# Racine Zoological Society Park and Recreation Board Meeting December 2018 (reporting on November 2018)

# **Executive Director**

- Submitted several grants and sponsorship packages
- Evaluating all current vendors
- Strategic planning
- TV appearances
- Successful fundraising event on Giving Tuesday! We were part of #GivingZOOday that accredited zoos and aquariums took part in.

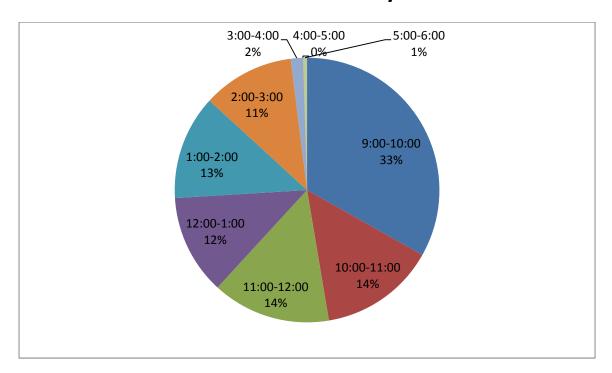
# Membership

• Total memberships households = 2,043

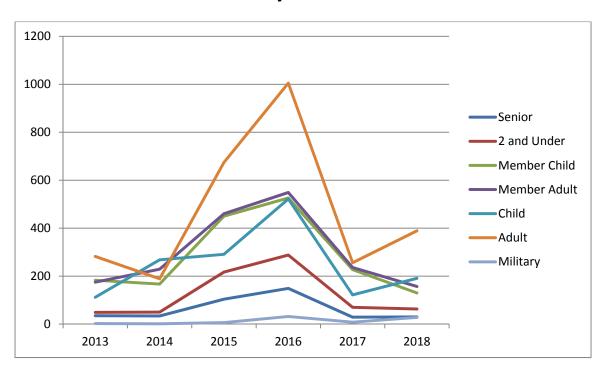
# **Attendance for November 2018**

	November 2017	November 2018	Variance	Percent change
Adults	256	389	133	52%
Children	122	191	69	57%
Member Adults	236	157	-79	-33%
Member Children	227	130	-97	-43%
Child 2 and under	70	63	-7	-10%
Seniors	29	30	1	3%
Military	8	28	20	250%
Education	666	266	-400	-60%
Events	146	163	17	12%
Total	1760	1417	-343	-19%

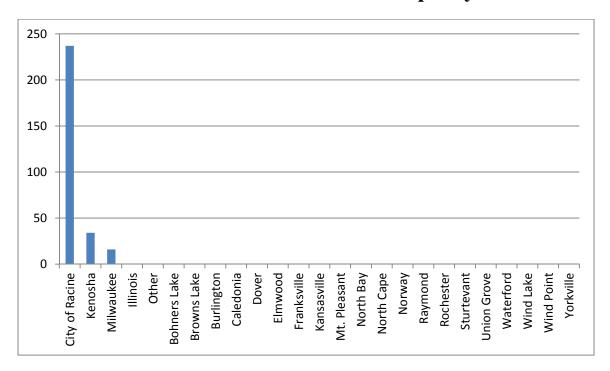
# **November Attendance By Hour**



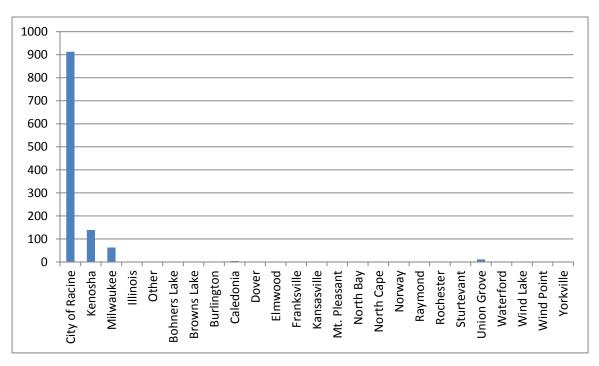
# **November Monthly Attendance 2013-2018**



# **November Member Municipality**



# **November Non-Member Municipality**



#### Admissions, Gift Shop, Grill, Watering Hole, Train (Operations)

- Ordered and received new product
- Started Process for Closing Grill
- Worked on Year End Report

#### **Animal Care**

- Animal info/moves:
  - 0.0.5 desert millipedes arrived
  - o 0.0.1 hedgehog cleared quarantine and started training for programs
  - o 0.0.3 Milk frogs cleared quarantine and went on exhibit in Discovery Center
  - o Breeder budgies paired and setup in main building
  - o Prep for purchasing 10 budgies and hermit crabs
  - Moved foxes in preparation for pest control treatment
- Vet exams:
  - Lynx had weekly exams for ongoing allergy/health issue. Lynx cleared to go back on exhibit
  - o Leopard gecko had weekly exams for ongoing health issue.
  - Tiger recheck exam
- Deaths:
  - o N/A
- Staff
  - More staff evaluations
  - o Animal Care Department time audits finished
- Miscellaneous
  - o 2 Animal escape drills for AZA
  - o Racine & Me show Nov 7th
  - o Reindeer at the zoo for photos Nov 11<sup>th</sup>
  - o Hot grass installed in the lion exhibit by west window
  - Volunteer orientation
  - Annual Board meeting Nov 26<sup>th</sup>

#### **Education**

#### Educational Programs

- Behind the Scenes 5
  - Reached 18
- Onsite Birthdays 1
  - Reached 30 people
- Offsite Programs 5
  - Reached 1,400 people
  - Conservation Nation 2
    - Reached 40 people
- Preschool 6
  - Reached 80 people
- o Wildlife Explorers 9
  - Reached 206 people
- o Beginning Birders 9
  - Reached 154 Students
- Totals: Reached 1,928 people

#### Events

- o November 3 Attended STEM Expo with American Society of Civil Engineers
- November 7 Appeared on Wiil Rock Radio Segments
- November 7 Filmed Racine and Me Segments
- November 7 Attended Root Pike WIN Annual Meeting
- o November 7 Attended Carthage College Career Fair
- November 10 Participated in Racine Holiday Parade
- November 11 Assisted in Merry Zoomas and Brunch with Santa events
- November 13 Participated in SEE Your Future Expo (RUSD High school career day)
- November 15 Attended GREEN Meeting
- o November 17 Volunteer Onboarding Session
- o November 19 Filmed Tellumundo News Segment
- o November 26 Presented at Annual Member Meeting
- o November 27/29 CDS Presentations with Walden Middle School and Rotary

#### • Grants and Proposals

- o Received grant to AZA Party for the Planet Initiative
- Submitted application to Network for Good grant fund
- Submitted application for IMLS Funding
- o Submitted application to Racine Community Foundation
- Submitted proposal to County of Racine
- Submitted grant to Rotary Club with Executive Director
- Began meeting with schools as part of Americorps Process

#### **Upcoming**

- Hiring new position via CDBG funds
- o Relaunch of Scout Programs
- o Three new Zoorific Saturdays next year; Bat, Kangaroo, and Lion themed

#### Comparison to November 2017- programs and participants

Participants	2017	2018	Variance
On Site	135	0	-100.0%
Off Site	1,342	1,400	+4.3%
BTS	6	18	+200.0%
Birthday Party	67	30	-55.2%
Preschool	-		-

Programs	2017	2018	Variance	
On Site	3	0	-100.0%	
Off Site	7	5	-28.6%	
BTS	1	5	+500.0%	
Birthday Party	3	1	-66.7%	
Preschool	-	6	-	

#### **Facilities**

- Wrapping up the tuck point project on main building this week
- Walk through inspection with water dept. identifying possible cross contamination and other water issues not in compliance with state
- Leaf mulching which morphed into plenty of snow removal and salting
- Daily janitorial
- Preventative maintenance
- Installed hot grass in front of lion window
- Replaced motor in east barn unit heater
- Installed new shelfs in fennec fox winter holding
- Put 3 coats of wax on max and jenny grill floor
- Put 3 coats of wax on main building floor
- Set up and tear down of special events and birthday parties
- Had 8 pulleys and cable installed in 4 dens on catwalk
- Had Miranda exhibit floor ground down and reapplied epoxy
- Got new plow truck
- Job orders e.g. repair lock, door limits, change light bulbs....etc
- Installed new keypad for garage door main building
- Put together and placed 3 new memorial benches
- Installed memorial bricks
- Re piped penguin shower stall water, new valve new copper
- Replaced rope in walkabout creek with river delta poles

#### Resource Development

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



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# E-BLASTS www.MailChimp.com

DATE	EMAIL NAME	OPENS	CLICKS
11/2	Racine Zoo E-News - November 2, 2018	1,073	92
11/7	Brunch with Santa & Merry Zoomas	1,158	88
11/8	Wildlife Matters November 2018	714	85
11/14	AmazonSmile - Holidays	1,128	34
11/16	Racine Zoo E-News - November 16, 2018	930	60
11/19	11/19 Annual Board Meeting - Members	877	4
11/20	1/20 #GivingZOOday Intro		4
11/21	21 Small Business Saturday		13
11/23	11/23 World Roar Wine Pour Wednesday & Roar & Pour Season Ticket Sale		10
11/25	#GivingZOOday Countdown	892	17
11/26	11/26 #GivingZOOday Countdown		22
11/27	11/27 #GivingZOOday		29
11/28	11/28 #GivingZOOday Thank You		27
11/30	Racine Zoo E-News - November 30, 2018	789	55

#### **ENTIRE ZOO DATABASE**

Subscribers	Open Rate	Click Rate		
6,125	19.3 %	1.6%		

#### **MEMBERS**

Subscribers	Open Rate	Click Rate		
3,731	26.1 %	2.4%		

# WEBSITE

www.racinezoo.org

Updated articles, sliders, and event pages/product pages. Built new event product pages.

# **OUTSIDE ADS**

- Belle City Magazine
- Kenosha News
- Bargain Hunter
- Wind Point Living Magazine

# **MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS**

- Set up GivingGrid for #GivingZOOday. **Goal: \$5,000. Earned over \$6,000.**
- Edited photos for Brunch with Santa and Merry Zoomas for families who purchased them during the events.
- Updated and placed flyers and posters throughout the Zoo
- Created, printed, and cut tickets and coupons for events
- Updated and created event posters and flyers
- Updated the Wildlife Matters monthly issue

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- Kenosha News







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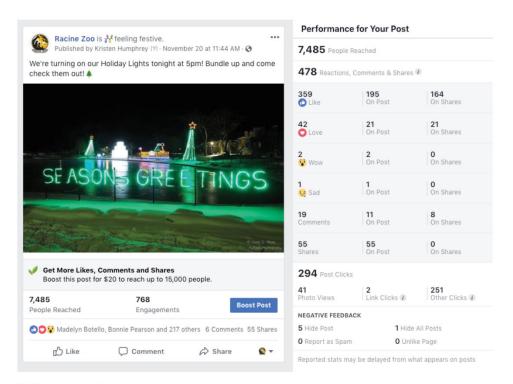


#### TOTAL LIKES: 19,662 (+79 FROM OCTOBER)

Promotional posts, event posts, event ad promotion, and events added.

Published	Post	Туре	Targeting	Reach (1)	Engagement	Promote
11/28/2018 10:40 AM	First of allTHANK YOU! We low our supporters and are very	e 🖻	0	1.7K	47 46	Boost Post
1/27/2018 3:49 PM	We've achieved about 70% of ou #GivingZOOday goal so far with	· -	0	2.1K	46 57	Boost Post
1/27/2018 :04 PM	We've already reached 40% of our #GivingZOOday goal! Thank	S	0	1.7K	52 27	Boost Post
1/27/2018 0:01 AM	#GivingZOOday is TODAY! Help us reach our goal of \$5,000!	□	0	1.4K	31 14	Boost Post
11/26/2018 2:01 PM	We are so excited for next year that we wanted to set up a specia	i =	0	1.4K	11 6	Boost Post
11/26/2018 10:01 AM	#GivingZOOday is TOMORROW Help us enrich the lives of the	!	0	2.6K	52 45	Boost Post
11/25/2018 10:00 AM	The countdown is on! #GivingZOOday is only 2 days	<u>-</u>	0	2.3K	41 32	Boost Post
11/23/2018 3:01 AM	3 days of deals starts today! 11/2 - 11/25 in our gift store! Open	3 🖻	0	1.5K	24	Boost Post
11/22/2018 10:02 AM	BLACK FRIDAY WINE DEALS! Use this link to get some seriousl	y 🖻	0	1.6K	36 I	Boost Post
11/21/2018 2:00 PM	Small Business Day specials! 3 days only! Friday, November 23rd	, 6	0	2.4K	115 46	Boost Post
11/21/2018 3:54 AM	Some pictures from our Holiday Lights display! Plenty more to see	, <b></b>	0	зк	242 138	Boost Post
11/20/2018 11:44 AM	We're turning on our Holiday Lights tonight at 5pm! Bundle up		0	7.5K	294 474	Boost Post
11/19/2018 2:00 PM	Stay warm wrapped up in a Racine Zoo Sweatshirt Blanket	<b>=</b>	0	2.4K	156 72	Boost Post
11/19/2018 10:30 AM	Be the reason a little girl can have the exciting first experience of	• 6	0	1.3K	19   18	Boost Post
11/16/2018 11:06 AM	We are getting our Holiday Lights ready to go! Thank you to West	<u>-</u>	0	5.7K	413 278	Boost Post
1/15/2018 :34 PM	This week is Orangutan Caring Week! The Racine Zoo has two	Б	0	3.1K	126 118	Boost Post

11/14/2018 2:26 PM	Thank you to everyone who joined us for Brunch with Santa and	□	0	1.8K	126 13	•	Boost Post
11/13/2018 10:21 AM	Racine Zoo shared a post.	S	0	1.9K	35 5	Ī	Boost Post
11/12/2018 12:57 PM	Mark your calendars for this year's #GivingZOOday on		0	1.6K	16 17		Boost Post
11/12/2018 12:38 PM	It's your last chance to get involved with our next volunteer	Б	@	1.8K	30 14		Boost Post
11/11/2018 12:00 PM	Brunch with Santa and Merry Zoomas 2018	<u>-</u>	0	1.2K	87 18	ľ	Boost Post
11/10/2018 5:44 PM	The Racine Zoo is braving the cold tonight and participating in	Б	0	3.5K	175 140		Boost Post
11/09/2018 10:30 AM	Getting an early start on holiday shopping? Did you know your	Б	0	1.7K	12 12		Boost Post
11/08/2018 10:00 AM	Let's Throwback Thursday to 2014 to when our last set of lion	Б	0	2.5K	59 89	ŀ	Boost Post
11/07/2018 1:06 PM	Come volunteer with us! Our next volunteer training will be on	Б	0	3.7K	152 63	ī	Boost Post
11/07/2018 9:15 AM	Admission to the Racine Zoo is FREE for all veterans this Sunday,	=	0	3.4K	58 84		Boost Post
11/06/2018 10:35 AM	Some little elves just tiptoed to the Zoo to give us the wonderful	Б	0	3.2K	92 63	i	Boost Post
11/05/2018 10:00 AM	We want to make your Merry Zoomas experience even more	Б	0	4.1K	167 135		Boost Post
11/02/2018 4:00 PM	Time is almost up to register for our final Li'l Explorers: Preschool	□	0	2.8K	87 47	•	Boost Post
11/01/2018 1:34 PM	Doing some fall cleaning and have some summer toys to		0	7.6K	877 290		Boost Post
11/01/2018 10:50 AM	Love the Racine Zoo? Interested in our events, programs, and	□	0	1.5K	31 11	I	Boost Post



Well-performing Facebook post



Example of just one of the #GivingZOOday banners posted across social media and included in e-blasts.

### **TWITTER**

#### **TOTAL FOLLOWERS: 2,579**

- 21 tweets
- 12.3k tweet impressions
- 467 profile visits
- 9 mentions

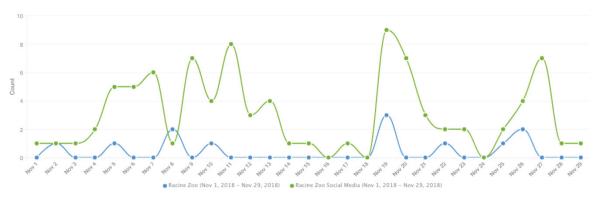
# **INSTAGRAM**

#### **TOTAL FOLLOWERS: 948**

- 11 posts
- 211 likes

# **MELTWATER**

- Media Exposure (Articles and Social Media): 101 Top Sources for Articles: The Journal Times Online and CBS 58



Media Exposure

#### **Special Events**

#### **November Events:**

• Saturday, November 10: Bauer 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday

o **Location:** Pavilion

Time: 1-4pm

o **Event Overview:** 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday

o Attendance: 30

• Saturday, November 10: Racine Holiday Parade

o Location: Downtown Racine

o **Time:** 4:30-8:30pm

o **Event Overview:** Holiday Parade



• Sunday, November 12: Merry Zoomas

Location: CampusTime: 9-4:30pm

o Event Overview: Merry Zoomas and Reindeer

o Attendance: 381





Sunday, November 12: Brunch with Santa

Location: LakeviewTime: 11-12:30pm

o **Event Overview:** Brunch with Santa

O Attendance: 67 adults, 29 Child, 18 Child < 3 = 114 total



Monday, November 26: Annual Member Meeting

o **Location:** Vanishing Kingdom

o **Time:** 7-8:30pm

o **Event Overview:** Annual Member Meeting

O Attendance: 20

#### **Media October:**

• November 6: WISN 12 Live shoot – 2 segments – Merry Zoomas & Brunch with Santa

• November 7, WIILROC

November 7, Film Racine & Me – Merry Zoomas & Brunch with Santa

#### **Coming up at the Zoo at a Glance:**

- Saturday, February 9: **Animal Amore** 6pm-9pm
- Saturday, March 2: Winos for Rhinos 6pm-9pm
- March 20-March 24: Chicago Flower Show
- Saturday, April 20: Eggstravaganza 9am-4:30pm
- Saturday, April 27: **Zooriffic Saturday-Party for the planet** 9am-4:30pm
- Saturday, May 11: Wild 5k Run/walk 7am-9am
- Saturday, May 11: Zooriffic Saturday International Kangaroo Care Awareness Day 9am-6pm
- Sunday, May 12: Mother's Day Brunch 11am-12:30pm
- Saturday, May 18: **Zooriffic Saturday Endangered Species Day** 9am-6pm
- Thursday, May 23: Member Appreciation Night 6pm-9pm
- Saturday, June 1: Zooriffic Saturday Bat Apppreciation Day 9am-6pm
- Saturday, June 1: Tea with Turs 11am- 12:30pm
- Wednesday, June 5: World Wine Wednesday 6pm-8pm
- Friday, June 7: Ryshkus/Gasparo Rehearsal TBD time
- Saturday, June 8: Ryshkus/Gasparo Wedding 9am-5pm
- Saturday, June 8: Bloody Mary Contest 5pm-9pm
- Sunday, June 9: Paules Wedding 11am-1pm
- Friday, June 14: Wilcox Wedding TBD time
- Sunday, June 16: Father's Day Putt Putt Golf Tournament 11am-2pm
- Wednesday, June 19: Rour & Pour 6pm-9pm
- Saturday, June 22: **Zooriffic Saturday world Giraffe Day** 9am-6pm
- Saturday, June 22: Mandi & Paul Wedding TBD Time
- Sunday, June 23: Kenosha Kingfish Fundraising Game 1:05pm game
- Saturday, June 29: Wine, Stein & Dine 6pm-9pm
- Wednesday, July 10: Animal Crackers Concert—Chicago Tribute Anthology 5:30-9:30pm
- Wednesday, July 17: World Wine Wednesday 6pm-8pm
- Thursday, July 18: Cigar Dinner 5pm-10pm
- Saturday, July 20: **Zooriffic Saturday Zookeeper Day** 9am-6pm
- Wednesday, July 24: Animal Crackers Concert—Lin Rountree 5:30pm-9:30pm
- Saturday, July 27: International Tiger Day 9am-6pm
- Wednesday, July 31: Roar & Pour 6pm-8pm
- Saturday, August 3: **Somerset Club Dinner** 6pm-10pm
- Wednesday, August 7: Animal Crackers Concert Jazmin Ghent 5:30pm-9:30pm
- Saturday, August 10: **Zooriffic Saturday World Lion Day** 9am-6pm
- Wednesday, August 14: World Wine Wednesday 6pm-8pm
- Saturday, August 17: Zooriffic Saturday Reptile & Amphibian Awareness Day 9am-6pm
- Sunday, August 18: 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Car, Truck & Bike Show 9am-4pm
- Wednesday, August 21: Animal Crackers Concert Nick Colionne 5:30-9:30pm
- Saturday, August 24: Whiskers and Whiskey 6pm-9pm
- Wednesday, August 28: Roar & Pour 6pm-8pm
- Saturday, September 7: **Zoo Debut** 5pm-11pm
- Saturday, September 14: Brewfest 1pm-6:30pm
- Wednesday, September 18: World Roar Wine Pour Wednesday 6pm-8pm
- Saturday, September 28: Schwingle/Kratz Wedding 12pm-8pm