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WHAT'S NEW AT THE ZOO?

Carol Harris at the Popcorn Cart and Louise Martin at the Educational Cart

NEW DOCENTS ON THE JOB

This year, the Friends added two new additions to the Park, an educational cart for learning and a popcorn machine for pure pleasure! The educational cart has animal boxes with fur, bird feathers and more. Contents change regularly. Located next to the gray fox enclosure, the educational cart is always full of surprises. You are welcome to see and touch everything. Be sure to look inside the boxes each time you visit!

The popper is located adjacent to "The Grazing Corral," the zoo's snack shack. The mouthwatering aroma of popcorn permeates the Park as visitors enjoy this tasty snack. At just 50 cents a bag, the popped treat is a bargain! Next time you visit the Zoo enjoy a bag of popcorn but, please, don't feed the wildlife. They eat a special diet individualized and appropriate for them.



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CORNER

Paddy Speyers



Kudos and Plans Ahead

It's been a very successful season due to the many Volunteers and Docents of the "Friends."

We want to say Thank You's to:

Karen Conolly for generating more Adoptions than ever before and chairing the Zooccasion Drawing Contest

Betsy Henke for chairing the Alpine Wildlife Celebration and keeping our financial records

Dayle Viglione for chairing Bear Country Fair and being Gift Shop Buyer

Len Backus for developing our "Merchant Can" program so successfully that shop owners ask to have a can – each month's donations run \$800-\$1100.

Cheryl Moore for keeping our membership records straight and developing our new membership base

Susan Amerson for helping all of us with legal and insurance issues and chairing the Tuesday Market booth and Music at the Zoo

Judi Vannatta for helping with great gift baskets, decorating, docent tours, and serving on the Board as Secretary

Bill Treadwell as our "idea man" leading the way towards our Relocation and Capital Development

Diana Blair and **Christie Helm** for heading up our docent and educational programs

Sondra Haile for docent training

Don Alexander for helping our Marketing efforts

Shelley Golden, our Brick & Granite chair, also helps on all off-site and other Zoo Programs

Carmen Prouty who loves to share "info" on Hucklebeary, our 3-legged Black Bear, and "Old Man," the Golden Eagle

Barbara Smith who staffs our Gift Shop with Volunteers 365 days a year!

There are many others: **Connie Garber**, Docent Recruiting; **LaVonne Contreras**, our Administrative Assistant who makes my job easier; and **Melinda Marks**, who keeps track of all the Volunteers' hours (over 10,000 hours annually).

We want to thank the Special Event Chairs: **Nancy Naftel**, Bed & Breakfast Spring Tea, and **Lucy Camacho**, "Concert on the Green" and Quilt Raffle, and many, many more!

The "Friends" also appreciates our Advisors: **Celso Morrison**, Capital Campaign, and **Terry Rabun**, UBS Financial Services helping with investments.

It's becoming apparent that we're moving ahead so rapidly that we almost forget our past. **LuAnne Lowe**, Historian, has been quietly keeping records so our History can be written.

Jeanne Hughes, former PawPrints editor and author of our Christmas Bear Poems wrote the first installment of our Zoo's history in the last issue of PawPrints and was able to write the second installment for this issue before she sold her home and moved to Arizona. We will miss her and her great talents.

We are fortunate to have **Connie Baker** step in as PawPrints editor, Public Relations and Calendar chair.

Our fiscal year is October 1 through September 30. The F.O.M.Z. Board of Directors has appointed the Shawn Washington Accountancy Corporation to start our annual audit.

On October 1, we are starting the Life Membership Endowment account. All Life Memberships (\$500) sold July 1-September 30 this year are the nucleus of this Endowment Fund (this is approximately \$20,000). The new Curator Circle memberships (\$5,000) will be added to the endowment as they are received.

Mike Conolly has accepted the position of 2004-2005 Budget Committee Chair.

Diana Blair and **Christie Helm** are heading up a committee to develop and organize our Educational Programs.

The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate of officers and directors for 2005 F.O.M.Z.:

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| President | Paddy Speyers |
| First Vice President..... | Betsy Henke |
| Second Vice President..... | Bill Treadwell |
| Secretary | Judy Schkade |
| Treasurer | Mike Conolly |
| Directors..... | Len Backus, Susan Amerson, Diana Blair, Shelley Golden, Christie Helm, Cheryl Moore |

The position of First Vice President includes the duties of C.O.O. (Chief Operating Officer). Second Vice President duties will entail Relocation and Capital Development.

The election will take place at the final General Membership Meeting of the year on November 3, 2004, at 5:30 PM at the Bear Valley Recreation & Parks offices Community Room. Installation of new officers will be December 15, 2004.

We have been blessed with great and talented volunteers, and I haven't even mentioned all the new docents who are helping in all facets of our organization. We thank you all so much!! We could not continue in our work without all your help! THANK YOU ALL!!

Note: Our Educational off-site programs desperately need a new 4WD Van. Call Paddy at 909/585-6779 if you have a "lead."



Featured Animal - Fallow Deer (*Dama dama*)

The fallow deer is one of the smallest, yet hardiest of deer. Although its coat color varies from whitish to dark brown, it is most often recognized by its white spots on a light-colored coat. They come in various colors of which there are four main varieties, the commonest being a warm fawn color with white spots on the flanks and a white rump patch and tail with a black border to the patch and through the center of the tail. Under parts are almost white.

Adults grow to nearly 3 feet tall and weigh anywhere from 85 to 225 pounds. Only the male has antlers, which can measure 2 to 3 feet in length along the curve. The antlers are shed each year to grow again the following year.

Fallow deer have a lifespan of about 15 years. They prefer woodlands with open patches and eat grass, herbs, leaves, berries, nuts, fungi and bark.

The deer form separate sex herds for much of the year, coming together in October for the breeding season known as the rut. During rut, the males are very aggressive, marking their territory, bellowing to attract a mate, and fighting rival bucks. They can fight fiercely, charging and clashing their antlers until one gives up injured or defeated. Females usually give birth to one offspring in the spring after a gestation period of about eight months.

Visit the Moonridge Animal Park's five fallow deer. They are housed in the same enclosure as the wood bison. Just follow the brick path past the mule deer to the wood bison.



Fallow Deer

DID YOU KNOW?

- Fallow deer live in small groups although they can number as many as 70. Usually one female is dominant within the group.
- Fallow deer rarely need to drink water. They receive enough water through dew on the grass and the moisture contained in the plants they eat.
- During the breeding season, a male will bellow loudly to attract females in his area. He may mark his territory by scratching at the ground, breaking branches or urinating.
- Fallow deer were once kept by English nobility as a status symbol.

APPLE VALLEY'S MESQUITE SCHOOL HELPS THE BEARS



Congratulations to teacher Jo Pope and her students in Classroom C4 at Mesquite School in Apple Valley for their recent Collection Drive which netted \$125.00! These youngsters collected pennies to help the bears burned in last year's fires. Since all three bears have been successfully returned back to the forest, these funds will be used for rehabilitation and recovery of other wildlife injured or recovering from surgery.

FOMZ President Paddy Speyers sent a certificate of appreciation to the class and thanked them all for their outstanding effort.

WE GET LETTERS & EMAIL

Dorothy Amend, Alberta, Canada – Thank you so much for giving these animals your care and concern. You are wonderful!

Phyllis Ambrose, Playa del Rey, CA – When my grandchildren visited the zoo a few weeks ago, they particularly enjoyed the woodpecker display. One grandson studied the eagles and the hawks and then told his mother that he thought they differed in about seven ways, and listed them... Keep up the good work!

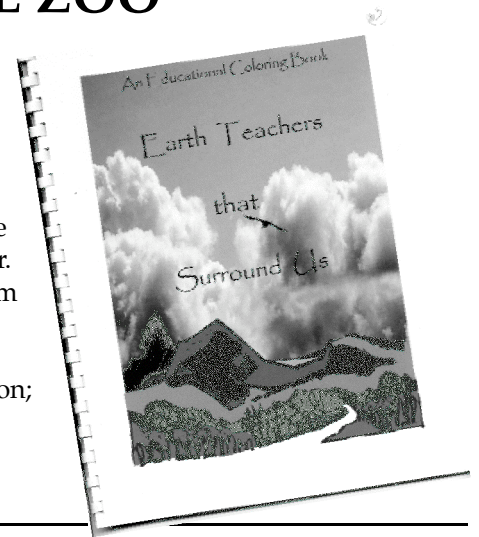
Thank you for your cards, letters and e-mail. It lets us know you care. Please keep the messages coming. We encourage you to make suggestions, too!

FIND UNIQUE HOLIDAY GIFTS AT THE ZOO

The Gift Shop is chock full of educational and entertaining items for great holiday gifts. One of the most popular is "Earth Teachers That Surround Us," an educational coloring book by Suzy Earth Feather and John 3 Hawks.

This delightful 8-1/2 X 11 booklet offers 20 full-page descriptions of wild animals native to these forests, all written in "first-person" as if the animal were talking to the reader. Each narrative is companioned by a full-page drawing, ready for the reader to transform into hand-colored artwork.

Ideal for young children, this book is both informative and fun. Stop by the gift shop soon; these booklets sell out as fast as they come in!



New Wildlife Rehabilitation Enclosures in Full Use

Moonridge Animal Park evacuated its entire collection to safe locations during the fire that threatened Big Bear Lake last year. During the recovery after the fire, Department of Fish and Game found two bears with burns on all four feet. Public donations were received by FOMZ for rehabilitation and care of the Bears, and eventually, all were released back to the forest. Some of the remaining funds were dedicated to the Park's rehabilitation needs and have been spent to improve animal housing.

According to Zoo Curator Don Richardson, "It was our determination that the remaining donation funds be used to improve housing for injured wildlife as well as recovery following medical procedures for all wildlife at the Park."

Six enclosures, all engineered to tolerate Big Bear's snow load, have been set-up in the "off exhibit" areas. They allow

for safely shifting animals for cleaning and have wire mesh small enough for small bird rehabilitation. The new additions were needed because the Park's animals have grown in number, and the rehabilitation season met with heavy demands. For the animals requiring quiet and rest to recover from illness or surgery, the enclosures provide the versatility needed to enhance their care. Prefabricated and shipped to the park by "A thru Z Consulting," a well-known zoo design firm, the enclosures are designed to dismantle easily in order to move to a new zoo location.

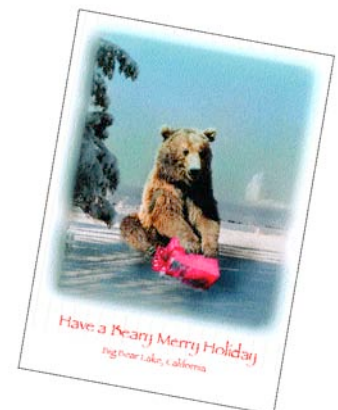
"The new enclosures are additions to our operations that we have needed for years," said Curator Richardson. "It demonstrates how vital donations are for the Park's development and improvements."



HAVE A BEARY MERRY HOLIDAY

Send your end-of-the-year holiday greetings and help spread our message, too! Susan Labouri and Erv Nichols combined their talents to create this year's wonderful holiday card complete with a story about Tutu, our mama Grizzly at the zoo, and a short history of how FOMZ raised the money for a home for our three Grizzlies.

At \$25 for a package of 20 cards and envelopes, the cards are a great buy and a playful and informative way to send holiday wishes to your friends and family. Pick up several packs at the Gift Shop today!



LIMITED TIME FOR MEMBERSHIP BEANIE BEARS

FOMZ has received 1,000 Beanie Baby Bears from an anonymous donor. We are not allowed to sell them as this bear has been retired, but we can use them for membership development. Now is the time to act fast while they last. Upgrade or renew your membership now and receive this very valuable collector's premium, one Beanie Baby Bear!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friends of the Moonridge Zoo (FOMZ) will host its final 2004 General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, November 3 at 5:30 PM in the Community Room of the Big Bear Recreation & Parks Office. The office is located in Meadow Park at 41220 Park Avenue, Big Bear Lake.

Most important at this meeting is the election of the 2005 Board of Directors. The slate of nominees is included in the President's Message (see page 2). Additional nominees will be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

Three FOMZ General Membership Meetings are held each year and are open to the general public as well as FOMZ members. According to FOMZ President Paddy Speyers, "Our goal at the general membership meetings is to share all the latest news about FOMZ' activities, special events, off-site education programs, docent opportunities, fund-raising and relocation. We encourage everyone interested in learning about the zoo to attend and hear the latest news."

SHOWTIME AT THE MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK

You never know what sort of wildlife you might encounter at High Noon on any given day on the grassy area of the Zoo. Noon is the time for the Park's daily animal presentation. As keepers or volunteers showcase wildlife, they explain how and why the day's chosen animal came to the Park as well as share information about the species. This is a chance for children and adults to ask questions and see the species up close. Pictured here is zookeeper/maintenance man Joe Abbott explaining "everything you ever wanted to know" about the "Common King" snake while the crowd watches it twist and turn around his arm.



Effective October 1, 2004, the Friends of the Moonridge Zoo changed membership classifications and increased dues fees. The following chart explains member benefits and categories.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS, DUES & PRIVILEGES

BASIC MEMBER BENEFITS

- Free admission to the Big Bear Zoo for one year
- Free or reduced entry to reciprocal zoos
- Subscription to Paw Prints, FOMZ newsletter
- 10% discount in gift shop
- Free or reduced entry to zoo special events
- Docent training

MEMBER CATEGORIES AND BENEFITS

INDIVIDUAL – \$30 per year, one person – *Basic member benefits*

COUPLE – \$45 per year, 2 adults – *Basic member benefits*

FAMILY – \$65 per year, 2 adults, 3 children (under age 18, immediate household) - additional children \$3 per child per year – *Basic member benefits PLUS*

- Four (4) free one-day guest passes

CONTRIBUTING – \$150 per year – *Basic member benefits PLUS*

- Free admission to Zoo for family members
- Two (2) additional guests each visit
- 10 free one-day guest passes
- Animal Adoption of your choice

SUSTAINING – \$500 per year – *Basic member benefits PLUS*

- Free admission to Zoo for family members
- Two additional guests each visit
- 12 free one-day guest passes
- Animal Adoption of your choice
- Paving Stone with family name in a new specially designated area

KEEPERS' CIRCLE – \$1,000 per year – *Basic member benefits PLUS*

- Free admission to the Zoo for family members
- Two (2) additional guests each visit
- 15 free one-day guest passes
- Animal Adoption of your choice
- Paving Stone with family name in a new specially designated area
- "Behind the Scenes" Tour of the Zoo

CURATOR'S CIRCLE – \$5,000 – ONE TIME – *Basic member benefits PLUS*

- Lifetime free admission to the Zoo for family
- Four (4) additional friends each visit
- Unlimited one-day guest passes
- Animal Adoption of your choice
- Paving Stone with family name in designated area
- 20% discount in the gift shop
- Annual behind-the-scenes Tour of Zoo
- Annual Dinner Party with Zoo Curator
- Lifetime plaque on Curator's Circle Recognition Wall

PATSY CLINE TRIBUTE - *A Night To Remember*

The third annual FOMZ "Concert on the Green" attracted more than 280 fans to hear Nancy Walker's "Tribute to Patsy Cline," an great evening of Country-Western music. Songstress Nancy Walker sang all the great Cline favorites with great verve and excitement.

The whole evening was a resounding success in terms of music, fun and funds raised for FOMZ. Set in the lush garden at Walker's own bed & breakfast, The Inn at Fawnskin, the concert was held under the stars on a typical Big Bear balmy summer evening. The Country-Western theme brought out plenty of cowboys and gals in Western attire.

Nearly \$8,000 was raised from ticket sales and the auction held that evening. Special thanks to all the donors whose generosity made the evening such a success: Simeon Prophet, two beautiful lady's coats; The Inn at Fawnskin overnight for two; Vintage Restaurant dinner for two; Jan and Walt Henderson of Big Bear Directory who gave an overnight stay for two at Northwoods Inn; Mandoline's Bistro, dinner for two; through the efforts of Johnny Indovina, two guitars from Schector Guitar Research; Ingrid's Deli, breakfast for two; Teddy Bear Restaurant, lunch for two; Captain's Anchorage, dinner for two; massage by Lana Tyce; Big Bear Marina, 4-hour boat ride; \$100 gift certificate from Beno's; Aryana Hair Works, hair styling; plus generous donations from First Mountain Bank, Union Bank and Bear Valley Electric.



Nancy Walker & Country-Western Band

Plans are already underway for the 4th "Concert on the Green," which is scheduled for Sunday, August 7, 2005. Titled "A Sentimental Journey – the Songs of World War II," next year's show is sure to be another blockbuster evening. Watch for more details to come.

WOOD BISON GET NEW ROOMMATES

Kiowa and Taza, two male wood bison born here at the Zoo, have welcomed five fallow deer to their enclosure. Now, if you've ever seen the size of the wood bison at approximately 1,300 pounds compared to a fallow deer of approximately 75 pounds, you must be wondering why the deer would consider life with the bison!

The fallow deer were confiscated from Chino, where they were held illegally. After being moved to the Zoo, they were placed in an enclosure adjacent to the wood bison so the animals could view and sniff each other and become acquainted.

For about three weeks, this "Getting To Know You" experience continued until one night the bison said to one another, "Let's get to know these creatures up close and personal." After the keepers had gone home, the bison acted. With their mighty strength, they easily knocked down the chain link fence separating them from the deer, and everyone came face to face.

Zoo Curator Don Richardson says it is not unusual for these

animals to live together. "In the wild, bison, deer and pronghorn sheep generally inhabit the same geographical area," he explained.

Nevertheless, it is somewhat disconcerting to see the petite deer moving among the much larger bison. "The deer are very interested when the bison are fed," Don said. "The bison shuffle their heads though, and the deer go charging away. The only hint of conflict seems to come when it's feeding time," he explained. "Just like that friend who steals your fries, the deer like to try to pinch the bison's food," he added.

The fallow deer is native to Europe, however, isolated groups were released decades ago to run loose in Northern California. The deer are typically spotted, although their coats change to a reddish color in the summer. The zoo has four does and a buck, who each year sports a handsome rack of antlers. Richardson said the park might receive four more of these beautiful deer in the future



THE "PENNY" WAR

Leave it to a 5th grader! Natalie Powell, a student at North Shore Elementary School, developed, planned and implemented her own project called "The Penny War" as a fundraiser for the Moonridge Animal Park. The object of the "Penny War" was to involve all grades in a friendly competition to see which classroom could raise the most pennies. Each donated penny counted as one point. At the end of the "War," the classroom with the most points would receive a prize.

The "Penny War" was held on five consecutive days, one hour a week, during recess period. Powell orchestrated the whole project. She also set-up a contribution jar for each classroom on a table in the playground area. Since an adult had to be present during this hour, she enlisted help from neighbors and relatives. Each night the money was counted and posted so each homeroom could compare their totals with other classrooms.

Toward the end of the week, several classes were determined to win and began adding silver to the jars. But, unknown to these enthusiastic competitors, each silver piece was subtracted from the point count.

At the end of the "Penny War," a total of \$375 was collected. Out of this money, \$325 was donated to the zoo, and the rest was used to buy sports equipment for the classes. Taking top honors for the most pennies was fifth grade, but not far behind was third grade.



President Paddy Speyers presents Natalie Powell with a Certificate of Achievement for her efforts on behalf of the Zoo

"The Penny War was a fantastic idea," said Paddy Speyers, president of Friends of the Moonridge Zoo. "I would like to thank Natalie for including the Park in her school assignment and all the students of North Shore Elementary School for participating. I am delighted to receive this money on behalf of the Moonridge Animal Park and its wildlife."

DOCENT VOLUNTEERS LEARN & HELP AT MOONRIDGE ZOO

For persons ages 18 and over, who enjoy learning about wildlife and making friends with people who share the same interests, the Moonridge Animal Park offers training classes several times each year. The total training consists of 12 hours of informal hands-on learning and is held in the Education Center at the Zoo.

Once individuals join Friends of the Moonridge Zoo and complete the docent training, they begin their activities by hosting tours, helping out in the Gift Shop or the Grazing Corral (snack shack), or at several other zoo areas where help is needed. Activities and areas of participation are arranged according to the interests of the individual.

For those who do not have time for the informal classes, but are interested in helping at the zoo, volunteers participate in a variety of tasks, including gardening, repairing enclosures, special events, programs and fund-raising.

Almost all of the wildlife at the Zoo is indigenous to this area, either now or in the past, and none of the resident wildlife can survive on its own due to injuries, being imprinted by man, developmental problems, or behavioral handicaps. Becoming familiar with the animals, their native habitat, food requirements and history can be a rich and rewarding experience!

For 2005, 3-session Basic Docent Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM and are scheduled for April 12-19-26, June 14-21-28 and August 16-23-30. Each group of three classes covers the basics and prepares the new docents to share information about the zoo's wildlife with the public. Advanced classes are available after Basic Docent Training.

For more information on becoming a Moonridge Animal Park docent and how to get docent training, call Connie Garber at 909/866-3290.

Win A Handmade Quilt

As members of the **Big Bear Busy Bear Quilt Guild**, Betty Clark and the other guild members work together each year to make a handmade quilt to raffle at their annual quilting show held over Labor Day Weekend. Proceeds support the guild's activities throughout the year.

Early this year, Betty, who is also a FOMZ docent, came up with the idea to make a second donated quilt and give it to the Friends for their fundraising activities. Thirteen quilters worked on this beautiful quilt, hand stitching every piece. In fact, they put their signatures on the reverse side as a remembrance of their handiwork.

Against a navy blue background, dozens of woodland animals, all representing Big Bear wildlife, scamper and play among native plants. This one-of-a-kind quilt can never be duplicated and will be a showpiece for any home.

Throughout August and September, the quilt was exhibited weekly at the Big Bear Farmers Market. Now until the drawing, you can see it on display at Haus & Home furniture store in Interlaken Shopping Center. Haus & Home is selling tickets for the drawing; cost is \$1 per ticket, plus, if you buy five tickets, you'll receive another one free! It only takes one ticket to win!

For more information, call Lucy Camacho at 909/866-4035.



ALPINE WILDLIFE CELEBRATION A GREAT SUCCESS

The annual Alpine Wildlife Celebration was held at the Moonridge Zoo on Saturday, July 24th and proved to be a great success. More than 600 people attended and over \$30,000 was raised for the Zoo's upcoming relocation.

DJ Dan "Dr. Music" Lucke provided the music and entertainment and also acted as auctioneer. "Just Kids from Corona" and Sue Hodges performed musical numbers for everyone's enjoyment.

The Animal Adoption Auction was the highlight of the day. Bidders vied with each other for the privilege of adopting an animal for a year and having their pictures taken with that animal. All the animals from the smallest (Joe, the Pygmy Hog) to the largest (Cascade, the Mountain Lion) were the objects of enthusiastic bidding. Actors Richard Burgi and Garrett Maggart from the television series, *The Sentinel*, helped to increase the bidding amounts by helping to show the animals.

The Live Auction, held during the "cocktail hour," was great fun! Richard Burgi made it exciting by auctioning several personal possessions from his various television programs and films. His fans were very generous in their bidding for such items as his autographed hat from *The Sentinel*.

Funds raised at the Alpine Wildlife Celebration were given a big boost by the out-of-town fans of Garrett Maggart. They held an online auction, which raised \$17,000! These fans live in 28 U. S. states, plus England, Germany, Canada, Australia and Switzerland. Many of Maggart's fans traveled to Big

Bear to attend the Celebration!

Two local restaurants, The Lumberjack Café and The Barnstorm Café provided hamburgers and hors d'oeuvres for the event. Many local merchants and friends, including Haus & Home, Shelli's Hallmark, Wild Wings Unlimited, Schoettger Gallery, Bear Mountain Trading Co., Harris House of Antiques, Interiors, Susan and Daniel Labouri, Karen Conolly, Rod and Annette Buell, Carol Heiman-Greene and Trautloff Enterprises donated items for the auction.



Zookeeper Christy McGiveron introduces Casper, the white pelican, to his new adopters.

Tuesday Farmers' Market

As Big Bear residents and visitors shopped for their fresh produce this summer, they came upon something unusual, a tent for the Friends of the Zoo. This year, the Friends' tent was at the Farmers' Market at the convention center every Tuesday from April through mid-September, 8:00 Am-1:00 PM. Friends' volunteers Paddy Speyers, Susan Amerson, Shelley Golden, Carmen Prouty, Lucy Camacho and others told people about the Zoo, about Zoo event and Zoo plans.

"This is a very good way to reach both visitors and residents," said Susan Amerson, Friends' First Vice President and chair of the Farmers' Market Committee. "Many people who come by the tent do not know about the Zoo or have not been there for a long time. We give them directions, talk about our plans and encourage them to visit the Zoo."

The tent presentation was a place for people to donate to the Friends and, in recent weeks, to see the magnificent quilt that is the prize for our opportunity drawing in December. The Friends also sold T-shirts, coloring books and other items from the Gift Shop.

Plans are already underway for next Spring when the Friends will open the Farmers' Market Zoo tent again. Contact Susan Amerson (909/866-0630) if you would like to help out.



F.O.M.Z. Statement of Financial Position

As of September 30, 2004

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| Assets, Checking/Savings | | |
| Cash in Banks | 111,957.82 | |
| Investment Accounts | 513,168.70 | |
| Bulk Mail Deposit | 1,120.15 | |
| Cash in Transit | <u>2,652.49</u> | |
| Total Current Assets | | 628,899.16 |
| Fixed Assets | | |
| Equipment less Deprec. | 3,373.16 | |
| Office Equip. less Deprec. | <u>6,780.97</u> | |
| Total Fixed Assets | | 10,154.13 |
| Other Assets | | |
| Inventory & Books | | <u>16,340.22</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 655,393.51 |
| Liabilities & Equity | | |
| State Sales Tax Payable | | 1,500.86 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 1,500.86 |
| Equity | | |
| Opening Balance Equity | 479,633.92 | |
| Net Income | <u>174,258.73</u> | |
| TOTAL EQUITY | | <u>653,892.65</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | | 655,393.51 |

The enclosed remittance envelope is for donating to help relocate the Animal Park to a new location by 2009.

Please be as generous as you can afford. The animals thank you and so do the Friends of the Moonridge Zoo.



Schuhplattlers," a Bavarian dance troupe from our sister city, Abtenau, Austria, visited the Moonridge Animal Park on September 20th as part of their Big Bear experience. FOMZ docent Judi Vannatta gave them a special tour. The dance troupe performed at Big Bear's Oktoberfest.

DONORS, TAKE A BOW!

All of our generous donors should **"Stand Up and Take a Bow!"** Without your generous support, the Zoo would be struggling to survive. Your donations provide food, special necessities and medical supplies for our wildlife.

In addition to every person or company that donated funds this year, we thank our donors who support the Zoo with goods and services, too. This includes the media that inform the general public of the many happenings and wildlife news at Moonridge Animal Park. Special appreciation goes to the many community service organizations that continue to support the Zoo, and a hearty burst of affection goes out to the dozens of businesses that feature our "donation cans."

Heartfelt thanks to **Cathy & Art Brown** and **Redden & Karen Crisp**. The Brown's donation paid for big knuckle bones for the large cats. The Crisps donated two large cages – 6' X 6' X 2-1/2' – to transport birds or use with the animal rehabilitation program.

We also thank **Forest Farms**, a farmer's market and delicatessen in Big Bear Lake, for its donations of fruits and vegetables; **Community Market** in Big Bear City for the chicken parts; **Boo Bear's Den Family Restaurant** in Big Bear Village for nearly 100 pounds of apples and pears; **Von's Bakery** for

bread; and all the resident and visiting anglers, who bring fresh fish for our hungry wildlife.

Printing is always a very expensive portion of our marketing. We are very grateful to **Rey Nelson Printing** and **T.O.P.S. Bindery**, both of Ontario, for our two most recent brochures. They provide information about our relocation campaign and adoptions and are effective marketing tools.

All of these gifts and donations would be of little value without the unlimited help of our docents and staff. The docents give thousands of hours each year to feed the animals, travel to off-site educational presentations, host zoo events, provide educational tours, run the Gift Shop and Grazing Corral, create and run special events and fund-raisers, and a host more activities. This superb group of volunteers, who pay for the privilege of donating their time, talents and money, are the best of the best and are deserving of everyone's thanks. Our dedicated curator, Don Richardson, and his staff are all top notch zookeepers. Each is truly devoted and all deserve our applause!

We do not have space for the complete list of our donors, but want you all to know that we are grateful for your continuing support! Thank you all!

Building the Endowment Fund - Life Members as of September, 2004

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| Michael & Tami Abrams | Patricia Connolly | Alison Hino | Bill McEwen | Rob, Suzy, Monica & Pete Schuller |
| Eduardo & Christy Acosta | Bruce & Laura Conrey | J. David Hirstein | Mary Mogge & Allen Halliday | Ross & Maeve Scott |
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MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK WISH LIST

Listed here is what we wish for but cannot afford. Many caring donors have contributed items or funds, and a receipt from FOMZ is given for each item donated. Can you help?

ANIMAL CARE

New Blankets
New or in "good working order" Vacuum cleaner
New or in "good working order" Spa pumps
Veterinary care donation (please designate Veterinary Fund)
Livestock scale
Baggies for food storage (large and small)
Veterinary medicines, supplies & equipment, dental equipment
Large panel laminated glass: 4' X 5' or larger
Reptile bedding material and supplies
Canned dog & cat food
Vegetables and fruit
Small and medium Air kennels
Boomer balls for large carnivores
Reptile heat lamps, pads and supplies
Fresh chicken or beef packages or store certificate to Vons or Stater Bros.
Restaurant bussing trays for food storage and defrosting
Leather for bird jesses
New raingear and boots for keepers

GROUNDS CARE

Plants for exhibits: flower bulbs, grass plugs for exhibits
Trees: 5-6' exhibit size
Lumber for enclosure renovation: 4X4's, 2x6's, 2x4's
New or in "good working order" upright steam cleaner
Artificial skeletons for education programs (Bone Clones to be purchased)
Camcorder/Digital Camera/Web Cam
Life-size animal sculptures and statues
Graphics artwork for tile exhibit signs
Wood engraved signs-directional
New brooms
Ice Melt
New Tools: rakes, shovels, cement mixer, belt sander
New Mop buckets
Construction help:
 Painting or staining decks and buildings, fence repair, brick laying
Gardening help: planter bed maintenance
New commercial grade hoses
Storage shed: 12 X 12 or 10 X 10

ADMINISTRATION

Engine replacement for Wildlife van or new van
Copy paper
New or in "good working order" Vacuum cleaner
Carpet replacement
Prepared specimens for display cases
Bone Clones
Prizes and handouts for Zoo Camp kids
Construction paper
Fire Safe
Time clock w/timecards
Artistic help:
 Graphics development, animal statues, interactive displays, mural painting, woodwork
New Folding tables
Small PA system for offsite programs
Closed-circuit color outdoor camera viewer and monitor
New VCR or VCR/DVD for education programs
New Color television
Pens
Dry Erase Boards: minimum 2' x 2'
Dry Erase markers

Yes! I'm wild about the MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK.

Please sign me up to:

Adopt a wild bird or animal \$15.00

I want to adopt _____
(name of bird or animal)

for _____
(name of person)

Mail **adoptions** to: FOMZ/Hope Smith
P.O. Box 2557 • Big Bear City, CA 92314

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Phone (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

Make check payable to: **FOMZ** (Friends of the Moonridge Zoo)

Date: _____ Amount \$ _____

Paid by: Check Cash MasterCard VISA

Acct. # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature: _____

OCTOBER 2004 EVENTS

Flashlight Safari

Fridays & Saturdays 6:15PM

Dress warmly and bring your flashlight to see the animals in the dark at these unique tours of the zoo.
\$8 adults & \$4 children • 909/584-1299

October 16 - Wolf Awareness Day

11:00AM-3:00PM • 909/584-1299

October 30 - "Boo in the Zoo"

Trick or Treat Event • 909/584-1171

MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK

Open Year 'Round

Park Hours September-May

Monday-Friday 10:00AM-4:00PM

Saturday-Sunday 10:00AM-5:00PM

Animal Presentations at Noon

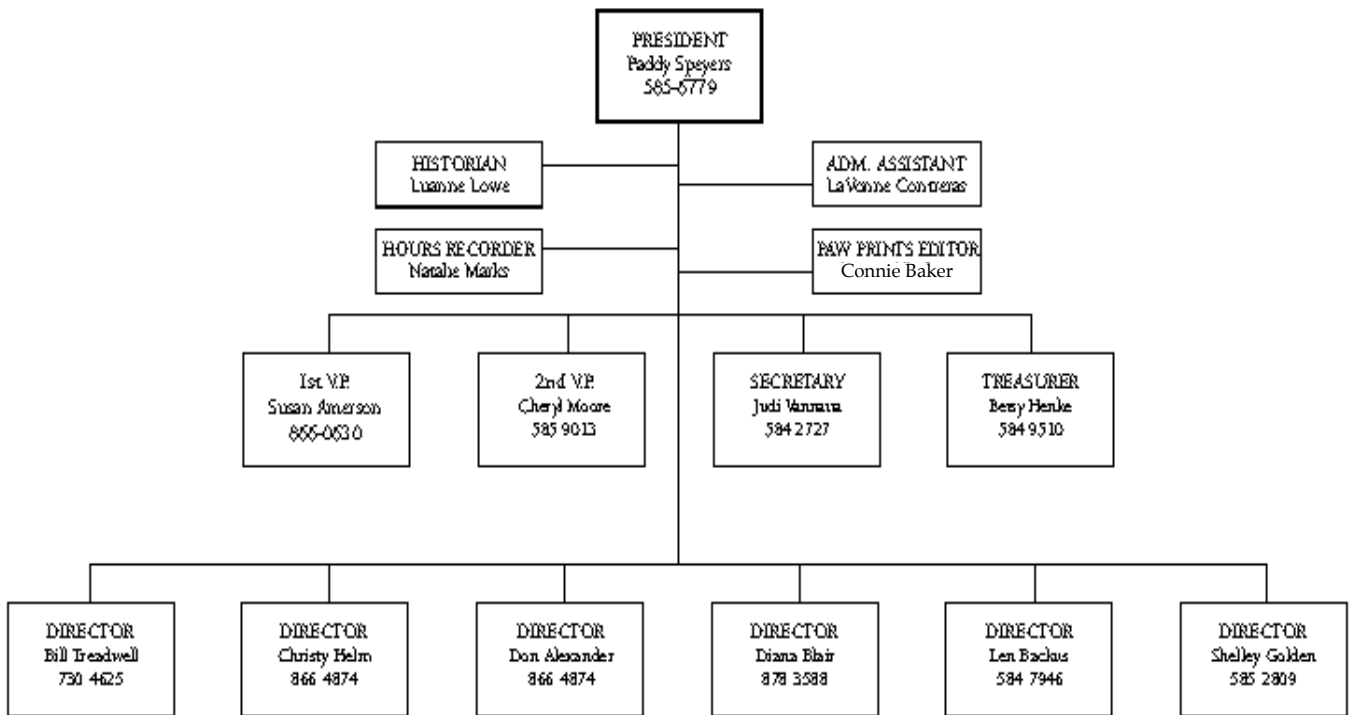
Group Tours 909/866-9700

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Admission General (Ages 11-59)\$5
Seniors (Ages 60 plus)\$4
Children (Ages 3-10)\$4
Children under age 3 free

Charge cards/ATM will soon be accepted for admission.

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