

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

The Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo and Gardens is looking beautiful and continues to demonstrate why it is referred to as the "Crown Jewel of Hawaii". Thanks to the ongoing work of the zoo volunteers, zoo staff and volunteers from all of the plant societies and the Water Garden Society, the zoo remains an amazing display of flora and fauna. What a glorious 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 it's botanical collections. Please visit often and consider a visit to the FOZ Gift Shop while you are here. The Gift Shop continues to offer unique gifts not found in retail stores on the island. And, please keep in mind that all the profits from the gift shop, just like your donations, are used to support the FOZ mission. This is a wonderful opportunity to do some early holiday shopping, and to give a gift that also supports the FOZ mission with your purchases.

If you get a chance to log onto our website: www.hilozoo.com, you will notice many changes and a wonderful new look. You are now able to 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 take a look and let us know what you think.

Please join us on September 11, 2010 for the FOZ Annual General Membership Meeting and Elections. We will have a short business meeting and elections, followed by lunch and door prizes. You will have an opportunity to meet your board members, new and old, and learn more about our plans and vision for the zoo. I hear that some of our special animal friends might make a command appearance at the meeting too.

I would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions; please feel free to contact me at kgcasunshine@aol.com with your thoughts and ideas for FOZ.

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

**The Friends of the Zoo and Namaste
Invite everyone to attend his 12th Birthday Party
October 2nd, 2010**

It will be a day of games, food and entertainment. 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.



Namaste with birthday Catnip Pillow. Catnip donated by Meowie Wowie, pillow created by Jean Curtis. -
Photo courtesy of Lanaya Deily. -

MEMBERSHIP

Mahalo to all our FOZ 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.

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

KEN WEST "A HUI HOU" - UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

On July 11, 2010 friends, fellow volunteers, fellow orchid growers and co-workers from USPS of Hilo joined together at the Akebono in Pahoa to say a fond "a hui ho" to Ken West who passed away on April 20th of this year.

As he phased out his "Ken West Orchids" business he transferred his love and interest in the beauty of life and nature into his commitment to the zoo. Ken was a graduate of the FOZ/ Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo and Gardens Docent Training Class of 2009 and was a key Information Booth volunteer. His willingness and enthusiasm to assist at the zoo was much appreciated, and will be missed. Until we meet again, Ken, our deepest Mahalo for your service to the Friends of the Zoo.

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



George and Jean Curtis, unknown volunteer, Ken West. Photo courtesy of Karla Cook -

KTA DONATION TO FOZ – EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

On the April 24, 2010, the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day, the Hawaii County Department of Environmental Management hosted Earth Day at the Zoo to highlight all the wonderful environmental projects our local keiki are doing in their schools and clubs.

As part of this event, Linda Peters, Recycling Coordinator for the County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management, worked with KTA to setup a donation program at the check out register of KTA during the month of April. This program raised \$2,496.00 which was presented to the Friends of the Zoo. These funds will help us continue our mission to support the Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo and Gardens.

Mahalo KTA and to all of you who participated in this donation program; and a special Mahalo to Linda Peters!

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



Tracey Yamane, KTA Advertising and Marketing Manager, presenting check to Barbara Thomason, FOZ Vice - President. Also present is Zoey Manu our hyacinth Macaw and Mele, the miniature horse. Photo courtesy of KTA.

Aloha to all of our “Green Friends”:

Did you know that you can help the environment and Friends of the Zoo at the same time? When you take your HI-5 Recyclables to The Arc of Hilo, Mr. K’s Recycle and Atlas Recycling Centers, you can donate the proceeds to Friends of the Pana’ewa Zoo. Contact Karla Cook at kgcasunshine@aol.com with any questions.

DONATE THROUGH PAYPAL

The Friends of the Pana’ewa Zoo is now accepting donations on our website, <http://www.hilozoo.com/donations.php>, through Paypal, which is a safe and secure way to donate. If you click the 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.

Additionally, you can obtain a Membership, 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

Friends of the Zoo: Annual General Membership Meeting & Elections

**Saturday, September, 11, 2010
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
Barbara Green at 934-7014 or email: bgreen1242@hawaiiantel.net
by Sept. 2nd.**

FOZ OFFICER AND BOARD NOMINATIONS

FOZ PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE

Karla Cook is a California transplant with a BS/BA Degree from the University of Redlands. She has worked in both small and large aerospace related companies for over 30 years. Her Manufacturing Engineer/Change Management back-ground provides good experience as she continues to serve as President of FOZ.

Karla has been active in the petting zoo since the first week she arrived in Hawaii in 2002. She has been on the FOZ Board since 2003 and Petting Zoopervisor since 2005. Along with her husband, Ivan, and a large volunteer following, she led the expansion and improvement of the petting zoo. Petting Zoo has been turned over to the capable hands of the Zoo staff, under the direction of Terry Moniz, Zoo Information/Education Specialist, which allows Karla to focus on her Presidential responsibilities. In the past years, she has been active in Animal Enrichment and has Chaired Namaste's Birthday Party the last three years.

"Camp Gramcookie", as the Cooks call their little farm in Mountain View, is summer camp for their grandchildren and home for their Dogs, several inside cats, a "mini-feral Cat Colony", their rescue Donkeys and goats and lots of chickens.

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. Patty is also an avid gardener and is secretary for Hawai'i Island Master Gardeners.

FOZ TREASURER NOMINEE

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.

FOZ SECRETARY NOMINEE

Carol Babineaux moved to Hawaii in 2006 after retiring from a career working in government, the private sector and as a small business owner. Over the years it was always important to Carol to find ways to contribute to her local community.

She has volunteered and served as a board member for a number of organizations and as a 4-H leader. As an animal and nature lover, she fell in love with Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo. Carol joined the FOZ board of directors in 2009.

FOZ BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINEES

Aloha ! My name is **Marlene Medeiros** and I am very excited about the possibility of being chosen as a Friends of the Zoo board member. My love of animals goes back to my childhood and continues just as strong in my adult life. I am a frequent visitor to the zoo and love taking pictures of Namaste' and the rest of his Pana'ewa Zoo Ohana.

While growing up in California, raising pigs as a 4-H member then later becoming a 4-H Swine Group Leader was a dream come true but owning a farm was pure "Hog Heaven" for this animal lover! I still laugh when I recall my Mother describing my farm to her friends as the "happy hog, dog, cat & miscellaneous animal farm" because of the assortment of animals that lived there and the happy kids who loved to visit. It was almost like having my own mini zoo!

In 1991 I moved to the beautiful Island of Lanai where I was given the opportunity to continue my community involvement by becoming the Swine Group Leader for the Koele Ranchers 4-H Club. I also had the pleasure of serving as a board member for Destination Lanai, Aloha Festivals and Lanai Community Association during the ten years I lived there. Currently, I am a Reach to Recovery Volunteer with the American Cancer Society and have been involved in several community clubs since moving to the Big Island in 2001.

I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to such a wonderful organization and would like to say mahalo for considering my membership to the Friends of the Zoo board.

Lisa Nelms has been a docent and a member of FOZ since 2004, on the Board as Secretary since fall of 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.



NEW LOOK FOR ZOO EXHIBITS

The latest result of an ongoing sign replacement effort in the Zoo can now be seen at the Reptile House. Fourteen new 12"x18" signs, photographed, written and produced by a collaboration of Zoo Manager Pamela Mizuno, Education Specialist Terry Moniz and FOZ Board Director Renee Kama, offers a new look for Zoo signs. Taking advantage of new printing technology, the signs are fade and weather resistant, and present a beautiful, lasting color quality.

--Renee Kama, Director, FOZ



Why is my shell so valuable?

Yellow Margined or Chinese Box Turtle
Cuora flavomarginata

CLASSIFICATION: Reptile

STATUS IN THE WILD: Endangered

RANGE: Known to live in several provinces of Southern China, Taiwan and Ryukyu islands of Japan where they are often seen in rice fields.

SIZE: Up to 7"

AVERAGE LIFESPAN: 15 or more years in captivity

DIET: These diurnal (active during the day) omnivorous gular & animal eating reptiles prefer insects, berries and earthworms.

INTERESTING FACTS: Chinese traditional "pharmacists" sell these turtles' plastrons (bottom part of their shells) to "cure" a variety of diseases and disorders. This, along with habitat destruction and degradation, has caused a severe decline in wild populations.



Did you know our "RIBBIT" call is used in movies?

Pacific Tree Frog
Hyla regilla

CLASSIFICATION: Amphibian

STATUS IN THE WILD: Common

RANGE: British Columbia to Baja California where they occupy a variety of habitats including ponds, streams, forested areas and grasslands.

SIZE: 3/4" to 2", Males being smaller than Females

AVERAGE LIFESPAN: 2 years in the wild, up to 6 years in captivity

DIET: These mostly nocturnal (active at night) and solitary amphibians enjoy an insectivores diet consisting mostly of gnats, flies and mosquitos.

INTERESTING FACTS: Native Americans believed that for every living person, an individual tree frog co-existed.





Zoey, enjoying a summer day at the zoo. Photo courtesy of Daghild Rick.

Auntie Barbara taking Zoey Manu out for a visit with her fans. Photo courtesy of Daghild Rick.



Casper, the ring tailed lemur with Auntie Barbara. Photo courtesy of - Daghild Rick. -

PETTING ZOO CORNER

I'm a Llama not a Lama. And no, I have no pajamas, but I just got a new haircut for the spring season. So who got da Llama?? Well, the Zoo has the Lama tree and the Friends of the Zoo-Petting Zoo has the Llama. So, come and meet Uncle Jose Llama at the Petting zoo on Saturdays from 1:30 to 2:30. Come find out why he is called "Uncle Jose". Jose, as he is called by his friends, came to FOZ almost four years ago as part of an eight animal purchase from Nozawa's Arc, a petting zoo on Oahu. He is now about 10 years old and a constant companion to Jelly Bean, the miniature zebu.

Jose is a great animal for the petting zoo. Although he is friendly to few, the petting zoo visitors love him. He is frequently mistakenly called an alpaca, giraffe, camel or even an elephant by keiki when they first meet Jose. But once the visitors, young and old, find out he is a llama, they all want to know if he spits. Well, Jose doesn't spit at people, only at Jelly Bean, and only once-in-a-while.

Jose is only handled by adult volunteers that have experience with large animals. He and Jelly Bean come to the petting zoo by way of the visitor pathway, making a great parade. The kids follow them to the petting zoo and watch as they are led into their stalls just prior to petting zoo opening. Petting Zoo is open on Saturdays from 1:30-2:30, and is staffed by volunteer "Petting Zoo Crew" members.

--Ivan Cook, **FOZ Volunteered**



Uncle Jose llama. Photo courtesy of Karla Cook. -

2010 UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| September 11 | Annual Membership meeting and elections |
| October 2 | Namaste's 12 th birthday party |
| October 31 | ZOOBOO–Zoo Sponsored Event/T. MoniZ Chairperson |
| December 04 | Christmas party for animals, volunteers and staff |

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



Namaste napping in the sunshine. Photo courtesy of Dan Lloyd. -