

A Membership Newsletter April 2018

**Upcoming
ACE Events**

April, 2018

Dine Out Brunch or Dinner
Date and Place TBD

April 21, 2018

ACE General Meeting
12:15 - 1:15
Zoo Atlanta

May 6-19, 2018

Lemongrass Spa fundraiser
See article for details.

June 2, 2018

Run for the Redheads
Grant Park

June or July 2018

Jane
The Jane Goodall movie
Date and Time TBD



July or August 2018

Happy Hour
Eventide Brewery
Date TBD

August 2018

Dine out
Date and Place TBD

September 2018

Golf-related Fun Outing
Date and Place TBD

September 15, 2018

ACE General Meeting
Following Mega Update

October 16, 2018

Gorilla Golf
Brookfield Country Club

October 2018

Dine Out
Date and Place TBD

October/November

2018
Yankee Candle Sale
Details TBD

November/December

2018
HoneyBaked Ham
Gift Card Sale
Details TBD

November 10, 2018

Apes in the Arts
Inspire Aerial Arts
Old Fourth Ward

November 17

Ace General Meeting
Zoo Atlanta
12:15 - 1:15

November 27, 2018

Georgia Gives Day
#GivingTuesday

December 8, 2018

Mega Update
and Holiday Sale



**Run for the
Redheads**

**How You
Can Help**

by Leslie Martin

I know we have had many delays due to construction at the zoo,

but we have an approved date by the city of Atlanta - **June 2, 2018**. Now we need YOU.

Please start passing out the attached flyer to your friends who are runners/walkers. Also post the flyers at gyms, sports stores, running stores, anywhere you think people who shop there might be interested in participating in our run. All of the information about registration is on the flyer.

This year we also have a way for non-runners/walkers to participate - the "Phantom Runner." This is a virtual runner who can pay the entry fee, get a t-shirt without actually being at the race. It's a good way for us to get people interested in ACE from other parts of the country and world, who cannot physically come to the race. The Runner package (for runners, walkers and virtual participants) can be found on our website: www.apeconservationeffort.org. Please print off and distribute as many as you need.

A large part of the success of this event depends on sponsorships. We must rely on obtaining sponsors for financial support of the race. This is how YOU can get involved. The Sponsor package is located on our website:

www.apeconservationeffort.org. Please print off and distribute as many as you need. We have various levels of sponsorships that should fit most situations. Contact your friends, family, employer, restaurants you visit, establishments where you regularly do business, anyone can be a sponsor.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Leslie Martin at lmzoogirl@yahoo.com.



"This being the only living world we are ever likely to know, let us join to make the most of it."

E. O. Wilson



Lemongrass Spa

This year ACE was approached about a fundraiser selling natural skincare products.

Lemongrass Spa is a cruelty-free company that was created by a woman to share natural products with other families who are concerned about only exposing themselves to ingredients that are safe. So many of the ingredients used in skincare products are known hormone disruptors and cancer-causing, and most aren't even tested for their effects on humans. When you purchase from Lemongrass Spa, you know the products are natural, safe and fresh.

One of the Lemongrass Spa consultants would like to donate her commission to ACE.

ACE is happy to say we are working with Erin Harris again! Some of you may remember when Erin was at the zoo. She was been an ACE member since 2006 and served as board member in the past. She is currently living in Japan with her wife. She is still an ACE supporter and, as a Lemongrass Spa

consultant, Erin saw a way to partner up with ACE and share information about a product she has been using and really loves. As a host, ACE will be able to receive gifts which can go towards some of this year's fundraising baskets.

We will be holding a fundraiser from May 6-19, 2018. Lemongrass Spa is a company known to be organic, non-GMO, and cruelty-free. They use sustainable palm oil. We know there is no way to completely go palm oil free, and using products with sustainable palm oils is the next best thing.

There will be a Facebook workshop for 3 days to the start of our fundraiser. In this workshop Erin will explain how to use the products, what the benefits of the products are and answer any questions you may have. We will send this link out in an email a week prior to the online event. If you are not on Facebook, you can always go to ourlemongrassspa.com/11994 and scroll down to view the catalog. They carry everything from feet and face scrubs, make-up, hair care, bug sprays and more! You can always email Erin directly if you have any questions. More details to come through the fundraising email account, so if you notice

fundraising@apeconservationeffort.org emails coming through your Spam inbox, please unblock them.

The catalogs are in! They will be at the next ACE General Meeting on April 21, 2018 for you to look through. Hope you can all make it and see what new, fun things ACE has coming up!



photo by Lori Kirkland
Elephant Nature Park

My Day with Elephants in Thailand

by Lori Kirkland

In December of 2017, I went on a personal two-week trip to Thailand. While I was there, amidst all of the city explorations, temple hopping and food tasting, I took a day-trip to one of the true elephant sanctuaries in Thailand. I

went to the Elephant Nature Park.
www.elephantnaturepark.com

The sanctuary was founded by Lek Chailert in the late 1990s, who started rescuing elephants from the logging trade and from the tourism industry. Since then she has rescued over 200 elephants.

Asian elephants are on the endangered list, mainly due to human encroachment into their grazing lands and the use of the animals in logging, circuses and street begging. Asian elephants left in the wild and more than triple that amount in working captivity. There are not many animal cruelty laws in Thailand. Primates are still often used in circus shows, seen riding on a bicycle or performing tricks. Tigers are kept in chains and heavily drugged for tourist photo

opportunities. Mature elephants are often used in tourism either for rides or street begging. Often baby elephants stolen from their mothers are used for street begging.

The Elephant Sanctuary will search out any leads they are given and try to legally free the elephants and bring them to one of the four sanctuaries in Thailand. This is where the rescues will spend the rest of their natural lives.

The morning of the visit, a friend and I were picked up at the office headquarters in Chaing Mai. On the 45-minute ride to the sanctuary, we were introduced to our guide and watched several videos about the organizations, as well as park rules. Upon arriving our guide led us to the feeding pavilion, a raised and covered concrete area that put us at eye level with the elephants. We were given baskets of cut fruit and instructed where to stand and how to give the food to the elephants. Getting to personally experience the adeptness and strength of an elephant's trunk is something I will never forget.



photo by Lori Kirkland

Our guide led the group around the park on a very informational and impacting tour. We visited the hospital and got to spend time with their most recent resident, a middle-aged female with a severe shoulder injury from being ridden too long, too often with too much weight. He instructed us on how the elephants and the mahout (elephants' partner/guide/caretaker) worked together in a

closely bonded relationship. There is one mahout for every elephant. They guide them to their vet visits, feeding stations, resting platforms and provide them comfort and company throughout the day.



photo by Lori Kirkland
Baby elephants at sanctuary

He introduced us to a feisty, playful baby female that had been rescued from street begging only six months prior. She promptly got into mischief by escaping her large sand pen and playing with all of the tools she found in the gardener's cart.

He then took us down to the river where we got to "bathe" a chosen elephant. This is part of the elephant's daily ritual for themselves, and its a bonding experience between the animal and the mahout.



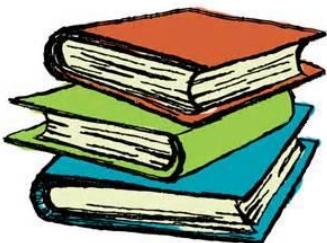
photo by Lori Kirkland
Lori's day with elephants

We were able to spend about six hours of free contact with the elephants, walking with them or moving in between them as they grazed, only touching them if they reached out to us first. We learned many of the residents' stories and what the sanctuary has done and is doing for eco-tourism, animal rights, and the local economy.

They also have many rescue dogs, cats and other livestock. There are many different volunteer opportunities at the sanctuary. The infrastructure itself relies heavily (as many nonprofits do) on the volunteers in order to keep going.

Having the chance to get that personal with an elephant is something I will always cherish. That day has changed my outlook on conservation and motivated me to truly try and make a difference. If anyone ever has an opportunity to visit this place, I highly recommend it!

Book Review



The New Chimpanzee

by Craig Stanford

(The following are excerpts from "Mysteries of the Chimpanzees" article by David Barash from the Wall Street Journal, March 10-11, 2018.)

Ours is not really a planet of the apes. Rather, it is a planet overwhelmingly populated by one ape species: us. The other "great apes" include chimpanzees, bonobos, gorillas and orangutans, none of which are abundant.

The pioneer researchers in the field include Jane Goodall and three Japanese scientists little-known in the West but renowned among primatologists for their work primarily in the 1960s and '70s: Junichiro Itani, Kinji Imanishi and Toshisada Nishida. Since this early work, our knowledge of chimpanzees has continued to expand thanks to an array of doughty field workers. Among the most productive has been Craig Stanford, whose book, *The New Chimpanzee*, is suitably subtitled "A Twenty-First-Century Portrait of Our

Closet Kin." Mr. Stanford began studying chimpanzees at Ms. Goodall's now-famous Gombe Stream National Park in Tanzania more than three decades ago.

The findings of Mr. Stanford and his colleagues involve studying these animals in their natural environments, which is the only situation in which they can reveal the diversity and depth of their behavioral repertoire, notably as it reflects the impact of ecological cues (especially the location of fruiting trees) as well as the presence of competing social groups.

Mr. Stanford's book expands upon what we have learned in the four decades since Ms. Goodall first began her field research. His chapter titles provide an outline.

In "Fission, Fusion, and Food," we learn that the earlier conception that chimps live in chaotic, ever-changing social groups is not valid. Rather, they occupy "communities" whose constituents sometimes combine, sometimes split up, and are always influenced by the ability of food and estrus females.

In "Politics Is War Without Bloodshed," Mr. Stanford looks at the trite concept of alpha males. He writes of "the most famous of all alphas in recorded chimpanzee history," a chimp named Mahale alpha Ntologi, who was observed in Tanzania, "shared meat liberally as he rose in rank. But "once he had achieved

alpha statue, his generosity dropped, and he began sharing meat mainly with those whose political support he still needed most."

"War for Peace" discusses intergroup aggression, in which males band together to ambush and occasionally raid neighboring groups. Chimps are the only primates, other than humans, that routinely kill members of the same species over access to resources. Adult females as well as males sometimes commit infanticide.

In "Sex and Reproduction" we also learn about hunting, a cooperative endeavor whose goal (at least for males) appears to be enhanced mating opportunities as well as coalition-building. "We know that males use meat for a variety of political purposes. One aspect of male manipulation of others was the use of meat to entice females to mate with them."

Despite its relative brevity, *The New Chimpanzee* is a remarkably thorough account of our current knowledge about free-living chimpanzees.

Mr. Barash is an emeritus professor at the University of Washington.

Thanks to Barbara Cebula for sharing this article/book review with us.



A Magic Night - Don't Let Great Apes Disappear

Fun, Magic and Success

Our new event was held on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at 7:30 pm in the ARC at Zoo Atlanta. Tickets were sold in advance and at the door.

James Brandon was our comedy magician, and his show delighted all ages in the audience. With help from several "volunteers" James kept the jokes and magic coming throughout the 50 minute performance.

Drinks and snacks were available for our guests. Our silent auction featured magic kits for the kids, handmade trivets by Ron Matonak, a beautiful stained glass piece by Gebus Stained Glass, a gorilla toy storage box filled with lots of toys, bird feeder, fair trade necklace and basket, haircut gift certificate to Jon Van Salon, and the always popular items painted by Zoo Atlanta great apes including canvases,

pillows and wine glasses. This auction had something for everybody!

We were delighted that profits from this first time event were over \$1,300! The non-profit recipient of the profits from this event was voted by membership to be the Jane Goodall Institute earmarking the donation for the Kibale Snare Removal Project. There was a poster in Eco Hall explaining the need for funding for this project.

We are evaluating this first time event to understand how we can do it better in the future. Stay tuned for news on what the survey concludes.

Thanks goes out to the Magic Night committee and helpers: Vivienne Ferguson, Barbara Cebula, Sandra Edwards, Bob Edwards, Belinda Matonak, Sarah Holt, Susan Smith, Julie Gaines, Jenny Reineck, Joanna Robinson, Donna Mayer Todd, Gene Todd, and Jane Barron.



8th Annual Golf Tournament

This year ACE will host its 8th annual Gorilla Golf Tournament raising funds for the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International (DFGFI). The tournament will be held at the Brookfield Country club in Roswell, GA on Tuesday, October 16. Each golfer raises a minimum of \$500 to participate, and all proceeds benefit DFGFI and their efforts to protect gorillas and their habitats in Africa.

Since the tournament began in 2011, over \$103,000 has been donated to DFGFI. Rain or shine the tournament goes on, and each year the number of golfers has grown, with our largest group of 24 participating in 2017. Golfers enjoy a continental breakfast prior to teeing off and a buffet luncheon after finishing the course. An awards ceremony recognizes 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, as well as longest drive and "closest to the gorilla." Participants also purchase chances in a raffle offering a variety of prizes, including sports

items, electronics, wine, etc.

ACE members can help with Gorilla Golf in a variety of ways:

- * Recruit golfers or Hole Sponsors
- * Sponsor a golfer
- * Contribute raffle items

For more information on how you can support Gorilla Golf, contact:

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Did you know?

Ellen helps further Dian's legacy

by Tara Stoinski, Ph.D.
Fossey Fund President &
CEO/Chief Scientific
Officer

We had just finished enjoying our 50th year in 2017, with all of its milestones and memories, when we received the most incredible news of an extraordinary gift to the organization. We're sure you've heard by now, but we are still cheering here as a flurry of activity begins for the new Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund in Rwanda! The amazing gift, organized by DeGeneres' wife, actress Portia de Rossi, was made in honor of DeGeneres' 60th birthday in January.

New campus for gorilla conservation

The gift is part of the new Ellen DeGeneres Wildlife Fund and will help launch a greatly needed permanent home for our Karisoke Research Center, solidifying the legacy of Dian Fossey and our five decades of

successful gorilla conservation and research.

DeGeneres is a lifelong admirer of Fossey and said that this was one of the most amazing things that has ever happened to her, helping to make one of her biggest dreams come true.

The plans call for a multi-acre project, with a purpose-built design that will allow us to expand our science, research, education and conservation programs, engaging people from Rwanda and around the world to join in on our gorilla conservation efforts.

We will soon be engaging our entire donor community and the public to support the rest of this new project which we believe will become a major centerpiece for science, conservation and collaboration in Africa. It will also support the Rwandan government's strategic priorities, serving as an important hub for their newly established Center for Excellence in Biodiversity Conservation and Natural Resource Management.

(This article was copied from The Dian Fossey Gorilla Journal, March 2018.)

Miles Davis Art Showing April 7, 2018



Miles Davis, one of the artists who has participated in all three of the collaborated Apes in the Arts events, is having an art showing.

The event will be at Second Self Beer Company at 1317 Logan Circle, NW, Atlanta. Opening reception is 4-8 pm on Saturday, April 7, 2018. The event is free, and music will be provided by Pacifico. The art will be available for viewing until the end of May.

Josh and Lori Kirkland will be attending the opening, and they would love for any other ACE members to join them and support Miles.

Hope to see you there!
Check out
www.massiveburn.com
for painting raffle and details.

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Where: Grant Park
300 Cherokee Ave, SE
Atlanta GA 30315

When: Saturday, June 2, 2018
8:00am – 11:00am

What: Run for the Redheads

Walk, Run, Brachiate - a 5K run to save orangutans!

1 Mile Great Ape Gallop

Phantom Runner - Virtual

Support the Redheads!

Dress as your favorite redhead! Paint your hair red!

Dress as an orangutan! Wear red! Help save orangutans!

Register at: <https://runsignup.com/runforredheads>

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