

**Friends of the Zoo:
Annual General Membership Meeting & Elections**

**Saturday, September, 10, 2011
Zoo Education Pavilion**

11:30 Business Meeting & Elections

12:00 Light Lunch provided by FOZ*

1:30 Petting Zoo

3:30 Tiger Feeding

***Please RSVP for the luncheon to
Barbra Green at 934-7014 or email: bgreen1242@hawaiiantel.net
by September 1st.**

FOZ OFFICER AND BOARD NOMINATIONS

FOZ PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE

Pat Engelhard - Born and raised on Kauai. Attended public schools there until sophomore year when I went to, then graduated from, Punahou on Oahu. Moved to Hilo in 1966. Worked at Naniloa Hotel for the next 18 years, last position as manager for a few months before accepting the P&R Director's job for the County of Hawaii for 4 years, from 84-88. Returned to college from 89-92, receiving a degree in Business Administration. Returned to the County of Hawaii as Housing Specialist in charge of the Subsidized Housing Program for 8 years. Joined Harry Kim's administration from 2000, again as Director of P&R until retirement in December 2008.

Am presently on the Boards of Lyman House Museum, CrimeStoppers, Big Island Substance Abuse Council in addition to FOZ. Am also a member of the Haili Choir, Treasurer of the Haili Volleyball Tournament, one of Andy's Aunties and a docent at Lyman House. Lastly, I joined the Kupuna Softball Program this year.

FOZ CO-VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES

Barbara Thomason was in the ranching business in Oklahoma for most of her life. She and her husband Paul Taylor moved to Hilo in 2002. She has been part of the Animal Enrichment team for 6 years, served on the FOZ Board for 5 years and is currently Vice President.

Patty Anger moved to Hawai'i in 2004 with her husband and two cats after retiring from Fireman's Fund Insurance in California. She has been a FOZ board member since 2008, is a 2009 FOZ Docent class graduate, has assisted with FOZ membership since September 2009 and is currently creating the FOZ newsletter.

FOZ TREASURER NOMINEE	FOZ SECRETARY NOMINEE
<p>Gretchen Klungness has served as Treasurer of the Friends of the Zoo since the Spring of 2000 and is willing to continue as Treasurer for at least one more year. She graduated with honors from the University of Washington with a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature, and has worked as a legal secretary/legal assistant in Washington, Oregon and Hawaii since 1971. She moved to the Big Island in July 1999, after her marriage to Mike Klungness. She has one son and daughter-in-law and two grandchildren in Oregon.</p>	<p>Lisa Nelms has been a docent and a member of FOZ since 2004, on the Board as Secretary since 1997 and Co-Secretary since 2009. She has an extensive background in criminal justice consulting around the country, and office and administrative management. She retired in 2001. Lisa participated in rodeos from childhood through college and has always loved horses. For the past 25+ years, all of her dogs have been (and still are) Newfoundlands. She moved to Hilo in early 2001 from Boulder, Colorado with her husband, Craig and two Newfies. She has traveled extensively throughout the world with Craig for business and pleasure, and they are very happy to have their feet planted here in Hilo.</p>

FOZ BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINEES

Dan Beers - Having served on the FOZ Board for the last three years. I feel that I was able to bring a slightly different viewpoint to the Board, and would like to continue for the next three years. This has been a fulfilling time and I would like to continue my involvement with the Spring Plant Sale and complete the ongoing projects that FOZ has in planning.

Kyle Van Guilder - I fell in love with the zoo the first time I visited, then when I saw an ad in the newspaper for a docent class it was kismet. I have had a life long fascination with the diversity of life that has evolved on this rocky planet. As a child my Dad took me to to many different zoos and museums instilling a love of the wonder these places can bring to a child. It is that sense of wonder I hope to bring with me as I serve on the board. My life has lead me many different ways, In my early teens I got evolved in sailboat racing and through that I got to travel all over the west coast of the U.S.A , Mexico and to Hawaii. During my 20's I managed a metallurgical lab for an o.e.m. aluminum wheel manufacture in So Cal. But the ocean called to me and I started a yacht maintenance business to allow me to have the freedom to spend more time on the water. It was at this time I met my soul mate, we where soon married and off on a new adventure, she was not into racing boats but cruising them. We spent a lot of our free time enjoying the Channel Islands off the coast of Southern California and the Baja Peninsula of Mexico. Five years later we had our first child, which kept us a little closer to home, followed three years later with our second son. We had settled down to a nice life in a quiet little neighborhood in a house with a picket fence, two kids , two cats and a dog. Then one day our neighbors came back from a vacation on the Big Island and gave us a real estate magazine they had brought back. I took one look at it

and knew that was where I wanted to live. Living here has let me pursue my interest in heliconias, gingers, and bamboos and the time to read. My wife's desire to for a few chickens has lead us to have some 89 chickens, 32 ducks and the geese that used to be at the zoo plus some of there offspring. I have also started keeping Birmingham roller pigeons as a hobby and hope to raise a kit that I can fly. Thank you for considering me for the FOZ board of directors.

June Kawashima is a retired Math teacher who enjoys volunteering at the SeniorNet Computer Learning Center as an instructor and board member, and for the County Elderly Recreation Services at Kamana. She is active in and feels quite honored to be a part of the zoo's animal enrichment program.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha to all Friends of the Zoo Members: This is my final message to you as the president. It has been my privilege and pleasure to have served in this capacity for the past two years; however, it is time for me to pass the torch to new leadership. I welcome the new president and look forward to continuing to serve as a board member in the coming years. Although I will be taking on a less stress filled role in FOZ, I assure you that my commitment to the Friends of the Zoo and its mission remains strong. I offer my assistance to the new board leadership and look forward to seeing you all at the zoo.

I want to thank all of the Friends of the Pana'ewa Zoo membership for your commitment to the Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo and Gardens. The Friends of the Zoo, first incorporated in 1981, is a (501-C3) not for profit organization registered with the state of Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. It is our honor and privilege to continue this 30 plus year legacy of service. We are grateful for the part you play in this effort. Mahalo to each and every one of you as members of the FOZ team.

The primary mission of FOZ is to promote the zoo in the community and to contribute to the well-being of the resident animals. Our goals include education, enrichment for the animals, fostering concern and support for conservation of endangered animals and their environment, and to help the county zoo with new animals and exhibits.

On March 12, 2011 we celebrated the Second Annual Jean Curtis Day at the Zoo. It was an opportunity to celebrate and honor everyone committed to providing "Volunteerism in the Zoo". The day is named in honor of Jean Curtis, Past FOZ President and beloved community friend. Jean was our role model; she taught us that without the help and involvement of thousands of volunteers and tens of thousands of volunteer hours, the zoo would not be our "Crown Jewel of Hawai'i". Mahalo to all of the volunteers and volunteer organizations that participate at the zoo.

On May 1st, the Friends of the Zoo hosted the 13th Annual Friends of the Zoo Plant Sale and Exposition. I want to personally thank FOZ Board Member, Dan Beer for all his hard work in coordinating this event. This is a wonderful community outreach program allowing all of the supporting plant organizations to show off their beautiful plants, offer them for sale to the community, and to talk story about their efforts at the zoo. Thanks to the ongoing work of the zoo volunteers, the zoo staff and zoo leadership under the direction of Pam Mizuno, along with the volunteers from the

Bamboo Society, Palm Society, Orchid Society, Vireya Society and the Water Garden Club, the zoo remains an amazing display of flora and fauna. The zoo is an awesome place to walk, visit with the animals and see some of the best plant specimens on the island. Mahalo to all of our friends, volunteers, donors and community groups that continue to support and work to improve both the zoo and its botanical collection.

Mahalo to Linda Peters, Recycling Coordinator for the County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management and KTA Super Stores for their Earth Day efforts on behalf of FOZ. For the second year, KTA has provided a "Checkout Promotion" to its customers allowing them to make a donation on behalf of FOZ. This year's efforts generated \$2,246.00. These funds will help us continue our mission in support of the Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo and Gardens. Mahalo KTA Super Stores and KTA President Barry Tanaguchi for your ongoing support.



Tracey Yamane, Advertising/Promotions Manager, KTA presents a check to Pat Larson, FOZ Gift Shop Manager. Also present: Back row: Greg Goodale, Hawaii County Solid Waste Division Manager, Barbara Thomason, Patty Anger, Pat Engelhard (FOZ BOD), Linda Peters, Hawaii County Recycling Coordinator, Front row: Pam Mizuno, Zoo Complex Manager, Kristina and Dionne (the goats) and Shirley Howard, FOZ Animal Enrichment.

FOZ would like to remind you to visit the zoo often; while you are here, please consider a visit to the FOZ Gift Shop. The Gift Shop continues to offer unique gifts not found in retail stores on the island. It's not too early to start your holiday shopping. The "Tiger Shop" will be full of "special tigers" for the upcoming Namaste Birthday Party.

While you are at the zoo, please offer a thank you to the ladies in the Gift Shop; they work 363 days a year acting as liaison and guides to all things zoo. Thank you Pat, Lani and Patsy for all that you do

on behalf of FOZ. And, please keep in mind that all the profits from the Gift Shop, just like your donations, are used to support the FOZ mission.

I would like to extend a thank you to my fellow board members for their tireless efforts on behalf of FOZ and the zoo. Without their efforts, we would not be able to achieve our goals. Mahalo to all of you for your hand work and dedication. I want to especially thank each of you for the support you have given me in the past two years as I have served as your president.

September 10th is the annual FOZ Membership meeting at the zoo. Please join us as we elect our 2011-2012 Officers and Board of Directors. We appreciate your show of support.

Namaste's 13th Birthday Party will be held on September 24th this year. Please let Barbara Thomason know that you would like to help with the event. Barbara can be reached at thom2@yahoo.com. And, of course, "YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE BIGGEST BIRTHDAY PARTY IN HILO", so please save the date and plan to attend Namaste's birthday party.

Please log onto our website: hilo zoo.com. You can see what is happening at the zoo, enjoy pictures from past events, join the Friends of the Zoo organization, adopt an animal, volunteer and or donate money to FOZ; Benches and Dedication Tiles may be ordered on the website as well. Thanks to Dawn and James Hawkins, our website masters and specialists, we have a link to the community that represents the Zoo, FOZ and our mission. Please log in often and see what is happening at "your" zoo.

I remain humbled and honored to have served as your president for the past two years, please join us on September 10th as we elect the new 2011-2012 Officers and Board of Directors of the Friends of the Zoo.

--*Karla Cook*, President, Friends of the Pana'ewa Zoo

GO GREEN FOR THE ZOO

A reminder to save your HI-5 Recyclables: you are able to designate Friends of the Zoo as the recipient of the HI-5 redemption at the following recycling centers: The Arc of Hilo, Mr. K's Recycle and Atlas Recycling Centers will all take your recyclables and send your donation to FOZ. This is an opportunity for you to "go green" and help the Friends of the Zoo at the same time. Please recycle. Mahalo for supporting FOZ in their mission.

MEMBERSHIP

The FOZ membership team would like to extend a warm mahalo to all our FOZ members who have signed up to receive the newsletter via email! We would like to remind you that if you have changed your email address OR have not already signed up and would like to start receiving your copy of the newsletter via email, please let us know by sending a note to panaewazoo@aol.com. Please consider getting your newsletter electronically. We appreciate and thank you for your continued support of Friends of the Pana'ewa Zoo.

--*Judy Bevington*, Director FOZ and Membership Chairperson

**The Friends of the Zoo and Namaste
Invite everyone to attend his 13TH Birthday Party
September 24th, 2011**

It will be a fun day of food, fun, entertainment and games. Birthday visitors will be treated to the traditional birthday cake and ice cream.

Namaste will receive his "birthday ice cake", presents and will enjoy a special birthday dinner at 3:30.

Please join us for the birthday celebration.

DONATE THROUGH PAYPAL

The Friends of the Pana'ewa Zoo can accept your new or renewal membership or other donations on our website, <http://www.hilozoo.com/donations.php>, using Paypal, which is a safe and secure way to donate. If you click PayPal on the Donations page, you will be taken to the PayPal site, where, once your transaction is completed, you will receive a detailed transaction receipt for your tax-deductible donation. You do not need to have a PayPal account to use the site to donate. Any amount is greatly appreciated, be it \$10, \$50, \$100 or more.

You can also purchase a dedication plaque or tile or adopt an animal through PayPal. We can take all major credit cards or directly from your bank account. Again, any donation amount is appreciated.

--Dawn Hawkins, Director, FOZ

GORDON GRANGER/SALLY ROGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to Kahili Anderson of Ocean View and Natalie Mohr of Kailua-Kona, the recipients of the Gordon Granger/Sally Rogers Memorial scholarships.

BABY, MAYBE

In mid May, the gate that separates our male and female Binturongs, Joker and Keoki Ann was opened for the first time. Keoki Ann was showing signs of possibly being in heat and the zoo staff had always hoped that Joker, who is not related, would be her mate when she came of age. We should know if babies are on the way in approximately three months, the gestation period of Binturongs.

Keoki Ann, who is now two years old and born at the zoo, lives next door to her parents Lucille and Ricky Ricardo. She was one of Lucille's first offspring and was hand raised by a

zoo staffer after she was rejected by her mother shortly after birth. Lucille has since raised another pair of Bearcats the following year and they are now living in two zoos on the mainland. For the first year of her life Keoki Ann was raised in a home environment and then lived in the back facility of the zoo where she was monitored and pampered before being introduced to visitors.

When the gate was opened, Joker got up from his sleeping crate and slowly entered Keoki Ann's enclosure. She was perched on a branch and urinated, which gave off a popcorn scent, to mark her territory and possibly let him know she was in heat, and then she followed him around while Joker was investigating her home. Keoki Ann was making meowing noises and



gently nipping his tail during his tour of her enclosure. It looked like Joker was more interested in the new space than in his new mate. After a short while Keoki Ann decided to investigate Joker's enclosure and immediately marked the threshold before entering. She climbed up the fencing and proceeded to walk the whole perimeter eight feet off the ground. In the midst of this tour of both enclosures, Ricky came over to the fencing that separates his home from Keoki Ann's and discovered Joker sniffing a favorite sleeping spot of hers and proceeded to growl and hiss loudly

trying to fight with bared teeth and claws with Joker. The males get upset with each other and try periodically to fight while the females completely ignore **their** posturing and go back to taking their naps.

Come for a visit and watch the interplay of these fascinating animals and maybe by the end of August we will have new baby Binturongs!

--Lisa Matlage, Animal Enrichment

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

In our last newsletter, we told you about plans for a playground at the Pana'ewa Zoo. Thanks to many volunteers, the playground has been started. Pam Mizuno, Zoo Complex Manager explained in a July 27th article in the Hawaii Tribune Herald, that the project was started with a federal grant for new ADA-accessible bathroom facilities and playground equipment.

Craig Takamine of Takamine Construction donated his company's services as did 15 of his employees, preparing the site and laying the concrete foundation. Also providing donated

services to assist Craig and his employees were Infinity Pumping, Loeffler Construction, Island Wide Concrete Pumping, Rannikks Auto Specialists and Bob's Fencing.

Once the foundation was set, a group of 40 to 60 volunteers lead by the five East Hawaii Lions Clubs started erecting the playground equipment over a two day period. Also assisting with the setup were members of Friends of the Zoo, players from the Waiakea High School football team, Men of kupuna and members of other softball teams.



Although the majority of the work is done, landscaping and installing sod in surrounding areas still needs to be completed. The grand opening event for the new playground is scheduled to coincide with the celebration of Namastes' 13th birthday, September 24th.

The new playground features a soft, rubberized play surface and three large play areas (islands) with a variety of play accessories, including slides with bends that wind their way to the ground. One play area is designed for the younger keiki, age 2 to 4, while the other two islands have more challenging obstacles for keiki to 12 years old.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE ZOO

The Pana'ewa Zoo and Rainforest Gardens is fortunate to have a rare *Amorphophallus Titanum* (Corpse Plant). We have waited many years for this plant to bloom and our perseverance will payoff in the near future. It was 40" tall on July 26th, 2011 and is growing at the rate of 3 to 4" a day. If you missed the bloom from the plant that was loaned to the zoo (earlier this year), be sure to stop by and see this rare event.





Meet the new Alpacas, White Ginger (Ginger) and Saratoga (Sara) both girls and their friend Hoochy Coochy Man (Hooch), seen here with members of the FOZ Animal Enrichment Team, Akiko Miwa (college student from Japan) Lisa Matlage, Faith Elarionoff and Barbara Thomason.

Zoe, our beautiful Hyacinth Macaw has learned a new trick: She can open a box of raisins and then carefully removes one raisin at a time. Isn't she a clever bird!





Lemurs are an endangered species and they cannot be purchased. Fortunately, FOZ was able to procure 4 Ring-tailed Lemurs for permanent loan to the Pana'ewa Zoo. We now have one new female and 3 males.

Prior to moving into an enclosure for public view, the FOZ Animal Enrichment Team worked for several weeks to clean and ready an enclosure for the new arrivals.



Members of the FOZ Animal Enrichment Team pose while working on the enclosure for the new Lemurs. Pictured, left to right: Barbara Thomason, Faith Elarionoff, Shirley Howard, Susannah Welch, Akiko Miwa and Lisa Matlage.



FOZ Enrichment Team Members cleaning the Lemur enclosure.





Einstein the Cockatoo, playing with his new toy, donated by request of a FOZ member. Einstein says "Thanks!"



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2011 UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| September 10 | Annual Membership meeting and elections |
| September 24 | Namaste's 13 th birthday party |
| December 03 | Christmas party for animals, volunteers and staff |

MAHALO FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF FRIENDS OF THE PANA'EWA ZOO