

Zoo Line



President's Message

By: Sandy Flynn, President

Fellow Docents,

It is hard to believe we have finished another year as docents at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. This year we accomplished many great things for our beloved Zoo. Below I've listed just a few.

Our IE and TE meetings were very informative, interesting, educational, and most importantly – FUN. Bob was able to make it to several of our TE meetings and brought news of the progress for *Making Waves* and other projects underway at the Zoo. Tracy was also able to join us for a few of our meetings and kept us up to date on our Zoo animals.

Our programs included Jenny Diaz who presented on the bird training workshop she attended in Florida. She brought some of her Loft animals for us to enjoy. We also had Parks and Wildlife present on bears and mountain lions in our area. Dr. Liza presented at the joint meeting with an update on happenings in the Vet clinic. Our very own Charlotte Greene presented the history of zoos at the IE meeting. Many of the IE meetings featured keeper tours and information on our animal programs.

We have ten new docents and I would like to thank you for choosing CMZ and joining our team. We all look forward to getting to know each other and working together.

We enjoyed many social gatherings. These times together give us the opportunity to interact on more of a personal level as well as share stories about our experiences as docents.

Our enrichment program provided cannolis and popcorn for many of our animals. Docents spent many hours preparing the cannolis and popping the popcorn. So much so that our popcorn popper finally gave out this year and we had to replace it. Another great way to spend time together and learn at the same time is through our field trip program. One of the more memorable trips this year was to the Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg, Colorado. It was great to see all of those magnificent animals who have been given a second chance in life.

Zoom has 25 active docents and they recorded 3,018 hours for the year including 203 programs, 350 Loft coverages and Scutes. Way to go Zoom docents!!

We continued to enjoy a great partnership with CMZ and Edventure. CMZ relied on us to provide docent led tours that brought in \$53,000 which was double our projected amount for the year. We completed over 75 tours and safaris during the year.

Our Safaris were extremely successful this year, Twenty six docents conducted 163 Safaris for 4,049 students at 58 different schools. Very impressive!!

In total, we had 111 docents completing 17,000 hours this year which is the equivalent of 8.2 full time employees.

Please take a moment to reflect on the good work you did for our Zoo this year and pat yourself on the back!! We are truly an awesome group of docents accomplishing great things and doing what we love.

I look forward to all of us working together next year. And it goes without saying that we will far surpass this year's accomplishments.

Sandy

2017 SUMMER AUXILIARY CALENDAR

Meeting Times are 9:30 AM

Education Committee Meetings are held at 9:30 AM on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Safari Lodge. **Bolded items – changed date. ** Mandatory meeting**

June 7	Board Meeting	Safari Lodge
June 10 **	Joint Meeting	Moose Lake
	Installation/Awards	
July 5	Board Meeting	Safari Lodge
July 8	IE meeting	Safari Lodge
August 2	Board Meeting	Safari Lodge
August 12	IE meeting	Safari Lodge

PROGRAMS

June 10– Joint Meeting Installation and awards.** Introduction and graduation of new docents, pins, recognition of 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 President and Board, and passing of the gavel. Evaluation results are normally discussed at this meeting as well. The meeting will be followed by a pot luck lunch.

Attendance at this meeting is mandatory (R&P 16). Docents who cannot attend should notify the President.

FIELD TRIPS

The May 2017 Docent Field Trip was a visit to and hike in the Paint Mines near Calhan, CO. The Field Trip committee invited Stacey Graham and her staff (Frankie Medeiros, Beth Rizzo and Emily Thacker) all of whom attended the outing. In addition to Stacey and staff, Ken Bates and Bonnie Ryder, CMZ Volunteer photographers also joined us on the field trip. Many thanks to Ken and Bonnie for their wonderful photos, several of which are attached to this article.

The park is of interest to many due to numerous natural resources (e.g., selenite clay used to make arrowheads, sandstone containing beautiful colors

used for pottery paint, etc.). Bruce Fogarty (Marsha) shared his knowledge with our group of minerals in the sandstone producing its variety of colors. Park flora consists of Indian Paintbrush, native wildflowers and grasses, and Buffalo grass which is beginning to appear now. A variety of wildlife (e.g., song birds, hawks, antelope, coyote, etc.) live in and/or around the park which consists of 750 acres and 4 miles of trails. Docents found numerous footprints and enjoyed identifying the animals who left them.

Field Trip attendees made use of handouts describing park resources and a short history of the area making up the park published by El Paso County, and it is available to anyone interested in furthering their knowledge. It is available at: <http://adm.elpasoco.com/CommunityServices/planning/Documents/Paint%20Mine%20brochure3.pdf>





ELECTION RESULTS

CMZA Executive Board 2017-2018

President	Jeanie Baratono
President –Elect	Glenna French
1st Vice-President	Sue Switzer
1st Vice-President Elect	Jean McKanna
2 nd Vice President	Marie Poyzer
2 nd Vice President Elect	Suzanne Twohig
Corresponding Secretary	Kathy Kidd
Recording Secretary	Judy DeGroot
Treasurer	Nancy Hochman
IE Chair	Nicole Livesay-Townsend
Past President	Sandy Flynn

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair: Sandy Flynn

Member: Sue Mayher; Doris Banks; Glenn Carson; Jim Hunter; Pat Gray; Lovice Riffe; Jennifer Farnsworth; Charlotte Green, Judy DeGroot

First Alternate: Mary McCann; Caz Oswald, Marie Poyzer, Becky Poole, Art Schwall, Gar Puryear, Judy Schlei, Don Heinz, Mindy Mahler

Second Alternate: Jeannie Phillips, Kay Bard Gray, Sally Goldstein, Helen Holmgren, Gina Bryant, Jody Schmitz, Joan Adkins, John Kleiner, Pat Dwyer.

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Restricted Account: In April profit from King Soopers reloads was \$318.25. No profit from Safeway. Donations were made to the Docent Memorial account in the amount of \$100.00. Ending balance in the Restricted Account \$24,077.97.

Budget Account: Expenses included \$60.00 DRC cleaning, \$25.00 AZADV dues, \$319.13 for

biofacts for Making Waves station (hippo teeth, fish skeleton) and \$353.25 for a new cabinet for the Safari Lodge. Operating Budget ending balance was \$274.43

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

Nancy Hochman

DOCENT TRAINEE SERVICE HOURS

The following statement was approved at the April 26, 2017 Education Committee meeting of the CMZA to clarify when Docent Trainees may and may not earn Service Credit. This is not a change of policy but a summarization of the status quo.

IE Trainee Docents:

1. No trainee may earn service hours until the day of certification. All practice time with the trainee's mentor or another certified Docent may be recorded as volunteer hours. Hours spent certifying are recorded as service hours.
2. Until certified, a trainee may unlock and open any cart to become familiar with the contents, but may not present to the public without a certified Docent present.
3. At the time of certification, if official CMZA uniform apparel is not available, the trainee must wear khaki pants, an appropriate green shirt and a name tag.
4. Following certification, all time spent presenting to Zoo guests will be recorded as service hours provided the certified trainee is wearing official CMZA uniform apparel. One hour of contact with Zoo guests equals one service hour earned.
5. Once certified as an IE docent, the trainee may work special events on Zoo grounds provided official CMZA uniform apparel is worn.

TE Trainee Docents:

1. No trainee may earn service hours until the day of certification. All tour follows and safari follows may be recorded as volunteer hours. Hours spent certifying are recorded as service hours. Each certifying safari and tour qualify as two service hours.

2. At the time of certification, if official CMZA uniform apparel is not available, the trainee must wear khaki pants, an appropriate green shirt and a name tag.
3. Following certification, each safari presentation and tour presentation will qualify as two service hours.
4. TE trainees must certify on the following tours: AM, ARV and ECO. The TE trainee need only certify on one of the safaris, either AM, ARV or ECO.

Trainees may choose to certify in only one area or both areas. If certifying in both areas, either IE or TE must be selected as the primary designation. The trainee must choose to be either an IE, TE, IE/TE or TE/IE. If selecting a combination designation, ten of the twenty required service hours must be in the primary area of emphasis and the additional ten may be in either area. Service hours must be completed by May 31st at the end of the training year.

A copy of this statement shall be kept in the notebook of the following CMZA officers: The President, 1st Vice President and the 1st Vice President-elect.

ZOOM VISITS MEEKER

This was a cool trip-literally. We hit rain, snow (and slushy roads), hail, and some blue skies. Neither Anna nor Lauren had been to Meeker. Come to think of it that's true of lots of folks. I don't think Lauren had been west of Dillon. We did two programs that were supposed to be 45 minutes each, but actually ran a bit longer. More on that in a minute. The principal set the visit up with Lauren because bringing the entire school (K-5) here just wasn't practical. Both Lauren and Anna went along to split up the driving. We took Clementine, Frieda, Timmy, Kale, and Kaa. As I said, the programs were supposed to be 45 minutes each. We brought out the animals, spoke briefly and then let the students touch Kale and Kaa-who we placed onto the gym floor-on the way out. Having this many kids touch both Kale and Kaa took more that the ten minutes that we had planned, so the programs ran a bit long. No one really seemed to mind. Then we came home.

It was a rather long day, lasting from 6:00am until about 9:30pm. On the way home, just west of the Eisenhower tunnel, a semi jack knifed on I-70 and blocked all lanes. Fortunately, he was in the west bound lane, or it would have been an even longer day.

Oh yes, the small animal with me is Frieda.

Jim Hunter



And speaking of our Zoom animals – Houdini proved to all of us that not just those feathery egg-layers can lay unfertilized eggs.



Photo by Jeanie Baratono

ENRICHMENT

June Animals of the Month



This month's group of animals are the big cats – ALL the big cats including lions, tigers and leopards! Oh my!

They love wet canned cat food and of course, whipped cream.

Please help! They love their treats. Thank you for all your generosity.

Let me know if you need any help. Refrigerated items can be taken to the animal commissary or let me know. Thanks *Suzanne*

EDVENTURE

If you have heard the rumors...they are true! We have received a brand new Toyota RAV4 Hybrid! We noticed (almost a year ago now) that we had TONS of Zoomobile programs and were having to beg in order to borrow the Zoo's only other suitable vehicle and it is shared with several other departments. We even had some cases where we had a program - but we also had to transport animals, so we end up rearranging everything AND renting vehicles to use for human and animal transport. In short - there was a vehicle shortage at the Zoo. And I am sure you all heard about a certain stinky gorilla transport....and the only vehicle he fit in, was the Zoomobile.

Lauren and I met with Marketing staff to see if getting a second vehicle for ZOOM was even possible. Jenny Koch (Marketing Director) made a beautiful proposal for Toyota, just to see if they

would even consider the idea of giving us a vehicle. Then we played the waiting game for several months....asking for a FREE vehicle, is a really big deal!

After the local dealership approved of the idea, it got sent to Toyota corporate, and we waited again-but this time we felt a little more hopeful. And to our surprise, they said yes! After we finished squealing with excitement, we started planning out ideas of how things would work and what we wanted the vehicle to look like. Our wonderful photo volunteers spent several hours here taking glamour shots of our Loft animals to be featured on the car.

The RAV4 will be the main vehicle for Zoomobile and will be much easier to drive for all of our ZOOM staff. Be sure to look for it parked near the Loft when it is not out working!

Stacey





AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC DEFIBRILATORS

After reviewing the answers to question #7 on the Spring Fling, I decided that we all need a little refresher on emergency human health situations on Zoo grounds.

If a guest, docent or staff member is experiencing a severe health emergency on Zoo grounds and you are the only Zoo representative nearby, what should you do? Here are the suggested steps to follow:

If you see a Zoo staff member with a radio – call them over to assist in calling the code.

If that is not the case and you have your cell phone with you, call 633-9925, extension 0, which will get you to BASE. Tell the operator the situation and where you are. Stay with the person until help arrives.

If you do not have a phone, either ask another guest to make the call to BASE or seek out a Zoo staff member with a radio.

In answer to question #7 on the Spring Fling: the locations of the Automatic Electronic Defibrillators (AEDs) are:

1. In the gift shop at the entrance to the Zoo (Thundergod House).
2. In the Lodge at Moose Lake
3. At BASE in the entrance to the Administration Building

Jean McKanna

(Well, I got 2 right. Editor)

TAHOMA IS 10 YEARS OLD!

Article and photos from Rebecca Zwicker

Tahoma is the kind of guy that just makes you smile when you think about him. He is tall, dark and oh so handsome! He has a mostly relaxed and easy going nature but can be someone to behold when he gets riled up; be it playing with his barrels, chasing a turkey or during one of his rut induced fits of agitation.

Tahoma is Cheyenne Mountain Zoo's first moose and we sure got a good one! He was born at Stevensville Zoo in Canada near Niagara Falls. Being a Canada moose, Tahoma is much larger than the moose you would find here in Colorado but he is also on the smaller side of wild Canada moose. Still, he is currently 1,170 lbs. and maintains over 1,000 lbs. on average all year long. Isn't it just fascinating that moose get this large by eating trees and aquatic plants? Tahoma gets his fair share of browse daily, along with a special formulated grain and other "goodies" as his main diet at CMZ. For training and extra special treats we will offer him rye crackers (we often joke that at the altitude of the Rocky Mt Wild exhibit the giraffe rye crackers turn to moose crackers), carrots, apple, yam and banana.

On May 20th, 2017 we celebrated a big milestone for this sweet moose, his 10th birthday! This deserved a big celebration because not many moose in human care reach 10 years old. Tahoma passed the average captive moose life span a few years back. Thankfully he seems to be going strong for such an older moose and we hope to celebrate many more birthdays to come. For the occasion we loaded his yard up with some of his favorite browse (willow, elm, aspen), apple juice ice treats, milk jug toys to rub his antlers on and the most fantastic moose sized ice treat birthday cake. Our commissary keepers really outdid themselves with a three tier ice cake complete with moose yam decorations and green banana baby food icing. It took four keepers to get it wheeled on a cart to the yard and even a few more to set it up off the cart. Lastly we put some birdseed and peanut treats out for the Rio Grande Turkeys as party favors.

When Tahoma left his barn he immediately went to a delicious branch of elm and worked on that for a while. Then he all of a sudden seemed to realize that there was A LOT of browse to sample

and soon walked himself around to each branch taking just a few nibbles. Once he found his cake he gave that a few slobbery licks and ate some of the yam decorations. Guests and staff alike all sang to him “Happy Birthday” and honestly we feel that Tahoma was tickled pink with his day. He truly looked pretty happy every time we checked in on him.

I often feel like Tahoma is a dog trapped in a moose’s body. He just seems to genuinely enjoy being around his keepers often begging for snacks and scratches at his training door. We are able to brush him during his big shed in spring, help him peel velvet off his antlers in fall and clean the ear wax out of those enormous ears when needed. (Fun fact, moose ear wax is black and has no smell!). He is scale, blood draw, injection, hoof work and target trained. This makes our jobs that much easier and his life better at CMZ. Here’s to hoping for another happy 10 years with this big guy!



Mature photo above and immature delinquent activity when he was four. (PS hasn’t outgrown this behavior)



At 10 and with cake, and from 2008, just a child



Below 2014 – one down, one to go





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