



To promote and establish good relationships among professional zoo keepers.

To promote and establish a means to stimulate incentive and greater interest in the zoo keeping profession.

To support deserving conservation projects that include educating the general public about the need for preserving our natural resources and animal life through these worthwhile efforts.

To establish materials beneficial to zoo keeper education.

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American Association of Zoo Keepers San Diego Chapter Quarterly Newsletter – Winter 2015

President’s Message

By Ann Knutson, AAZK San Diego President

Each month the AAZK San Diego Board, and interested members, meet to discuss and review past events, upcoming events, new ideas, and challenges the chapter may be facing. This past month we had a larger than normal number of members join us for the monthly meeting, and it was amazing!!

Each of those members who joined us brought with them so many great ideas! While some of our business was more exciting than others, everyone made it through and we were able to come to a lot of great decisions thanks to the help of everyone’s suggestions.

I would love to continue to have more and more members join us for our meetings. So, I am extending the invitation to all of you; check our website (sdaazk.org) and mark your calendars for our next meeting. We are excited to see you there!

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Running For A Reason at the Tri-City Medical Center Carlsbad Marathon & Half Marathon

By Yvette Kemp, AAZK SD Treasurer/ Sr. Hospital Keeper

Be a part of conservation by participating with the American Association of Zoo Keepers San Diego Chapter, one of the 2016 Official Charities for the marathon, as we Run for Wildlife on January 17, 2016.



AAZK San Diego is a non-profit organization that has been involved in preserving natural resources and education since 1967. We are raising awareness and funds for conservation issues around the world and you are invited to join us! There are many ways to be a part of our team, whether you are running in the race or not!

What You Can Do: You can join our team to run or walk on race day, you can participate by helping to support racers the evening before the race at a carbo-load dinner, and/or you can volunteer with us as we cheer the racers on at the marathon.

Run for AAZK San Diego: As an official charity, AAZK San Diego is looking for 2 dedicated individuals who are passionate about wildlife and want to make a difference! By raising \$250 or more, you will secure a spot in the race and help us in our efforts to conserve wildlife and their habitats. Because of your commitment to wildlife as an AAZK San Diego representative in the Marathon, we will dedicate a delicious carbo-load dinner at the fabulous Café On Park Restaurant on January 16th, the evening before the race, then cheer you on at the race itself.

Prefer to run without the fundraising commitment? Visit the Tri-City Medical Center Carlsbad Marathon & Half Marathon page and register to participate in the marathon. Once you have registered, sign up on our fundraising page and raise money for the various conservation projects AAZK San Diego is a part of. For those who raise \$50 or more, you will be our guest of honor at our carbo-load spaghetti dinner at Café On Park January 16th the evening before the marathon!

Need Help Training? AAZK San Diego is organizing several training sessions before the marathon! Each training session will have a suggested donation of \$10 (which goes to conservation) and will include a 1 hour training session/run and dinner. It will be a great chance to get your training in while meeting people who are involved in conservation.



The Keeper – Winter 2015

Interested in Volunteering at the Marathon? If you want to volunteer, you can do that as well! We are looking for people to help us cheer on the runners the morning of the marathon. We will have a designated section of the course that we will monitor and decorate to cheer on the runners. It is a lot of fun and for a great cause.

To learn more about the marathon and how to become involved, please email Jeremy at fontaine.jeremyf@gmail.com.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – January 16, 2016

By Yvette Kemp, AAZK SD Treasurer/ Sr. Hospital Keeper

Join us for a fun evening of delicious food and moral support for our Tri-City Medical Center Carlsbad Marathon & Half Runners for Wildlife!

To show support for those who are participating in the marathon as AAZK San Diego runners “Running for Wildlife,” we are offering a special “carbo load” Spaghetti Dinner the evening before the race.

AAZK San Diego is always looking for ways to reach and educate people about conservation issues and raise money for these causes. Again, we are an official charity of the Tri-City Medical Center Carlsbad Marathon & Half Marathon held January 17, 2016.

By joining the band of official charities of the marathon, we are bringing attention to the many conservation issues we hold so dear while having some fun at the same time.

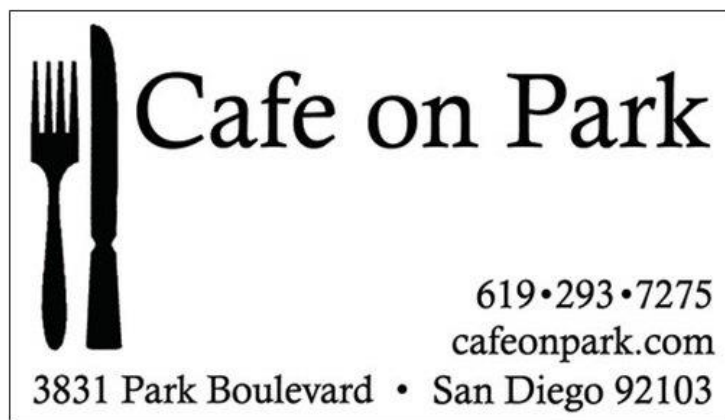
We invite you to join us and cheer on our champions! Reservations are required and tickets can be purchased on our website at www.sdaazk.org under the 2016 Events tab.

WHEN: Saturday, January 16, 2016

WHERE: Cafe on Park 3831 Park Blvd., San Diego 92103

TIME: 5:30 pm

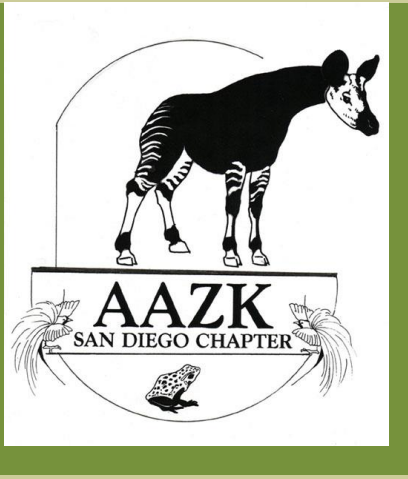
COST: \$15 pp. Includes pasta dish (with a vegetarian choice), salad, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage. Other beverages will be available for purchase.



American Association of Zoo Keepers San Diego Presents:

AAZK San Diego Spaghetti Dinner & Fundraiser

Benefitting AAZK San Diego Conservation Projects



caféonpark
features local artists

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SIGN UP AT: www.sdaazk.org

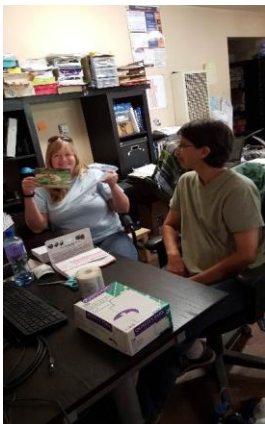
HIGHLIGHTS:

This “carbo load” **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** is open to all to help us support our runners and wildlife! The cost of the spaghetti dinner includes a pasta dinner (with vegetarian sauce option), salad, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverage. “Adult” beverages available for purchase.

Volunteer Day at the California Wolf Center

By Grace Porreca, AAZK San Diego Conservation Partner Officer

On October 16 a group of AAZK San Diego members and supporters made their way out to Julian to volunteer their time at the California Wolf Center. The center is home to Grey wolves, Artic wolves and the critically endangered Mexican wolf. With their mission aimed at the recovery of wild populations through direct conservation actions and partnerships, education and research.



Our volunteer day started out with a tour of the Wolf Center. We were introduced to both education packs, the first being the Mexican Gray Wolves and the second being their Artic Wolf pack. Our group was small this year but we were able to contribute in a few different areas to get a variety of projects completed. Volunteers were designated to one of two groups; the first completed some office projects, while the second completed some outdoor tasks, such as repairing the driveway, raking and clearing some pathways, and fixing a wheel barrel.



After our time at the wolf center, what day would not be complete without some pie from Julian!! Some participants then ventured into the town of Julian for said pie!!

Be sure to keep your eyes open for 2016's volunteer day and volunteer days at some of our other scheduled events.

A Newcomer's Outside/Inside View in Horticulture

By Rachel McCarty, AAZK San Diego Member

As a recent transplant to San Diego from Ohio, there are a lot of changes to get used to and a new workplace is definitely no exception! Up until my big move, I was a horticulturist at the Akron Zoo in Ohio. I have been lucky enough to land a fantastic job as a horticulturist at the SDZ Safari Park and man, is it different!

The sheer size of the Park calls for a completely different scope of work. The Akron Zoo employs 3 full time and 5-7 seasonal employees to care for its 70-some acres of land. The Safari Park has a team of over 30 caring for its 1800 acres!

With a much larger crew, the Park is able to have specialized teams consisting of arborists, irrigation, and pest management. This allows for on site advice/consultation as well as much fewer contracted jobs. Having this type of expertise on site allows for fantastic collaboration, better and more consistent care and quicker fixes for problems that at a smaller zoo like Akron, would need contracted out.

San Diego Zoo and Safari Park are also able to have their own browse and enrichment team that can farm, harvest, and deliver browse to keepers. Akron does not have this luxury but together the horticulturists and zookeepers are able to accomplish both a browse and enrichment system. Many browseable plants are incorporated into the landscape design and green “waste” from routine pruning and care are given to keepers. The animals can even enjoy many decorative annual flowers. A few small enrichment gardens allow keepers to grow specific plants and experiment. Native browse plants in wooded, undeveloped land and a large bamboo grove can also be harvested from. With thoughtful plant design, identification training and teamwork, Akron Zoo is able to have a pretty impressive browse/enrichment program without a specialized team. A specialized browse team allows horticulturists to focus entirely on the landscape. Personally, I love and miss the integrated approach. The horticultural challenges involved in growing browse were fun and I felt involved in animal welfare: being able to help feed bamboo to Zheng, the red panda; pick fresh mint for the snow leopard cubs, Malaya and Makalu; and save hibiscus blooms for Pagos, the tortoise.



One of the benefits of being at a large zoo is the sense of pride and involvement in the amazing conservation programs accomplished by San Diego Zoo Global. It is an awesome feeling to be a part of a world-renowned organization that is so well respected. On the other hand, being at a smaller zoo like Akron Zoo allows you to better know your coworkers, the office staff and even the CEO, VPs, and other employees that are practically myths at a larger institution. Of course each zoo has its own pros and cons. Trying to improve the negatives while being involved and focused on the positives makes all the difference in the world! Although I miss my amazing coworkers and the gorgeous animals at Akron Zoo, I feel so incredibly honored to be a part of SDZG and I plan on continuing to enjoy every second while soaking up as much knowledge and experience as I possibly can!

Junior Ambassadors – San Diego Youth Making A Difference

By Yvette Kemp, AAZK SD Treasurer/ Sr. Hospital Keeper

AAZK San Diego is proud to recognize the young people in our community who have taken it upon themselves to become actively involved in projects regarding conservation and education. They have realized the importance of becoming involved locally and globally in projects to help our planet and the many wonderful species on it.

It's because of their outstanding work that AAZK San Diego is dedicating a section of our website to the Junior Ambassadors! We invite you to become an AAZK San Diego Junior Ambassador and join us. Tell us what project you are involved in and how it makes a difference! Send your story and picture to Yvette at TheKeeperSDAAZK@cox.net.

California Coastal Cleanup Day

By Lindsey King, AAZK SD Vice President

On Saturday September 19th 2015, AAZK San Diego members participated in the California Coastal Clean Up by picking up trash on Imperial Beach surrounding YMCA Camp Surf. Our team collected 12 lbs of trash including many cigarette butts and lots of small plastic pieces. Our biggest trash finds were an old crumbling buoy and a very smelly shoe! We had a lot of fun spending our morning in the sun and were feeling great about cleaning up our beaches to ensure none of that trash makes it into our ocean habitats. Of course the highlight of our day was seeing dolphins frolicking right off the shore!!

The total amount of trash collected on Clean Up Day 2015 has not yet been published, but in 2014, 67,000 volunteers picked up over 1,190,000 pounds of trash! Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 17th 2016 to join us next year!



Mabula Ground Hornbill Project

By Ann Knutson, AAZK SD President

AAZK San Diego was delighted to host a presentation on the work of the Mabula Ground Hornbill Project in South Africa by Lucy Kemp. The event took place on October 20th at Cape Town Grill and Pub with 30 attendees. In addition to the presentation there was a silent auction and small trinkets available by donation. Thanks to the generosity of those who attended the event we were able to raise close to \$800 for the project!

When I learned that Lucy Kemp, who is the Project manager for the Mabula Ground Hornbill Project in South Africa, was passing through San Diego in October I immediately began trying to organize a presentation. Unfortunately it has gotten harder and harder for AAZK San Diego to find a location to host presentations by conservationists, so I began thinking outside of our usual mode of operation. That is how we ended up gathering at Cape Town Grill and Pub to raise funds for the endangered Southern Ground Hornbill.



At present, Southern Ground-Hornbills are listed as 'Vulnerable' throughout their entire range in Africa by the IUCN. Within South Africa, however, they have been classified as 'Endangered', with their numbers outside of formally protected areas still declining. It is even likely that the birds will soon meet the IUCN Red Data List Criteria as being 'Critically Endangered' in South Africa.

The Mabula Ground Hornbill Project works to save these amazing animals through, outreach, education, research, and hand-raising of the second egg from wild clutches. The hand-raising of chicks and introduction to adult family groups is their current focus. Once part of a family group



they learn how to be Hornbills and are eventually released back to the wild. At present the Mabula Ground Hornbill Project is working to raise \$100,000 to build a permanent, centralized hand-raising facility to step up the number of chicks they can hand-raise. The money raised at our event will go to help building their new hand-rearing station in South Africa. For more information on the hand-rearing facility or the project itself please visit www.ground-hornbill.org.za/.

International Congress of Zoo Keepers Conference

By Grace Porreca, AAZK San Diego Conservation Partner Officer

This past September Zoo Leipzig hosted the 5th International Congress of Zoo Keepers. The event was held September 9th – 13th in the city of Leipzig, Germany as the city celebrated its 1000 year Anniversary. Keepers all over the world gathered to discuss topics concerning animal care, and conservation. One of goals of the conference was to facilitate an exchange of knowledge and experience that can be used to improve the professionalism for all zoo keepers. Other goals included the promotion of awareness and actions that will contribute to preservation of wildlife everywhere.

The conference itinerary kept all the attendees busy. Days were filled with lectures, workshops and behind the scenes tours of Zoo Leipzig. Evenings would find the delegates at an Ice Breaker, Silent Auction, tours of the city and finally a Gala Dinner. Delegates came from; Ireland, Australia, Macedonia, Netherlands, Russia, US, Britain and Spain; to name a few countries. There were over 200 zoo keepers from over 28 countries participating at the congress. ICZ Conferences take place around the globe and most recently have been located in Europe in 2003, Australia in 2006, North America in 2009, Asia in 2012 and Europe again in 2015. The next conference will be held in 2018 in Argentina bringing ICZ to South America and expanding representation to yet another continent!



This keeper was able to present a paper on her website and speak with other keepers in regards to what conservation programs that they support and/or participate in.



My favorite workshop was focused on International Zoo Keepers Day, which was celebrated October 4th. I hope that all keepers reading this article were able to participate in activities that day! Conference attendees have the hopes of this day growing so keepers all over the world are appreciated for their dedication and hard work.

I especially give thanks to the AAZK board for their support and help to enable me to attend this conference. This was a great opportunity to network and develop friendships that will last a lifetime.

Wildlife Conservation Network Expo

Lindsey King, AAZK San Diego Vice President

On October 11th 2015, AAZK San Diego President, Ann Knutson and I had the pleasure of attending the Wildlife Conservation Network (WCN) Expo in San Francisco. This annual event draws representatives of WCN's 14 partner organizations to share presentations showcasing their conservation successes and challenges. The expo attracts roughly 1,000 attendees and provides an excellent opportunity for networking and exploring the ins and outs of a multitude of conservation organizations.

WCN's mission is to protect endangered species and preserve their natural habitats by supporting entrepreneurial conservationists who pursue innovative strategies for people and wildlife to co-exist and thrive.



Jane Goodall served as the keynote speaker and opened the day to a packed auditorium and another full overflow auditorium via simulcast. It was a privilege to hear her speak on her 55 years of studying chimpanzees in Gombe and the importance of long term research. We will never know all there is to know about the animals we wish to conserve. The environment is always changing, so there will always be more to learn and understand.

Dr. Goodall also highlighted the key to conservation success as supporting the education and livelihood of the local communities. This sentiment was a key theme throughout all the presentations of the day.

There were 15 presentations on the schedule for the day, which made it challenging to select which ones to attend and still find time to visit the 50 exhibitor tables throughout the halls and exterior walkways, but that's where our refined zookeeping skill of time management takes over. (I also got a tip that the presentations would be available for online viewing after the expo so that took away some of the pressure- watch here: <http://wildnet.org/expo2015>).

I was most intrigued to attend Dr. William Robichaud's presentation on saola, an almost mythical species of bovid endemic to the Annamite mountain region of Vietnam and Laos. This critically endangered animal was only discovered in 1992 and is so secretive that scientists have only documented it four times in the wild and that has been by camera trap photo or fecal analysis. I was left a little befuddled and also proud that a 200lb mammal could be so elusive. Still curious for more I picked up the book *The Last Unicorn* by William DeBuys from their expo table. I haven't had a chance to dive into it yet, but look for a review in the next edition of the keeper.



Another talk I had been looking forward to was by John Lukas of the Okapi Conservation Project. You may remember the tragic event back in June 2012 of an armed militia attacking the Okapi research station, killing 6 people and 13 ambassador okapi housed at the site, in retaliation for the anti-poaching efforts of OCP and the Institute in Congo for the Conservation of Nature. John and his team exhibited such strength and integrity by remaining in the Democratic Republic of Congo to pursue their work after such a vicious attack. Not only has

OCP operated in one of the most unstable countries in the world for 28 years, but they have made amazing strides in conservation over that time. They have empowered the Mbuti pygmy people to find purpose in protecting okapi habitat, sustainability in the practice of agroforestry,

and growth through education and community cooperation. In the last 2 years, they have also successfully and without incident removed 20,000 illegal miners from protected lands. Prior to removal, these miners were stressing the ecosystem, leaving it inhabitable for animals and stripping resources from the local communities. Now the lands can be returned to a protected reserve where wildlife can thrive.

Attending this expo was a really great opportunity to stay connected to what's going on out in the field while I'm busy taking care of my critters in the zoo on the day to day. I highly encourage attendance to upcoming WCN expos and events. Who knows, you could end up planning a visit to a remote research site you'd never even heard of!?

For more info on WCN visit: <http://wildnet.org>



Working With AZCARM – Mexico’s Zoo & Aquarium Association

By Yvette Kemp, AAZK SD Treasurer/ Sr. Hospital Keeper



This past October I had the pleasure of participating at AZCARM (Asociacion de Zoologicos, Criaderos, y Acuarios de Mexico) in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. AZCARM began in 1985 when several Mexican zoos came together to discuss the need for uniting their work, information, and training. Since then the organization has grown and now provides accreditation standards and operational guidance. Three Mexican zoos are currently AZCARM accredited (an accreditation very similar to our AZA standards) and 17 others are working towards the process.

Just like zoos in the U.S. and around the world, there are zoos in Mexico that are looking for ways to become involved in conservation, educating the general public, and improving husbandry standards for the animals at their facilities. It is through their yearly conferences that much of this information is shared and this past conference was no different.

With the theme of “Adaptation of Zoos and Aquariums in Modern Times” presentations included topics of nutrition, animal welfare, enrichment, and legislation. There were also several presentations that touched on the role animal rights activists have had on animals in captivity in Mexico. For those of you who are unaware, Mexico outlawed the use of wild animals in circuses



in March of this year. It was a very fast and active campaign throughout Mexico that made a huge impact not only on circuses, but the many zoos and animal facilities throughout Mexico. The reason for the impact on zoos is that the majority of these circus animals were either abandoned, sold, or “donated” to zoos, many that did not have the ability to care for them. Close to 4,000 animals throughout Mexico are in need of new

homes or the circuses will have to pay a \$225,000 fine (in dollars). Circuses stated that they could not afford the care of the animals without the income they received from the shows. Overall, it’s a situation that is causing a chain reaction. (You can read more at the following links: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-31937828> and <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2015/07/03/globalpost-mexico-bans-wild-animals--circus/29662657/>). Of course with that in mind and the issues SeaWorld here in the U.S. is facing, zoos throughout Mexico are on alert as they are starting to also be targeted by animal activists.

Back at the conference, over 80 zoo representatives that included directors, vets, educators, and keepers were in attendance and shared information, tips, knowledge, and stories regarding their animals and facilities. Several zoos were recognized for their work in breeding while others received awards for their new exhibits.

I was excited to present San Diego Zoo Global’s My Academy Program and share the fact that we are in the process of translating the courses into Spanish. The Zoonotic Diseases & Biosecurity course is the first translated course, which I shared in a workshop at the conference. Over 50 people participated in the workshop and all were very thrilled with the material. Our goal is to translate all courses for AZCARM and individual zoos who would like to use My Academy as their training platform.

Beside the My Academy workshop, I was able to give a presentation on Enrichment & Animal Welfare. This presentation was a great

opportunity for those present to talk about their programs and share ideas that could be used at other facilities. As we all know, this exchange of knowledge and experiences at conferences is one way we are able to improve the lives of the animals that we work with.

The conference took place in Playa del Carmen which is located at the southern end of Mexico, close to Cancun. Because it is so far, I thought I would take advantage of my time there and incorporate a little vacation and visits to animal facilities close by. Thanks to several friends, I was



able to spend 4 days at XCARET with the Animal Care Supervisor, Fernando Mendoza, and his staff. It's an amazing park and one of the most famous attractions in the Cancun-Riviera area with archeological sites, exhibits with animals from the region, and cultural programs.



With Fernando, I was able to see their training programs (one which includes over 300 free flight macaws where they fly 35 to 50 at a time every day), hang out with their keepers and learn about their animal care process, and share experiences that we have had at each of our facilities. XCARET is part of a group of 3 facilities (XPLOR & XEL-HA) of which 2 have animals. Their animal programs include opportunities for guests to get up close and personal with manatees, dolphins, macaws, toucans, and other

local wildlife. All animals in their facilities are found in the region and information regarding their status and need for protection are included in their educational programs. It was amazing to watch their training sessions and see the dedication in the staff. XCARET was also the winner of the Best New Exhibit at the conference for their amazing walk-thru aviary that just opened this year. The 7 tiered aviary representing different climatic zones (cloud forest, lowlands, mangrove, etc) is huge. It is 5,000 square meters, 25 meters high, has a large cascade, 2 suspension bridges, and 1,000 birds! It's beautiful and a great place to hang out and watch many bird interactions. I highly recommend visiting it if you get a chance.

I have been working with zoos throughout Mexico for over 8 years and it has been something I enjoy and am proud to be a part of. It is something I will continue to do for as long as I can. I am now in the process of assisting AZCARM develop their keeper association and plan future conferences. My hope is that just like AAZK, the association will provide a way for keepers and animal care staff to communicate and expand their knowledge in animal care.

Living in San Diego has made it easy to work with our friends in Mexico. Projects with the zoos in Tijuana, Valle de Guadalupe and Mexicali and organizing trips to the different facilities have been rewarding for those of us involved. If you would like to participate in the Mexico Zoo Programs that I lead, please feel free to contact me. Working in the animal care field is an exciting and gratifying experience. Being able to work with others so that we can improve the lives of not just the animals we work with, but those in other situations, be it in captivity or in the wild, is just what we do.

And a little bit of news from the Tijuana Zoo Parque Morelos for those who were able to join our last trip. They had received several Siberian tigers from a circus and recognized that they were not equipped to add them to their collection. After much work and planning by the zoo vet, Jose Roberto Valdez Armenta, the tigers will be moving to a sanctuary in Colorado in mid-January. Parque Morelos is a great small zoo with a dedicated staff who are always trying to improve their facility. One of their keepers was the recipient of the AZCARM Grant which recognizes keepers

for their hard work and pays all accommodation and registration expenses so that they can attend the conference.

The next AZCARM conference will be hosted by the Mexico City Zoo's (Chapultepec, Aragon, and Los Coyotes). I hope to be able to participate at that conference and continue sharing my experiences and knowledge.

AAZK San Diego is Going Green!

By Kym Janke, AAZK San Diego Secretary and Newsletter Editor

While I will be the first to admit that my 5 year old niece can school me in the use of computers, iPads and social media I still know the basics. Email, web access and the internet are things I use in my everyday life and I think you would be hard pressed to find many people in a developed nation not proficient at their use. I mean it took my father some time to jump on board but even he fell victim to the ease and necessity of the digital age!

At its core, AAZK San Diego is a conservation organization and not much needs help more than our world's forests. With that in mind quarterly editions of the newsletter will be sent only in electronic form beginning with the Spring 2016 issue. The newsletter will continue to be available online through our website but if you prefer a personal reminder please send your updated email address to aazksdnewsletter@gmail.com to ensure that you will continue to receive the publication. I assure you that this will not add your name or info to any of our other mailing lists. I do however encourage you to become a part of our network to stay up to date on all of our current events and so if you would like to choose to become a part of the full mailing list please indicate this in your email.

Also a reminder that you can always stay in touch with us through our facebook page www.facebook.com/sdaazk and our website www.sdaazk.org.

If we do not receive your electronic contact info by 1 February 2016 then the Winter issue will be your last...and that is sad news!

AAZK San Diego Membership Form

- Check here if you are renewing
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- One-year subscription to our quarterly newsletter, *The Keeper*
- Free admission to special presentations by guest speakers
- Support of local and international conservation projects
- Free admission to our annual AAZK SD photo caravan at the Safari Park
- Ability to participate in local board member elections
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January 21, 2016: AAZK Meeting.

You are invited to participate and join us at the next AAZK Board meeting at 5:00 pm at the San Diego Zoo's Warner Building Board Room. Our meetings are open to all and we welcome everyone's input and participation. For more information, email AAZK San Diego president at annkntsn@yahoo.com

January 16, 2016: Spaghetti Dinner & Fundraiser. Join us at Café on Park as we “carbo load” with runners in the annual Tri-City Medical Center Carlsbad Marathon & Half Marathon who will be Running For A Cause and Running for Wildlife conservation projects! The \$15 event includes a pasta dinner with salad, dessert, and a non-alcoholic beverage. Reservations are required.

January 17, 2016: 2016 Tri-City Medical Center Carlsbad Marathon & 1/2 Marathon. Once again, AAZK San Diego is a benefiting charity of the annual marathon. Registration is now open!

June 5, 2016: Golf for Wildlife. Stay tuned for information regarding our annual Golf For Wildlife Fundraiser. Space will be limited to 100 people and will include singles and foursomes. More info to come.

June 11, 2016: Bowling for Rhinos. Join us for our annual rhino fundraiser. More info to come.

Details about these and all our events available on our website at www.sdaazk.org!
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