

**President’s Message – Marsha Fogarty**

This is my last article for the newsletter as President. What a year!! I don’t yet have all the numbers, board members are too busy still to complete their reports! But it looks like a record-setting year for the Auxiliary. The Outreach crew providing tours and safaris to schools has, I think, broken records. It seems to me that we have been busier than ever before. We owe a BIG thank you to Marie Poyzer, Judy Sondermann and Jean McKanna for an unbelievable job. Not only did they talk us into doing more tours and safaris than we thought we could, they rewarded us with donuts and pizza. THANK YOU! I will never again say that I don’t know how to do Life Cycle tours or Coats and Colors. I think I can do it in my sleep now. Cris Stoddard’s outline she gave us worked perfectly from the CEC for Life Cycles. I made up my own tour sheets and it worked well for me. Meanwhile, everyone else keeps doing their jobs, too. I hope the Endangered Species Day went well on the 19<sup>th</sup> also.

I want to thank everyone for looking at the proposed Bylaws changes and Organization Chart and considering the ways we can streamline our work. It appears everyone was ready for these changes. When I went over the proposals at the two meetings, the faces looking back at me were saying just get on with it. I know the Supplemental Chairs are NOT crying over going to fewer meetings. I suspect these were needed changes that will work fine. HOWEVER, if there is something we really don’t like, we will tweak it. Nothing is written in stone.

I have enjoyed being President. It has been challenging, but it has mostly been a pleasure working with everyone. Any problems we have had, we have communicated with each other directly and respectfully and worked things out. Stacey Graham, as our fearless staff leader, has been very calm, responsive and helpful to both Jeanie Baratono and me. I wish I had been as “together” as a leader at her age! I do believe we early feminists set the stage for Stacey and our daughters to be this “together”! I look forward to turning over the reins to Jeanie Baratono at our June Meeting. Then I can play this summer and commune with chickens again.

The new Officers and Supplemental Chairs I leave for Barbara Kalbli, as Nominating Chair, and Jeanie Baratono, as incoming President, to announce.

I leave you with a final **We Believe** statement.

***We Believe by sharing our passion for wildlife and wild places, our enthusiasm will be contagious.***

*Marsha*



**DATES TO KNOW**

*Most meetings start at 9:30 AM*

- Jun 7 ..... Board Meeting .....Safari Ldg
- Jun 10 .... Joint Docent Meeting\*\*  
.....Lodge at Moose Lake
- Jun 28 .... Education Committee (10:30 AM)  
..... Location TBA
- Jul 12 .... Wed. Meeting ..... Location TBA
- Jul 26 ..... Education Committee (10:30 AM)  
..... Location TBA
- Aug 2 ..... Board Meeting ..... Location TBA
- Aug 12 ... Saturday Meeting . Location TBA
- Aug 23 ... Education Committee (10:30 AM)  
..... Location TBA

**\*\* Mandatory Meeting - please contact the President or President-Elect if you cannot attend.**

**Some Summer Special Events**

- Saturdays through Labor Day – Member Mornings – 8:00 AM entry with advance member tickets
- June 2.....Dog Day at the Zoo
- June 14.....Member Night, 5:30-8:30 PM
- July 13 .....Member Night, 5:30-8:30 PM
- Aug 3 .....Member Night, 5:30-8:30 PM
- Moonlight on the Mountain– Adults Only, 6-10 PM: June 29
- Tails & Tunes & Tastes – Adults Only, 6-9:30 PM: July 2 & August 31

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Thank you to all who voted in the elections and to all who are willing to serve...your participation matters!

*Barbara Kalbli, Nominating Committee Chair*



## June 10 Joint Meeting and Potluck

Meeting starts 9:30 am in the Lodge at Moose Lake

## The Results Are In! CMZA 2023-24 Executive Board

President-Elect .....Marianne Brooks  
 VP Education-Elect.....Michael Stein  
 VP Outreach-Elect.....Mac McPherson  
 Corresponding Secretary .....Judy DeGroot  
 Recording Secretary .....Barbara Kalbli  
 Treasurer.....RaNae Duran  
 On-Grounds Programs .....Sue Mayher

The following Board positions were voted on in the 2022-2023 elections and will now move into their respective positions for 2023-24 :

President ..... Jeanie Baratono  
 VP Education ..... Cate Kelly  
 VP Outreach ..... Sue Sallee  
 Past President..... Marsha Fogarty

## Nominating Committee 2024

Chair: Marsha Fogarty

Members: Marie Poyzer, Jody Schmitz, Joan Adkins, Charlotte Greene, Deborah Compton, Jane Emerson-Brown, Joelle Shreves, Diane Brewner, Barb Haldorson

1<sup>st</sup> Alternates: Jean McKanna, Eileen Derry, Jennifer Farnsworth, Linnea McDonald, Kim Katalin, Pat Urban, Janie Levis, Jean Bennett, Jan Hanley

2<sup>nd</sup> Alternates: Greta Johnson, Lovice Riffe, Sue Sallee, John Kleiner, Cris Stoddard, Anne Wardrop, Kathy O'Donnell, Vickie Pokaluk, Pat McConnaughay



## Docent Summer Uniform Attire

As a reminder, the Zoo-approved blue T-shirt may be worn with the docent nametag from May 31 through September 30, along with khaki-

colored pants/shorts, mid-thigh or longer (longer than the safari jacket hem).

Please remember to wear your **GREEN** shirts when giving a **Tour** or **Safari**.

Docents must adhere to the CMZ "Zoo Crisp" standard at any level, including "clean, good quality garments, pressed or wrinkle-free...with shirts tucked in." For further information, see the 2023 Manual, pages Z-10 and Z-11.



*Sometimes tours are really exhausting!*

It's time to celebrate us! I hope you will join all the docents for our end of the season get together. We will be saying thank you to the outgoing board and welcome to the incoming board as well as welcoming the new docents into the zoo family.

There will be service awards and a short presentation by a keeper from WE:A about what to expect from Penguin & Pelicans this summer. There will be an animal report, a great potluck lunch, and the Scavenge for Safety sale starting at 8:45. I hope to see you there!

*Jeanie Baratono, President-Elect*

## Scavenge for Safety at June Joint Meeting

### HELPERS NEEDED ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

**Please go to SignUp Genius to volunteer!!**

**When: Saturday, June 10, 2023**

*Starting at 8:45 am, before and after the Docent Joint Meeting*

**Where: The Lodge at Moose Lake**

**Accepting docent uniform items this year!**



Animal-themed donations from docents, keepers, staff and volunteers are welcome — clothes, books, sculptures, jewelry, knick-knacks, photos, note cards, coasters, and wood carvings. If it's no longer giving you joy, maybe it can give joy to someone else and benefit keeper and animal safety at the Belize Zoo at the same time. We also are accepting docent uniform items you no longer use/need that are clean and in good condition, to be sold to other docents for their use.

**Please pre-mark all donations in WHOLE DOLLAR AMOUNTS.** If it isn't worth a dollar, bundle it with something else! There will be a coat rack for clothing items. **Remember to bring cash or checks for purchases to support SAFETY!**

The sale setup will be on Friday, June 9, in the Lodge at Moose Lake starting at 5 pm. Please bring your treasures at that time. If you are unable to bring them on June 9, you can drop them at the DRC. Look for a tub labeled "Scavenge for Safety Sale." Or give us a call and we will arrange to pick them up from you (call Joelle Shreves at 703-994-0783 with questions or donation pickup requests).

*Linnea McDonald and Joelle Shreves*



## CEC Corner

The start of a new docent year is always exciting, isn't it? All those Member Nights, Moonlight on the Mountain,

and Tails, Tunes, & Tastes. Or maybe you have summer vacations planned?

After a busy tour season, maybe take a breath and just review your cart information for those upcoming Special Events. It's always great to double-check your knowledge before working an event. And - of course - practice saying "I don't know" if you are stumped. A pro tip, jot down questions that guests ask when I don't know the answer - I'm always adding new info to my memory bank of fun facts or anecdotes. One more little reminder, Zoo Family Only means that we don't tell guests that specific information!

At the top of my summer reading list is *Birds: A Complete Guide to their Biology and Behavior* by Jonathan Elphick. Jean recommended this book a few years back and I finally got around to ordering it. My summer adventure includes training our new little Guinea fowl, Raptor, to walk around the zoo... so I'm brushing up on all things Bird. Drop by BBY and visit the little keet, who is growing up too fast!

Have a great summer, wherever you go and whatever you do!

Always be learning,

*Cris Stoddard, CEC Chair*

## June Cannolis and the Enrichment Year in Review

A quick enrichment recap: We make 236 cannolis a month which comes to 2,832 cannolis a year!

All of the peanuts, Cheerios, fruit, and pasta that we add to the popcorn is generously donated by docents!! A big call out to Vicki Unger, Anne Wardrop, JoAnne Warren, Susan Hoxie, Elle Solomon, Pat McConnaughay, Linnea McDonald, Vickie Pokaluk, Judy DeGroot, Diane Brewner, Marsha Fogarty, Lori Emge, and Sue Mayher for helping make all those cannolis!!



We will be making cannolis after the joint IE, TE meeting on Sat. June 10. I need 2 more people. Let me know if you would like to help.

Please bring your paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls, and handled paper bags (like ones from Trader Joe's) to the meeting. I will have a bag to collect then.

Thank You,

*Jean Bennett, Enrichment Chair*

## Education Committee Members

Dear Docents,

With the Auxiliary Board being restructured, the Education Committee discussed and approved which Auxiliary Board positions will be voting members of the Education Committee. They are as follows:



- VP Education (*formerly 1<sup>st</sup> VP*)
- VP Education-Elect (*formerly 1<sup>st</sup> VP-Elect*)
- VP Outreach (*formerly 2<sup>nd</sup> VP*)
- VP On-Grounds Programs (*formerly IE Chair*)
- CEC Chair
- Recruitment Chair (*formerly Membership*)
- Member at Large – see explanation below

An announcement will be made at the June 10 meeting for those interested in the Member at Large position. The Committee meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month and starting in June, meetings will begin at 10:30.

*Thank you,*

*Marianne Brooks, VP Education*

### How the Member at Large Will Be Chosen

*Approved by the Auxiliary Board on 5/3/23*

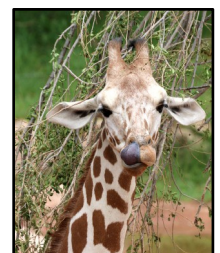
At the April 26 Education meeting the Education Committee discussed and approved the following process for choosing the Committee Member at Large position.

“Member at Large will be chosen by the Education Committee after the Executive and Supplemental Board positions have been filled. This position will serve a term of one year beginning in June and this person will not be on the Executive Board. In addition, this member will have been an active docent for no more than five (5) years [docents from the current year training class are not eligible, though that year will be used in determining the five (5) year time frame].

An announcement will be made at the June recognition meeting for docents interested in putting their names down. The VP Education will then take the names of those interested and have the Committee vote on the Member at Large.”

## Poem (by Mary Ann Hoberman, 1991)

One half of the giraffe is neck  
The other half is not.  
Now necks that are a half of you  
Are really quite a lot.  
Although they let you see afar  
They're also clearly spotted  
(and even more conspicuous  
when they are polka-dotted).





## Save Our Birds – Flip the Switch!

*Note: this information was summarized from an article in the May 26, 2021 Cheyenne Edition, written by Ava Johnson, a Biological Technician for the City's Trails, Open Space and Parks program.*

During bird migrations, spring or fall, birds are sensitive and vulnerable to outdoor lights found in cities and around homes. You can help birds save their energy for these vital trips by reducing lighting that confuses, detours and distracts them from their long journeys.

Here is some basic information from Lights Out Colorado and BirdCast about what to do to help during migration periods:

- Turn off all non-essential lights from dusk until dawn each night, including outdoor landscape lighting
- When lights must be on inside the home, close the blinds or curtains
- Angle lights down to shine at the ground, and use warmer color lights
- Use timers and motion detectors or sensors so that lights are only on when you need them.

Go to these websites for more great ideas and information: <https://idacolorado.xyz/lights-out-colorado/> and <https://birdcast.info/>

## CMZA Zooline Information



Please send all submissions – information, articles, pictures, etc. – to [cmza.zooline@yahoo.com](mailto:cmza.zooline@yahoo.com).

**The deadline for the July issue is Monday, July 10.** Thank you!

Joelle Shreves, Editor



*Ember & Hadiah enjoyed a down comforter.  
Photo courtesy of Carrie Supino*

## Articles and Information of Interest

- Golden eagle successfully rehabilitated after 10 months of care in Colorado: <https://bit.ly/COEagleRelease>
- Video of a Colorado osprey protecting her eggs during a hailstorm: <https://bit.ly/ProtectingEggs>
- Massachusetts zoo wayward antelope returns home: <https://bit.ly/AntelopeReturns>
- Linguists learn that even simple words may have different meanings for different people: <https://bit.ly/WhatDoesPenguinMean>

*From Mark Steinberg and Debbie Might*

As you know, our Q4C program for Rhino and Elephant Conservation is in partnership with the Tsavo Trust, which is headquartered in the Tsavo West National Park. Right next to that is Tsavo East where the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (SWT) was founded and still has a local orphanage.

SWT operates the most successful orphan elephant rescue and rehabilitation program in the world. Debbie and I have a philanthropic relationship with SWT, and actually visited their Nairobi Headquarters orphanage last year.

Sheldrick has 45 years of historical experience in rescue, conservation, preservation and protection of wildlife in Kenya and East Africa. It has an amazing legacy. In honor of their successes and continuing efforts, they created a seven-minute video on the 45 years protecting wildlife and habitats in Kenya.

Learn more about SWT here:

<https://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/about/where-we-work>

And see a video link at:

<https://bit.ly/SheldrickTrustvideo>

Debbie and I are proud to be part of their and CMZ's history.

## Linking Your King Soopers Card

In order for the Auxiliary to receive the reward dollars from your purchases at King Soopers, your card has to be linked to the Auxiliary's community rewards program. We use this money to support the Zoo in many ways. This change does not affect your gas card points.



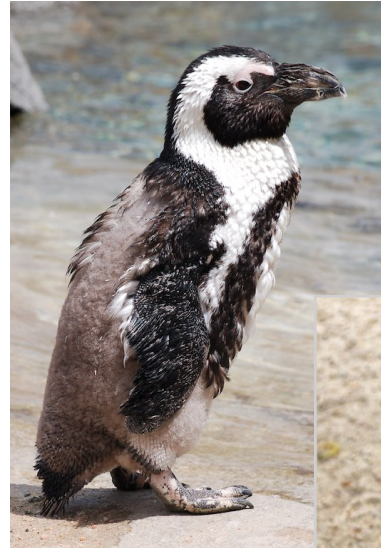
## If you already have a King Soopers account:

- Go to the King Soopers official site [www.kingsoopers.com](http://www.kingsoopers.com)
- Click on "My Account"
- Put in your password

- On the left side of the screen, click **Community Rewards**
- Search for Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Auxiliary or our organization number which is: **BC371** (either of these will work)
- When search comes up, click **Enroll** (if you don't go down and click on "Enroll" it won't link your account to the Auxiliary's rewards)

**If you don't already have a King Soopers' account but do have a loyalty card, these are the instructions to create an account:**

- Go to the King Soopers' official site [www.kingsoopers.com](http://www.kingsoopers.com)
- Click on Welcome/Sign-in pull-down
- Click Sign in
- At the bottom of the page on the left, click **Create an Account**. You will need an email address to create an account.
- Create a password for this account
- Enter the number of your loyalty card found on the reverse side of the card or if you have your phone number as an alternate ID you may use that number instead of the loyalty card number.
- Don't forget to go all the way to the bottom and click "**Create an Account**" located on the left side.
- Once that account has been created, then click on **Community Rewards link** on the page
- In the search box put in Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Auxiliary or our organization number **BC371** (either will work)
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*Captain during molting (left) and after his feathers grew back (below)*

*Photos by Susan Hoxie*



*Below - Rock Hyrax taking in the sun in the Colobus enclosure.*

*Photo by Mac McPherson*



*Below - Godric, the male Cape Griffon vulture, now out in ARV.*

*Photo by Susan Hoxie*

## Photos



*Left - Roger, the shy new porcupine in RMW.*

*Photo by Susan Hoxie*



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Left - Baby orangutan born May 1 at the Sacramento Zoo. He is the first baby born to Makan and his mate Indah. Makan was born in 2003 at CMZ, the first offspring of Baka and Sumagu, who are now grandparents. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Zoo.



Right – Dobby, new breeding male wallaby in Australia. Photo by Susan Hoxie

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