

June 2012

A Membership Newsletter

Time for Elections for ACE Board

In August at the general meeting we will be electing three board members. Would you like to be considered or would you like to nominate someone for consideration?

If you need information about requirements and time necessary to be a board member, please contact a current board member. All ACE emails are listed at the end of this newsletter.

Apes In The Arts Will Be Held on July 12

The fifth annual Apes In The Arts party will be held Thursday, July 12, 2012. We are excited to be returning to J. Tribble Antiques on Miami Circle.



In addition to the wonderful framed ape art, silent auction items carvings from Africa and a raffle, we will have our first Apes in the Arts t-shirt and Gorilla Sacks for sale. Gorilla Sacks are various sized totes made from recycled billboard canvas. Be sure you come prepared for all of the special items for sale this year.

If you know of a great location that will place an event sign or a flyer in their window for us, please let us know by responding to this email. We have a poster/flyer just for this opportunity.

The two groups to benefit from the proceeds from Apes in the Arts are Lola ya Bonobo and the Goualouga Triangle Ape Project. *For more information about them, please see the article on page 2 of this newsletter.*

Gorilla Golf Wants Golfers and Sponsors

Tee off on September 11 will be here before you know it. Gorilla Golf will be held again at the Brookfield Country Club. The registration fee is \$500 per golfer, but there will be special prizes for golfers raising \$750 and \$1,000 in sponsorships. So please consider sponsoring a golfer if you are not playing.



We are looking forward to another wonderful day on the links, but maybe more sun this year than last year?

If you have questions or want to make a donation, please contact Jodi Carrigan at gorillagolf@apeconservationeffort.org.

Two Groups Will Benefit from Apes in the Arts 2012

Two great organizations to receive funds raised at this event are the following:

Lola ya Bonobo is the sanctuary of the NGO, Les Amis des Bonobos du Congo (ABC). Since 2002, the sanctuary has been located at Les Petites Chutes de la Lukaya, just outside of Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Lola ya Bonobo means “paradise for bonobos” in Lingala, the main language of Kinshasa.



As of 2007, Lola ya Bonobo is the home of 52 bonobos who live on 30 hectares of primary forest. At Lola ya Bonobo, they rehabilitate orphaned bonobos and care for them mentally, physically and emotionally and then introduce them into groups of adults and juveniles. Eventually, it is hoped they can be released into the wild.

Lola ya Bonobo also plays the very important role of educating the local people about conserving the forests they live in and the animals that also call the forests home.

For more information visit:
www.friendsofbonobos.org

Goualougo Triangle Ape Project focuses its efforts on an intact ecosystem with important biodiversity in the Congo Basin.

The overall goal of the Goualougo Triangle Ape Project is to promote the long-term conservation of both chimpanzees and gorillas through applied conservation research, enhanced protection of important ape populations and their habitats, and strengthening of local capacity to implement conservation programs. By combining scientific and conservation objectives, Goualougo has been able to successfully protect and study the apes and the forest where they live.

For more information visit: www.congo-apes.org



DFGFI Designates ACE as a Gorilla Council Member

We are happy to announce that DFGFI has named Ape Conservation Effort a Gorilla Council member. This will make available to ACE several benefits that will assist us in our fundraising events, such as inclusion in DFGFI social media, access to field studies and stories, speakers for fundraising events, listing ACE as an over \$5,000 member in the DFGFI annual report, and more.



One benefit that might be of interest to some ACE members includes four seats at the Fossey Circle Luncheon in New York with Sigourney Weaver. If you are interested and plan to be in New York in October, please contact a board member for more information.

ACE is happy to be recognized as a Gorilla Council member for our continued support to save great apes.

Jewelry Party and Wine Tastings Are Successful Fundraisers

Thanks to Leslie Martin, her concern for great apes, and her unique friends, two new fundraisers were held in April and May in Lawrenceville.

Leslie's friend, Aldona Clifton, was interested in having a jewelry sale to benefit ACE. Her beautiful silver jewelry proved to be quite popular, and she presented ACE with a check for \$260. We appreciate her generosity, and we will look forward to another jewelry sale to benefit ACE later in the year. Start saving your pennies and making your holiday gift list. We will let you know when the next event will be.

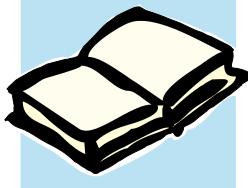
Leslie Maske, owner of Niko's Wine Corner, holds regular wine tasting parties at her shop. She began by telling ACE that the proceeds from the parties on every Saturday in April would go to benefit ACE. Then she decided to add the first Saturday in May since she was having special guests for that wine tasting and she thought it would bring more money for ACE. What a thoughtful and generous person!

Quite a few ACE members attended one or more wine tasting parties. Not only did they find a delightful sampling of wines, but they also managed to find several bottles of wine that they purchased to take home. A good time was had by all. These five weekend wine tastings resulted in a check of \$415 from Niko's Wine Corner. Thank you so much for your support of the great apes in the wild.



www.nikoswine.com

Interesting Reading:



June 17 is Father's Day. Did you know that "Silverback Fathers Can Be Motherly Too?"

A gorilla infant is heavily dependent on its mother for the first several years of life, needing nourishment, warmth and constant protection from the elements.

Less commonly showcased is the father/offspring bond that can occur when the mother prematurely

leaves the group through either a transfer or death.

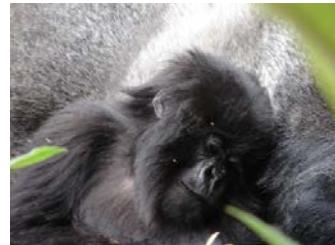


photo: courtesy of DGFI

Akarusho snuggles with silverback Inshuti

In this circumstance, the bond can become unusually strong, as the silverback may step in as the infant's surrogate mother. If an infant loses its mother within the first or second year of life, the chance of survival is extremely low.

However, if the youngster has graduated from infant to juvenile (around the age of 3) by the time of separation, it has a higher chance of survival. In this situation, researchers have observed that the youngsters tend to forge a bond with a silverback rather than with other females in the group. This creates a special relationship between silverbacks and their offspring, and there have been many memorable pairs over the course of the mountain gorilla monitoring conducted by the Fossey Fund's Karisoke Research Center.

To read more about this and stories of the pairings mentioned, see

www.gorillafund.org/news

New ACE T-Shirts Have Arrived

After waiting patiently, you are able to pick up the ACE t-shirt that you ordered at the April general meeting.

Contact Patti Frazier or Lynn Yakubinis about a time to meet in the orangutan holding building breakroom. Then bring \$5 per t-shirt ordered to the meeting. (Exact change is welcomed.) If it is not convenient for you to come to the breakroom, please let them know and other arrangements can be made.



front view t-shirt



back view t-shirt

If you did not order a t-shirt and would like to purchase one, please let Patti and Lynn know. A second order will be placed soon. The t-shirts are available for purchase by ACE member as well as non-ACE members. *Sorry, we are unable to sell or ship internationally at this time.*

Did you know???

To get you to the right person faster, individual email addresses have been established for the board members and ACE special events. A list of these can be found with the list of ACE board members at the end of this newsletter.

These flyer/posters can be placed in windows of businesses. Let us know if you can help distribute them.

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cordially invites you to the 5th Annual

Apes in the Arts



Thursday, July 12 at 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
J. Tribble Antiques
747 Miami Circle, Atlanta, GA 30324

Cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception
A silent auction of artwork by gorillas and orangutans
and other special items

Tickets \$30 in advance, \$40 at the event
Purchase tickets before July 8 or make a donation at
www.apeconservationeffort.org

Your tickets will be held at Will Call
Business casual attire

APE CONSERVATION EFFORT
2nd Annual

GORILLA GOLF TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2012

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:15 A.M. • SHOT GUN START AT 10:00 A.M.

BROOKFIELD COUNTRY CLUB
100 Willow Run • Roswell, GA 30075
www.brookfieldcountryclub.com

This event will be played like a golf-a-thon.
Each Participant must raise a minimum of \$500.00 in sponsorships.

UNIQUE AWARDS
Top Three Golfers, Longest Drive & Closest to the Gorilla Contest

Enjoy a day of All Inclusive Golf including: Continental Breakfast and Buffet Lunch! All Beverages Included

Proceeds from the tournament will support The Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International
For more information and registration visit www.apeconservationeffort.org
Call 404-427-4998 or e-mail gorillagolf@apeconservationeffort.org



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