



President’s Message – Sue Sallee

Greetings Fellow Docents!

Hope this top-of-the-day message finds you well and happy. As you don green getups and toast to St. Patrick, take a minute to think of all the wonderful gifts the Emerald Isle has given us – especially the gorgeous dog breeds, from the Irish Setter to the Glen of Imaal Terrier.



In January, docents were able to resume working on Zoo grounds. Thank you to all the docents who signed up to work in the Loft, BBY, Carts, and EdVenture. Procedures are still in place with docents practicing safety precautions by completing a health check-in and wearing a mask that covers their nose and mouth before going to their assigned places.

A BIG thank you to the BBY Docents covering for the zookeepers, particularly over the lunch hour. Keepers are grateful to have a duty-free lunch and be able to leave the area. The chickens continue to “coop-erate” in sharing their heater, even on chilly days. Thank you, Cris, for posting the monthly sign-ups and reminders that time slots are available. A BIG thank you to the 18 Docents who logged 75 hours in January, despite windy and frosty days. Our “docent year” total for BBY is 1,027 hours with 48 BBY Docents contributing to that effort. Keep up the wonderful guest interactions, following through on “duties” and working together as a team! Rumor has it some chickens are having an egg-laying competition, while other chickens just do not feel like laying eggs and are “egg-sitting” the henhouse! Stay tuned!

Thank you, Marianne Brooks, Cart Master, for sending out monthly sign-ups for carts and to all who worked carts in January! Year-to-date total is 812.20 hours with 57 Docents contributing to that effort. Let’s see if we can reach 1,000 hours by the end of March. Wouldn’t that be spectacular? Cart usage is down even though the new locks work great in any weather, so listen to the weather forecast, sign up to work a cart and interact with our wonderful guests.

ZOOM Docents are interacting with guests, training and performing husbandry duties for a total of 165.50 hours in January and a year-to-date total of 2,138 hours by 59 ZOOM Docents! What a Zoo-rific effort! Thank you to Jeanie and the team for continuing to provide wonderful guest encounters. Bean, the sloth, continues to oversee the entire operation from the ceiling, as he explores various parts of the Loft. He is enjoying learning “the ropes” in the Loft!

Several months back, an email from Stacey went out to Docents to apply, be trained and to work on an interim basis in the EdVenture program. Recently, these dedicated Docents were at the Zoo in minus degree temperatures to host day and night tours! BRRR! A BIG thank you to all of them for enduring temperature extremes! Total hours contributed year-to-date is 97.75 hours. Two-hour tours every

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Linnea McDonald and Joelle Shreves, Editors

DATES TO KNOW

All at 9:30 a.m.

- Mar 3 Board Meeting Zoom
- Mar 24 .. Education Cmte Safari Cabin
- Mar 31 .. Zoom Docent Program from our fabulous CMZ employees. Watch your e-mails for more information

SAVE THE DATE – July 10 for “Holiday in July” Docent Party at Marie Poyzer’s

Stay tuned to your e-mails for further information about sign-ups and docent work opportunities, and for other activities being scheduled.

Continuing Education Credits

CECs will be virtual or on paper

See the article on page 2 and **Spring Fling** on **page 6**. Check your emails for more information and updates.

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CMZ Summer Programs

Sign-ups for 2021 Summer Camps are still open.

However, applications for Summer 2021 Zoo Crew and Teen Volunteers are now closed.



President's Message – *continued*

Saturday in February were designated for the Boys and Girls Club. Grown-ups could drop off their children and enjoy some time off. What a great way to connect with the community!

At the March 3rd Board meeting we discussed 2020-2021 Service Hours. The Board agreed there are 3 requirements all docents need to fulfill to remain on active status: completing 2 CECs, keeping Zoo membership current, completing the required TB test. Active docents who meet these 3 requirements by May 31, 2021 will have their 2020-2021 Service Hours waived. Any Service Hours earned for 2020-2021 will be awarded.

Docents who feel they have extenuating circumstances and cannot meet these 3 requirements should write a letter to me by April 30 explaining your situation. All docents will be receiving a letter via e-mail from the Board and Nancy Hochman, Past President with additional information.

In the months ahead, another election approaches with Docents facing unusual circumstances in completing their Straw Ballot. Nancy sent out the straw ballots – showing positions previously held by Docents, and related information – by email. That same ballot is also found at the end of this issue of Zooline.

Completing a straw ballot will look and feel different this year because we have not been able to gather for TE, IE, TE/IE meetings due to social distancing and public health requirements on Zoo grounds. See if there is a position you would like to fill and write in your name on the ballot. It will take a bit more effort to connect with Docents to see what positions they might like to serve in and to share what you would like to do.

The 1st VP and 1st VP-elect positions need to be filled as they are responsible for the Education committee and the training for incoming Docents, potentially starting in January 2022. I want to encourage everyone to talk to each other, discuss who you think should fill a position or continue in a position, and complete and submit your ballot.

Your voice is important! Please fill out the straw ballot and return it to Nancy by mail or email. Let's set ourselves up for success as we continue to transition and get back together as an effective working team. Together we are better!

Take care, be kind to yourself, "high 5" Docents who are working on Zoo grounds and thank them for being there! Be optimistic in the hope and certainty that brighter days are ahead!

Happy St. Patrick's Day and the luck of the Irish to All!
Best, Sue 😊



CEC Report

It's time to get back into the CEC mode. Each docent is required to complete 2 CECs by the end of May. We have offered 2 CECs so far this year: the Fall Recall with 72 completions and the Handout CEC on Reproduction with 79 completions.

You will find the Spring Fling in this issue of the Zooline. Once again, it is a review from our Manual, which is easily accessible on our website. Next month, we will have another Handout CEC on Conservation which is being presented by some volunteer docents. Also, I've extended the Fall Recall deadline until the end of May. A copy of it and a copy of the Spring Fling can be found next to the Manual in the DRC if you would rather not access them online.

If you have any questions or problems with the CECs just drop me a note or give me a call and I'm sure we can figure out a way for you to fulfill this requirement. You can email me your completed CEC or you can use snail mail.

It's been a challenging year to stay motivated and I'm sure many of you have missed having the classroom education. But I'm confident that we can all adjust and find a way to complete this important docent requirement.

Charlotte Greene, CEC Chair

Treasurer's Report

The Operational Account at the end of January showed payments for office equipment, DRC supplies, Directory mailing and supplies, and Social Committee. The January ending balance was \$3,292.50.

The balance in the Restricted Account at the end of January remains at \$25,039.22.



Bahati examining some new enrichment

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Auxiliary Straw Ballot Form: 2021-2022

Your Nominating Committee appreciates your input before their meeting in March to consider nominees for next year's Auxiliary officers. On this ballot, please do not hesitate to nominate yourself or another Docent that is willing to serve. Return your ballot to Nancy Hochman, Nominating Committee Chair, by March 17th, either by email or snail mail (1237 Terrace Road, 80904)

This is the same ballot you were sent in an email. Fill out ONE and return it. Please!!!

Please indicate if you are or are not willing to serve on the Board: Yes / No

Name: _____

President for 2020-2021 will be Barbara Kalbli

Past President is Sue Sallee

1st Vice President: _____

2nd Vice President will be Marie Poyzer

President-Elect: _____

1st Vice President-Elect: _____

2nd Vice President-Elect: _____

Corresponding Secretary: _____

Recording Secretary: _____

Treasurer: _____

IE Chair: _____

Chairs of the Supplemental Activities are selected by the outgoing and incoming Executive Committees. If you would like to chair one of the following Supplemental Activities or nominate someone, please write the name below. (ZOOM and Zoopeteer Chairs are chosen by Docents in those organizations.)

Animal Enrichment _____

Bylaws _____

DRC/Library _____

Field Trips _____

Membership/PR _____

Safari Coordinator _____

Social _____

Tour Coordinator _____

CEC _____

Carts _____

Zooline _____

Service Registrar _____

Special Events _____

Animal Update (January 2021)

- Amur leopards, Anadyr and Anya are being left together overnight even when Anya is not in estrus. SSP recommends Amur leopards be kept together as much as possible when attempting to breed. This gives the Amur leopards every opportunity to breed regardless of hormones and continue their comfort level with each other.
- Kittens? Pallas' cats Bo and Nancy were seen breeding. If she is pregnant kittens would be born in March!
- Male wolves have been separated from females for the breeding season.
- Hippos Zambezi and Biko have been having frequent "Socials". No breeding/estrus since late November, however they are choosing to nap, resting on each other, and been seen eating in the indoor WEA stalls next to each other. A fecal collection program to track hormone levels and future potential pregnancy for Zambezi is being done.
- Ring-tailed lemurs Allagash and Rogue are in radiograph training that will happen in February to determine if they are pregnant.
- WEA Keepers continue to train the African Penguin flock to walk across a podoscope (box with a mirror on an angle) so that keepers can observe the bottom of their feet without restraining them. They continue to enjoy their new fence venturing outside more often, sometimes 16 at one time! Their new cave structure outside is a great place for the penguins to hide in.
- Social media captured a great slow-motion video of the Australian keepers transporting 192 new budgies to the aviary to join the flock!
<https://bit.ly/3uxLV0f>
- Loft Barn Owl Hoosier started doing practice outreach in other buildings, while Hoffman's Two-toed Sloth Bean is doing guest encounters using his new rope system.
- Red-necked wallaby Kiah passed away after a long bout with dental disease. The vet team tried to save her joey but despite their heroic efforts it, too, passed away a couple of days later.
- Transferred in:
European glass lizard from San Antonio and Common Degu from Denver Dumb Friends League.
(Stacey training Diego, the Degu →)



Sue Sallee, February CMZ Mission & Programs Report

TB Testing Update and Information

- 1) Docents are required to keep current on their TB tests. This complies with the requirement allowing you to work on Zoo grounds. Send your TB test results **directly** to the HR Department at the Zoo.
- 2) Due to the pandemic, Docents are being asked to get their TB skin tests on their own, as **our procedure in the past is not an option.**
- 3) Check with your doctor first if they administer the TB skin test at their office or if they can recommend where to go to get the test.
- 4) Getting a TB test and results may be a slow process so **do not panic. Just get scheduled as soon as possible.**
- 5) Stacey feels that sending TB results to HR by April 30, 2021 will be sufficient. Docents may still work on Zoo grounds during this interim period.
- 6) If there are any further updates and/or information, Stacey and/or I will send it out.

Submit your TB results by:

Email to HR@cmzoo.org

Snail mail to:

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
Attn: HR Dept.
4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

By Fax: Your doctor can fax results directly to our secure line: **719-623-5448**



Sue Sallee

Zoo Experience – Five Silent Nights

This year, the Zoo is offering five Silent Night evening events. That's one per month from May through September 2021!

The goal at these events is to create a peaceful environment in our natural surroundings, with as little background noise as possible. Come for a quiet Zoo experience with only the natural sounds of animals and the mountainside.

Wednesdays May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug 4 and Saturday Sept 11. Advance e-tickets cost \$7.75-17.75, are required, and are available now at cmzoo.org/silentnight.

Your Trips to King Soopers Keep On Giving

On a weekly trip to King Soopers in February, I checked out my receipt for coupons that can be used later. Well, one of those coupons was an announcement thanking me for being a community rewards member, and informing me that the total 2020 contribution to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Auxiliary was **\$5,914.00!**



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The Lowdown on Uplifting Animal Enrichment

Hello fellow docents! Thank you for all of the support you provide to the animals through enrichment. Hopefully, we feel comfortable returning to the zoo soon. However, you can continue to help the zoo with your donations. If you do not feel comfortable coming to the DRC, please let me know and I will pick up your donation.

Item Donations The zoo has a wish list on their website at <https://www.cmzoo.org/support/materials-wishlist/>. If you have or purchase any of the items, bring them to the DRC and tell me that you brought it to the DRC. I will make sure it gets delivered to the appropriate place at the Zoo. If you want a donation receipt, please leave your name with the item(s) and I will obtain a receipt for you. Of course, you can bring your donations directly to the commissary or zoo location yourself if you prefer.



Cannoli Making Donations

PAPER TOWEL ROLLS (with one end closed if possible), egg cartons, dried fruit (including raisins, Craisins), Cheerios and pasta.

Cannoli Making A GIANT thank you to everyone who helped make

cannolis from July through February! Merrill Boruchin-Spielman, Ellie & Ron Solomon Marianne Brooks, Jean Bennett, Linnea McDonald, Mindy Mahler, JoAnne Warren, Anne Wardrop, Jean McKenna, Diane Brewner, Laurie Lindsley.

And a GIANT thank you to everyone who donated items to cannoli making! We can't do it without you and the animals LOVE the cannolis.

The next cannoli making will be Saturday, March 13 at 9:30 am in the DRC. Please come join us! We can have 6 docents participate! If you want to participate mail me at rorydoggie@gmail.com

ENRICHMENT CHAIR FOR NEXT YEAR

Please contact me (rorydoggie@gmail.com) if you are interested in becoming the Enrichment Chair. This was my second year so it needs a new chair beginning June 2021. You can interact with Keepers and maybe execute a fundraiser. I am happy to discuss it with you.

Kathy O'Donnell, Enrichment Chair

Uniform Orders This Spring

Uniform orders will be taken this year, but not until later than usual since there is not a Zoo School class in training.

Keep your eyes open for a message from Susan Gross in March or April with the Uniform Order form and deadline.



Penguins and Pelicans

Reminder

The African penguin building was closed for remodeling as of Monday, February 22.

Penguins and pelicans will not be visible to guests. The closure is expected to last approximately four to six weeks.



Incredible Black-footed Ferret News



I wanted to share some incredible news from the black-footed ferret (BFF) conservation world. For the 1st time ever, a BFF has been cloned. "Elizabeth Ann" was born here in Colorado, at the National Black-Footed Ferret

Conservation Center near Fort Collins (where Dr Della works). Elizabeth Ann was cloned from cells of a BFF named Willa that died around 1988, but whose genetic line had not survived.

The birth of this ferret is an incredible example of how cutting-edge technology is now helping fight the extinction crisis. Black-footed ferrets have twice been declared extinct in the wild and are only still around today because of decades of heroic efforts from USFWS, AZA Zoos including CMZoo, other partners, and a farm dog named Shep.

Hip, hip, hooray for Team Elizabeth Ann, and for all YOU do to help wildlife conservation each day.

Please check out the pretty great NY Times article about this effort: <https://nyti.ms/3bJgUh7>

Dr. Liza Dadone, VP of Missions and Programs

Information and Articles of Interest

- The Monte Vista Crane Festival is not happening *in person* this year, but you can attend an interesting *online* evening session by buying tickets. More information at this website: <http://bit.ly/OnlineCranes>
- From Cindi Carroll, cute video of a young orangutan: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ka_IY03HKM
- From Judy Sondermann: Smithsonian article online about bright pink animals <http://bit.ly/PinkAnimals> and a Fodor's online article about animals of the Yucatan <http://bit.ly/AnimalsYucatan>
- Colorado Springs has been ranked as one of the top ten "Emerging Destinations" by Trip Advisor and Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is listed as 2nd TOP ATTRACTION in Colorado Springs. <http://bit.ly/CSTripAdvisor>

38th Annual Monte Vista Crane Festival Online

SPRING FLING 2021

“Just Hoofin’ It Around The Zoo”

This review will include information from **Section D** and **Section K** in our Manual.

Remember, to access the most current Manual online follow these two steps:

- 1) Go to the docent website at cmzoo.org/cmza
- 2) Enter the password and click on the Manual.

Read through both sections and then answer the following questions for one CEC credit.

1. What four Orders of Mammals that are ungulates or subungulates are represented at CMZoo?
_____, _____, _____,
_____.
2. The manner in which any animal species' systems (physiology) operate determine its
_____, _____ and _____.
3. The _____ system provides a rapid means of _____ coordination that
is _____ in nature.
4. The ungulates (feet) advanced to the _____ of their _____. (This type of
locomotion is called unguligrade.)
5. Deer (and other ungulates) have _____ to snip graze of browse material and
_____ to grind it.
6. Animals _____ because of their adaptations. They do not _____ in order to survive.
7. The three basic categories of adaptations are _____,
_____.
8. The survival of hoofed mammals depends largely upon its _____ to _____
enemies (predators).
9. Ungulates have evolved two very different digestive systems _____ and
_____.
10. _____ are shed every year after breeding season. _____ are permanent.
11. We have one moose, Atka (M) 10 months old. Moose are more _____ than any other
member of the deer family. They require about _____ pounds of food a day.
12. Mule deer are not a Zoo _____, but a frequent _____. They may live to
_____ years in the wild.

13. We have three Nile Hippos: Zambezi (F) 28 yr, Kasai (F) 21 yr and Biko (M) 18 yr. Their stomachs are enormous and complex and can hold _____ of plants and grass.
14. We have 8 female Nubian Goats, all are 4 years old: Munster, Mozzarella, Cotija, Ricotta, Queso, Asiago, Colby and Brie. Goat's eyes have _____, _____ pupils. They can see almost _____ degrees around them.
15. We have one Okapi, Bahati (M) 8 yr. The okapi is camouflaged for the _____. Okapi are _____ and _____.
16. We have 3 Red River Hogs (Bushpigs): Herbert (M) 13 yr, Ari (F) 18 yr and Zena (F) 7 yr. They can run up to _____ mph and are avid _____.
17. We have 17 giraffes: Muziki (F) 12 yr, Amani (F) 11 yr, Lakeisha (F) 21 yr, Twiga (F) 20 yr, Msichana (F) 18 yr, Mahali (M) 17 yr, Laikipia (F) 13 yr, Azmera (F) 13 yr, Khalid Kodjo (M) 12 yr, Msitu (F) 12 yr, Mashama (M) 11 yr, Tumbili (M) 11 yr, Bailey (F) 9 yr, Panya (F) 3 yr, Ohe (M) 3 yr, Viv (F) 1 yr and BB (F) 8 months. A giraffe's heart is massive at _____ feet long with walls up to _____ inches thick.
18. We have 4 Rocky Mountain Goats: Twinkie (F) 21 yr, Yazhi (F) 10 yr, Albert (M) 10 yr and Lena (F) 2 yr. While not a true goat, it has a _____ like a goat. It's a goat-antelope relative of the _____ and _____.
19. We have 2 Warthogs: Alexander (M) 3 yr and Penelope (F) 3 yr. Warthogs share their burrows (in the wild) with a bird named _____.
20. We have one Eastern Black Rhino, Jumbe (M) 17 yr. The Rhino's chief predator is _____ who hunts them for their _____.
21. We have two Grant's Zebras: Mugambi (M) 16 yr and Wembe (M) 14 yr. Zebra teeth are highly _____, adapted to chewing _____ - _____ grasses.
22. We have two Mountain Tapirs: Cofan (M) 17 yr and Carlotta (F) 26 yr. Their trunk is a "sensitive finger" to pull _____ and _____ within reach of the _____.
23. We have 6 female African Elephants: Kimba 43 yr, Lucky (41yr, Malaika (35 yr, Jambo 38 yr, Missy 52 yr and LouLou (39 yr. A newborn nurses _____ gallons of milk a day and they nurse for _____ to _____ years.
24. We currently do not have a Rock Hyrax. Rock Hyrax survive in _____ environments with _____ from _____.
25. Write one short conservation point that you could share with guests about your favorite ungulate at CMZoo.

April Zoline Deadline



The deadline for the **April issue is Sunday, March 21**. Please send all submissions — information, articles, pictures, etc. — to cmza.zoline@yahoo.com. Thank you! *Linnea McDonald & Joelle Shreves, Editors*

Animal Pictures



*Clockwise from top left:
Alligator sunning;
Atka's nubs on 2/20;
Ouray gets lunch;
Nancy and Bo together;
Clifford zooming.*



Photo Credits

- Stacey feeding Diego – screen shot from Zoom presentation
- BFF Elizabeth Ann – US Fish & Wildlife Service via the AP
- Bahati, Beezler, Alligator, Atka, Clifford, and Ouray pictures taken by Susan Hoxie
- Pelican and penguin swimming taken by Linnea McDonald
- Pallas' Cats Nancy & Bo, courtesy of CMZ