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## President's Message

By: Jeanie Baratono, President

Docents! One of the newest conservation projects that Cheyenne Mountain Zoo supports is the Tsavo Trust in Africa. Tsavo East and West National Parks are the largest national parks in Kenya. Most of the parks aren't fenced, but contain the largest population of elephants in Kenya. The Tsavo is also home to some of the last remaining iconic "big tuskers". Big tuskers are elephants with more than 1000-pound ivory tusks on each side that scrape the ground. Their genetics are very rare but in Tsavo National Park the big tusk gene pool remains viable.

In April Bob Chastain visited Tsavo and reported back with these numbers:

Tsavo 1973: 8000 rhino

1983: 300 in Kenya

1980ish: 10 rhino

Now: 120 rhino (84 in sanctuary)

1973: 45k elephant in greater Tsavo area

1989: 5500 elephant in Tsavo

Now: 12,866 in Tsavo

"We've partnered with the Tsavo Trust because we believe in their field conservation efforts and feel they are effective in protecting both their elephant and black rhino populations alongside the Kenya Wildlife Service who take a lead role," Dr. Liza Dadone said.

At current rates, wild African elephants could go extinct in the next 15-20 years and wild black rhinoceros could go extinct in the next 5 years.

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is currently the only zoo in the United States to support the Tsavo Trust. In May of 2016 \$25,000 was sent to the Tsavo Trust in Africa to help save African elephant and rhinos with their aerial surveillance efforts. Our African elephants and black rhino at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo are helping to save their wild counterparts by the feeding opportunities that our guests are given. It is an important conservation message and a way for our guests to participate in helping elephants and rhinos in the wild. *Jeanie Baratono*



**Photo from Tsavo Trust FB page.** The link to the Tsavo Trust is [tsavotrust.org](http://tsavotrust.org). You can view monthly reports and other items of interest there. You can also visit the Facebook page from that link.

### MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBER SUZANNE TWOHIG

I was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. I went to Elementary School, High School and College all in Brooklyn. I spent my childhood playing street games, riding my bike here and there, going to the Library to read all about foreign countries, the history of earth and many other things. Some afternoons I spent in my father's store counting key blanks, putting them in boxes, so my dad could deliver them to customers. My 2 favorite things were spending summers with my

great Aunt in upstate New York. She taught me to have a love of baking and animals. I also rode the subway by myself to go to the different museums and Zoos in Brooklyn and Manhattan, so much fun to learn about the stars and just history in general from millions of years ago. Zoos back then were not as humane as today. It always broke my heart to see these beautiful creatures in a tiny cage. I always tried to bring home stray cats and dogs, but could never convince my mother to keep them

After I married I moved to Long Island and raised my children. I met my second husband, George, at a horse barn and we married about a year later. I never became a teacher, but fate had another plan and I wound up working for a starting HMO there I learned all about the business of Medical Billing. So during my 36-year career doing that I was an administrator for a private medical practice and then moved on to run different medical billing companies over the course of time. That was a crazy job, but so interesting. When we moved to Colorado Springs we visited the Zoo many times with our granddaughters. My love of animals bloomed here again. Being at CMZ with the animals that are so loved and well taken care of makes my heart happy. After George died, I found peace visiting and just watching some of the animals. I find humans should take a lesson from them.

## SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Restricted Account: In September, the profit from King Soopers reloads was \$341.25. Keep using your cards!! \$1500 was given to the Opportunity Fund for Ecational Tours. \$100 was sent to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. A tile to be installed in Encounter Africa was purchased with docent donations in honor of Hilde Wagner. Ending balance in the Restricted Account \$24,753.14.

Budget Account: \$55.75 was spent by the Corresponding Secretary for supplies. \$144.20 was spent for supplies for the Fall Fling. Operating Budget ending balance was \$3,457.61

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

*Nancy Hochman*

**2017-2018**

## CMZ Auxiliary Calendar

Meeting Times are 9:30 AM New Docent Training  
Times are 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Education Committee  
Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday every month at 9:30 a.m. in Safari Lodge. **\*Bolded items – date, time, or location has been changed.**

### November 2017

1	Fall Recall is due	
	Board Meeting	Safari Lodge
8	TE Meeting & Staff Lunch	
		Moose Lodge
11	IE Meeting	Safari Lodge
17	Field Trip Denver Museum Nature/Science	

### December 2017

No meetings **BUT**

**2\*** CPR class (open to docents and guests) cost is \$25. RSVP to Sue Potterat if you will attend. Safari Lodge  
9 Holiday Party at the Poyzer's'. 2-5pm

### January 2018

3	Board Meeting	Safari Lodge
10	TE Meeting	Safari Lodge
13	IE Meeting	Safari Lodge
13	<b>CEC – Water following IE meeting</b>	
		Safari Lodge
17	CEC – Water	Safari Lodge
13	Training Meet & Greet <b>1-3PM</b>	Safari Lodge
20	Training	Safari Lodge
27	Training	Safari Lodge

## KEEPER SPOTLIGHT

This month the featured keeper is **Jenyva Fox**. Here are her words:

Like every zookeeper out there, my love of animals is what inspired me to pursue zoo keeping as my career. Now it has grown into something a little deeper as I want to help others fall in love with these animals so that they are more likely to help protect them and other animals that are closer to home.

A docent actually helped lead me in to zoo keeping when I was living in Montana. The Education Curator at ZooMontana told me about the zoo keeping program at Pikes Peak Community College. I was a graphic designer at

the time and was getting tired of being inside all the time, so I moved down here, enrolled in the program and here I am 14 years later!

Every day of my job is different, yet the same. Our animals need to be shifted on exhibit and fed, stalls and exhibits need to be cleaned, and diets need to be made. We make sure to have time to enrich ALL of our animals every day, some twice a day! We also train with our animals, which is the best part of the day. That one time with our animals is truly special. Public education and interaction has also been an important part of the routine in African Rift Valley over the years.

Hands down the greatest challenge of being a zookeeper is losing the animals we care so much about. I spend more time with “my” animals at the zoo that I do with my pets. As a keeper I would do anything for my animals to take the best possible care of them. *Jenyva Fox*



*Photo from FB*

## PROGRAMS

### TE PROGRAM

**November 8-** The program for November will be on bird banding and will be presented by **Jenyva Fox**, who in her spare time is a bird bander!

### IE PROGRAM

**November 11 – Linnea McDonald** will talk and share photos about her recent trip to Africa.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Wednesday, November 8, 2017** – The annual staff lunch will be at the Lodge at Moose Lake. This is our annual event to treat all the wonderful Zoo staff to a wonderful lunch, on us. The Auxiliary will be providing the entrée. We docents are asked to supply a “Pot Luck” to go with. We are encouraging those of you with last names beginning with letters A-M to bring an appetizer **or** side & N-Z to contribute a dessert. Of course, this is just a suggestion. All food is welcome. Please keep in mind, that our keepers have staggered times for their lunches, so please encourage them to fill their plates when they make an appearance!

**Saturday, December 9, 2017-** CMZA Holiday party at Marie Poyzer's home from 2 until 5 pm and is an open house format. Further details including driving directions will be in next month's Zooline. Please bring an appetizer to share. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided by the Social Committee. If you prefer beer or wine please bring it along and prepare to share.

And - The Social Committee would like to extend a heartfelt “Thank You” to both Ellie and Ron Solomon for so graciously and generously hosting the CMZ Auxillary Fall Fling at their house! It was good to see so many docents and family members relax and enjoy an afternoon of good food and good company. *Barbara Kalbli and Terry Pratt*





## THE PROMISED TREASURE



Charlotte Green captured this photo of a mural that had been long hidden behind the outdoor Beaver exhibit at the Aquatics Building. Any of you who remember this and can share some stories are welcome to submit them for upcoming Zoline editions.

## ENRICHMENT

### How do you cannoli?

This is the number one question I get, from docents and people I talk to about the zoo.

**Short answer:** monthly and it is animal dependent. **Long answer:** It has changed over the years. The basic recipe now is popcorn (compliments of our Pre-Dawn Poppers), then add cereal, low or no sugar like Cheerios or an organic rolled oats. We used to use Quaker Oats but found it breaks apart in the cannoli and is nearly impossible to pick up if it falls out of the animals' treat. Now customization begins for each specific area. The elephant senior girls are watching their weight and have given up pasta (women of a certain age I tell this to can relate and laugh out loud). The gorillas are calorie counting too so all of Primate World's cannoli has been restricted from dried fruit (don't tell the Orangutans whose fault it is!). The Colobus, Asiatic Bears, Spectacled and Grizzlies absolutely can NOT have raisins or Craisins. It would be very harmful for them.

Monkey Pavilion are the only ones who can have absolutely everything.

We fill toilet paper rolls with a quarter cup for them and the Colobus (with their approved mixture). Everybody else prefers to have paper towel rolls. All are filled with a quarter cup of the specific approved mixture except the elephants, they get to have their paper towel cannoli filled 100%. We crimp one end and use non dyed packing paper to hold it all in.

I presort the rolls so we are ready to go. We mix the recipes and are usually out within an hour. It is fun, used for defining moments, private encounters and one of the only things we get to do directly for the animals. I hope you join in soon!

**Donations needed:** dried fruit (get raisins separate is possible), paper towel rolls, small dried pasta.



### UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Date: November 17, 2017.  
**AMAZING MACHINES**  
 Where: Denver Museum of Nature and Science  
 2001 Colorado Blvd  
 Denver, Colorado. 80205  
 Time: 1230  
 Lunch: On your own or bring a sack lunch.

We will be carpooling from the Walmart on Razorback at the Northwest Corner of the Parking Lot at 11 o'clock.

We have enough non-members for a group price of \$12.50 and you still have time to sign up. Just text or email me at [joforhim@gmail.com](mailto:joforhim@gmail.com) or 719-439-4389.

I will be sending out a list to those already on the list and you can start sending me your check in the mail or give me your money/check at the Board or TE meeting in November 1 or 8.

<http://www.dmns.org/exhibitions/current-exhibitions/natures-amazing-machines/>



A print at home animal card on the museum's website.

And a look ahead to April

OMAHA, NEBRASKA  
 Henry Doorly Zoo

Date of Tour: April 20, 2018  
 Motel: Comfort Inn at the Zoo  
 Comfort Inn At The Zoo Omaha Ne -  
 2920 South 13th Court, Omaha - reservation-  
 desk.com  
[www.reservation-desk.com/Comfort-Inn](http://www.reservation-desk.com/Comfort-Inn)  
 (866) 715-0006

I have 15 rooms blocked for the CMZ Docent group for the 19, 20, 21 at \$70/ per night. They are Double Queen bed rooms so you can have a roommate, if you choose, or have a room alone if you choose. If we need more rooms, the Manager, Annette Moeller, has assured me that they can accommodate us. They are aware that some of us are coming earlier than the tour time, but know that your room rates will stay the same.

Those that have signed up can now call and make your reservations. We have until March 16, 2018 and after that date, they will release any of the blocked rooms still open. Happy Trails to you,

## SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP

### Wild Horse Sanctuary

September 23, 2017 found 11 Docents, @ Husband and 1 Sister at the Wild Horse Sanctuary in Hot Springs, S. Dakota. Many took this opportunity to plan a vacation trip and see the other sights in that area. Dayton O. Hyde founded this non-profit Corporation in 1988 on 11,000 acres of private land.

There were over 700 Horses that they care for including American Wild Mustangs, Spanish Choctaw Mustangs. Each group is kept separated and with their own stallion to preserve the Bloodline. This is the scene we were able to capture in the Gelding that was scheduled for that Saturday. We found out that the beginning and the end of the movie "Hildago" was filmed here. They also care for many rescue horse the get to live out the rest of their lives here in peace. Rick was our tour guide and he told us the history of the hieroglyphics seen here and the Indian burial grounds that the Dakota tribes come back each year to honor their Ancestors.

Many or our group took the opportunity to visit other areas of this beautiful land. These included Mount Rushmore during the day and at night with the light show; Wind cave and the Mammoth Site

Badlands; Crazy Horse Monument; Rapid City; Custer State Park; and Reptile Gardens (for Barb and Jeanie B.). All in All we had a great time.

*Joan Adkins*



**AZADV CONFERENCE**

## Greensboro Science Center

October 24-29 2017



*Our delegates and attendees (Thanks to Ron and Ellie Solomon for the photo)*



*Duke Lemur Center (photo by Jeanie)*



Next year's regional conference is close by and in April. Phoenix Zoo April 10-15<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars!

### **MORE FALL PARTY AKA WOODSIE (FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO KNOW WHAT THAT IS).**

And thanks to Caz Oswald who sent these comments and photos from the Fall party at the Solomons' home.

Many docents were able to meet up at Ellie Solomon's home for the 2017 Fall Fling. The weather was great - a little chilly when the clouds came over, but otherwise couldn't have been better. The social committee arranged for some tasty BBQ. It was so good, there was nothing but beans left over! They also had a nice cake made to celebrate, which had two different flavors; something for everyone. All in all, it was a successful event. So nice to meet up with docents outside of the zoo and enjoy some time together. Good food and good company!





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