

ACE Elects Three Board Members at General Meeting

At the August 26 General Meeting voting members decided who would serve on the 2012-2014 Board. There were seven members nominated for the three openings. Those elected were Jane Barron, Janelle Nord, and Susan Smith. We congratulate them and will look forward to working with them. Also, we strongly encourage those who ran but did not win to consider running again next year.

Other items discussed were Gorilla Golf, insurance, Run for the Redheads 5K, the new Advertising/Marketing committee, and fundraising. See meeting minutes emailed all members.



Second Annual Gorilla Golf To Be Held on Sept. 11

Once again golfers will be teeing up to raise money to save gorillas. Brookfield Country Club will host the 2012 Gorilla Golf tournament. Golfers will enjoy breakfast, purchasing mulligans, and bidding on raffle items prior to hitting the links. We are all hoping for a dry day of play.

We have 11 golfers paying a minimum of \$500 each to play. It's not too late if there are golfers who want to play. Please contact Jodi Carrigan at gorillagolf@apeconservationeffort.org.

The story of the tournament will be told in the December *Ape Vine* newsletter.

Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International Inaugural Annual Meeting To Be October 15, 2012

DFGFI has announced that their Inaugural Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, October 14 at The Yale Club of New York City. The following day, October 15 will be the Dian Fossey Circle Luncheon with Sigourney Weaver.

Because ACE is a member of the Gorilla Council, any ACE member would be welcome to attend. If you are planning to be in New York at that

time and want to attend, please see an ACE Board Member for more details.

Apes In The Arts Was Successful and Fun



The fifth annual Apes in the Arts party was held Thursday, July 12, 2012. Thanks to John Tribble, the party returned to J. Tribble Antiques on Miami Circle.



Photo by Gene Todd

The amount raised this year was \$6,798 which will be divided to help Lola ya Bonobo and the Goulougo Triangle Ape Project.

During the party guests were able to bid on ape painting, birdhouses and ostrich eggs and silent auction items. Our sale table included handmade African items, AIA t-shirts, note cards, Gorilla Sacks, and items from the Giving Tree. Teel Montegue provided special

entertainment during the party.



Photo by Gene Todd

A new activity this year included a wine tasting of new wines of Young International Wine Company.



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Many thanks go to our wonderful sponsors, donors, guests and members for making the event a success.

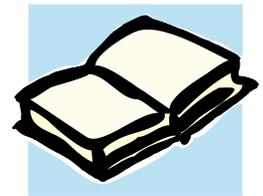
Photos taken at the party by Gene Todd can be seen on www.apeconservationeffort.org under the Gallery tab.

Laura's trip to Borneo and the wish list

Laura Mayo will have an experience of a lifetime when she travels to Indonesia to work at orangutan rehabilitation centers in October.

She has secured a wish list from the two centers she will visit, and the list is a variety of medical and enrichment items and tools that are needed. Laura will gladly take any items you can donate. Some of the items are expensive, especially in Indonesia, so if you want to donate money that she can use toward the purchase of some items, that will be very helpful, too.

Laura will report back to anyone who makes a donation on her trip and the items purchased. Please give donations to her by October 1, 2012. This is one direct way of helping orphaned orangutans.



Interesting Reading:

Jodi Carrigan's article in DFGFI newsletter

In the spring 2012 issue of *The Dian Fossey Gorilla Journal*, the DFGFI newsletter, Jodi Carrigan wrote an article entitled: "Gorillas in the wild: the visitor experience".

In this article Jodi tells about her experiences of visiting Rwanda and the gorillas. She gives the procedures and rules to see the gorillas and shares the unbelievable experience of meeting the gorillas.

"I'll never forget my first trek. As we were hiking up the mountain and just before we arrived at the group's location, we heard a chest beat that echoed throughout the mountain; it brought tears of joy and excitement. This was the moment I never thought would happen."

Jodi's experience is informative and interesting. If you are planning a trip to see the gorillas in the wild, you might want to read Jodi's article to understand what to expect.

Blind Sumatran orangutan mother able to see her baby twins for the first time after ground breaking cataract surgery

An August 30, 2012 press release from the Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme (SOCP) introduces us to an elderly blind female orangutan named Gober.

She is unique not only because she is blind in both eyes, but she is also the mother of two 18 month-old twin infants, Ganteng (male) and Ginting (female). Interestingly the father of the twins is also blind, as a result of being shot 62 times by an air rifle several years ago, with 2 pellets lodged in one eye and one in the other eye.

"Twin orangutan births are not unheard of," explained Dr. Ian Singleton, Conservation Director of the Swiss based PanEco Foundation and head of the SOCP, "I have heard of some 10 – 15 cases in my career, but twins whose parents are both blind is totally unique."

Gober was captured in late 2008 for her own safety, because she would have been killed by farmers when she raided their crops to survive. She was taken to the orangutan quarantine centre near Medan, in North Sumatra, Indonesia. There she was introduced to a blind male orangutan, Leuser, and they produced the twins. Gober has been an exemplary mother. When the twins became old enough to separate from mom for the operation, she had the surgery.

"We found no evidence of any damage to the retina of either eye and so I am very hopeful that Gober will regain a large amount of her sight, meaning that all being well, there's every chance she will finally be able to see her twin infants for the first time very soon," commented Dr. R. Arie Umboh, a human

eye specialist from Samarinda.

Cataract surgery for orangutans is still very rare and this is probably the first such operation in Indonesia.



Did you know?



Some of Dian Fossey's artifacts are currently on exhibit at Brenau University in Gainesville, Georgia. You might consider a trip to see them. For more details visit: www.gorillafund.org/fosseyexhibit

Did you know the name of our new fun run? The official name is
Run for the Redheads: Walk, Run, Brachiate – A Race to Save Orangutans
More details soon.

Several members have reported that they were unable to view the report from Goulougo Triangle Ape Project sent by email. We apologize for the technical problem. If you would like to see a printout of the 18-page report, please contact a board member.

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