



**Upcoming
ACE Events**

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*

January 2019

"Jane" the movie
Date and Place TBD

*Celebrating 2018
the Year of the Woman*



Leakey's "Trimates"
Fossey, Goodall, Galdikas



Claudine André

**A Passion for
Primates**

Four interesting women share the love of primates, but they each have very individual stories on how they came to great ape conservation. What makes a person devote her life to researching, caring and saving a species? Try to find the thread connecting these four women.



Jane Goodall

Jane Goodall was born on April 3, 1934 in London, England. She always loved animals as a child, and she still had the stuffed animal chimpanzee, named Jubilee, that her father gave her. Jane went to Kenya in 1957 to work on the farm of a friend. She had heard of Louis Leakey and decided to approach him to talk about animals. But Leakey, the notable archaeologist and paleontologist, had bigger plans for Jane. He wanted someone to research chimpanzees to provide insight into early behavior of hominids. In 1958 she worked for him as a secretary. Then when he secured the approval of his wife Mary and was able to secure funding, he sent Jane to Gombe Stream National Park by 1960.

Jane had no college degree, but Leakey was able to secure funding for her to go to Newnham College to obtain her Ph.D. degree in ethology. Her thesis was *Behaviour of Free-living Chimpanzees*, which was a compilation of her research from her first five years at Gombe Reserve.

Her research proved that chimpanzees share and show emotions, intelligence, personality and rational thought. She was the first person to observe chimpanzees using tools, as twigs stripped of leaves to "fish" for termites.

Jane married Hugo van Lawick in 1964, but they divorced in 1974. This marriage produced one son, born in 1967. Jane married again in 1975 to Derek Bryceson. They were married until his death in 1980.

The Jane Goodall Institute was created to support the continuing work at Gombe. Roots and Shoots was begun to involve local teenagers to discuss problems and concerns and work for solutions. There are currently more than 10,000 R&S groups in over 100 countries. The Jane Goodall Institute's Center for Primate Studies was started at the University of Minnesota to house and organize data from her handwritten notes, photos, and research. The collection was moved to Duke University in 2011.

Today Jane continues to oversee projects related to Gombe chimpanzees and she makes numerous appearances and speeches yearly, but she says she always goes back to Gombe to rest and "recharge."



Dian Fossey

Dian Fossey was born January 16, 1932 in San Francisco, CA. Her parents divorced when she was six. Her mother remarried, but her stepfather didn't treat her as his own or offer her emotional support - he wouldn't even allow her to sit at the same dinner table with him and her mother. Personal insecurity led Dian to turn to animals to gain acceptance. She loved animals and became quite an established equestrian.

She defied her stepfather, who told her attend a business school, by enrolling in pre-veterinary at University of California at Davis. Her parents cut off support, forcing her to work as a department store clerk and later a machinist in a factory. She transferred to San Jose State College, where she received her bachelor's degree in 1954 in occupational therapy. She worked with tuberculosis patients at hospitals in California, finally taking a job at Kosair Crippled Children's Hospital In Louisville, KY in 1956.

In 1963 Dian borrowed money to take a 7-week tour of Africa. Her last two stops were Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania, where Louis and Mary Leakey had an archeological site, and Mt. Mikenno in Congo, where George Schaller, American zoologist, had begun a yearlong study of the mountain gorilla. She met the Leakeys, who told her about Jane Goodall's work and the importance of long-term research on great apes. When Dian encountered wild mountain gorillas, she was hooked. She had to return home but never forgot the experience. Later she saw Leakey at a lecture in Louisville, and she told him she was ready to take on a long-term study of gorillas similar to what Goodall was doing.

Dian arrived in Nairobi in 1966, and within a year she had permits, equipment, and provisions to begin work at Kabara in the Congo. She was jailed for two weeks during the Congo Crisis in 1967. The Ugandan military told her to leave and never return, so she moved her study to the Rwandan side of the Virungas. Karisoke Research Center was started in 1967.

The Digit Fund was begun to support anti-poaching patrols. Fossey was instrumental in

having several poachers prosecuted. This did not win her many friends. Also, some of her former students tried to portray her as unstable since she was adamantly against tourism in the national park. (Today the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund Internationally promotes wildlife tourism which supports the community which helps to protect the gorillas.)

Dian never married, but we know she was involved with Bob Campbell, *National Geographic* photographer, who would not divorce his wife. She had an abortion in 1970 while working on her Ph.D. at Darwin College, University of Cambridge. She received her Doctor of Philosophy in Zoology in 1976. Dian had lung problems as a child which progressed to advanced emphysema from years of heavy cigarette smoking.

On December 27, 1985, Dian was found murdered in her bedroom at Karisoke. Her last entry in her diary was: "When you realize the value of all life, you dwell less on what is past and concentrate more on the preservation of the future." There are several theories about her murder.

The Dian Fossey Fund is now called the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund

International, and it continues Dian's research and protection of gorillas.



Biruté Galdikas

The last person of Leakey's "Trimates" is Biruté Galdikas. She was born May 10, 1948 in Wiesbaden, Germany. When she was two, her family moved to Quebec and then to Toronto for her father's work. She loved the library, and she remembers the first book she checked out was *Curious George*. Later she would pour over *National Geographic* stories about Jane Goodall and Dian Fossey.

In 1962 the family moved to Vancouver and then to southern California. Biruté earned double bachelor degrees from UCLA and University of British Columbia in psychology and zoology. In 1969 she earned her masters in anthropology from UCLA. While at UCLA she met Louis Leakey and approached him about studying orangutans in the wild. He helped her establish a research center in Borneo, and her research became the basis for her Ph. D. which she was awarded in 1978.

Leakey and National Geographic helped Biruté

fund her camp near the Java Sea at Tanjung Puting Reserve, Indonesia, Borneo, which she called Camp Leakey. She and her husband Rod Brindamour, a photographer, studied the biodiversity of the Borneo rainforest. They had one child before their divorce. Biruté married Pak Bohap in 1981. Pak is a rice farmer and a tribal president. They have three children.

While campaigning against deforestation and rescuing and rehabilitating orphaned orangutans, she has collected valuable data on this little known great ape, such as the long intervals between orangutan births being 7.7 years. She set up the Orangutan Foundation International to support the work at Camp Leakey. Biruté raises money through lectures and is currently a professor at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, British Columbia and Professor Extraordinaire at Universitas Nasional in Jakarta, Indonesia.



Claudine André

Though not a Trimate, Claudine André's great ape work is valuable in the study of our 4th great ape. Claudine was born on November 6, 1946 in

La Hestre, Hainaut, Belgium. Her unconventional upbringing was due to her father, a veterinary surgeon. She moved with him to Congo as a child, and she says her first school was the forest. She learned from him the value of harmony in nature.

Her love for African art led to Claudine running an art boutique, searching for and selling rare works of art. She married Victor, and they have five children. When war disrupted life in Kinshasa, she volunteered at the Kinshasa Zoo taking care of the neglected and starving animals. She was introduced to "bushmeat" at this time, because the war made hard times for food production. This led to orphaned bonobos being captured and sold on the streets.

She was determined to save Mikeno, a baby bonobo in the zoo, but everyone said that orphaned bonobos cannot survive in captivity. She soon found other babies needing her help. She was the first person to realize that orphaned bonobos needed love and affection in order to survive. Bonobos are extremely affectionate and highly dependent on physical contact to maintain close social bonds. This revelation was the key for the orphaned bonobos to live.

In 2002 Claudine created Lola Ya Bonobo, the only bonobo sanctuary in the world outside Kinshasa. Here the bonobos can receive the affection they crave and thrive at the sanctuary. Also, she educates people about the danger and cruelty of bushmeat and raising awareness of the protection of bonobos and their habitat. Lola Ya Bonobo has the goal to rescue bonobos from poachers, provide them with training and love they need to eventually reintroduce them to a forest reserve.

Claudine began the Friends of Animals in the Congo to help support the work of the sanctuary. Currently she is busy presenting conferences throughout the world to raise awareness of the bonobo.

Conclusion

Jane, Dian, Biruté and Claudine have achieved countless awards for their work. They have been recognized for many significant discoveries after years of working with and observing their apes. Each woman chose a different great ape (or it was chosen for her), and the curiosity and wonder in that species became her life's work.

These four women came from different parts of the globe, had different backgrounds and

experiences, and different education. But the common thread is that they all possessed an overwhelming desire to save great apes. They are devoted, unique and remarkable women, who were willing to make sacrifices to work with and learn about these amazing animals. Certainly they are heroes with a passion for primates.

Quotes from our primate heroes

"Bonobos don't really have that darker side. So ...[how] they could really help us is [to show us] how could it be that a species ... [that] has a brain a third of the size of ours can do something that with all our technological prowess we can't accomplish? Which is to not kill each other."

Claudine André

"The more you learn about the dignity of the gorilla, the more you want to avoid people."

Dian Fossey

"When you meet chimps you meet individual personalities. When a baby chimp looks at you it's just like a human baby. We have a responsibility to them."

Jane Goodall

"As I sit, my back leaning against a damp, moss-covered trunk, my eyes

sweeping the canopy above, my ears straining to catch the crack of a distant branch that betrays an orangutan moving in the treetops, I think about how we humans search for God. The tropical rain forest is the most complex thing an ordinary human can experience on this planet. A walk in the rain forest, is a walk into the mind of God."

Biruté Galdikas

Your legacy is every life you have touched.
Maya Angelou

Gregg Tully To Present Brown Bag at ZA

Zoo Atlanta has announced that Gregg Tully, director of Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA) will be presenting a one hour brown bag talk on Friday, October 26, 2018. The presentation will be from noon - 1:00 pm in the World Studio.



Eighth Annual Gorilla Golf Needs YOU!!

Susan Smith

Yes, it's our 8th Gorilla Golf Tournament being held Tuesday, October 8, 2018 and we need your help. How can you help? It's really easy to get involved with this fundraiser:

- 1. Recruit golfers** - Ask your friends, family, co-workers to sign up to play. Each golfer raises a minimum of \$500 simply by asking folks to sponsor them.
- 2. Recruit Hole Sponsors** - Places where you shop or your workplace can sponsor a hole on the golf course for \$100.
- 3. Sponsor a golfer** - Go online to the ACE website and sponsor a golfer. Any amount will help your chosen golfer reach their \$500 goal.
- 4. Contribute raffle items** - The golfers always look forward to our raffle. Items can be sports-related, gift cards,

apparel (men & women), electronics, wine & accessories, etc. Any items are greatly appreciated. Contact Shelley DeWeese, raffle chair, at sheldeweese@gmail.com with any questions or to arrange to pick up items.

This event has always been a success, raising \$103,000 to date for the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International (DFGFI), but this success relies on a lot of hard work by the ACE volunteers. Join in on making the ACE 2018 Gorilla Golf Tournament another success.

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

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Susan Smith, co-chair susansmith9008@comcast.net



2018 Run for the Redheads Moved to Grant Park

Leslie Martin

It was a nice cool June morning, and the zoo parking lot was empty. Then the cars started coming in as the runners arrived. It was the day for Run for the Redheads.



photo by Gene Todd
Donna and Michele show off our race t-shirts

The volunteers (Jane Barron, Donna Mayer Todd, Gene Todd, Michele Dave, Joanna Robinson, Michelle Martin, Julie Gaines, Janelle Nord, Jenny Reineck, Emily Price, Lisa Westin, Ginger Hatcher and Robert Hill) were ready and willing to get this race going.



photo by Gene Todd
And they are off!

At 8:30 the runners and walkers were off! We had 65 runners and walkers this year. A lot of comments were made that the course was good but who knew Grant Park had hills! We had three participants in the Fun Run, and I think they had fun.



photo by Gene Todd
Runners with their medals

Awards were given to 1st place male - Matthew Lenarz of Decatur; 1st place female - Jamie Burton of Rock Hill, SC; 1st place masters male - John Jones of College Park, and 1st place masters female - Tricia Callahan of Stockbridge. Winners received an ape painted canvas and a tote from Gorilla Sacks.



photo by Leslie Martin
Run for the Redheads medal

A special thank you to the 25 Phantom Runners. Thanks also goes to Adie Miller and Lisa Dempsey for donating the shirts and

printing. It was a tremendous help.

We don't have all of the money in yet, but it does not appear that we made a profit. I think this may be the last time we try a Run. WE have not been able to get sponsors for the Run, and that would be our primary source to put on the race. It takes a lot of work and money to put on a race (things like a run coordinator, bibs and tracking devices for runners, police and EMT, city permits, port-a-johns, rental equipment, food and drinks, cones to mark the course, registration system, advertising, medals, prizes, and so on). Without sponsors, runner registrations cannot produce the funds needed to put on the race.



photo by Michele Dave
Even Emily Price "ran"

If this was our last race, ACE had a very enjoyable event, and we all had fun. I would like to thank everyone who helped to put on this race. Put on your thinking caps for suggestions of new events to benefit orangutans.



Did you know?



Ashley Judd Loves Bonobos

Actress and activist Ashley Judd said, "I fell in love with these amazing animals a few years ago when I narrated *The Bonobo Connection*. I learned that bonobo societies are matriarchal and, unlike our other closest relatives, chimpanzees, are incredibly peaceful. Female-led groups of bonobos are highly empathetic and use affection rather than aggression to resolve conflict and to strengthen social bonds. It is a tragic irony that this peaceful species is only found in one of the most war-ravaged countries on Earth."

The bonobo is the endangered species of great apes living in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Only 15,000 bonobos currently exist in the wild. DRC is

trying to move ahead after years of conflict by investigating the best way to manage the habitat of the bonobos.

Furthermore, they want to rebuild tourism and conservation efforts to maintain the logging moratorium, reject oil drilling, expand the protected habitat for bonobos, and support community-led conservation programs.

Ashley Judd has teamed up with the Bonobo Conservation Initiative to protect bonobos. If you want to help, consider signing the Protect the Bonobo Petition with Ashley Judd and Care2. She plans to take the petitions to DRC's Minister of Environment, Nature Conservation and Tourism when she visits DRC in the near future. Please see: www.bonobo.org.



Lemongrass Spa Sales Helps in ACE Fundraising

Michele Dave

I would like to thank Erin Harris for giving ACE the opportunity to work with Lemongrass Sap, an all-natural company whose skincare products are cruelty-free and uses only

sustainable palm oil in their products. Our total sales amounted to over \$400! Thanks to all of those people who purchased Lemongrass Spa items during this campaign. This was the first time working with this company, and we felt it was another successful fundraiser. If you feel it was a success or after you received your products you would like to give any feedback, please feel free to email me at fundraising@apeconservationeffort.org.

Thanks to Erin for her generous donation of her commission to ACE, which was \$107! ACE will also be receiving some free products, which you will see at various other fundraisers we have coming up. Again, thank you for your support of ACE and your love of all the great apes! Keep your eyes out for our next fundraiser!

JGI Sends Thanks for Magic Night Funds for Kibale Snare Removal



"Thank you for the funds raised as part of ACE's first Magic Night to support our Kibale Snare Removal Project. We are inspired by all the efforts extended by ACE to help our cause. Warmest regards from all of us at JGI."

Diana Kalaly
Manager
Donor Relations and
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APE CONSERVATION EFFORT

8th Annual

GORILLA GOLF TOURNAMENT

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