

Zoo Line



President's Message

By: Sandy Flynn, President

July, 2016

The zoo has been really busy this summer. Here are some highlights:

- Nale, our older female porcupine was euthanized after a week of ailing health, she was suffering from kidney failure.
- Andean bear Osito was euthanized on June 16. He was suffering from diabetes insipidus which is very difficult to treat.
- We received a batch of new trout for the grizzly pool on July 5th. Emmett and Digger are loving their new “friends” and have been perfecting their fish catching skills.
- Goma, our silverback gorilla, is in the “howdy” process with his troop. He’s also spending time out in the yard.
- All of the elephants have been in the vacation yard twice. Kimba is still a little shy around Missy and Lu Lu so they are in groups of three with Kimba and Lucky together.
- You will find the golden lion tamarins back in Primate World and the Geoffroy’s marmosets have been moved to the back patio area behind the quarantine barn. They are outside 24/7 with access to shelter and loving it!!
- We have two African ground hornbills visiting for the summer. They are located in the outdoor Tree Roo exhibit in Australia. They are very beautiful.

- The “Chobe” watch has come to an end. We are now confident that we will have no more tortoise escapes.
- Our beaver, Ginger, has developed additional allergies and will be treated accordingly.

The education department has been really busy with their summer youth program and even though they raised their prices, they still have quite of few kiddos. Not quite as many as last year but holding steady.

Hope you are all having a great summer and see you around the zoo!! *Sandy*



Abuto enjoying Members' Enrichment Night.

2016-2017 CMZ Auxiliary Calendar

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July 9	IE Meeting	Safari Lodge
August 3	Board Meeting	Safari Lodge
August 13	IE Meeting	Safari Lodge
September 7	Board Meeting	Safari Lodge
September 10	IE meeting	Safari Lodge
September 14	**TE meeting	Safari Lodge **

PROGRAMS

IE Meetings: August 13 – TBA – check your CMZAUX emails

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CMZA SUPPORTS THE ZOO FAMILY – BEHIND THE SCENES

The 2015-2016 Auxiliary year witnessed the creation of the Financial Advisory Committee. In case you missed it, our role is to review applications submitted from the zoo community, employees and docents alike, requesting financial support for worthwhile projects. If we decide to recommend approval of a request, we forward that recommendation to the Auxiliary Board for a vote on the matter. If approved by the Board, the Auxiliary Treasurer will notify the recipient of the award and the amount.

This past year, we recommended approval of 16 different requests for a total of \$9,465. The requests came primarily from our Zookeepers (through their supervisors) but also included a couple from the Veterinarian and Education Departments. As you might imagine, the primary

reason for funding requests was to assist with the costs incurred to attend conferences, workshops and field studies. Some were to workshops in our immediate region, others to Florida and even as far away as Africa. We also provided for some badly needed equipment for the CMZ animal hospital.

As the committee evaluates a request, we primarily look at the benefits provided to our zoo and to the individual receiving the training. We also expect the applicant to have explored other sources of financial air prior to submitting the application to the Auxiliary. We are not simply a rubber stamp for applications and we have, in our first year, awarded partial amounts or denied applications altogether. We also have the options to “hold” an application, in the event available monies may be an issue. We all, as docents, also benefit from the program through the presentations our recipients have given to us at monthly meetings. It’s always heartwarming to see how much these young folks appreciate our assistance in enabling them to attend something that truly helps them in their jobs and makes the experience they provide the public so much better.

The overall philosophy of the committee members is that we want to simply do what’s best for the CMZ, its employees, and the Auxiliary. We have absolutely no personal agendas and our members span the entire spectrum of docent experience. Committee members include Ellie Solomon, Eileen Derry, Sheree Lira, Jim Hunter, Mack Silvertooth, and John Kleiner. Yours truly serves as the Committee Chair. The Auxiliary Treasurer also serves as a non-voting member/advisor, should we have any budget questions that need to be addressed. Thanks to Sue Switzer for her help last year and I’m sure the new kid, Nancy Hochman, will do well, with some training.

If you should have any questions regarding the program, in general, please don’t hesitate to ask any of us. We appreciate the Board’s support over the past year.

Art Schwall
Committee Chair

2016-2017 Board

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TWOCOR AT THE ZOO

On the morning of May 7, 2016, National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, animals at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo awoke to the sounds of voices in the surrounding woods. TwoCor, a local work-training program for youth, and the Colorado Springs Fire Department were working together on a fire mitigation project for the zoo to remove dead standing trees destroyed by the tussock moth. TwoCor youths gathered the branches and trees cut by the fire department and hauled them to the chipper sites. This helps protect the zoo and also provides an important added benefit to the youth involved.

Participants in the TwoCor work program range in age from 15-19 years and come from throughout the surrounding Pikes Peak region. Many of them have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect or abandonment and placed with foster parents or in group homes. Youth services, schools, churches and families refer the young men and women to the program. Many of these youth are traumatized by their past life experiences. Many have been in too many schools and are behind in their school work. Working at the zoo was training them how to work with the assistance of the amazing role models from the fire department. The opportunity to be at the zoo was priceless. Many of these young men and women may not have been to the zoo before.

After their work was finished, the zoo provided lunch and then they had an opportunity to experience the zoo. Thank you to docents who may have shown them a biofact, told them facts about an animal or just provided a friendly, smiling presence while they visited the zoo. Here is hoping they will have more opportunities to visit the zoo and maybe help, again, with needed labor on the grounds of the zoo.

Marsha Fogarty- Zoo Docent and TwoCor Volunteer

EdVenture Updates

Bienvenidos!

If you have not heard already, the teen program has its first ever international conservation trip all set for July. Austin Kennedy and Stacey Graham are taking 10 teens to Costa Rica for 9 days- and by the time this gets published, we should be well into the journey.

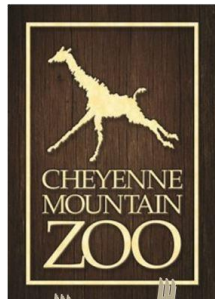
We leave on July 18th and fly into the San Jose airport in Costa Rica in the late afternoon, we then have a 4 hour drive up to the Monteverde Cloud Forest where we will spend the first 4 days of our trip. Here we will explore the jungles, plant trees to help migratory birds, learn about the importance of sustainable agriculture, and of course zip line through the canopy. On day 4 we travel 3-6 hours (the roads are unpredictable so we don't know exactly how long!) south along the west coast to a little eco lodge called

Cabinas

Alma (it means "Soul Cabins"), just outside of the beach town of

Dominical. Here we will kayak through mangroves search of

monkeys, visit a sea turtle hatchery, and get a detailed tour of the local flora and its role in the ecosystem. On July 26th we drive back up to San Jose, spend the night in a hotel, and spend the next day travelling home.



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We are all very excited to explore the area, learn new things, and open our eyes to other conservation efforts. Our hope is that these teens will broaden their horizons and become even stronger conservationists and environmental stewards- as we are all relying on kids like them for the future of our delicate planet. And obviously it will be a lot of fun too!

I promise a follow up article in August, and I am sure we will have plenty of stories and pictures to share.

Hasta Luego!

Stacey Graham

IDEAS NEEDED

The focus of President Elect is to find programs for the TE meetings. The last 2-3 years have focused internally on keepers and other staff. In the past the emphasis was on outside speakers. I would like to have a balance between those two. The list of ideas that came with the President Elect notebook is sorely outdated and I am in need of ideas, YOUR ideas! I know you have heard or know of speakers or programs that would be of interest to the Auxiliary. The focus should be

animal, nature, or conservation related. I look forward to hearing from you with some terrific suggestions! **Jeanie Baratono**, 579-8511; jbaratono@q.com

CMZA BOARD POSITIONS

In the upcoming issues of the Zooline will be a short summary of all the CMZA board positions. Many of you are not familiar with what each chairperson's responsibilities are and hopefully these articles will give all the docents a better understanding of what is involved with serving on the board.

Requirements for all board members:

- Attend monthly board meetings generally held the first Wednesday of the month.
- Keep track of individual volunteer hours and report these at the board meeting.
- Write a year end report in May with copies given to the CMZA president and also put in the notebook.
- Meet with the incoming replacement chairperson to fully discuss the duties of the position and to pass on the notebook.

DRC/Library

- Maintain the main room and bathroom.
- Oversee the care and cleaning of the DRC (the cleaning can be contracted out)
- Purchase supplies for the copier.
- Make sure the copier is inspected, cleaned, and working properly (we use the company that we purchased the copier from).
- Purchasing kitchen and bathroom supplies.
- Working with the Social Chairman to make sure all items are stored properly.
- Working with the Director of Operations for CMZ if the building itself is in need of repair.
- Maintaining the library.

Animal Enrichment

- Enlists the help of other docents to prepare enrichment for the animals following most TE and IE meetings
- Responsible for gathering and storing any item to be used in making the cannolis.

- Coordinates the delivery of the cannolis to the designated areas.
- Coordinates the bagel collection from Einstein Bakery on Woodmen & Academy.
- Keeps in contact with the Animal Behavior Manager and/or keepers regarding the needs of each area
- This position as well as the cannoli makers requires an Annual TB test.

Jeanie Baratono
President-elect

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“HOW TO” SIGN UP FOR DOCENT TOURS VIA E-MAIL!

The following is the current procedure in order to sign-up for tours. Please copy it off and keep it handy. Another copy was sent earlier by Caz via CMZAUx.

For “summer tour” sign ups, you will need to follow the same procedure listed below.

Sign ups for all other tours (Fall, Winter, Spring) will be announced and happen after Board Meetings and TE Meetings. If tours are not filled after these two meetings, an e-mail will go out to fill the tours. Questions? Please let me know.

In the event that **a tour needs to be filled before a Board or TE Meeting**, the tour(s) will be e-mailed out to all docents as directed by the President. Tours will be handled again this year on a **first come basis**.

Please DO NOT RESPOND to the Tour Alert announcement. A separate e-mail needs to be sent to Sue Sallee with your request. zoodocentsallee@gmail.com

A finalized list of docents for the tour will be e-mailed out to everyone.

Please READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY when responding to sign up for a tour:

1. In the **Subject Line of your separate e-mail:** zoodocentsallee@gmail.com indicate the type of tour, date and time.

2. Example:

**On the Subject Line: AM TOUR
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 @ 9:30 A.M.**

Message: Please sign me up!!

**You will receive a confirmation that you are
or aren't on the tour via e-mail!**

3. All docents will be responsible for finding a substitute if they are not able to fulfill their tour. Please e-mail Sue Sallee letting her know of the change!!

4. Sign in sheets will be in the Bell Tower again this year.

5. For docents that do not have access to e-mail, I would like for someone to "adopt" a docent and notify them as tours come up via phone. This would help me immensely so that everyone knows what tours are available. Please let me know if you are willing to do this for our docents that do not have e-mail.

Thanks for all that you do at CMZ!

Sue Sallee, Docent Tour Coordinator

THANK YOU LETTERS FROM SOME OTHER AT-RISK KIDS

These letters are from Zeb Pike (formally known as Zeb Pike Youth Services) following an Endangered Presentation to the entire facility and a tour to the zoo for eight inmates. These kids have been sentenced for some fairly serious crimes and are serving their sentences at Zeb Pike. Just to let you know, they usually addressed me as Mrs. Professor. Bill teaches there one day a week and as he is the Professor, that makes me Mrs. Professor. The kids were probably 15-17 years old.

The inmates live in pods and a few of the letters were jointly written from several kids living in a pod together.

1. Mrs. Professor,

I will like to say that I'm so happy for you coming out your day and showing

us around the zoo. First off know I know a lot about animals that I did not know about before. You were awesome touring me around. If I can I would come up there just to see you and learn more about the animals again. Once again I'm thank you for coming out your day and doing that and I hope to see you soon and gain more knowledge from a elderly wise woman.

2. To Mrs. Professor,

Thank you for the opportunity to go to the zoo and learn something. I'm grateful that you took time out your day to take me and peers on a tour that a lot of kids in our situation may never get to see again. Not only was the tour good but also the knowledge you shared with me and my peers. I used to love animals when I was younger, but I stopped for some reason, but you opened the imagination and career choice back open so thank you very much for the childhood experience I forgot.

3. Mrs. P

I really want to say thank you. I've never seen most of the animals before but because of you this is an experience I will never forget. I had a really good time. I haven't been having a lot of those so thank you for putting some shine into my day and you did a good job showing us the animals.

4. Ms Professor,

I want to say thank you for letting us come to the zoo for the day. Also I want to say thank you for sharing the knowledge about the animals. My favorite part of the zoo was the lions. It was amazing because I have never seen one that up close before. Thank you again for taking us. I hope we can do it again soon.

5. Ms Professor,

Thank you very much for sharing your concern and caring that you have for animals. I really do appreciate you passion you have for all the different types of animals that you shared with us. You were very well spoken and genuine. I

really am thankful for you coming to Zeb Pike and sharing facts and your intelligence with some of us that actually cared about what you had to say. I would love for you to come again and share with us once more. Thanks ma'am for all that you did and have done. God bless.

6. Dear Ms Professor,

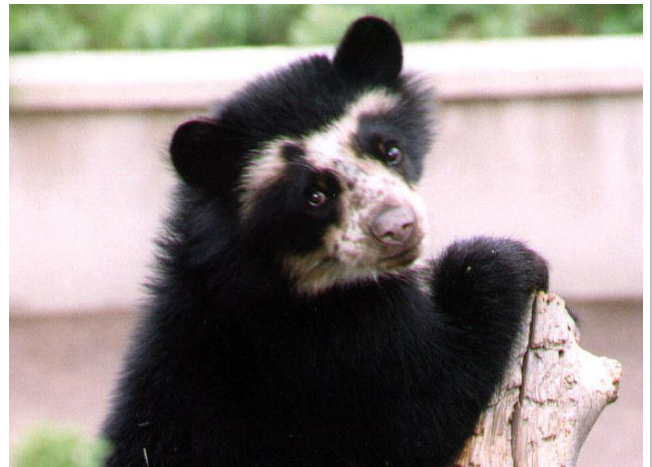
I'm writing this letter to you so that I may thank you from the depths of my heart. I thank you not only for taking me to the zoo but for coming to our facility and taking your own personal time to come speak to us about animals. But not only did you speak about animals you invited us to come and see the animals you work with. While I have been to the zoo before I without a doubt had the most fun with you being there. I got to learn facts about animals that I never knew. I personally think you and your husband are very amazing people. Thank you so much.

I tried to give you the letters as they were written without correcting anything. They were a wonderful group of young men and really seemed to enjoy being at the zoo and were genuinely interested in the lives of our animals.

Nancy Hochman



Yuma 2006-2016 (photos courtesy of CMZ)



Osito 1999-2017 (Photos courtesy of CMZ)



And a reminder to send stories and photos most especially those events or pictures of the animals that mean the most to you. From me, this time, the sad passing of two of our ambassadors.

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