

## **ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY REPORT**

**APRIL 2012**

### **Annual Board Retreat**

This year's retreat will be at Twin Disc corporate office located at 1328 Racine Street from 8:00 AM to noon. This year's focus will be identifying opportunities to strengthen the financial stability of the Zoo.

### **Operating endowment campaign update**

Greg Mayer and Jay Christie met with Professor Dennis Kaufman who has agreed to provide us with an executive summary of the Zoo's economic impact by 1 May.

We anticipate having a finished report from our zoo/aquarium financial consultant by the end of May. This will include financial projections for the next five years.

The case for support will be finished in May.

We anticipate having an honorary campaign chair(s) secured by June.

We will be submitting our request for funding support to SCJ by the early July deadline

### **Special events update**

The 13th Annual Egg-stravaganza on 31 March from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM was another success.

Members Appreciation Night will be 24 May. Plan to come out and meet the new Arabian camels and green tree pythons!

This year's Zoo Debut Committee is being chaired by Julie Lang and the committee has almost doubled in size. New this year is a '70s theme—Zoodio 54—and a new ticket price (\$100.00 per person) and format (heavy appetizers in lieu of plated dinner). We are exploring having a professional auctioneer and an electronic silent auction. Please start thinking about auction items you can secure and how many tables of ten guests you can fill.

Tentative lineup for Animal Crackers this year is:

July 11<sup>th</sup>

Ella Fitzgerald tribute with the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra featuring 2 time Grammy winner Kim Nazarian

July 25<sup>th</sup>

Maysa ([www.maysa.com](http://www.maysa.com)) Singer, songwriter extraordinaire

August 8<sup>th</sup>

The Yellowjackets ([www.yellowjackets.com](http://www.yellowjackets.com)) Jazz quartet since the very early '80. One appearance at AC.

August 22th

Rick Braun ([www.rickbraun.com](http://www.rickbraun.com)) Trumpeter of the highest caliber

### **Conservation and Animal Welfare**

The new tiger, Booskin, is taking his time getting adjusted to the exhibit.

The lesser adjutant storks laid a third egg last week. They have not broken this one (yet). We do not know if it is viable or not.

We know have two pairs of African penguins recommended for breeding.

The water quality experts at Hey and Associates anticipate finishing their report and advice on improving the quality of the Zoo's water features later this month.

I anticipate work starting up on planning for the Asian apes exhibit next month.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay R. Christie

President and CEO