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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR!



**Tawnya Tretschok, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors
Reid Park Zoological Society**

It has been such a pleasure representing our members on the Board and around the Zoo and it is with excitement I write my last letter to you about what's to come next. The accomplishments of the Society and the Zoo over the last couple of years have been many but the excitement is only just beginning. In the coming year we will enjoy new exhibits, programs and activities like the gibbon exhibit coming late Fall of 2016. And don't forget all of the fun activities in the coming months like Summer Safari Nights, Brew at the Zoo and summer camp. Thank you for your support of our wonderful Zoo!

See you around the Zoo!

LIEUTENANTS

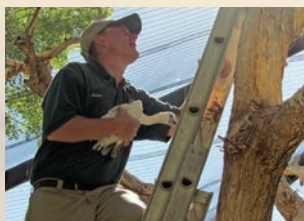
A wise man once told me "a good Army runs off of its lieutenants". Even though I was not in the military I understood what he was saying. Any good organization relies on excellent supervisors to be successful and the Reid Park Zoo is no exception.

The Zoo has three Zoo Area Supervisors or lieutenants: Adam Ramsey, Sue Tygielski and Leslie Waters. These three extraordinary people are dedicated to the animal collection and to the success of the Reid Park Zoo. They direct a team that works for the care and safety of the animal collection 365 days a year. They mentor, evaluate, and at time console staff. They have to understand management direction and interpret it to their teams. They are the first one to step up to stay far beyond their normal working hours. Spending the night to insure an animal's health and safety is very much a reality. They sacrifice their personal lives for the sake of the Zoo's animals. They are role models for their teams by educating and inspiring Zoo guests at every opportunity. This "above and beyond attitude" insures the success of the Zoo and the welfare of the animals.

Each Supervisor brings a unique quality which contributes to the Zoo's overall excellence. They are usually not in the spot light, but without them there would be no spot light. They are professional but have a strong emotional bond to the animals they care for. They are inventive, creative, and resourceful. They want the Reid park Zoo to shine above all.

As the Curator of the Zoo I recognize that my success as well as the Zoo's is directly related to the commitment of the Zoo Area Supervisors and their ability to do great things. So here is to the lieutenants, the Zoo is a better place thanks to them.

Jim Schnormeier, General Curator, Reid Park Zoo



Adam Ramsey



Sue Tygielski



Leslie Waters



ZooFriendZ is a special circle of people who are invested in the future of Tucson's Reid Park Zoo. As of July 1, 2016, the annual contribution level will increase from \$300 to \$500 a year.

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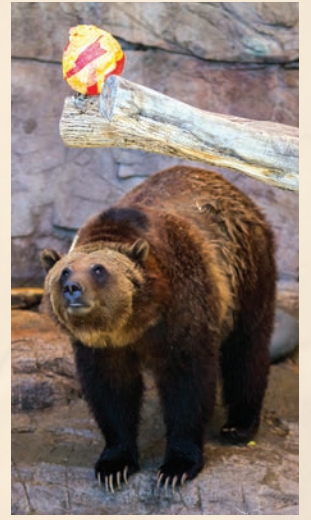
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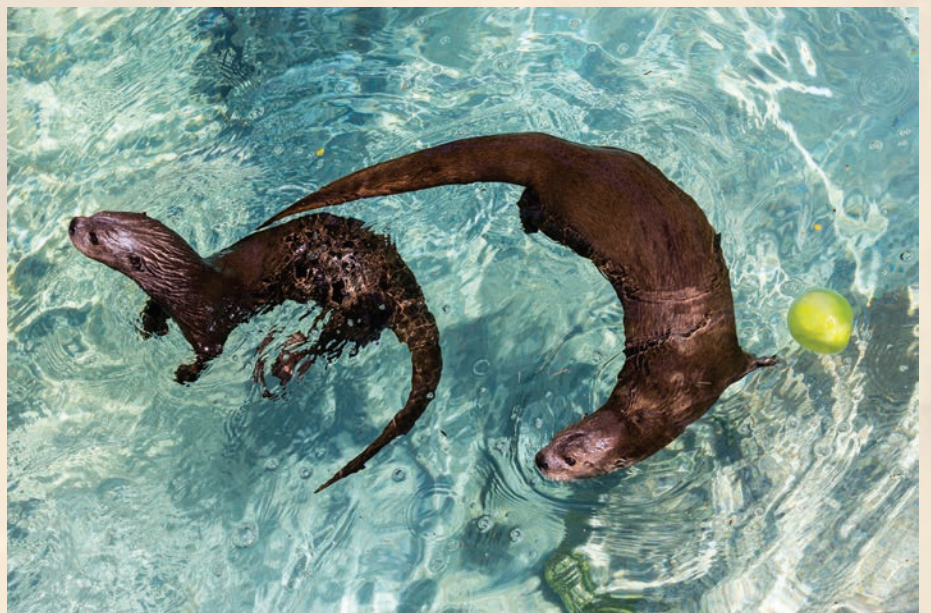


...YOUR ZOO



GRIZZLY BEARS UPDATE

It's hard to believe that when grizzlies Ronan and Finley arrived at Reid Park Zoo in 2013 they were terrified of plastic toys! These wild bears were born in Northwest Montana but had to be relocated because of problem behaviors, like raiding garbage cans and food storage areas, that brought them into conflict with humans. In their new, safe home at Reid Park Zoo the bears have learned to trust their Keepers... and that toys are fun.



ZOO ANIMALS ENJOYING THEIR EASTER TREATS

Over 600 people participated in the Zoo's annual Easter Egg Hunt in 2016.

GOOD TIMES AT ZOO EVENTS



CHEETAH CONSERVATION

Cheetah Conservationist, Dr. Laurie Marker, visited the Zoo in April. Her well-attended presentation highlighted the important work her organization, the Cheetah Conservation Fund, is doing in Namibia to protect cheetahs and other wildlife. Reid Park Zoological Society offered a matching challenge to attendees, matching \$2,000 of the \$3,125 in donations raised that evening.

AGUIRRE CIRCLE EVENT

Reid Park Zoo held the inaugural event of the Gilbert G. Aguirre Circle, a special donor level recognizing Zoo supporters giving at the highest level. The Circle was named for rancher, Gilbert G. Aguirre, who was the guest speaker at the inaugural event in February. His donation of Ruby Star Ranch is the largest charitable gift ever made to the Reid Park Zoo.



Dr. Shane Burgess, Board Member; Jason Jacobs, Zoo Administrator; and Mr. Gilbert G. Aguirre, guest speaker.



Dr. George Ball, Board Member and Aguirre Circle Supporters Paul Dills and Sue Hopf.



Diana Madaras unveiled her painting of Nandi and auctioned it off at her Gallery raising \$2,500 for Reid Park Zoo. The dollars will be used to purchase enrichment items for the Zoo's elephant family.



Posters are still available!
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WINE GONE WILD

Guests celebrated wine and spirits at this year's Wine Gone Wild in April. Fantastic food, drink, encounters with animals and music from Tesoro highlighted the event. Special thanks to Title Sponsor Lloyd Construction Inc., Event Sponsor Desert Diamond Casinos and Entertainment, Media Sponsor I Heart Radio and all the participating wineries, distilleries and vendors for making the event a success!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUMMER SAFARI FRIDAY NIGHTS

Date: Fridays, May 20th through July 8th

Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Reid Park Zoo's Summer Safari Friday Nights, presented by Tucson Medical Center, are back in 2016! Enjoy the Zoo each Friday during cooler evening temperatures with the added benefits of live music, family-friendly animal features, special dining options, and gift shop discounts.

Bring a blanket and purchase your dinner or snacks (or even a cold beer or glass of wine) then relax and enjoy a concert. Stroll through the Zoo for Keeper chats, animal encounters, sponsor booths, and wildlife activities. The entertainers and animal themes will change each week so check our website at reidparkzoo.org.

BREW AT THE ZOO

Date: Saturday, June 18th

Time: 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Join Reid Park Zoo and Craft Tucson for Brew at the Zoo 2016. Sample a wide variety of craft brews from Arizona and keep a commemorative sampling glass made from recycled beer bottles. Enjoy games, animal encounters and listen to music by R&P Music Factory and Satyr Entertainment. Food will be available for purchase. Proceeds from the event will benefit the construction of a new state-of-the-art Animal Health Center.

FATHER'S DAY EVENT

Date: Sunday, June 19th

Time: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Bring your dad to the Zoo to celebrate Father's Day. We'll host a card-making station where you can create a card for your dad, and we'll also provide treats for the Zoo's animal fathers throughout the morning. Activities are free with regular Zoo admission.

GIRAFFE DAY CELEBRATION

Date: Saturday, June 25th

Time: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Today we'll celebrate the tallest mammals on earth - giraffes! Learn how the Zoo's giraffes spend their days, what their favorite treats are, and the special equipment it takes to care for them at the Zoo. We'll also have fun crafts and giraffe activities for all ages. Activities are free with regular Zoo admission.

WORLD ELEPHANT DAY CELEBRATION

Date: Saturday, August 13th

Time: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Join us in Expedition Tanzania on August 13 for a World Elephant Day celebration! From 8:30-10:30 a.m. we will host elephant-themed activities and presentations in honor of these amazing animals. The elephants will receive special treats and you'll get to watch training sessions too! Activities are free with regular Zoo admission.

VULTURE CELEBRATION

Date: Saturday, September 3rd

Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Did you know vultures prevent the spread of disease and can eat 20% of their body weight in one sitting? Join us in celebrating vultures and discover more about their important role in the environment through crafts, and interactive activities for the whole family. Activities are free with regular Zoo admission

ZOOCON

Date: Friday, October 14th

Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

\$120 per person

\$90 per member

\$20 off early bird special

Join us for a night of fun, food, entertainment and auctions at the 23rd annual ZOOcon, presented by Casino Del Sol Resort. Over 800 attendees will take part in the premier fundraising event for Reid Park Zoo. Dozens of Tucson's favorite restaurants provide samples at stations throughout the Zoo. Attendees participate in silent and live auctions which include items ranging from power tools to vacation getaways to unique Zoo experiences. Live music, entertainment, and animal encounters round out what is sure to be an evening you will never forget. Receive \$20 off tickets purchased before August 31st. Tables of 8 and 4 are available for sponsorship. This is a 21 and older event. Tickets include food at all the restaurants and 2 drink tickets.

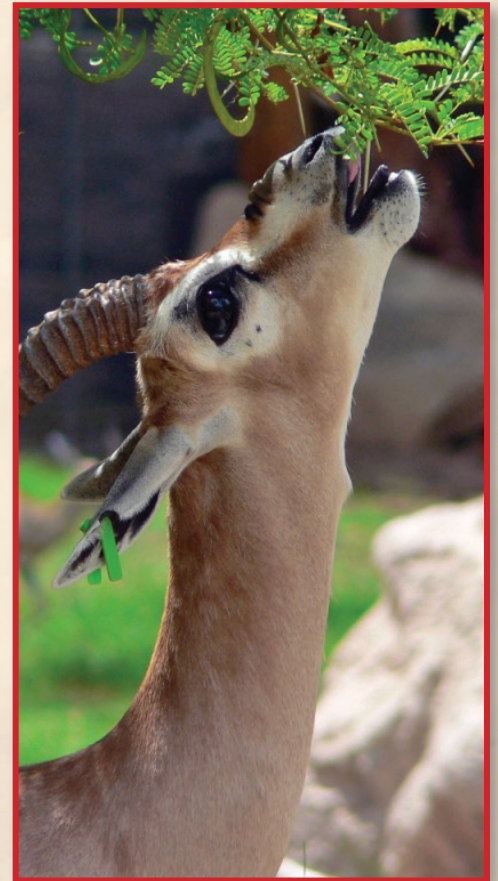


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The Legacy Circle recognizes those who generously choose to make a planned gift to the Reid Park Zoological Society. Making a planned gift can be as easy as naming RPZS as a beneficiary to your life insurance or 401(K) plan.

For more information call (520) 881-4753



Reid Park Zoo's Education Department offers a variety of fun and educational programs for all ages! Visit our website at ReidParkZoo.org and click on Education tab to see what's coming up. As programs fill, we often add additional dates or times. Check back often to see what's new at the Zoo! All programs require advance registration unless otherwise noted.



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