



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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President's Message

By Ann Knutson, AAZK San Diego President

This is the time of year when I start to reflect on the past year and look at all that our chapter has been able to accomplish. This year has flown by, but we have been able to accomplish some great things. This past March we were able to raise over \$3000 for the conservation of the critically endangered Vaquita. Not only was this a new event and conservation initiative for AAZK San Diego but it was super fun!

In May we held our annual Bowling for Rhinos event where we were able to beat our personal record of raising more than \$25k. This is an amazing amount of funds that go to protect rhinos and their habitats! We placed third in funds raised and this year Charlie Hyde was our top fundraiser, earning her a trip to Indonesia to see the Sumatran and Javan rhino's habitat. We are so excited for Charlie and cannot wait to hear about her trip!!

Later this year we celebrated yet another new species to AAZK San Diego: Lemurs! Once again we were able to raise over \$3k for their conservation at the Lemur Love event. It was also the first time AAZK member Rochelle organized a fundraiser, and I personally think she did an amazing job!!

Finally we were able to raise money for AAZK San Diego with a super fun and delicious social event at Kindred. The cocktails and food were so delicious that we ended up raising \$200 more than we thought possible. These funds go to our being able to continue to aid keepers in following their passion and support conservation organizations around the world.

I would also like to take this moment and send out a huge thank you to everyone who has supported our chapter and helped us to achieve so much. I hope that you will join us again next year as we strive to improve and continue to grow!

Supporting the Abidjan Zoo in the Ivory Coast

By Jeremy Fontaine, AAZK San Diego Social Media Officer

Recently, \$2,000USD worth of education supplies was successfully delivered to the Education Department of the Abidjan Zoo in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. This has been an ongoing project since 2014 when funds raised through Golf for Wildlife, an annual golf fundraiser associated with AAZK San Diego, were designated for the zoo's education department. With the help of San Diego Zoo Global's Reptile Department along with Sophie Decelle and Oumar Kante, both of Calao Africa, the education supplies will help inspire the next generation of scientists in the Ivory Coast. Over 1,000,000 children visit the Abidjan Zoo annually and prior to this donation they did not have the needed supplies to learn about the importance of conservation of the native plant and animal species. Unfortunately, this is due to the frequency of war and corruption in this region.



In 2011 the country of Ivory Coast experienced its second Civil War. The only zoo in the country, Abidjan National Zoo, was greatly affected by this war. 1 in 4 animals died of starvation during this period. The zoo is a symbol of the country and many look to it as a historical landmark of the nation's capital. The majority of the animals exhibited at the zoo were not wild caught, but were either donated or taken from owners who no longer knew how to properly care for them. Examples of these animals are leopards, lions and primates that are often purchased as babies. As the animal grows the owners find they can no longer care for them and drop them off at the zoo. The zoo then has to take on the burden of feeding these animals when money is already scarce.

It was quite a headache to get the funds to the Ivory Coast. It was not until recently that the money was eventually transferred to a Belgium non-profit organization that works closely with several zoos in Africa, called Calao. At first, Calao did not have an easy time getting the money and supplies to the zoo. The Director of the zoo was not happy that he did not personally receive the money in hand, so he never showed up for the handover of the material. Corruption is very high in the Ivory Coast and especially at the zoo. Case in point: the director's son stole the education departments' furniture, purchased in 2016 by Calao, and he was never prosecuted for this crime. Calao's education coordinator paid at his own cost all fees for transporting the material to the zoo. Calao is not a big association but they have several small sustainable projects that are very important locally.



I would like to thank everyone who has helped with this project. This was my first attempt in donating supplies instead of money. I wanted to show the donors of Golf for Wildlife where their money was going and who it would benefit. I did not know that politics and corruption would hinder the process of something I felt was so morally good. Fortunately, there are amazing and hardworking people like Sophie and Oumar that will do whatever it takes for the Abidjan Zoo, the animals, and the children that frequent the zoo!

Developing Connections: Photography Workshop

By Bobby Brett, AAZK San Diego Member



Connecting people with wildlife is something that every single zookeeper keeps close to their heart. Even if it doesn't directly involve interacting with the public, keeping our various collections of critters healthy and happy is key in maintaining the hold that animals have on the learning public viewing them. Unfortunately, for some people, coming to places like a zoo is the only real connection they can forge with the natural world. Lucky for many though, there are other outlets for creating these connections by means of seeing wildlife through cinematography or photography. Between art galleries, Netflix documentaries, and the various Interwebs, connections between people are now having a higher chance than ever before to lead to a connection with nature. These networking opportunities are what AAZK San Diego was hoping to compose by hosting a Wildlife Photography Workshop during the 2017 National Zookeeper Appreciate Week.

Seeing as how connections lead to more opportunities to learn and experience the world, it only makes sense that AAZK SD collaborated in creating this fun-filled experience for their wildlife caretaker members. Fortunately, there are an amazing group of photographers that were just itching to work with them! Enter the Focusing on the San Diego Zoo and Safari Park Group (shortened to the "Focusing Group" for those who are in the know), which is a Facebook-based group lead by passionate photographer Peter Csanadi. This group is a spirited and dedicated collection of local photographers of all backgrounds and experience levels with one goal: To share photos that tell stories, evoke emotions, or help inform others about animals that inspire respect and awe. Although not officially affiliated with San Diego Zoo Global, it would be hard to find a group of people who love the animals who reside in those exhibits more than they do. (That is, with the exception of the caretakers of said animals.) Which is why AAZK SD asked the Focusing Group if they would be willing to work together to create a workshop designed for allowing the zookeepers who have an interest in photography the opportunity to not only learn more about how to properly use their photography equipment, but to also have the chance to have the keeper's own animals as the subjects.

The results were some very happy photographers and some phenomenal learning experiences! Even though there was some lingo that needed to be nailed down first with terms like F-Stop, Aperture, and Depth-of-Field being thrown around like baseballs, the keepers became the most absorbent Knowledge-Sponges one has ever seen. With the help of the experienced Focusing Group photographers, the attendees were able to not only learn what the other settings on their camera besides AUTO were, but also how to properly frame a photograph, how to set the camera for the light available, and how to get clear shots through obstructions like aviary perimeter wire. But don't think that the instructors weren't having a great time either! The smiles and

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excitement when a student was able to get the shot they wanted radiated from the instructors who seemed to cherish the chance to share their knowledge and passion with such a rapt audience. The added benefit for the instructors was that they now had a direct line to information about the animals that they saw all the time but only from the public angle. Here was their chance to get a true feel for the animals that they have only had a connection with through their viewfinder. Information like what that animal's favorite treats are; what this animal's background story is; and of course, "I see them do this all the time... Why do they do that?" Gathering this information not only gives the photographers a better appreciation for that specific individual, but also for the species as a whole. This appreciation often flows to other animals as other connections are formed, forging a deeper connection through understanding.

As all things do, the day of the AAZK SD National Zookeeper Appreciation Week Photography Workshop came to an end. Luckily though, photography leaves the enthusiast with the best gift of all: Self-Created Keepsakes! Every single person with a camera got to take home at least a couple photographs in their memory cards, and their memory banks, to remember and reminisce over the experience they had. Hopefully in the future, more workshops such as this one can be held and more memories and connections can be created to appreciate not only the animals in a zoo, but the world as a whole. With a conduit like photography, the natural world can be shared, appreciated, and respected. And with the links we make, that respect and appreciation is hopefully spread as far as it can reach.

"The Workshop was the perfect opportunity for us as keepers to learn how to take better photos [of] the animals we work with every day. The folks from the photo group were extremely helpful and generous in sharing their knowledge and expertise. I hope AAZK SD is able to host it again as it was a great professional development opportunity..." - Mindy Settles, Primate Keeper, San Diego Zoo



AAZK National Conference 2017

By Yvette Kemp, AAZK San Diego Treasurer and Liaison

It's incredible to believe that the American Association of Zoo Keepers organization has turned 50 years old! But it has. Having started with a handful of keepers at the San Diego Zoo to becoming a strong organization of over 3,500 animal care professionals is quite impressive. It just goes to show what can happen when you get dedicated people who believe in a common cause and who want to make a difference together.

And that's what this year's AAZK National Conference in Washington, DC, was all about.... "Keepers United In Saving Species." The National Chapter of AAZK (NCAAZK) and Smithsonian's National Zoo hosted this year's conference August 27th through the 31st where over 300 keepers, researchers, and all levels of zoo personnel came together to share and learn, all determined to continue improving animal care and bringing awareness and support to conservation efforts around the world.

Keynote speaker Steve Montfort, the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute's Director, gave an inspirational presentation encouraging everyone to become the champion of a project or topic we love. To me, his words rang true as to what we can all do it if we want to become involved in a project but just can't get the support we need. Become knowledgeable in the subject! Learn about it, find out what its needs are, what is going on; become the "go to" person for that topic. Don't be afraid to take a leadership role and do what you can in your own way. Educating your fellow co-workers as well as the general public are things that can easily be done. It really is amazing how that can morph into something bigger with time. If you think about it, that's how most conservation groups began.

Prime examples of how things grow were seen throughout the conference. Presentations by representatives from the International Rhino Foundation, Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, and Action for Cheetahs in Kenya, are all programs that became what they are because of one person's passion and determination to make a difference.

Also seen throughout the conference was how fellow animal care people share information that they have developed or practiced in their workplaces. There were some great presentations regarding training, husbandry techniques, enrichment, research and more. Keepers really have come a long way from being the "poop shovelers."

AAZK Conferences now ensure that keepers are able to expand their skills by offering Professional Certification Courses (PCC). This year's course topics were Nutrition, Reptile & Amphibian Husbandry, and Keeper Excellence in Research. Besides the PCC's, there were Limited Space and Open Space workshops covering Sloth Husbandry, Endocrinology, Enrichment, Crisis Management, and Site Planning and Design. Another workshop AAZK San



Diego President, Ann Knutson, and I were able to help lead was the “How AAZK Professionals Can Get Involved in SAFE.”

AAZK San Diego has always made it a point to try to make a difference in conservation. The easiest way to do that is by supporting worthwhile conservation projects. Recently we assisted in hosting a fundraiser called “Beers for a Porpoise” that raised over \$3,600 for San Diego Zoo Global’s Vaquita Program. The vaquita is an endangered species that is also part of AZA’s SAFE program. AZA’s Saving Animals From Extinction program aims to have accredited zoos and aquariums disseminate information regarding conservation programs, encouraging their audiences to get involved in saving species. SAFE also aims to increase direct conservation spending which assists in making an impact in field studies. By raising funds for SDZG’s Vaquita Program, we were able to contribute to field work that affects their conservation. So Ann and I were there to share how our San Diego chapter was able to host a successful fundraiser and give pointers to other chapters in how they too can host fundraisers of various levels. Based on the feedback we received, the SAFE workshop and our presentation were well received. Our hope is that other chapters were able to use some of the information we provided so that they could raise funds for their favorite conservation programs.

AAZK San Diego board and members have always been active in conservation and teaching, and several of them were recognized for some of the work they have done. This year several people were honored at the AAZK Conference for their outstanding achievements and dedication:

- Ann Knutson received AAZK’s Nico van Strien Leadership in Conservation Award for her work with Griffon vultures.
- Ann was also the recipient of the BFR CRG for her work with the Peregrine Fund in identifying poisoning hotspots and key conservation areas for critically endangered vultures in Northern Kenya.
- Linda Henry from SeaWorld San Diego received the Excellence in Journalism Award for her article titled “In The Eye of the Beholder: How Do Birds See The Light We Give Them?” (January/ February 2017 issue).
- Kym Janke became BFR Vice Program Manager.

Congratulations to all of them for their devotion and willingness to participate and share their work and knowledge.



One thing I have learned throughout the years is that keepers are always willing to share their knowledge. It's because of that fact that AAZK's International Outreach Committee (IOC) was formed and I was fortunate enough to be selected as Committee Chair. The IOC is dedicated to providing training and educational opportunities for international animal care professionals. Part of our goal is to translate into Spanish all the information keepers have shared through AAZK and offer that information and more through the IOC Teaching Program. Another goal is to be able to offer a keeper from a Latin American zoo or aquarium the experience of attending an AAZK Conference. The 2017 AAZK Conference was going to be the first conference where the Latin America Travel Grant was going to be available.

Zazyl Macias, a great ape keeper from the Zoologico Guadalajara in Mexico, was selected as our first grant recipient. Unfortunately, Zazyl as well as many other keepers, were affected by hurricane Harvey, and became stranded in Houston, TX, for the entire conference! Luckily we were able to maintain contact with her through texting, but it wasn't quite the experience any of us were looking for. Zazyl was finally able to leave Houston the night of the conference's closing banquet dinner. An example of the generosity of keepers, the AAZK National Chapter board, and staff from the National Zoo was evident when she was invited to spend her own Zoo Day the day after the conference! Thanks to Kenton Kerns and everyone at the National Zoo, Zazyl was able to at least have a one day experience that I am sure she will not forget!

There were many parts of the conference that I not only enjoyed, but felt I had truly learned information that I would be able to bring back to my institution and AAZK chapter. It is amazing that AAZK has turned 50 years old and that it began in San Diego. What is even more amazing is that the reason why it began in the first place is the reason why it continues to exist. AAZK's mission is to advance excellence in animal keeping, to foster effective communication beneficial to animal care, to support deserving conservation projects, and to promote the preservation of our natural resources and animal life. Over 3,600 animal care professionals believe in this mission and strive to fulfill the vision of fostering professional development and advancing animal care, welfare and conservation. I saw it at the conference and I see it every day with my co-workers and friends. Congratulations to all of them and all of you who are champions for causes that will become the conservation programs of tomorrow!



Cocktails for Conservation

By Kristen Craig, AAZK San Diego Vice President

Our end-of-summer social was a blast! Cocktails for Conservation was held on August 30th at Kindred in South Park. It was our first vegan event, and it was a hit! Kindred is known not only for their vegan fare, but for amazing cocktails. They did not disappoint. We were so happy to see some of our favorite familiar faces and also a host of new ones. We hope you all make it a habit to come and join us for some good company and conservation at our future events and socials. Kindred was kind enough to donate a portion of the night's proceeds directly to AAZK San Diego. With your help, we raised \$895. Thank you for the good times and the great turnout! Until next time, CHEERS!



California Coastal Cleanup

By Grace Yambrach, AAZK San Diego Conservation Partner Officer

California Coastal Cleanup Day (CCD) is a statewide beach and coastal and inland waterway cleanup held throughout California each year, part of the largest such cleanup in the country. CCD is a partnership between the California Coastal Commission, non-profit groups such as I Love A Clean San Diego, and cities and counties throughout the state. It is a major part of International Coastal Cleanup, which is facilitated by The Ocean Conservancy and includes many U.S. states and territories and over 70 countries.



This year the preliminary totals of the 2017 day are: 6,500 volunteers, over 120,000 lbs. of trash collected and over 5,000 lbs. of recyclables. AAZK San Diego teamed up with San Diego Audubon Society and San Diego Sea World for the clean-up day. Volunteers had the choice of trash removal in the South Shores Park or aiding the Audubon Society with removal of invasive plants in the South Shores Park to Fiesta Island area. A great deal was accomplished and both efforts proved to be very rewarding.

When you sign up to volunteer on the third Saturday of September, you are joining hundreds of thousands of volunteers all over the world to remove trash & debris from our ecosystems. This effort is unique because it encompasses a network of cleanup coordinators in over one hundred countries and nearly all U.S. states and territories. Please keep this date in mind for next year! Many Thanks to all that came out to help!!



Croctoberfest 2017

By Lawrie Arends, AAZK San Diego member

Another year of Croctoberfest celebrations, and another successful night of fundraising for our scaly crocodilian friends! The 5th Annual Croctoberfest event was held on October 19 and helped to raise over \$3000 for the West African dwarf crocodiles (*Osteolaemus spp.*)! Bringing the total to over \$20,000 over the last five years.

We couldn't have done it without your help, so from the bottom of our hearts we wanted to give huge thanks to everyone who turned up for the event! But it doesn't stop there, we also have to thank the American Association of Zookeepers for helping the San Diego Zoo Reptile department pull off this event for another year! And let's not forget our donors who gave such wonderful items for our raffles and silent auctions (Glacier Rock Soap, Bay City Brewing, Zilla, Birch Aquarium, San Diego New Children's Museum, San Diego Botanic Garden, Brett Baldwin, Krystyn Pozarowski, Donald Veale, Miguel Salvador, and the Education department).

Our fifth year of celebration was held at Bay City Brewing Company in Point Loma, where a fantastic turn out enjoyed the local brews as well as some phenomenal eats from food trucks "O" and "Taber BBQ" food trucks.

A special shout out to Donald Veale who donated his time and photography skills to help document all the fun for the night. We must also thank our volunteers for the evening! They helped to keep an eye on the time, act as sales associates, answer all the questions and keep a smile on their faces for the whole evening. With Brandon Scott being a fabulous host for our costume competition!

Currently the West African dwarf crocodile is listed as one species and Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. However, the *Osteolaemus* genus is currently undergoing redescription and a split into three distinct species based on species locality. Recent survey efforts since 2005 for the slender snouted crocodile in central and western Africa have shown very few individuals of the *Osteolaemus*. This lack of abundance suggests there is a rapid decline in populations, which correlates directly to the large numbers utilized as a food source each year in the bush meat trade as well as the reduction in availability of suitable habitats.



How do your efforts help these guys?!

Dwarf crocodiles have never been a part of an international conservation fundraiser until now! We are sending 100% of the proceeds through to Project *Mecistops* of the Rare Species Conservation Foundation who will utilize the funds to;

- 1) Conduct scientific research to better understand *Osteolaemus* ecology and management needs.
- 2) Invest in conservation breeding alongside the West African slender-snouted crocodile breeding at the Abidjan National Zoo for eventual reintroduction purposes.
- 3) Engage in capacity-building in both research and management with local students, national parks, and wildlife authority staff to ensure dwarf, and all other, crocodiles form part of the regional conservation agenda in West and Central Africa.

Your support for this conservation effort is so greatly appreciated, we cannot say thank you enough. We hope we will see all of your smiling faces joining in the fun in 2018!



Global March for Elephants and Rhinos

By Grace Yambrach, AAZK San Diego Conservation Partner Officer



This Oct 1st Balboa Park hosted the Global March for Elephants and Rhinos. Over 130 cities marched worldwide, raising awareness, generating global media attention on the crisis, and keeping political pressure on world leaders to protect our endangered wildlife. Many organizations local chapters came out in support as well as some San Diego based organizations. The group marched down Park Blvd. from Presidents Way to the entrance to the zoo and then back down Park Blvd returning to Presidents Way.

The global march calls for:

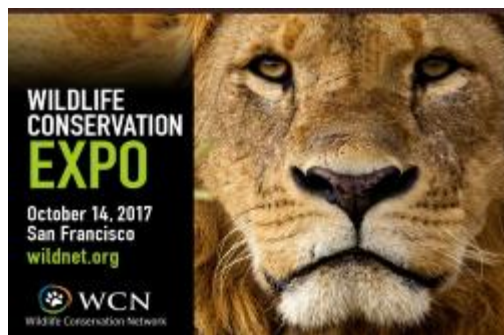
- Global awareness that governments around the world need to apply political will and leadership to put an end to wildlife trafficking.
- All countries to implement a complete ban on commercial international and domestic trade of all endangered wildlife body parts, including ivory, rhino horn, lion and tiger bone.
- Listing all species of elephant and rhinos on CITES Appendix 1
- All countries to shut down retail outlets for ivory and horn and to shut down industries associated with processing these (such as ivory-carving factories).
- Memorandums of demand to be handed over to range, transit and consumer countries (e.g. South Africa, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Kenya, Vietnam, China, etc.), calling for the urgent adoption of more stringent legislation to combat and deter criminal activities relating to wildlife crime.
- Governments to tackle corruption and money-laundering linked to illegal wildlife trafficking by adopting or amending legislation to criminalize corruption and bribery that facilitate poaching and wildlife trafficking.
- Governments to adopt more punitive legislation in sentencing wildlife traffickers.
- Governments to strengthen enforcement of laws associated with wildlife crime.
- An end to the capture and export of live baby elephants.
- The United Nations, including the Security Council and General Assembly, to adopt sanctions against those countries in violation of intergovernmental agreements as adopted by CITES.
- Action to be taken at all points in the illegal supply chain in source, transit and destination countries.
- Full engagement by governments in relevant bilateral, regional and international mechanisms.
- Destruction of confiscated wildlife products.
- Renunciation of the use of products from endangered species.



- All governments to adopt or amend legislation to criminalize poaching and wildlife trafficking and to ensure such criminal offenses are identified as serious crimes within the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), as called for in Resolution 2013/40 of the UN Economic Council.
- International cooperation, including extradition and mutual legal assistance where criminal offenses are transnational in nature.
- All governments to strengthen legal frameworks and facilitate strict law enforcement to assist in the prosecution and imposition of penalties that will act as proper deterrents to wildlife crime.
- Governments to strengthen law enforcement, cross-border and regional co-operation to protect populations of threatened species from poachers.
- Ending “phajaan” (i.e., crushing an elephant’s spirit), the use of elephants in temples and parades, and elephant trekking, practices commonly used on Asian elephants.

Wildlife Conservation Network

By Grace Yambrach, AAZK San Diego Conservation Partner Officer



For the 4th year I again had the pleasure of attending the Wildlife Conservation Network (WCN) in San Francisco. This event brings together leading conservationists to discuss their work in the field and how they are using that work to protect endangered species all over the world. This year WCN also held a special forum called Wild Lions/Wild Africa. Over the past 25 years, we have lost one half of all lions across Africa. Their loss represents the decline of wild landscapes across that continent. Dr. Shivani Bhalla of Ewaso Lions, is working in Northern Kenya to save these cats from human-lion conflict and habitat loss. Dr. Colleen Begg of Niassa Lion Project, is working in Mozambique’s Niassa National Reserve to include communities as partners in lion conservation efforts and protected area management. The hope for the future lies with these coalitions of committed field-based conservationists.

There were many other wonderful speakers, such as Dr. Iain Douglas-Hamilton & Frank Pope of Save the Elephants; Dr. Jorgelina Marino of Ethiopian Wolf Conservation; Dr. Sam Williams of the ARA Project; Dr. Asha De Vos of Oceanswell and Dr. Julian Fennessy of Giraffe Conservation Foundation to name a few. For me it was a great day of learning, catching up with some old friends and making new ones. If you would like to view the lectures go to Wildnet.org or just find some of the live streams on WCN’s facebook page in their videos section!

Bowling for Rhinos 2018!

The date is set for 2018! Mark your calendars and be ready to show your support for the conservation of rhinos, cheetahs and their habitats at AAZK San Diego's 2018 Bowling for Rhinos event happening May 19th at Kearny Mesa Bowl!

Feel like you want to contribute more to BFR than just the night of fun and excitement? Do you have an idea for an addition or change to the event that you think would increase our reach and impact? We would love to hear from you!

Any level of support or input is appreciated! With the successful 2017 BFR on the books it is time to start planning for 2018. Each year we form a special committee who plan and organize BFR. You do not need to be a board member or even attend any of our general business meetings. The BFR committee will meet monthly to coordinate activities and ideas to make this year's event the biggest and best yet!

If you are interested in getting involved in this amazing, conservation centered, event please email Kym at kymjanke@hotmail.com.



2018 Event Planning

Do you have a cause you want to fundraise for? AAZK San Diego would love to help! We have revamped our event planning process and are ready to help you reach your goal. Every event will have a tailor-made tracking system that is easy for both parties to access and update. This will keep the event planning rolling and allow for everyone to be on track of deadlines. It also gives a breakdown of who is responsible for each step along the way to your event. In addition, you can keep track of all your donations in one place. So what are you waiting for? We have limited spots available for 2018's calendar. Contact us today!

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December 11, 2017: AAZK Meeting.

You are invited to participate and join us at the next AAZK Board meeting at 5:00 pm, in the zoo's Warner building. 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 14, 2018: Tri-City Medical Center Carlsbad Marathon. Join AAZK San Diego as we cheer on the runners and keep the course clear of traffic. Our very own president, Ann Knutson, and former vice president, Lindsey King, will be running the half raising funds and awareness for conservation! More details will be on the website soon!

May 19, 2018: Bowling for Rhinos! Mark your calendars now! It is not too early to start fundraising. More details will be posted on the website soon!

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

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