



President’s Message – Jeanie Baratono

We made it! Another year of zoo joy! I hope you had a good docent year. We tried some new things this year including a change to the board and how it meets and runs. Most of the feedback has been positive. There have been hiccups and things we need to iron out but with change comes all of that. We continue to improve and to build the Auxiliary and to support the zoo, which is our main objective.

We had a record year with tours and special events. We have so many opportunities to meet with guests and have them fall in love with our zoo and the amazing animals that we care for. Thank you for giving your time to make that happen.

As of May 31, you may wear the blue summer shirts until the end of September. The exceptions being if you are doing a tour, safari, ZOOM on grounds or Zoopeteers; those activities require green shirts. A couple other reminders are there is no parking along the rock wall any longer. You may park there with your flashers on if you are dropping things off or picking something up, no more than 15 minutes. Also please do not cut through authorized personnel only areas if you are not in uniform i.e. bear chute, back steps etc. If you are not in uniform, guests will think those are areas they can be in also.

We are very lucky to have the kind of docent program that we have. As far as I know we are the only docent program that runs itself and has the freedom to do just that. Most docent programs have gone by the wayside and been disbanded and taken over by their zoo and lumped in with volunteers. What we do is very different; running our own tours and educating the guests that come through our amazing zoo.

We Believe Statement: *We believe people want to make a positive difference in the world, and we will do our best to equip them with the tools and information they need to do so; telling the truth the best we know it.*



Goma the Gorilla, by Deborah Compton

DATES TO KNOW

Most meetings start at 9:30 a.m.

CECs at 9:15 a.m.

Education Committee at 10:30 a.m.

June 5....Incoming & Outgoing Full
.....Board Meeting.....SL
June 8....Annual Recognition Meeting &
.....Potluck**LML

Key: *DRC = Docent Resource Ctr, LML = Lodge at Moose Lake, SL = Safari Lodge*

**** Mandatory Meeting. If unable to attend, contact the president or president-elect**

CECs and TRAINING

Nothing to note at this time

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June (Mandatory) Docent Meeting

Please join us on Saturday, June 8th at 9:30 PM in Lodge at Moose Lake for our annual docent recognition meeting as well as celebrating the Auxiliary's 55th anniversary! We will be recognizing the new docent class and docents who have achieved milestones. It will be a wonderful celebration and a great chance to catch up with your fellow docents!

Thank you,

Marianne Brooks, President-Elect

KultureCity Training

Please remember to watch the KultureCity video and take the quiz. You can access the video [here](#) or in your email. Please aim to have the video done on 6/1 or soon after.

Jeanie Baratano, President

A Word from Our Tour Coordinator

Going above and beyond in preparing and leading tours this year was demonstrated by many, and that dedication to this volunteer group is appreciated. Thank you. Two small words that say it all.

Jane Emerson-Brown, Tour Coordinator



Jumbe Marking His Territory, by Barbara Kalbli

A Word from Our Cart Master

Let's pay attention! There have been 2 incidents, one in May and one last year, where biofact items have been found on the ground OUTSIDE THE CART and left there. Please pay attention to the item (s) you are taking out and displaying. One person should display one item for this very reason. The exception would be if the cart is being used for a tour station. As of this writing, all items are accounted for.

Also, please be gentle when opening and closing the carts. The latches that lock the carts are fragile and if wiggled too much the components wear out and break. The giraffe cart has been reported to have developed splinters (ouch!). I will assess this situation and try a quick remedy. We are all to keep in mind that the present giraffe cart may be moving within a year and may evolve into something else.

Greta Johnson, Cart Master

AMP Update (Animals, Missions, Programs)

- Seven (7) striped skunks in the Loft are starting to open their eyes and move around. You can usually see them at 2:30 PM every day during the regular skunk training.
 - Two (2) baby mountain goats are out and visible born to Blanca.
 - Tujoh had a blood draw but seeing the red blood bothered him, so they have been using red Kool-Aid to desensitize him.
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Docent Summer Uniform Attire

As another 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 Manual.

Volunteers Needed for Animal Stories Project

CMZA has designated the following eight Animal Story "Areas" at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. Two docent volunteers are needed to volunteer to research each

animal area. Each group of two docent volunteers can work together or separately to gather information for the stories from CMZ social media channels, local newspaper articles, keeper talks, and information provided from the zoo. A digital template will be provided to you, as well. Completed story packages will be added to Zooline and included in each Cart notebook. See the end of this Zooline for the African Encounter stories you can share with guests. Contact Gloria Wiersma if you are interested in volunteering to collect information for any of these areas.

1. ARV1: Giraffes/Red River hogs/Okapi
2. ARV2: Lions/Colobus Monkeys
3. African Encounter: Elephants/Rhino/Abyssinian Hornbills*
4. Australian Walkabout
5. Rocky Mountain Wild: Bears/Mountain Lions
6. Asian Highlands
7. Water's Edge Africa
8. Primate World

**Note: the African Encounter area is already completed*

Seeking Member-at-Large for Education Committee

As a reminder, the voting positions of the Education Committee are as follows:

- Member-at-Large (see explanation below)
- VP Education
- VP Education-Elect
- VP Outreach
- VP On-Grounds Programs
- CEC Chair
- Recruitment Chair

An announcement will be made at the June 11 meeting for those interested in the Member-at-Large position on the Education Committee. The Member-at-Large is chosen by the Education Committee after the Executive and Supplemental Board positions are filled. This position serves a term of one year beginning in June and is not part of the Executive Board. This member will have been an active docent for **no more than** five years [docents from the current year training class are not eligible, though that year will be used in determining the five-year timeframe].

The Committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month starting in June. Meetings begin at 10:30.

*Thank you,
Joelle Shreves, VP Education*

Field Trips Update

A total of 10 docents, 1 spouse and 1 friend carpoled to Albuquerque on Friday, 3 May 2024. We dined at Sixty-Six Acres Friday evening. We all attended the zoo on Saturday, 4 May 2024, where we visited our Siamang family, Eve, Wayan, and Rahsia. In addition, 3 friends and relatives that live in the Albuquerque area joined our group for the zoo, gardens and aquarium. Saturday evening we dined at Ben Michaels. The food was good and he played the piano for us. On Sunday morning, 10 visited the Botanical Gardens and the Aquarium. We received excellent docent lead tours at the zoo, gardens and aquarium. Sunday afternoon was free time and some of us walked and shopped in Old Town. It was a great trip and many thanks to Mary Ramsey and Bethany Dunn for helping to organize it.

If you want to plan field trips for the next two years, please contact me. It is a fun job and you get to spend time with and get to know other docents.

Kathy O'Donnell, Field Trip Coordinator



Albuquerque Travelers at the Zoo



*left to right – Wayan, Rahsia, and Eve, originally from CMZoo
(photo by Susan Hoxie)*



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/>

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
- 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
- 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)
- 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)

A "Dog Days at the Zoo" Account

I was bundled up on this very chilly May 10 day and hoping the skies would not suddenly pour water upon the otter and beaver pelts and the other items I was displaying for a CLZ tour. Then, people started coming by with their dogs!! I didn't know it was also a Bring your Dog to the Zoo Day, but it was. Lots of people and lots of engaged dogs passed by me. My favorite was a black lab mix whose owner was just walking by and totally not seeing where Ouray lives. I suggested he let his dog see a really big bird and he promptly took his best friend over. I watched. Suddenly the dog spotted Ouray and her body became still, but she kept looking at her and then pushed her nose gently through the space within the wires and didn't move or make a sound. All I could see moving on her whole body was the nose on her face gently expanding and contracting as she took in those Bald Eagle smells. Her eyes stared forward at Ouray. She was fascinated. Ouray watched her as well, but in her role as the Queen of our Zoo, didn't make a scene.

Lovice Riffe

Articles and Information of Interest

- Newborn orangutan's new name revealed. [Read Here](#)
- To save sun bears, scientists first have to find them. [Read Here](#)
- Inside the [Smithsonian] zoo: how staff rallied for an abandoned baby monkey. [Read Here](#)
- The fight to save the African penguin. [Read Here](#)
- Orangutan seen using medicinal plants to heal a wound for first time ever. [Read Here](#) (subscription required)

CMZA Zooline Information



Zooline

Please send all submissions for the **July/August** issue — information, articles, pictures, etc. — to cmza.zooline@yahoo.com.

The deadline is Wednesday, July 10th.

Thank you!

Joelle Shreves and Bailey Southard, Outgoing Co-Editors

Zoo Photos



Digger and Emmett, by Susan Hoxie



Matilda the Wallaby, by Susan Hoxie



Maple the African Pancake Tortoise, by Susan Hoxie



Lena and Her Twins, by Susan Hoxie



Mochi the Mountain Tapir on World Tapir Day, by Joelle Shreves



Wasabi the Prehensile-Tailed Skink, by RaNae Duran



Meerkat Pup, by Deborah Compton



Beezler Getting Out of Her Tub, by Susan Hoxie



Sooie the Western Hognose Snake, by Susan Hoxie

RESULTS OF THE CMZA 2024 ELECTION

The results of the election are in! These are the people elected by the members at the two May meetings. The Supplemental Chairs who are asked to serve by the Old and New Executive Board will be announced by Marianne Brooks as soon as the slate is complete.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2024-25:

President-Elect: Greta Johnson
1st VP Education-Elect- Michael Stein
2nd VP Outreach-Elect- Judy Sondermann
VP On Grounds Programs- Sue Sallee
Recording Secretary- Barbara Kalbli
Corresponding Secretary: Kathy Kidd
Treasurer: RaNae Duran

OFFICERS CONTINUING TERMS:

President- Marianne Brooks
1st VP Education- Joelle Shreves
2nd VP Outreach- Mac McPherson
Past President- Jeanie Baratono

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2024-25

MEMBER

Ellie Solomon
Eileen Derry
Kathy Kidd
Barbara Kalbli
Tami Dickens
Kathy O'Donnell
Susan Hoxie
Jan Hanley
Jeff Oram-Smith

1ST ALTERNATE

Nancy Hochman
Jim Hunter
Sue Sallee
Mindy Mahler
Cate Kelly
Judy Sondermann
Jean Bennett
Madalyn Kae
Mark Steinberg

2ND ALTERNATE

Cindi Carroll
Marsha Fogarty
John Kleiner
Judy DeGroot
Janet Carlisle
Ann Wardrop
Vickie Pokaluk
Jessica Mann
Debbie Might

It has been my pleasure to work with the Nominating Committee to complete our job.

*Marsha Fogarty, Past President
Chair of the Nominating Committee*