally welcome our trainees to the Auxiliary. It will be followed by a potluck luncheon which Kim Katalin is organizing.

In addition, there will be a report from Barbara Kalbli on the AZADV Convention that she and several other docents attended in October at the Toledo Zoo. Barbara was the delegate and our representative. We will also have an animal report and the speaker will be Basia Dann from Rocky Mountain Wild (RMW). She will be speaking on the recent trip to Belize, and hopefully with some animal updates.

Several other very important topics will be discussed: the changes that are coming to the structure of the board; changes to Rules & Policies and changes to Bylaws. We will also be reviewing the beginning of the election process that will be coming in May. I hope to see all of you there so that you can be informed and have a voice in the Auxiliary.

Jeanie Baratono, CMZA President-Elect

Docent Memories of Gar Puryear & Kay Atteberry

In March, we will be publishing an "In Memory" section for Kay (Class of 2000) and Gar (Class of 2010).

If you have any thoughts, stories or memories about these 2 docents, please send them to cmza.zooline@yahoo.com by February 21.

February CMZ Trivia Questions (Who/What Am I?)

Look for answers on the last page of pictures

- 1) My name was Tony, and my two granddaughters and great-grandson reside at the zoo. What animal am I?
- 2) I was originally the railway house. I'm now home to bones and feathers and popcorn. What am I?



Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Auxiliary Election Process 2023

It is that time of year when we begin the election process for the Auxiliary Board. The actual process is not complicated, but how it fits together can be confusing. This article is designed to assist docents in better understanding that process.



Present and Former CMZA Positions Held by Active Docents

You will receive an emailed list of all active docents and positions held on the CMZA Executive Board, Supplemental Activities Chairs and IE Board. This comprehensive list will help you understand the responsibilities a docent may have assumed in the past. Each docent shares her/his unique qualities with our organization in a variety of ways. This list should help you when considering docents or yourself for various positions. The list of opportunities is as accurate as possible and contains number of years a position was held.

Proposed Nominations (formerly Straw Ballot)

Think of this part of the process as an "interest survey." The Proposed Nominations list encompasses the positions of the Executive Board for the next year. Currently, it will be for the 2023-2024 year. A docent holding the positions of President-Elect, VP Education-Elect, (formerly 1st VP-Elect), and VP Outreach-Elect (formerly 2nd VP-Elect) from the 2022-2023 Board have moved up on the ballot and will automatically be the President, VP Education and VP Outreach for 2022-2023. The current President moves automatically to Past President. Please make suggestions for the "Elect" positions, as well as the rest of the Executive Board.

The **Nominating Committee** will meet in March to review your suggestions and will make a proposal for Executive positions. The Nominating Committee's selection, however, is not final and anyone can make a nomination from the floor at the May meeting. The Past President chairs the Nominating Committee, but has no vote.

Proposed Nominations – also includes the Supplemental Activities Chair opportunities

You may put your own name on the Proposed Nominations form, in fact, you are encouraged to do so. This is your chance to offer names of docents that you feel would be a good fit for the various positions available. Be sure to talk directly with a docent prior to offering their name. A list of Board and Supplemental Activity positions, including a brief job description, will be shared with all docents prior to beginning our election process.

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Auxiliary Election Information - continued

Following the May election, the outgoing Executive Board and Incoming Executive Board will meet to determine the Supplemental Activity Chairs. You will receive the Proposed Nomination form via email and copies will be available at the February 11 Joint Meeting.

Election of the Nominating Committee

The final piece is voting for the Nominating Committee for 2024. 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 group.** A concerted effort is made to place docents in boxes based on the year she/he became a docent, but that is not always possible. **Those who were elected to serve on 2023 Nominating Committee are ineligible to serve next year. Those individuals who are in an “Elect Position” are ineligible as they would be helping to choose their successor.** The election of the Nominating Committee also takes place at the May meeting. The new Nominating Committee will be listed in the 2023-2024 Auxiliary Directory.

All docents are encouraged to become involved with the election process. Please don't hesitate to contact me or other Board members with questions.

“We believe an individual can effect change by connecting others with a compelling idea.”

Barbara Kalbli, Past President



February Cannolis

We'll be making cannolis after the Joint Meeting/Potluck on Feb 11. Let me know if you would like to help, please send an email message or text me .

A special “thank you” to Sue Mayer, Laurie Lindsley-Peterson, Anne Wardrop, and Ellie Solomon for helping out last month!!! Always much appreciated!

Jean Bennett, Enrichment Chair



Wyoming toads in the Loft, by Rhianna, Keeper Asst.



CEC Corner

It's February! Time to start asking yourself, “Have I met all of my CEC requirements for the year?”

You only need two (2) but you do need them. How can you earn CECs at this point?

Attend a zoo school session! They are marked CEC on the zoo school calendar and any session marked CEC earns ½ a credit. Attend 2 to earn a full credit. This year, **CEC sessions for zoo school end this month** - there are none in March because zoo school will focus on teaching our trainees how to leads tours and work carts that month.

Attend an upcoming CEC! See SignUp Genius to sign up.

- Feb 15: Safari Lodge – Zoogeography! Latitudes, Tectonics and Biomes OH MY!
- Mar 29 or Apr 1: Safari Lodge – Tour Refresher for Life Cycles
- Apr 15: Safari Lodge – Of Migratory Birds and Dark Skies

Complete the Spring Fling! This will be emailed to all on February 15, with a March 31 deadline. It will be published in the March *Zooline*.

If you intend to write a *Zooline* article, please first submit your article to me before submitting to the *Zooline*. You can write an article about a conference you attended (hey, even a field trip) or about an interesting animal, provided you cite at least 3 authoritative sources. A book report is also good. But it needs to be cleared first, so don't delay if that is your plan.

What I am reading now, you ask? *A Brief History of Earth* by Andrew H. Knoll. Four billion years in eight chapters! Yikes! Go deep or go home, am I right?

Always be learning,

Cris Stoddard, CEC Chair



Treasurer's Report

I thought everyone might be interested to know how our Restricted and Operational budget account monies are being spent.

From the Restricted Account we made the second payment on our pledge of \$6,000 over 3 years to the Zoo's Elevate Campaign. Only one \$2,000 payment is left to be paid in 2024. To date, the Financial Advisory Committee has made grants to several keepers for travel, car rental, hotel accommodations and registration fees totaling \$1,850. We have set aside \$1,000 for Intern Scholarships for the Zoo's Intern Program. We gave Jane Majeske a gift card at her retirement party

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Treasurer's Report - continued

to thank her for all she has done for the Docents. We will miss her smiling face driving through the Zoo. We provided funds for African Penguin Awareness Day to purchase supplies and the wonderful rubber ducks. We also paid to print the colorful Palm Oil information cards that are available in the DRC. I'm sure there will be more expenditures before our year is over. Our fiscal year is May 1 through April 30.

As far as our Operational Budget is concerned, we have approximately \$1,200 of our \$6,500 budget left. Our monthly expenses are posted every month in the DRC. The bulk of our budget has been spent running the DRC (supplies, copier rental, cleaning, etc.), popping popcorn for the Animal Department and covering the expenses of our delegate to the AZADV Conference as well as two other registration fees. We also purchased an Amur Tiger skull (clone) for the RMW/Asian Highlands Cart as well as printing directories for every docent.

If you have any questions, shoot me an email.

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Nancy Hochman, Treasurer

2023 Trainee Autobiographies

Kimber Ziegelman

I am very excited to be starting as a docent at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo! A little background information about me is that I am currently a full-time student pursuing a zoology degree online through Oregon State University. My primary background has been in Cardiology until recently deciding to pursue my passion in zoology! I have been working in Denver as a Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS) for the past 5 years where I still currently work part time. I also work for Edwards Life Sciences on a contract basis doing physician education for heart valve procedures. I have enjoyed working in the hospital and doing physician education, but the past couple years have made me realize my passion has always been zoology. I am thrilled to have the privilege of joining the docent program at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and getting the chance to pursue my passion of wildlife conservation and education. I look forward to the opportunity of meeting and working with everyone!

Amanda Vanderpool

Greetings! My name is Amanda. I am a West Virginia native, but have had the pleasure of living in and exploring much of the United States during my time as a cardiovascular travel nurse and a military spouse. My husband, two spunky daughters, two mischievous pups, and I have made Colorado our long-term home in recent years. I grew up with a love of all things outdoors thanks to an adventurous, biology teacher father who took me along to lectures by Jane Goodall, hiking on field trips to

search for fossils, and taught me to properly handle the rogue snakes or orphaned opossums that students or neighbors brought to us. Becoming a docent is blessing me with the opportunity to learn more, and in turn assist in educating others about the world around us and the beings that we share it with. My goal is to help spark and nurture life-long curiosity and appreciation for the natural world in my kids and all of those I that I cross paths with.

Tricia Trifilo

I am a university professor who has taught life sciences for 44 years, and new to Colorado Springs. I have been active in other zoo boards and docent programs, so as I near retirement I thought training at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo would be a great fit. I love to teach about habitats, and ecology, and get people excited about animals and their place in the world, and what we need to do to co-exist.

Mark Steinberg

I grew up on the East Coast, moved to California after college and have lived here in Colorado since 1983. After four decades on the business side of the telecom industry, I retired April 1, 2022. My wife (Debbie Might, also in this class) and I are passionate about traveling the world, photography, conservation and giving back. With more freedom and flexibility now, this is an ideal time to combine these passions. Becoming a docent is an opportunity to share our travel experiences from unique places such as Africa, India, Australia and New Zealand with our guests given there are so many animals that we have seen firsthand that are also here at the zoo.

Bailey Southard

Hello, everyone! My name is Bailey Southard, and I am so excited to be joining the docent program as a trainee this year. As a native to Colorado Springs, I have spent countless hours at this mountain zoo, learning as much as I can about the different animals and braving the reptile house one step at a time. I even got engaged here in the fall of 2021, and my husband and I have come back regularly to visit. I cannot wait to meet new faces around the zoo and learn even more!

Jeff Oram-Smith

I am currently retired after practicing surgery in Colorado Springs for 30 years. I have an undergraduate degree in Biology with an emphasis on ecology, animal speciation, and evolution. I am currently doing volunteer work and traveling. I take an annual trip to Peru to deliver school supplies and set up water purification systems in remote villages along the upper Amazon River. It is my strong interest in the conservation of wild places and animals that led me to investigate opportunities at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

Trainee Autobiographies - continued

Debbie Might

I am a native of Colorado Springs. When I was young, we lived directly downhill from the Zoo next to Cheyenne Cañon. In 1965, I clearly remember the aftermath of a severe flood that washed away the new hippo house, leaving the small blue tiles scattered in our backyard which my mother dug up for years when gardening! I was a competitive figure skater, partnering with my twin brother and earning gold and International medals in ice dance. My passion is travelling the world, which includes eight trips on safari to Africa and to India twice where, both times, I saw tigers in the wild! I understand the importance of animal conservation. Being a Docent will add to experience I have gained from seeing, and literally being right next to, so many endangered animals in the wild.

Deb Luttrell

As a Michigan native, I graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in nursing. I finally made it to Colorado Springs in 1980. My experiences in nursing ranged from education, training and lastly case management at both hospital systems. I retired this year after 45 years of nursing with a goal to be a Cheyenne Mountain Zoo docent. I feel I am living the dream while being able to be a part of this fabulous zoo. My husband of 45 years and I raised 2 boys in this community, and I have been blessed with 2 granddaughters ages 3 months and 3 years in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Peggy Hays

Peggy Hays recently retired after 37 years of teaching experience, with the last fifteen years as a science and STEM teacher in grades K-5. She earned her undergraduate degree from University of Arizona and obtained a master's degree in curriculum and education from UCCS, with additional graduate science courses from Colorado College. For the past 18 years, she has also traveled to a different part of the country for a week every summer to lead a group of students with Family Nature Summits, a nonprofit organization. She loves everything in nature and has always strived to help her students appreciate and take responsibility for the preservation of nature. She is excited to now be a part of the zoo team and to continue to nurture a love of science and nature among all ages who visit our uniquely wonderful zoo.

Deena Hartje

Deena grew up in Colorado Springs in an Air Force family. After twelve years of working in advertising, marketing, arts & entertainment, she focused on being full time mom, military spouse and volunteer. In 2009, the family returned to Monument. Her love of animals,

people and the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo have been long-lasting passions.

Deena was in the inaugural class of the Air Force Academy Chapel Docent Program. Currently, she is the Board Chair at The Resource Exchange, an organization that assists people with a variety of disabilities. Being a part of our community and educating others who share the joy of learning is a wonderful experience. Meeting people in unexpected ways, sharing experiences and personal stories is such a "two-way gift. "I am honored to be a part of this experience!"

Deena is a graduate of CU Boulder (Journalism & Mass Communications) and University of LaVerne (Master of Business Organizational Management)

Julian Benoit

I am from northwestern Vermont and grew up on our family dairy farm. I worked on the farm until I graduated from the University of Vermont, where I earned a bachelor's in Biological Science in 1989. In 1994, I met my wife Dawnna, we were married in 1995 and have three sons, all adults. I worked in residential construction for eight years, before joining the Army, where I worked 21 years, retiring in 2019. I then began work on the chemical weapons destruction contract in Pueblo, CO, where I still work. We have been zoo members since 2015 and I have long considered volunteering at the zoo in some capacity, as I have always maintained an interest in biology, particularly wildlife.

Dawnna Benoit

Greetings! I have worked in the field of early childhood education for over 20 years. Currently I am an Early Childhood Training Specialist for the Fort Carson community. I feel lucky to spend time with children every day. My family is originally from Vermont. We came to Colorado Springs with the military. We loved the community so much we decided to retire here. We have 5 dogs. Some may say that is a lot, but they are our fur babies! I enjoy learning about other cultures through travel, studying the Spanish language, and hosting international exchange students. I was so impressed by the CMZ on our first visit that I have maintained a membership ever since. The animals draw me here, but the interactions with the zoo staff and Docents are what have made me feel welcome. I decided to pursue being a Docent because I would like to be a part of this wonderful community that brings animals and families together. I look forward to the opportunity to make their visit to the zoo one they will remember!

Note: in addition to married trainees Julian and Dawnna Benoit, Debbie Might and Mark Steinberg are also husband-wife trainees in the Class of 2023.

Animal Update (December 2022)

- Gorilla “Goma” has had some thermal imaging done to see what information we can glean about the stress on his hips and knees as he ages.
- Trained voluntary blood draw behavior on “Hubert” Red River Hog. ARV1 and Brenda and DeeAnn were able to collect a blood sample for testing at the end of the month!
- “Augustus” Red River Hog revived rabies vaccination via hand injection. It was his first voluntary injection behavior!
- ARV1 Keeper team working hard on crate training Red River Hog “Pinto” for future transport. She’s allowed a lot of approximations and even allows for the door to be shut all the way while she is inside the crate.
- Rocky Mountain Goat “Blanca” received her first voluntary hoof trim!
- Cape Vultures have been doing great shifting and gaining confidence in the hallways in the basement.
- Giraffe calf “Wednesday” is doing fantastic with scale training and we have been able to monitor her weight very closely over the last month or so. She has also begun a more formal training program and is starting to learn foundation behaviors that will help with future hoof and blood draw training.
- Common Warthog Alexander has started going out into the South Yard (between WEA and PW) on nice weather days
- Nile Hippopotamus “Omo” has been training with Erin Henninger on target and now moving to open mouth behaviors. And Omo has tusks! They have officially come through the gum line and are visible
- Giraffe “Bailey” had a successful blood draw and we were able to reassess her blood work. She is now back to her normal and we are no longer concerned.
- Giraffe calf “Wednesday” is no longer receiving supplemental milk feedings from animal staff and is nursing well from Bailey again!
- “Mahali” giraffe has done well with front hoof trimming this last month and we have made some progress with improving his hoof condition. He has not had any significant changes in how he is moving around and appears to be stable at this time
- RMH is continuing otter intros with 4.0 North American river otters spending overnight together every night.
- Nile Hippopotamus “Zambezi” turned 30 years old!



Goma by Deborah Compton

CMZA Zooline Information



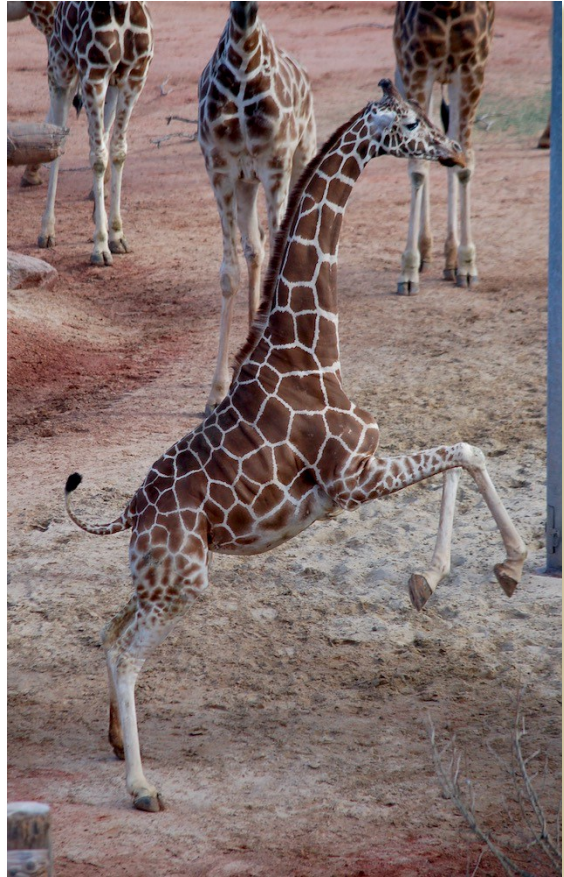
Please send all submissions – information, articles, pictures, etc. – to

cmza.zooline@yahoo.com.

Zooline The deadline for the February issue is **Tuesday, February 21**. Thank you!

Joelle Shreves & Linnea McDonald, Editors

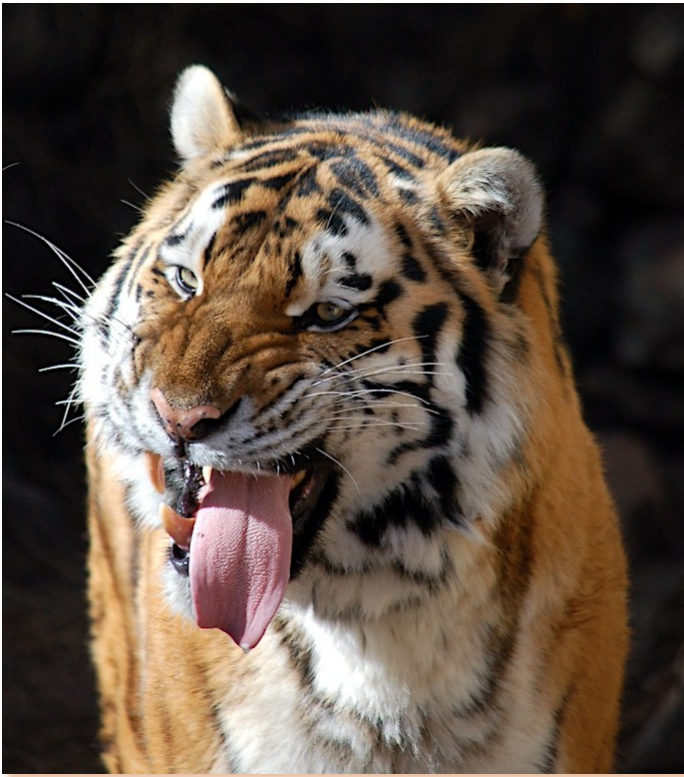
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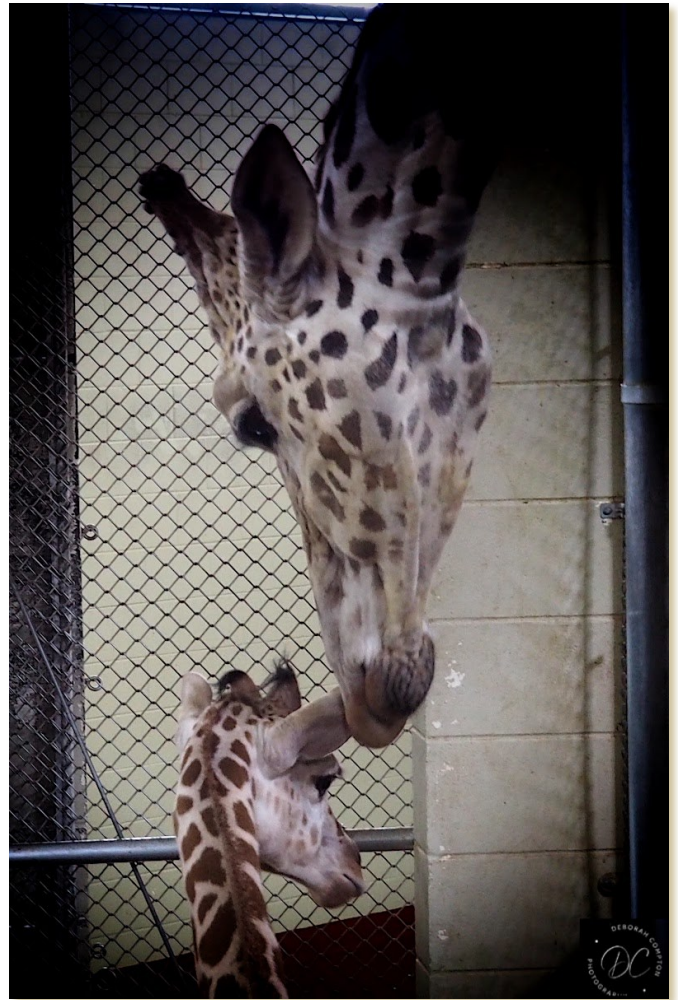
Azmera, outside after days in giraffe barn, by Susan Hoxie



Pomona fluffing her feathers, by Deborah Compton



*Chewy, after licking glass on the guest viewing window,
by Susan Hoxie*



*Khalid reaching over the fence to nudge Wednesday,
by Deborah Compton*



*White-cheeked gibbon Deborah,
by Deborah Compton*



Zambezi, during an encounter, by Susan Hoxie

February Trivia Answers:
1) Nile Hippo; 2) The DRC