

### FOZ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha and Happy New Year to all Friends of the Zoo members,

Since assuming the Presidency of FOZ as of September 2011, I have been trying to learn the ropes and getting used to what is required of the office. My hat is off to Karla Cook and to Jean Curtis before her for their work at keeping all the programs going with the help of many members of the Board of Directors.

- FOZ administers the gift shop at the Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo and Gardens under the watchful eye of Pat Larson, with the help of Lani and Patsy, who have expanded the products that are offered at the gift shop. This is our main source of the revenue which is used to assist the Zoo in its many expenses.
- Membership dues and donations are another major source of income for the Zoo. Until very recently Judy Bevington was in charge of membership roles, with Patty Anger helping a great deal with the computer and data work that was required. Barbra Green will be assuming some, if not all of Judy's duties.  
Most of you know that we are shifting to renewal annually, with expiration in January 31 every year.
- Co Vice President Patty Anger is in charge of the quarterly newsletter which will be coming to most members only by email unless we hear that you would prefer to be sent a paper edition of the newsletter.
- Our publicity is ably handled by Nina Bremer and Secretary Lisa Nelms keeps track of our meeting discussions and archives the minutes.
- Animal Enrichment is the responsibility of Barbara Thomason, our other Vice President and Faith Elarionoff. They assure that the Zoo animals have interesting and sometimes tasty ways to be entertained and cared for in what can sometimes be a mundane life at our gem of a Zoo.
- Gretchen Klungness, as Treasurer, keeps track of our income and expenses so that we are able to provide services and enhancements to the Zoo.
- Dawn Hawkins assures that our website is updated as needed.
- Kyle Van Gilder will be looking at how we can attract and keep our volunteers. Kyle is a 2010 graduate of our Docent Training session.

We have a great group of people who put many hours into improving the Zoo by helping to provide for the extras that make life easier, not just for the animals, but for all who work at the Zoo. We encourage anyone who would like to volunteer their time in some endeavor at the zoo to contact us at [engelhart001@gmail.com](mailto:engelhart001@gmail.com).

We will be assisting the Hawaii Horse Owners Association at the gate during their annual Rodeo on Presidents Day Weekend. Karla Cook will be chairing an event honoring our volunteers in March. Dan Beer will be chairing the annual Plant Sale, which will be moving to the Equestrian Center the first weekend in May. We can use your help in any or all of these events.

Looking forward to furthering our help to the Zoo in many ways during the New Year.

*Pat Engelhard, President, Friends of the Zoo*

## ZOO COMPLEX MANAGER'S MESSAGE

The month of December brought us rain, rain and more rain, and definitely filled our Rainforest Zoo and Gardens. Although the gardens are glowing with the plants joyfully growing, some of our poor animals have not been able to handle the deluge of wet weather we've recently experienced and had to be brought indoors to dry off and warm up.

Luckily, January came and brought along several nice sunny days with it. The daily visitor count soared to over 1,000 people on January 2, 2012! It was a wonderful way to welcome in the New Year.



We have added a few new animals to the petting zoo. Barbara Thomason helped to locate a Serama Rooster for our lonesome hens that reside at "the barn". A donation of Chinchillas and a Tiger Salamander named "Harold" are all doing well at the zoo. Harold is located at the Reptile House and has a very outgoing personality.

2012 is the year of the Dragon and our male Bearded Dragon will soon be the star of the TV program "Seniors Living In Paradise". He will be featured in next month's episode to welcome in the Lunar New Year.



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Special Thank You goes out to all of the dedicated Enrichment Team members that continue to ENRICH the lives of our zoo animals. MAHALO!

Many thanks to Hilo Orchid Society member Eric Guttormsen for his dedicated volunteer work installing new orchids on palms and trees at the zoo for many weeks now. The plants which are donated by Eric and other Hilo Orchid Society members are starting to show off their blooms in many different colors, varieties and fragrances. Spring will soon be here and will fill our gardens with beautiful blooms of all kinds. Please be sure to come by and visit us soon! (Photos courtesy of Pam Mizuno).

*Pam Mizuno, Complex Manager, Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo & Gardens and Pana'ewa Equestrian Center*

# Christmas At The Zoo

On December 3, Santa's Helpers (aka The Animal Enrichment Team) delivered presents to all the good little animals at the zoo. Each year the animals get special treats and toys. Namaste found a catnip pillow in his box and a pumpkin floating in his pond. When the monkeys ripped open their boxes there were balls and baby pumpkins. The coatimundi were very happy to get crickets for Christmas. Watermelon, grapes, and sweet potato seem to be the favorite treats for most of the animals.

Enrichment and the animals would like to thank everyone for their donations that make special activities like this possible.

*Barbara Thomason and June Kawashima, Enrichment Team*

**Santa's helpers: Linda Cave, Zoo keeper, Faith Elarionoff and Roberta Shiratori FOZ Enrichment Team**



**Namaste enjoys a cool dip in his pond while playing with a pumpkin**



**A wrapped gift is hidden and waiting to be discovered**



**A Black Handed Spider monkey with a wrapped Christmas gift**



**A Ring-tailed Lemur enjoying a fresh mango.**

## ZOO WALK ABOUT

In late November, we had friends visiting from the mainland. We always share our wonderful Pana'ewa Zoo and Rainforest Gardens with our friends, and fortunately for us, we had a beautiful day for our trip. The pictures that follow were taken that day and have been provided courtesy of Rick Budde from Novato, California.

*Patty Anger, Newsletter Coordinator*

The Giant Amazon Water Lily is native to Brazil and the Amazon. The leaves can grow to 7 feet and hold up to 300 pounds. The flowers bloom at night opening the first day as a female and opening the second night as a male. The flowers can grow up to 18 inches.



The Lady Amherst Pheasant male is one of the showiest of birds with exquisite feathers. They live in forests and bamboo thickets in China from Southeast Tibet to upper Burma.





Namaste and his reflection, strolling around the pond. Photo courtesy of Rick Budde.



The Ring-tailed Lemur is endemic to south and southwest Madagascar and can be found from sea level to 8530 feet. They have a beautiful 24 inch tail with black and white rings.

Max, a Catalina Macaw loves to entertain the zoo's guests. Photo courtesy of Rick Budde.



The Giant Anteater is native to Central and South America from southern Belize to northern Argentina.

The Pana'ewa Zoo is fortunate to have a pair thanks to the donation of pennies collected by school children on the island.



## **THANK YOU WAIAKEA HIGH SCHOOL**

Friends of the Zoo send a BIG Mahalo to Donna Tanabe and the students of Waiakea High School for donating the proceeds of their annual fundraiser to the zoo!

## MEMBERSHIP

The FOZ membership team sends a big mahalo to all our members who have signed up to receive the newsletter via email. 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](mailto:panaewazoo@aol.com). **We appreciate and thank you for your continued support of Friends of the Pana'ewa Zoo.**

*Patty Anger, Co-vice President, Friends of the Zoo*

## 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. We can take all major credit cards or directly from your bank account. **Thank you for your continued support of FOZ!**

*Dawn Hawkins, Director, FOZ*

## 2012 EVENTS SCHEDULE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
February 18 & 19	Horseowners Ass'n Rodeo	Equestrian Center
March 11 (tentative date)	Jean Curtis/Volunteer Day	Zoo
May 6	Plant Sale	Equestrian Center
June 29 (tentative date)	Evening Event	Zoo
September 29	Namaste's 14th Birthday	Zoo
December 1 (tentative date)	Christmas for the animals	Zoo

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