# Racine Zoological Society Report Park and Recreation Board Meeting May 2017

### **Executive Director**

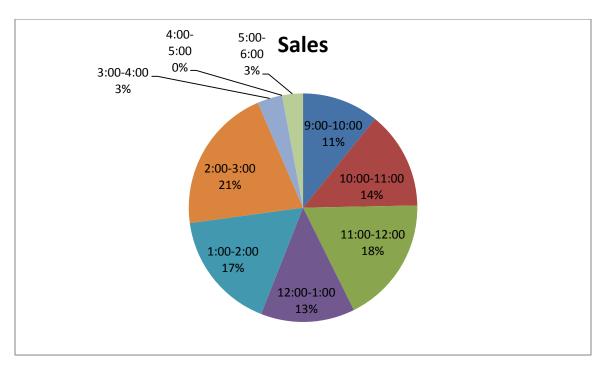
- AZA inspection preparation daily!
- Submitted several grants and sponsorship packages
- Created the tasks list for exhibit needs and animal moves in 2017
- Presented at several service organizations
- Evaluating all current vendors

### **Membership**

• Total memberships households = 2,039

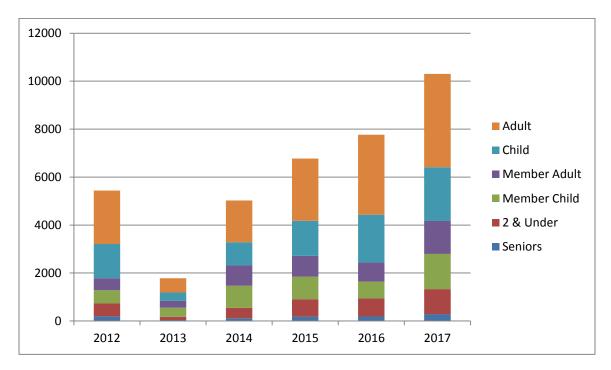
# Attendance for April 2017

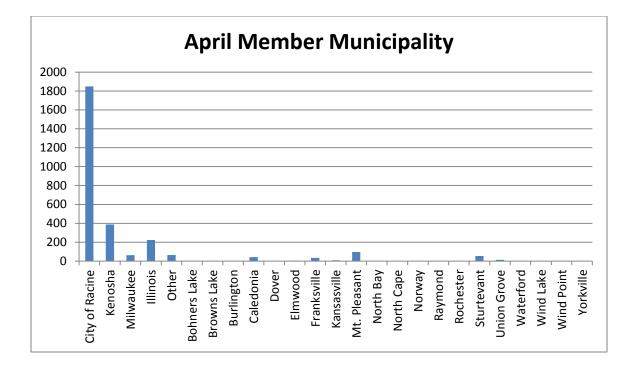
	April 2016	April 2017	Variance	Percent change
Adults	3339	3893	554	16%
Children	1992	2241	249	13%
Member Adults	792	1373	581	73%
Member Children	704	1465	761	108%
Child 2 and under	753	1041	288	38%
Seniors	188	291	103	55%
Education	101	372	271	268%
Events	355	593	238	67%
Total	8224	11269	3045	37%

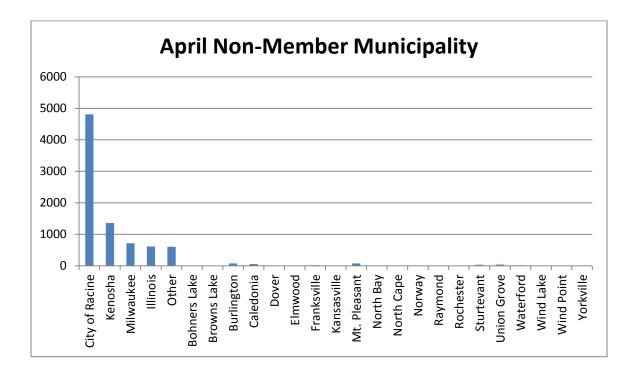


# April 2017 Attendance by Hour

# April Monthly Attendance 2012-2017







# Animal Care

- Animals:
  - Our remaining female coati was sent to Cape May Zoo on April 11.
  - Farm became open on weekends starting on Eggstravaganza.
  - Great Horned Owl is here and going thru Quarantine process.
- Training:
  - Armed Response Team has shooting practice with the Racine Police department on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **Education**

- Staffing Updates
  - o Hired a new part time Conservation Education Specialist, beginning in May
  - A seasonal part time in 2016, will be returning in mid-May as a seasonal part time Conservation Education Specialist
- Educational Programs
  - Onsite Programs 7
    - Reached 86 people
  - Onsite Birthdays 5
    - Reached 142 people
  - o Offsite Programs 6
    - Reached 440 people
  - Offsite Birthdays 1
    - Reached 35 people
    - Field Trips without programs 2
      - Reached 84 people
  - Totals: Reached 787 people
  - Daily Programs
    - 6 Creature Features, reaching 88 people
    - 11 Wildlife Theaters, reaching 137 people

# • Special Events

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- 4/15 Eggstravaganza
  - Reached 2,903 people
  - Crafts/Activities included Pin the Tail on the Bunny, Candy Egg Holders, Hoppin' Obstacle Course, Cookie Decorating, Cluck Cluck doors, Bunny Trail Mix
- $\circ$  4/22 Earth Day
  - Adapt A Beach Clean Up- 20 participants and over 40 libs of trash picked up
  - Reached 498 people
  - Crafts/Activities included Rainmakers, Recycling All Stars, Grow A Thon and Snail Snacks
- Other Events
  - 4/5 Attended recording for Telemundo
  - 4/6 Attended recording for Racine and Me
  - 4/29 Attended Week of the Young Child Event

- o 4/24 Attended Greater Racine Environmental Educators Steering Committee Meeting
- 4/28 Attended Robinwood Elementary High Interest Day
- o 4/28- Attended Our Lady of Grace Academy Science Day

### • Projects – Ongoing and Completed

- Training Volunteers in various areas, including commissary, Zoo Choo, interpretation
  Second round of training set for early May
- Interviewing Future Interns and Volunteers
- Summer Camp Registration is open
  - Currently at 96 of possible 760 spots occupied or 7.9% full
- Volunteens interviews conducted
  - 56 interviewed and all accepted into program
  - Training session will be happening upcoming weeks
- o Submitted grant for High School Internship Program
- $\circ$  Submitting grant for new birding initiative in collaboration with Hoy Audubon
- o Launched program to align to state library summer reading program
- o Cleaning and preparing for AZA accreditation visit

#### Upcoming

- Gearing up for a busy field trip season
- Implementing new signage around the zoo
- o Completion and installation of United Way of Racine sponsored conservation signage

#### Comparison to April 2016- programs and participants

Participants	2016	2017
On Site	150	86
Off Site	75	440
BTS	0	3
Birthday Party	0	177

Programs	2016	2017
On Site	9	7
Off Site	2	6
BTS	0	1
Birthday Party	0	6

## **Facilities**

- Concrete pad and backfill around felle pavilion completed
- Sidewalk where water main break happened is replaced
- Preventative maintenance
- Daily janitorial
- Grounds upkeep (started grass cutting and such)
- General cleanup for AZA walk thru lists

- Set up for special events that occurred during month
- New staff person started as part time janitorial
- Tamarin exhibit glass caulk repairs to stop leaking
- Replaced cracked glass in discovery center in old rattlesnake exhibit
- Replaced cracked glass in education holding exhibit
- Changed park lights from timer to dusk to dawn photo cell
- Added light to primates under stairs
- Installed new air compressor in facilities garage
- Installed TV up in chumba for menu
- Cut in two the corner bench in chumba and moved pieces into summer camp tent
- Repainted discovery center, put new tinted film on east entry door to discovery center.
- Repaired fence issues in walkabout creek
- Fence repairs were made to amphitheater fence to comply with AZA.

# Admissions, Gift Shop, Grill, Chumba, Train (Operations)

- Put new product out in Gift Shop
- Cleaned, organized and opened Chumba
- Received train and opened it on weekends
- Found a new vendor for food and beverage
- Continuing work on AZA and SDS manual

# **Resource Development**

- Submitted grant reports
- Submitted grants for operating support of the Zoo

# Public Relations/Social Media

- Press Release: Twin Tamarins/ Eggstravaganza
- E-blast: What's Happening at the zoo, Happy Spring, Last Chance April 2017
- Active Instagram posts, Facebook postings and video uploads, Tweets
- Media Relations: Meeting with Alissa Peterson from MKE Radio 106.9 Radio Advertising to begin May and June
- Created Ad for Shepherd Express
- Contacted RTG for advertisement swap / ad for ad
- Updated website homepage articles, sliders, several event pages
- Boosted events on FB Mom Brunch, Wild 5k, World Wine Wednesday

# Miscellaneous Marketing/PR activities

- Created event posters, tickets and flyers, for events: Eggstravaganza, Mother's day Brunch, Wild 5k, Zooriffic Saturday
- Wild 5 k Medals purchased
- Created an Ad for Bell City Magazine Wild 5 k, Mother's day brunch
- Created an Ad for Windpoint Magazine Walking stick / 5k
- Logo design : Zoorific Saturday, Zoo Reading program, ADOPT revised and finalized
- Animal Crackers tickets- Individual Tickets 4
- Animal Crackers Web Pages- Purchase tickets / Season and individual

- Created/Finalized: Save The Date Mailers/postcard Zoo Debut, Cigar Dinner, Member Appreciation Night
- Zoo Signs Giraffe encounter, Zoo-choo, Barnyard Safari, Under construction, Animals in Outside Exhibits
- Updated online events calendar, Member Night, Mom Brunch, Wild 5k, Animal Crackers
- Attended Operations/Leadership Meetings, One on One with Beth Heidorn
- Membership Trifold-In progress Designed United Way signs Orangutan, African Penguin, Eastern Black Rhino
- Created banners for Real Racine web page Mom Brunch, Wild %k, Summer Camp
- Banners for Poles First set completed / Animal Crackers- In progress
- Posted events on free advertising event sites: Journal Times, Kenosha News, Who fish, Real Racine, Windpoint, Union grove, Burlington, FB, Shepherd Express online, The Juice

### Website Racine Zoo-Digital Metrics April 2017

#### Facebook Data:

Export Data 🕑 Page Summary Last 28 days \$ Results from Apr 05, 2017 - May 02, 2017 📕 Organic 📕 Paid i i i **Actions on Page Page Views** Page Likes April 4 - May 1 April 4 - May 1 April 4 - May 1 18 1,187 288 Total Actions on Page **▲800%** Total Page Views ▲71% Page Likes 🔺 28% i i i Reach **Post Engagements** Messages April 4 - May 1 April 4 - May 1 April 4 - May 1 18,533 88% 31,646 People Reached **v 26%** Post Engagement **v**4% Response Rate **v 12%** 10:24:03 Average Response Time **▼92%** Videos i April 4 - May 1 1,522 Total Video Views **v 81%** 

Recent Promotions on Racine Zoo + Cro			eate New Promotion	
ter's Oddud Momi 411, 2017   11a.m. 10 123 Join US For A <u>Mother's</u> Day Brunch	Event Promotion Completed Mother's Day Brunch! Sunday, May 14 at 11:00am - Monday, May 15 a Promoted by Savannah Ingram on 04/20/2017	3,359 People Reached	55 Link Clicks	\$11.00 Spent of \$11.00 Boost Again
ILD 5K RUMA Saturday	Event Promotion Completed Wild 5k Run/Walk Saturday, May 13, 2017, 7 AM - 9 AM Promoted by Savannah Ingram on 04/20/2017	3,283 People Reached	78 Event Responses	\$10.00 Spent of \$10.00 Boost Again
<b>E</b>	Event Promotion Completed World Wine Wednesday Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 6 PM - 8 PM Promoted by Savannah Ingram on 04/20/2017	3,545 People Reached	53 Event Responses	\$10.00 Spent of \$10.00 Boost Again

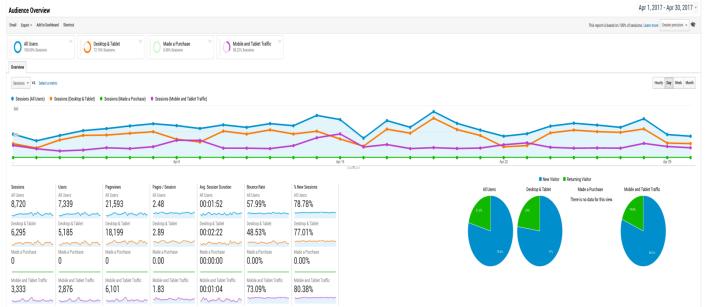
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#### 28 day summary with change over previous period

Tweets 20 ↑17.6%	Tweet impressions 6,283 ↓1.4%	Profile visits 298 124.7%	Mentions 23 ↑360.0%	Followers 2,363 ↑21
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Social Media	Month	Variance vs Previous
Facebook page likes	240	16,431 vs 16,671
Twitter followers	2,363	6,283 impressions
Twitter profile views	289	24.7%
Instagram followers	33	65 posts - total

E-	Month	Lifetime
Newsletters/E-		
Mails		
Database-	3,845	NA
Members		
Blast: April	1) 26.4% Open Rate	NA
2017 (1)	2) 23.5% Open Rate	
April 15 <sup>th</sup> (2)	3) 29.9% Open Rate	
April 28 <sup>th</sup> (3)		
Google	Rate	А



## **April Events:**

## Special Events:

- Sunday, April 2, 2017 Belle City Bridal Show
  - Location: Festival Hall
  - o Time: 11am-3pm
  - o Ticket Price: \$5



- Saturday, April 8, 2017 **ZooLaRoe** 
  - o Location: Lakeview Community Center
  - o **Time: 12**pm-4pm
  - Ticket Price: FREE
  - **Event Overview**: LuLaRoe clothing company donates a portion of sales to the Zoo.



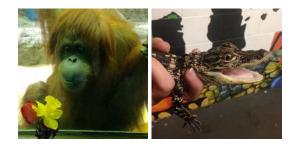
- Saturday, April 15, 2017 Eggstravaganza
  - o Attendance: 2,903
  - o Location: Entire Campus
  - o **Time:** 9am-4:30pm
  - o Ticket Price: Value added event
  - **Event Overview**: Easter celebration with decorated animal enclosures, cluck-cluck doors, games, activities, snacktivities, and photo with the Easter bunny.
  - Media:
    - <u>http://journaltimes.com/news/local/in-photos-the-racine-zoo-s-egg-</u> <u>stravaganza/collection\_c1bd3695-4848-5187-84fe-0afff437d31b.html#1</u>
    - <u>http://journaltimes.com/eedition/page-a/page\_2c970da3-ee6b-5413-8302-3fc38dea5689.html</u>



- Saturday, April 22, 2017 Zoorific Saturday: Earth Day
  - Attendance: 590
  - Location: Entire Campus
  - o **Time:** 9am-4:30pm
  - **Ticket Price**: Value added event
  - **Event Overview**: Earth Day celebration with decorated animal enclosures, games, activities and snacktivities.



- Wednesday, April 26, 2017 World Wine Wednesday
  - Attendance: 24 guests
  - Location: Main Building
  - Time: 6pm-8pm
  - Ticket Price: \$30
  - Event Overview: Wine tasting, appetizers, music, animal ambassadors and socializing.



- Saturday, April 29, 2017 March of Dimes: March for Babies
  - Attendance: 250 guests
  - o Location: Racine Rotary West Safari Base Camp
  - o Time: 9am-12pm
  - **Event Overview**: Fundraising 5K for the March of Dimes.



# **Fundraising Event:**

- November 22, 2016-April 2, 2017 Buffalo Wild Wings
  - Location: 5880 Durand Avenue, Racine, WI
  - o **Time:** 11am-12am
  - Event Overview: 10% of total bill (when accompanied with flyer) are donated to the zoo

# **Committee Meetings:**

- Animal Crackers April 4, 2017
- Zoo Debut April 27, 2017

# **Booked Events:**

- Cree Company Picnic Event Date: October 7, 2017
- Marini Company Picnic Event Date: July 17, 2017
- Twin Disc Event Date: July 29, 2017

# **Accomplished Goals:**

- Made Business Booth Applications
- Made Business/Vendor/Volunteer Zoo Access Form
- Made Access Badges for Vendor and Volunteers

# **Professional Development & Networking:**

• Downtown Connections Meeting – April 18, 2017

# Coming up at the Zoo at a Glance:

- Wild 5K Run/Walk for the Animals—May 13, 7-9 am
- Zooriffic Saturday: International Migratory Bird Day—May 13, 9 am- 6 pm
- Mother's Day Brunch—May 14, 11 am-12:30 pm
- Zooriffic Saturday: Endangered Species Day—May 20, 9 am-6 pm
- Member Appreciation Night—May 25, 6-10 pm
- Slumber Safari—May 26 from 5pm-May 27 to 9 am
- Zooriffic Saturday: Orangutan Awareness Day—June 3, 9 am-6 pm
- Roar and Pour—June 7, 6 pm 8 pm
- Member Monday: Kick off to Summer—June 12, 6 pm-8 pm
- Father's Day Putt Putt Golf Tournament—June 18, noon-3:00 pm
- Zooriffic Saturday: Giraffe Awareness Day—June 24, 9 am-6 pm
- World Wine Wednesday—June 28, 6 pm -8 pm