



## Upcoming ACE Events

**Yankee Candle Sale**  
October - December

**HoneyBaked Ham  
gift cards**  
November/December

**November 16**  
Georgia Gives Day

**November 18**  
General Meeting and  
election of new board  
members

**December 9**  
Holiday Sale at Mega

**April 18, 2018**  
Run for the Redheads  
Grant Park

*"Chimpanzees, gorillas, orangutans have been living for hundreds of thousands of years in their forest, living fantastic lives, never overpopulating, never destroying the forest. I would say that they have been in a way more successful than us as far as being in harmony with the environment".*

*Jane Goodall*

## Polly Heyward Goes to Gombe

by Polly Heyward

Jane Goodall has always been my hero, so when the opportunity to see her chimpanzees in Tanzania came I jumped at it. Gombe National Park is on the shore of Lake Tanganyika and is accessible only by a small boat taking about a two hour ride as there are no roads in the park. The trails can be pretty rough at times.



photo by Polly Heyward

My tent mate fell and broke her nose. She was the only doctor in the group and kept going. What a trooper!



photo by Polly Heyward  
Trail to Jane's Peak

Fortunately, I grabbed the hand of one of the guides and wouldn't let go until we found a level spot.

I had reread Jane's book, *In the Shadow of Man* before leaving Atlanta. There is a picture of her sitting at Jane's Peak overlooking the dense

forest. I thought no way for me, but I kept following my guide. When he announced, "Jane's Peak," I couldn't believe I had done it. Apparently Jane doesn't even do it anymore.



photo by Polly Heyward  
Our group at Jane's Peak

We were very lucky with our chimp spotting. There are 89 of them in the park, and Jane has named every one. In her book there is a sketch of a youngster born in 1970. We saw her now at 47 with her one-year old baby. Her name is Gremlin.

There were several moms with babies that were playing with each other. One named Gray decided to build his own nest.

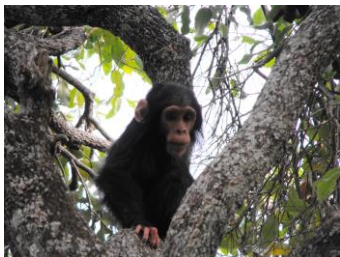


photo by Polly Heyward  
Gray, the nest builder

I'm sure he'd observed his mom doing it every day. The finished nest was so-so, but when he climbed in, he immediately fell out. I'm sure he was embarrassed by the laughter from the

photographers below. No harm done though. Mom groomed him and all was well.



photo by Polly Heyward  
Mom grooms Gray

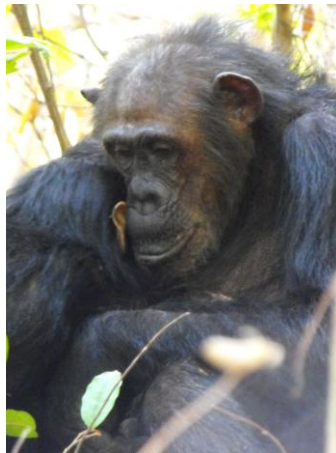


photo by Polly Heyward  
Mom comforts Gray

An aside...., before going to Gombe, we had a few days in the Selous in southern Tanzania. We saw more giraffe than I've ever seen on all my safaris. Many with young ones too. Our driver asked if anyone knew the gestation of a female. One person guessed eleven months. Well, as a Zoo Atlanta docent, I couldn't let this go, so I volunteered a definitive 15 months! The driver smiled and said, of course! I humbly accepted the applause.



photo by Polly Heyward

*Polly is a long-time member of ACE. What a wonderful experience - to walk where Jane Goodall walked and see the chimps she studied! Thanks for sharing your trip with us.*



## Run for the Redheads Changes Date

by Leslie Martin

Due to the construction at the zoo and wanting to hold the run around Grant Park, it has become necessary to change the date of the run. The new day for the run is **April 18, 2018**. Mark your calendars, however, since applying for permits from the City of Atlanta must be done only 60 out from the race, things might change again. We'll keep you abreast of our progress.

## Goodshop - An Easy Way to Support ACE

by Michele Dave

Your holiday shopping is starting, so why not support ACE by using Goodshop.

- [Goodshop](#) and [Gumdrop by Goodshop](#) are the easiest way to save money and help ACE!

- [Goodshop](#) is the website which lists all the most up to date coupons and deals for more than 40,000 stores.

- [Gumdrop by Goodshop](#) is browser. When you go to checkout at an online store, it finds the best coupon code and automatically applies it to your purchase!

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- [Goodshop](#) and [Gumdrop](#) works with thousands of stores like Staples, 1800Flowers, Macys, Apple, Vistaprint, ToysRUs, and more!

## Tara Stoinski Names Baby Gorilla

Kwita Izina is the annual gorilla-naming ceremony in Rwanda. Dr. Tara Stoinski had the honor of naming Kurudi's infant.



photo by DFGFI

"Nyiramacibiri was Dian Fossey's Kinyarwandan name. And so in honor of the 50th anniversary of the work of the Karisoke Research Center, we are naming Kurudi's infant Macibiri. We wish her a long and healthy life, just like that of her grandfather Titus," said Dr. Tara Stoinski, CEO of DFGFI.



photo by DFGFI



## BINGO for Bonobos B-4 They Are Gone

by Susan Smith

The second annual Bingo for Bonobos was held on August 15, 2017. There was a lot of laughter, shouting of "bingo," and consumption of pizza. This year's event raised \$500 profit for the Bonobo Conservation Initiative. The ACE Board recommended to the membership to add an additional \$500 to the donation. After a vote conducted by email, the ACE members approved the recommendation. BCI will be sent a check for \$1,000 from ACE.

We would like to send out a special "thank you" to two supporters. First to Shawn Whitman, Sr. Director of Membership & Guest Experience, who for the second year donated his time as our "bingo caller." Second we say thank you to the Georgia AAZK chapter for donating several animal paintings as prizes for our bingo event.

Join us next year for more fun and great prizes. We'll let you know the date after the first of the year.



photo by Lori Kirkland  
ACE information table at  
Zoës Dine Out

## Dine Out at Zoës Kitchen Was a Delicious Success

by Lori Kirkland

Every year ACE tries to have a Dine Out night where members and anyone who is interest in ape conservation can meet over dinner. We enjoy each other's company and contribute to helping save apes in the wild while learning more about what type of conservation is going on in the world. This year was no different, but the place and location were completely new territory for ACE: Zoës Kitchen in Peachtree City, GA.

The new assistant manager of Zoës Kitchen reached out to ACE for ideas to help raise money for the apes in the wild. She and her husband had attended the 2016 Apes in the Arts and were greatly impacted by Richard Zimmerman's presentation. Zoës and ACE brainstormed for a few weeks and decided that a dine out at the Peachtree City location would be best. This was exciting news because it

gave ACE a chance to reach new people in a new area.



photo by Donna Mayer Todd  
Children measure orangutan  
arm span

Board members set up a sale table with T-shirts, luggage tags, prints, books, coloring pages and tons of information about the four great ape species and what specific organizations are doing out in the field to help protect these animals.



photo by Lori Kirkland  
Gorilla hands are huge!

The Dine Out lasted from 6 - 8:30 PM on August 31, 2017. Fifteen percent of every ticket from a customer who stated they were there for the ACE night was donated to ACE. There were 23 tickets, which equaled to donation of \$75 for ACE. In addition we sold \$175 in merchandise, and we got two new members!

We all enjoyed Zoës dinners, and a good time was had by all who attended - big kids, small children and adults alike.

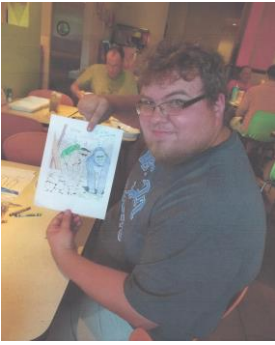


photo by Lori Kirkland  
Even big kids like to color pictures of apes.



photo by Gene Todd  
2017 Gorilla Golf Golfers

Twenty-four golfers participated with each raising a minimum of \$500 each and many raising substantially more. Currently, the estimation for donation to DFGFI will be approximately \$17,000.

Golfers enjoyed a continental breakfast before teeing off, plus a buffet luncheon after finishing play.

Closest to the gorilla is the ball coming closest to a large wooden/fabric gorilla placed on one of the greens. Each of these winners received a wooden plaque painted by one of the gorillas at Zoo Atlanta.



photo by Gene Todd  
Did the Reinecks and the Fergusons plan to dress alike?

One of the highlights of the day is the raffle held after the awards ceremony. This year's raffle was coordinated by ACE member Shelley DeWeese. Shelley gathered all of the donated items and created 19 different baskets or items. Golfers purchased "arm's length" of raffle tickets for a chance to win the items.

only for the gorillas but for the communities and people of Rwanda. He thanked the golfers for participating in the tournament and raising funds to help the organization in its efforts.

Many of the golfers said they were looking forward to next year's tournament, and the volunteers agreed. Stay tuned for information on how ACE members can support and assist with the 8th Annual Gorilla Golf Tournament!



## 2017 Gorilla Golf Raises Money for DFGFI

by Susan Smith

September, fifty years ago, Dian Fossey began her research and conservation effort for the Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda. This September, ACE hosted its seventh annual Gorilla Golf Tournament raising funds to help the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International (DFGFI) continue with the great work. The tournament was held on September 26, 2017, at the Brookfield Country Club in Roswell, Georgia.



photo by Gene Todd  
Jenny Reineck with prizes for longest drive

Prizes were awarded to the following:

**First Prize** - Adam Strickland and Robert Evans

**Second Prize** - Ron Fox and Ronnie Fox

**Third Prize** - Brian Buckelew and Ryan Carrigan

**Longest Drive** - Jenny Reineck

**Closest to the Gorilla** - Brad Ferguson

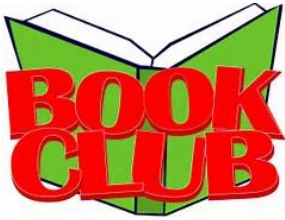


photo by Gene Todd  
Teeing off amid Hole Sponsor signs

Mark Singer, one of the golfers and a member of the Board of Directors of DFGFI, spoke about his recent and first time trip to Rwanda to see the gorillas. He talked about the country and the work that DFGFI is doing not

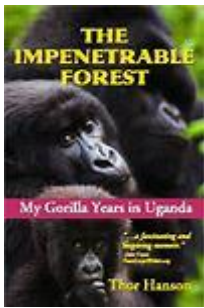
### In Memoriam

ACE extends sympathy to Marie McIntyre on the death of her husband.



"I cannot live  
without books."  
Thomas Jefferson

## Book Reviews



*The Impenetrable Forest*  
*My Gorilla Years in*  
*Uganda* by Thor Hanson

A Review  
by Donna Mayer Todd

Before I began reading this book about the experiences of a Peace Corps volunteer, it was given a seal of approval by Bede Campbell, also a Peace Corps volunteer in Uganda and an ACE member. Bede had already read it and she gave it a "thumbs up" for a realistic portrayal of the two years spent in a remote Ugandan village as a *muzungu*.

Thor takes us along with him as he journeys from a

stranger to all to a friend to many in the community he lives in, on the edge of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. While he is learning and respecting the traditions, he finds the people there surviving in very difficult circumstances. He shares his experiences with the varied local moonshine and his attempts to grow a vegetable garden only to have the baboons claim his produce. The attack of the army ants in the middle of the night and throughout every room of his little house was both a close call for him and a story relayed with humor. Comparatively and heartbreakingly, without naming the disease, Thor feels the despair of losing a number of his closest friends to AIDS and absorbing the reality that the scourge is far from over. His friends, having witnessed it over and over again, seem to accept the finality of the disease with a grace he cannot quite understand.

Thor's particular Peace Corps task was to work with the local trackers, train more, and devise a system for tourists to visit the mountain gorilla families and, thus, create an impetus to save them. They cleared trails, worked on security for the gorillas, and they made the initial human-gorilla contacts. I have this book at home and am glad to share it with anyone who would like to read it.



*Of Bonobos and Men: A*  
*Journey to the Heart of*  
*the Congo* by Deni Ellis  
Bechard

A Review  
by Barbara Campbell

Bonobos have captured the public imagination in recent years, due not least to their famously active sex lives. Less well known is the fact that these great apes don't kill their own kind, and that they share nearly 99% of our DNA. Their approach to building peaceful coalitions and sharing resources has much to teach us, particularly at a time when our violent ways have pushed them to the brink of extinction.

*Of Bonobos and Men* is the account of acclaimed author Deni Ellis Bechard's journey into the Congo to understand bonobos and to learn how to save them. Along the way, common purpose and respect for indigenous knowledge, have resulted in the protection of vast swaths of the rainforest. And we discover how small solutions - found through

most effective in tackling our biggest challenges. Combining elements of travelogue, journalism, and natural history, this incomparable rich book takes the reader not only deep into the Congo, but also into our past and future, revealing new ways to save the environment and ourselves.

This is a great read. I heard the author and Bonobo Conservation Initiative Sally Jewell Coxe at the Decatur Library a couple of years ago. Fascinating discussion of BCI's efforts to save the bonobos.

*If you have read an interesting book that you want to share with the ACE members, please let Jane Barron know at [info@apeconservationeffort.org](mailto:info@apeconservationeffort.org)*



## Did you know?

The U.S. House of Representatives approved an amendment to lift the ban that requires U.S companies to disclose their use of Congolese conflict minerals in the manufacturing of electronics. This may be tearing out a significant block in the protection of Grauer's gorillas. Will this species of gorilla die out with the creation of a new, legal market for coltan in the Democratic Republic of Congo?



ACE participated in the First World Gorilla Day on September 24, 2017 at Zoo Atlanta. Zoo guests heard lots of information about great apes and the mission of ACE. Coloring pictures of gorillas and other apes was a fun activity for the kids.



Since our founding in 2006, Ape Conservation Effort has donated over \$206,000 to non-profits working to save great apes in the wild.



"Becoming Jane" is an article in the October 2017 *National Geographic*. The article is about Jane Goodall, a novice scientist who became famous because of her groundbreaking studies of chimpanzees. Newly revealed images shed light on how she did it, the compromises she made, and the photographer she loved.



Did you know that past issues of *Heard It Through The Ape Vine* can be found on the ACE website? Please see [www.apeconservationeffort.org](http://www.apeconservationeffort.org) if you want to find past issues about apes, palm oil, coltan, fundraising events, and much more. Check it out!



## November 18 General Meeting

We will vote on new Board Members at the next General Meeting. If you are interested in running or if you want to nominate someone, please contact a current board member.

See you then!

## 2017 ACE Board

*President* - Donna Mayer Todd  
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Group number: 990066937

Orders will be shipped directly to you.

Orders can be placed online until December 31, 2017.

**\* or \***

2. *Contact an ACE Board member*  
*from Oct. 20-Nov. 3, 2017*

Orders will be placed and the merchandise will be sent  
to ACE within two weeks.

The ACE Board member will contact you when merchandise is  
received.

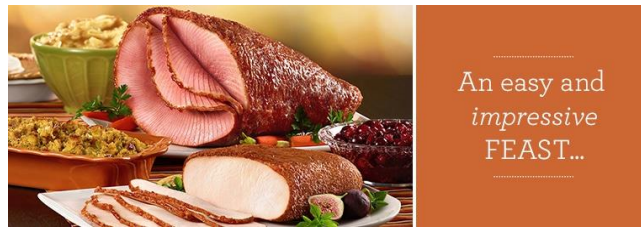
*Thank you for supporting our efforts to save the great apes in their native habitats.*



**Just in time for Thanksgiving and holiday parties  
ACE is selling  
HoneyBaked Ham gift cards.**

**Gift cards can be purchased in any denomination  
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.



Gift cards can be purchased  
by contacting Susan Smith at [info@apeconservationeffort.org](mailto:info@apeconservationeffort.org)

For Thanksgiving (11/23), orders must be placed by November 11.  
For Christmas (12/25), orders must be placed by December 9.



**ACE receives 20% of the purchase. You get your party food and  
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.*