

2021 Calendar of Events

October 18

Gorilla Golf
Oaks Golf Course
Covington, GA

Oct. - Dec.

**HoneyBaked Ham
Gift Card sale**

(See article for details.)

November 10

**Election of Board
Members**

(See article for details.)

November 30

Giving Tuesday



Election of New Board Members

In November we will hold an election for board members. We have 5 people whose terms are expiring, and four have decided to run for re-election. They are Jane Barron, Barbara Cebula, Donna Mayer Todd, and Gene Todd. Lori Kirkland has decided not to run again for the board, but she will remain involved in ACE, helping with social media postings. We have two board members, Leslie Martin and Susan Smith, who began a two year term in 2020 and remain on the board.

We would love to have more members nominated to run for the board. "New blood and new ideas" are very important in keeping Ape Conservation Effort vital and improving.

If you would like to be a board member, please let a current board member know by November 1, 2021. Also they will be happy to answer any questions you have regarding duties and time factor.

Due to COVID, we plan to send out ballots by email around November 10. Results will be announced by email to all members shortly after votes are tabulated.



Young chimpanzee



Gorilla Golf - Just Around the Corner

by Susan Smith

October 18th, golfers will be teeing off in the 10th annual Gorilla Golf Tournament. Golfers and volunteers are glad that we are able to gather again for a great day of golf and working to protect and save mountain gorillas. As in the past 10 years, all proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund Internationals.

It's not too late to join in the tournament and solicit sponsors to raise the \$500 entrance fee. But if golfing is not something you want to do, there are other ways to take part and help raise funds.

◀ You can sponsor one of the golfers listed on the ACE website.

◀ You or one of the businesses you frequent can sign up to be a Hole Sponsor. A sponsorship is \$100 per hole and a sign with your name/company name and logo will be placed at one of the 18 holes. Sign up

on the ACE website under Events.

◀ Donate raffle items. The raffle is always a big hit at the end of the day. For information on donating items, contact Shelley DeWeese at shelldeweese@gmail.com who is chairing the raffle.

Help us make the 10th annual tournament a success. For any questions, signing up to play or additional information, email gorillagolf@apeconservationeffort.org.

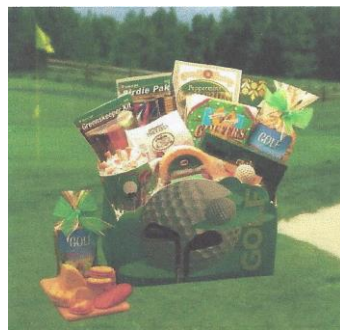


photo by Shelley DeWeese
Raffle gift basket prepared for 2019 Gorilla Golf

Gorilla Golf Raffle Items Needed Now

by Shelley DeWeese

Tik Tok, everyone! This is Shelley DeWeese with your annual reminder that Gorilla Golf raffle donation deadline is just around the corner. All donations are needed by Sunday, October 10. Given everything that I must deal with at this time, there is no way to

make last minute donations fit into the prep work before the event on Tuesday, October 18. (For those of you who may not know, I am executor of my parents' estate which includes four properties, work a full-time job, while working towards getting my career, hobbies, and volunteer work back on track.)

Think about your time/talent which you could donate. What are those things which you enjoy doing that others might enjoy? You can always pick up a gift card, liquor/wine, environmentally friendly gadgets, electronics.

I know this is a hard time for everyone! Please consider donating towards the Gorilla Golf raffle. As of now, only two members have contributed donations. The Great Apes need every bit of help we can offer. **Please contact me at shelldeweese@gmail.com or 404-216-5779 to schedule either a drop off or meeting time for transfer of your very generous donations.** As a group, we can do so much! Thank you for all you do! Tik Tok...



#GivingTuesday

by Donna Mayer Todd

November 30, 2021 is the date for this year's #Giving Tuesday, the day devoted to online giving for nonprofits. ACE is participating again for the fourth time, and we can all support ACE from our home computer and/or our Smartphone anywhere. Step 1: Put the date on your calendar.

Each of us sending out 2 or 3 emails to friends or social media posts before the 30th and on that day will bring a great return. Telling why you support ACE makes the best message and the second best is sharing the impact donations will make for the beneficiary (to be chosen soon).

If you are feeling tentative about your message, I will try to help by sending a few ideas you can use as starters. If you like someone's a Facebook post, you can simply Share it on your page.

#GivingTuesday has a proven record of success:
● 34.8 million people participated in #GivingTuesday 2020, a 29% increase over 2019.
● Supporters gave an estimated \$2.47B during the 24 hours of #GivingTuesday 2020 in the U.S. alone.

● #GivingTuesday has grown into a worldwide movement, spanning 75 countries.

ACE raised \$1735 in the 2019 campaign and \$1750 in 2020. These donations contributed to the amount we sent to Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA) and Bonobo Conservation Initiative.



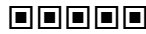
HoneyBaked Ham Fall/Winter Sales

by Susan Smith

It's "Fall Y'all," time for tailgating, fall get-togethers, Thanksgiving and holiday celebrations. With all these events it's time to purchase your HoneyBaked Ham gift cards. The fall/winter campaign will run from October 1 through December 31. ACE will receive 20% from each purchase of a gift card. The cards, either electronic or plastic, can be ordered online at https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/ACE_Winter_2021. If ordering plastic cards, allow approximately 10 business days to receive.

Help us spread the word about this fundraising

opportunity to support ACE and our mission to save the great apes (flyer attached). If you have any questions, contact Susan Smith at 404-226-7738 or email susansmith9008@comcast.net.



Apes In The Arts A Virtual Success

by Lori Kirkland

It seems that these past two years have made many "firsts" for countless people, businesses and nonprofits. The majority of us had never lived through a pandemic, and all of us had to learn how to quickly adapt to the ever-evolving world that is happening right outside our bedroom or business window. ACE has had to adjust as well which is why Apes in the Arts 2021 was held completely virtually this year!



photo by Lori Kirkland
Biji and her co-artist Drew Shetty with their painting

There was about a month long "prelude" to the auction itself, which included Artist video and photo highlights for every individual ape, human that participated in creating the art pieces, as well as up close photos and videos of these fantastic creations. There were videos from myself, Donna Mayer Todd our Vice President, and Debbie Clemens, Orangutan Outreach's Outreach Coordinator about fun facts, how the everyday person can help create a big change for orangutans, and some of the major issues these animals face today.



photo by Lori Kirkland
Local artist Chloe Green and surrogate family group: Madu, Dumadi, Remy and Kiju

The actual auction was run on biddingowl.com, which provided easy

access to all the bidders that signed up to participate. We had bidders from ALL over the US!!! From New York, all the way to California!!! The auction ran for exactly 7 days, and within those 7 days we raised just under \$1,000 in profit for Orangutan Outreach. Then the board held a vote to add an additional amount that brought the total up to \$3k that will be sent to Orangutan Outreach to help make a difference in Indonesia.

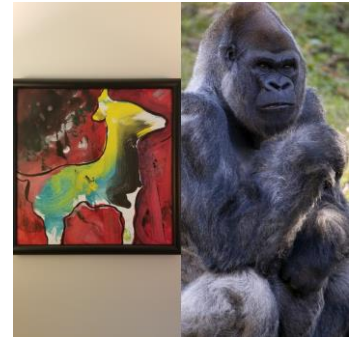


photo by Lori Kirkland
Ozzie and his painting with Atlanta artist Chase King

Some of this year's pieces included the artistic touch of Ozzie, the oldest living silverback gorilla in the world, as well as Dumadi's last painting as he passed away suddenly in 2020. All of these pieces are now in their new forever homes, bringing delight and awareness about apes and conservation.



ACE Members Are Interesting People

Our interesting members highlighted in this issue are Cassie and Roland Togonon of Fayetteville, Georgia. They are a fun couple with a great message.



photo by Cassie Togonon

Cassie and Roland Togonon

Even as kids Roland and I always had a place in our hearts for the environment, mother nature as I call it, especially all animals! Right or wrong we often say animals are always better than people...though I'm not sure what animals we might be to have such a tolerance for each other! Cats, maybe?

As adults we've often talked about what we could do for the environment now that we have more ability to do so. We found that

starting small, so as not to be overwhelmed, was best for us. We enjoyed simply sharing what we have learned about the simple changes we can make in our own lives, like reusing our own water bottles. We also started volunteering at local farms. We learned more about what is important for their agriculture to keep things healthy in an organic way. When we were able, we donated to different organizations supporting animals in need. We also met Lori early on while I was working at a coffee shop, and she started telling us about Ape Conservation Effort and invited us to an event called Apes in the Arts.

Now Roland and I honestly do not get out often and especially not to a big city like Atlanta, but we were very interested in the event, and we really wanted to support our friend as well! We were so impressed by the event and absolutely loved the creativity brought together for a common goal! It was such a great way to show off what ACE was and what they were hoping to accomplish together. Richard Zimmerman of Orangutan Outreach was the speaker that night. Roland and I were both in tears by the time he had finished talking. He really brought to life what was happening to the

great apes in such a heart wrenching way. We talked the whole way home about what we could do, and we both wanted to learn so much more!

From then on, we wanted to do all we could to help the cause. We've been ACE members since 2017 and have volunteered each year to help with Apes in the Arts. We hosted a fundraiser for ACE through the help of Zoës Kitchen and their fundraiser program. It's possible that my being a manager there helped with the approval and turn out of the event! The same program also allowed me to help donate food to two of the Apes in the Arts events which was also exciting!



photo by Cassie Togonon
Display at Zoës Fundrasier

Now, going back to simple changes we can make, I'll never forget the conversation we had with Lori about palm oil and where it comes from and why we need to know. We share that story with everyone all the time, and we look even further into

where our food comes from every day.

In 2018 we acquired our first art piece from Apes in the Arts. The original painting was by a gorilla names Kekla and it was lovingly added to by artist Christina. Roland was out of town during the event, but I sent him pictures of a few paintings, and this one was it! It still hangs in our living room. I love when someone asks about it because we can immediately go into the story of who painted it and why it is so important! Sometimes it's just about the conversation and giving someone something new to think about. So many things happen in this world that are beyond our control, but it's the little things we can do that can possibly make a bigger impact in the end.



photo by Cassie Togonon
Cassie and her first AIA
Painting





Spotlighting Non-Profit Groups ACE Supports

We are highlighting the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in this newsletter. Our support for Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is not financial but more of a promotional type.



For many, many years Cheyenne Mountain Zoo has been the primary resource on palm oil information. ACE is glad to acknowledge CMZoo whenever we discuss orangutans and palm oil. **Don't buy your Halloween candy this year until you refer to their website!**

If you haven't visited the cmzoo.org website, it's a must. Look under the Conservation tab and click on Orangutans and Palm Oil. Scroll down to What Can You Do? then click on Sustainable Palm Oil, Shopping App and Guides. This begins your education on What Is Palm Oil? and What's the

Problem? Palm Oil FAQs are great!

To make it easy for us, the consumer, to use this knowledge while shopping, CMZoo has a downloadable Sustainable Palm Oil shopping app and guide. We encourage people to buy orangutan friendly products and RSPO certified products.



The PDF charts include 2021 Halloween Treats, 2021 Pet Supplies, 2021 Picnic Items, 2021 Ice Cream Treats, 2021 Pantry Supplies, 2021 Cleaning Supplies. This is a very visual way to recognize the companies we should support.

If you are in a teaching situation, there is a wealth of information for you in Palm Oil Tool Kit, which includes a Photo Library with beautiful pictures of the rainforest and animals who live there. The Video Library is great! Take a couple of minutes and watch the video. It's called "Make A Difference," and it sums up the palm oil crisis in a wonderful short video that can be used for any age group. Now click on Make A Difference - Send A Letter, if you want to

contact government officials and companies to encourage them to support RSPO. There are samples of letters for you to send. Isn't this an incredible resource? That's why ACE is happy to support it and let others know about it too.

"Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is continuing to create solutions to ensure that the palm oil you consume is sustainable. Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is committed to the preservation of the Earth and its wildlife."

For more information, please visit www.cmzoo.org.



Zoo animals get COVID-19 vaccines as an experiment

Medications are different than ones used by humans

The Oakland Zoo in California started last week with bears, mountain lions, tigers and ferrets, the first of about 100 animals that are set to receive an experimental vaccine against the coronavirus over the summer.

Zoetis, a veterinary pharmaceutical company,

is donating 10,000 doses of the vaccine to about 70 zoos as well as sanctuaries, universities and other animal conservation sites in 27 U.S. states -- and the Oakland Zoo is one of the first to benefit. The vaccine is solely for animals, goes through a different approval process than for people and cannot be used to protect humans.

The Oakland Zoo has not had any cases of animals infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19 in humans. But the zoo has taken extraordinary precautions by requiring that keepers maintain a safe distance from the animals and wear protective equipment.

Big cats and other vulnerable animals such as gorillas have, however, been infected at zoos in the United States and elsewhere. The San Diego Zoo in February vaccinated apes with the Zoetis vaccine, first tested in mink.

From the start of the pandemic, pet owners, zookeepers, fur farmers and scientists all had their own particular concerns about animal infestations. Pet owners have worried about the health of beloved cats and dogs, while public health researchers and public health officials have cautioned that some species -- domestic or

wild --could become a reservoir where the virus can live and mutate while the world tries to stamp it down in people.

The USDA has not considered any vaccine candidates for cats or dogs, and veterinarians have consistently noted that there is no evidence that pets transmit the virus to humans.

AJC, July 4, 2021

Snow leopard at zoo catches COVID-19

An unvaccinated snow leopard at the San Diego Zoo has contracted COVID-19.

Caretakers noticed that Ramil, a 9-year-old male snow leopard, had a cough and runny nose on Thursday. Later, two separate tests of his stool confirmed the presence of the coronavirus, the zoo said in a statement Friday.

Ramil is not showing additional symptoms but because he shares an enclosure with a female snow leopard and two Amur leopards, the staff assumes they have been exposed. As a result, the animals were quarantined and their exhibit was closed.

It is unclear how Ramil got infected.

AJC, July 26, 2021

Update On Gorilla Population at Zoo Atlanta - September 17, 2021

Update on our western lowland gorilla population. As a follow-up to the news we shared on Friday, September 10 about the gorillas and SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, please check out the update below.

Of the 20 gorillas here at the Zoo, 18 have shown clinical signs consistent with SARS-CoV-2 infection. As of today we have received nine positive results. For the most part, the clinical signs have been mild to moderate, and at this time, only two gorillas remain symptomatic.

Clinical signs have included sneezing, nasal discharge, coughing, selective and reduced appetite, and in some individuals, subdued behavior. In addition to close monitoring and providing supportive care such as providing extra Vitamin C, our team's primary goals are ensuring that the gorillas all remain well hydrated in providing them with additional fluids by mouth, as well as monitoring them carefully to ensure that each is eating and receiving enough calories.

We continue to take this challenging situation day

by day, but remain cautiously optimistic that all of the gorillas will make a full recovery. ON an encouraging note, the first troop to originally show clinical signs is now symptom-free. We continue to track everyone's progress carefully on a daily basis. Additionally, we are collecting samples every three days from all gorilla groups and/or individual gorillas to test for the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Thanks to our Animal Care and Veterinary Teams, the orangutans, lions, tigers, and clouded leopard - species known to be susceptible to SARS-CoV-2 - have now all been vaccinated. As the gorillas recover, they will all also be vaccinated. This is an incredible testament to the positive reinforcement training achievements of the care teams.

We are so thankful for the words of support and kind thoughts we've received from throughout our extended Zoo Atlanta family, near and far. We have been able to see, once again, how special the gorillas and other animals are to you, and we appreciate your being part of their lives!

*September 17, 2021
Zoo Atlanta website*



Did you know?

The difference in knowledge and wisdom - Knowledge is knowing that the tomato is a fruit - Wisdom is not putting a tomato into fruit salad.

Ken Jennings in a commercial for Master Minds Game Show



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APE CONSERVATION EFFORT

10th Annual

GORILLA GOLF TOURNAMENT

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

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Call 404-427-4998 or e-mail gorillagolf@apeconservationeffort.org





Fall Festivities, Winter Celebrations



**ACE is selling
HoneyBaked Ham gift cards.**

Gift cards can be purchased in \$5 denominations
and can be used at any HoneyBaked Ham store and online.

They never expire and there is
no limit to the amount you can purchase.



ON-LINE PROCESS

Gift cards can be purchased from October 1st thru December 31st
https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/ACE_Winter_2021



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ACE helps save great apes in the wild. Everyone wins!**

*Ape Conservation Effort is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization
with a mission to help save great apes in the wild.*