



President’s Message – Barbara Kalbli

Welcome to Autumn,

Well at least, that’s what the calendar tells us! Docents have many typical activities such as BBY, Cannolis, Carts, Loft and ZOOM programs to keep us busy. In addition, there are school safaris & tours, new shifts at WE:A for Pelicans / Penguins, and Boo-at-the-Zoo is right around the corner. Zoopeteers are gearing up for a January 2022 start. Be sure to check out all the [OPPORTUNITIES](#) in BetterImpact on your MyImpact page.

September IE & TE meetings were very well attended. The Education Committee met and is getting all in order for our new class of docents in January. We will have a full class in 2022 and membership is already reviewing new applications for 2023! CECs are being offered in a variety of ways and dates to accommodate the yearly requirements for docents. The new & improved Directory is out...be sure to refer to it for dates – answers to many questions - protocols - references, etc. Remember that a digital copy can be found in BI under the “Files” tab.

Bob Chastain shared a wonderful PowerPoint Presentation at the September TE meeting to showcase the new Capital Campaign. Highlights of proposed changes include: a renovated “mountain chic” entrance to CMZ, a new access road which provides greater safety for guests, container units will be utilized to grow lettuce for our animals using minimal water and providing greater food independence, and restructuring of several animal spaces. There are several other items to be determined, as CMZ continues on the journey to (more) excellence.

Every day is a new day with opportunities for each of us. I would like to thank you for sharing your time / talents (even if it’s reading this article) to make our Auxiliary what it is!

Barbara



DATES TO KNOW

Meetings start at 9:30 a.m.

- Oct 6Board Meeting EdVenture
- Oct 9IE MeetingSafari Lodge
- Oct 13 ...TE MeetingSafari Lodge
- Oct 27 ...Education MtgSafari Lodge
- Nov 3 Board Meeting.... Safari Lodge
- Nov 10 ... TE Meeting and Keeper
Appreciation Luncheon LML
- Nov 13 ... IE Meeting.....Safari Lodge
- Nov 17 ... Education Mtg....Safari Lodge
- December No meetings
- Dec 4.....Holiday Party ... Marie Poyzer’s
- Jan 5.....Board MeetingSafari Lodge
- Jan 8.....IE Meeting EdVenture
- Jan 12.... TE MeetingSafari Lodge
- Jan 26....Education MtgSafari Lodge

CECs and TRAINING

In-person CEC starts at 9:30 a.m.

January training time TBA

- Oct 16 AM Tour CEC.... Safari Lodge
- Fall Recall CEC..... November Zooline
- Jan 8.... Zoo School starts... Safari Lodge

Starting October 24, all local 719 phone numbers must be dialed using all 10 digits. A “1” is not needed in front of the 719 unless dialing outside the C/S metro area

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Monthly Program Information

IE Meeting on October 9th in the Safari Lodge

A general message will be sent out to everyone once the program is confirmed.

RaNae Duran, IE Programs



TE Meeting on October 13th in the Safari Lodge

The speaker for the October 13th TE Meeting will be Philip Waugh, head keeper of WE: Africa. He will be providing us more information on the penguins and how they are doing in their new exhibit and information on all the other animals in WE:A. Stay tuned for more cute baby pictures!

Marsha Fogarty, President-Elect

Tour Thanks

Many thanks to all of the docents for helping to make the all-school tour on Friday, September 24 a huge success! We provided tours to 395 students and 60 adults (teachers/staff/parent volunteers). There were 41 tour docents, plus 3 docents who certified, and 8 station docents on Friday, for a total of 52 docents. There were also 18 Classroom Safaris utilizing 6 docents the previous Monday.



Thank you for making the best of larger group sizes, and to everyone who changed their airline flights or rushed to the airport immediately following the tours in order to catch their plane. Thank you to those who took off work in order to help. Thanks to those of you who worked the tours even though you may not have felt great or were injured. Thank you to those who were willing to change their plans in order to work the tour. Thank you to the docents who changed their "sign up" in order to help with a more advanced tour.

A special thanks to EdVenture for counting out 1,365 tokens so everyone could help with the Zoo's Q4C. And, also, a special thanks to Marie Poyzer, 2nd VP Elect, Jean McKanna, Tour Coordinator, and Andrew Witherow, Safari Coordinator. And, finally, huge recognition and thanks to Cris Stoddard for providing hours upon hours of training to the coordinators on how to best utilize Better Impact. It's days like last Monday where I realize and remember what wonderful people are a part of the Auxiliary. Thank you all.

Judy Sondermann, 2nd Vice President

Animal Enrichment Adventures

A big thank you to September cannoli makers Kathy O'Donnell, Judy Sondermann, Linnea McDonald and Marsha Fogarty.

Our next cannoli adventure will be after the IE meeting on Saturday, October 9th. Please let Ellie know if you can help. 719-630-7465 or elron3@msn.com. Appreciate knowing ahead of time.

Ellie Solomon, Enrichment Chair 🍊 🐼 🦋 🐻



Articles and Information of Interest

- An online article by Wildlife Officer Scott Murdoch on how Colorado Parks and Wildlife manages bears: <https://bit.ly/CPWBears>
- Update from the National Zoo on COVID treatment for their recently infected lions and tigers: <https://bit.ly/covidcatupdate>
- Endangered South African Penguins killed by bees <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-58622482>
You may have to register with BBC News to view the article
- The Ivory-billed Woodpecker has been declared officially extinct – see this Washington Post article: <https://bit.ly/woodpeckerextinct>

2021 Upcoming Field Trip

November 6
Denver Zoo (9:00 am to 12:30 pm) at 2900 E. 23rd Ave, and **Denver Museum of Nature & Science** (2:00 pm to close) at 2001 North Colorado Blvd. in Denver. Check with Joan at the October TE/IE meetings for more information and to sign up.

Joan Adkins, Field Trip Coordinator





Linking Your King Soopers Card

In order for the Auxiliary to receive the rewards from your purchases at King Soopers, your card has to be linked to the Auxiliary's community rewards program. 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
- 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 have a loyalty card, these are the instructions to create an account:

- Go to the King Soopers' official site 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** on the left side of the page
- In the search box put in Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Auxiliary or our organization number **BC371** (either will work)
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CMZA Zoo Line Information



Please send all submissions – information, articles, pictures. etc. – to cmza.zooline@yahoo.com. The deadline for the November issue is Thursday, October 21.

Thank you, *Linnea McDonald & Joelle Shreves, Editors*

Enrichment Drop Off Guidelines



Enrichment items for the animals at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo are welcome and appreciated by both the animals themselves and the Zoo Staff who take care of them.

There is a process that the animal management team would like all docents to follow for donating and delivering enrichment items to the Zoo. *Note: the following guidelines do not apply to donating paper towel or toilet paper rolls used for enrichment items.*

If you would like to donate enrichment items for our animal residents at the Zoo, please coordinate with the keepers of the Loft building or other animal/area you wish to support as to what items are needed and when they should be provided. Once you have coordinated with the respective keepers, the donated items should then either be brought to the Loft or dropped off at the Administration Building's Zookeeper entrance, specifically just inside the double doors to the left, across from where the zookeepers' radios are located. In addition, please label the donated items with the name of the area for which they are intended. The respective keepers will then pick up those donated items and take them to their areas.

Examples of these enrichment items can include clean sheets and/or towels, lunch size paper bags, cardboard boxes, spices and perfumes. Be sure to coordinate with the specific animal keeper for needed donated items **BEFORE** bringing them to the Zoo.

The CM Zoo point of contact is Steve Carter at (719) 424-7874, email: scarter@cmzoo.org if you have any questions regarding these guidelines.

Michael Stein - (719) 237-1927

Paint Mines Field Trip

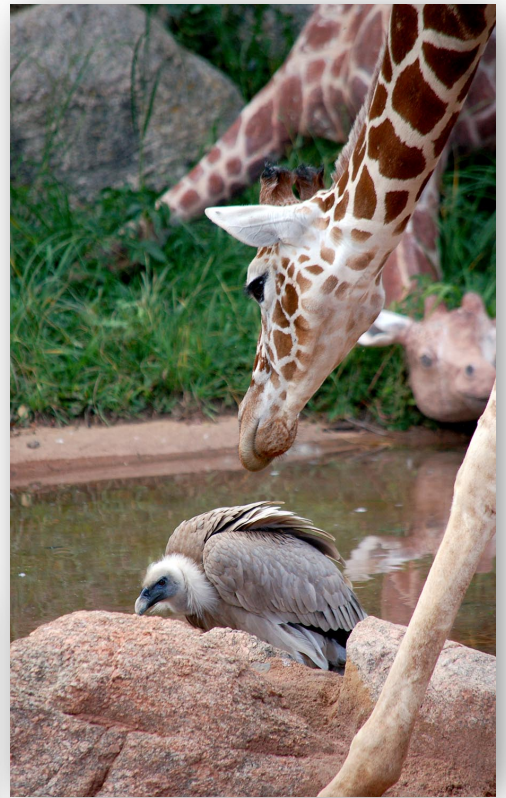
Saturday, September 18, 2021 found 9 Docents and 1 visitor meeting up with our Guide, Ken at the Calhan Paint Mines. Ken took us down into the trail and talked about how this area separated the edge of the Rocky Mountain ridge and the Great Plains. The colors went from white to purples as we got closer to the ridges.

*Joan Adkins,
Field Trip
Coordinator*





Docent group at Paint Mines (L to R): Susie Gross, Marie Poyzer, John Mayher, JoAnne Warren, Joan Adkins, Sharon Ledlow, Paula Charles, Gloria Wiersema, Kathy Kidd, Linnea McDonald
Picture taken by Ken, the tour guide



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← Chuck, the chuckwalla, “on vacation” in Egypt – taken by Jeanie Baratono

Additional Paint Mine pictures – taken by Linnea McDonald

