

## ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY REPORT

NOVEMBER 2012

We are moving forward with a contract with the City of Racine that should last four years beginning 1 January.

We have a preliminary budget for the Asian apes project from the architects. We are still waiting on confirmation from a contractor.

Chuck Johnson Tribute Week will be 11-17 November with free admission all week and a special gathering, open to the public, on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

The president and CEO of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), Jim Maddy, will be here on the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month to present us with our five-year AZA accreditation renewal.

The marketing and resource development manager position application period has closed. I anticipate conducting interviews later this month.

All three recent western rosella deaths confirmed to be due to West Nile virus. Veterinarian at Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory would like us to draw blood on the rosellas, cockatiels and some budgies to test for antibodies. Depending on findings, it may then want us to do series of vaccines on rosellas and monitor for antibodies. Vet would consider publishing.

Final report pending, but Yellow the African penguin appears to have spondylosis. Likely will have hunched posture permanently, but does not appear to be bothering her.

Penguins will be housed inside soon to encourage breeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay R. Christie

President and CEO