Starting this June, we celebrate the 90th birthday of the Sacramento Zoo! And, after taking a moment to reflect on our remarkable history we are also looking with great excitement toward a very bright future for our institution!

At our 90th Birthday Celebration in June, we launched the Zoo's new brand, highlighting the new look and approach we will use to tell the wonderful stories of our Zoo. At the same time, we also unveiled state-of-the art plans for our new Biodiversity Center and we provided the community with some initial concepts for our Master Plan and the exciting process of completely reimagining the Sacramento Zoo over the next 15–20 years.

Whether you are reading this issue of Maagizo or enjoying a day at the Zoo, you can’t help but notice our distinctive new brand. Our new logo, which highlights a giraffe, represents the future of the Zoo by showcasing one of our newest and most interactive exhibits – a theme that will be incorporated throughout our Master Plan, once finalized.

Working with world-renowned Zoo architects at CLR Design, Zoo staff and our Board of Trustees are hard at work finalizing an innovative plan, which we are thrilled to begin sharing with our community. Please stay tuned for more images and information on our exciting transformation plans.

We hope that you will join us in the conversation surrounding the future of the Zoo, and our plans to completely reimagine “the little Zoo in the park.” Thank you for joining us on the first 90-years of our journey. We look forward to partnering with you as we continue to shape our vision for the future of the Sacramento Zoo.
Animal Chatter

Spring and summer are always exciting seasons for the Animal Care Department. We invite you to come out and see the amazing changes and additions to the animals in our care. There is something new and different in almost every corner of the Zoo.

In April, we celebrated the birth of a Critically Endangered Mongoose Lemur. The birth makes for a family of five: mom, dad and the infant’s two older sisters. At just under two months the infant’s throat began changing from white to a rusty brown. This coloring indicates that it is a boy!

In May, three Critically Endangered Black and White Ruffed Lemurs were born to experienced parents Jacque and Ravenala. Ruffed lemurs (both Black and White and Red Ruffed) are the only primates that keep their young in nests instead of carrying them around on their bodies. Mom and the infants will be off exhibit until the youngsters can follow their mother and maneuver well in their habitat.

You will notice two new additions to the Australian Outback. A pair of male Red Kangaroo join us from Busch Gardens Tampa Bay as companions for Obi, the Zoo’s older male Red Kangaroo.

We’ve introduced a new female Abyssinian Ground Hornbill to the exhibit who joined our resident male. She came from the North Carolina Zoo as a recommended move through the AZA Ground Hornbill Species Survival Plan®. There are only about 70 birds of this species held in approximately 30 AZA zoos.

In the Reptile House, you will find an amazing lizard; a new male Blue Tree Monitor. He is being slowly introduced to our resident female Blue Tree Monitor. Little is known about this species’ behavior and habits in the wild, as they were only formally discovered in 2001.

This spring also noted an important birthday for one of the Zoo’s residents. “Rocket”, our young male Masai Giraffe calf celebrated his first birthday on April 10th. Weighing around 160 pounds at birth, and about 6 feet in height, Rocket is now nearly 1,000 pounds and almost 10 feet tall.

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From tall to small – sponsor them all! Packages starting at $25

[ Visit saczoo.org/Zooparent or call 916-808-5888 ]
1927 - 2017

Celebrating 90 Years!
1927
The "little Zoo in the park" is born, starting with just 4.2 acres and a collection of 40 animals.

1932
The Zoo receives several animals from the Stockton Zoo.

1935
The Tower Bridge is completed, bridging the gap between Sacramento and West Sacramento.

1940's
Bus lines to the Zoo begin.

1946
A lower concession stand is completed at the Zoo.

1949
Sue ("Sacramento Union Elephant") arrives at the Zoo, much to the delight of area visitors.

1948
The Sacramento Union newspaper sponsored a drive to raise funds to bring an elephant to the Zoo.

1951
The first giraffe is born at the Zoo.
The Sacramento Zoological Society is formed to support and provide funding for the Zoo.

The Zoo becomes one of nine zoos in the United States to have formalized education programs.

The first Bengal Tiger is born at the Zoo.

Sacramento is the endpoint of a civil rights march of the United Farm Workers (UFW) led by Cesar Chavez.

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The Zoo begins its Docent Education Program.

The Zoo gets “Winky” the elephant, Sue’s companion.

The Reptile House is completed.

The ZooMobile program begins.

The Zoo enlarges to its current 14.2-acre size.

The Zoo’s first Great Hornbill hatches.

Urban is the first Sumatran Orangutan born at the Zoo.

The Reptile House is completed.

The Zoo reimagines a more naturalistic look and adopts a long-range master plan for improvements and additions.

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Greater Sacramento AAZK

At the Sacramento Zoo, the staff is fully committed to the care of the animals. This commitment is present not only while on the clock, but also in the staff’s daily lives outside of work.

One of the best examples of this unwavering dedication is the work that staff does on their free time with the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK), a volunteer nonprofit organization. Greater Sac AAZK’s mission is to advance excellence in the animal keeping profession through professional development, communication with other experts in their field and contributions to local and global conservation efforts through fundraising and education. The local chapter consists not only of Sacramento Zookeepers, but also individuals from a variety of departments around the Zoo. While the Zoo and AAZK are separate organizations, they do work together on many projects that focus on education and animal conservation.

The Greater Sac AAZK has twenty-six active members and spans professional departments, all with one common goal: to be active within the community to spread the important message of conservation. One of the chapter’s most recent endeavors in pursuit of this goal includes participation in the Adopt-a-Highway program along the northern Sacramento stretch of Interstate 5, picking up debris and removing garbage from the highway very close to the Sacramento River.

Another fundraising effort spearheaded by Greater Sac AAZK can be seen throughout the neighborhood and beyond – Flamingo Flocking! For only $40, volunteers from AAZK will come adorn your lawn or that of your neighbor, colleague or anyone you deem worthy, with fun pink plastic flamingos!

Fundraising endeavors by the Greater Sac AAZK are 100% volunteer-driven and all funds received go directly back to conservation locally and abroad. Greater Sac AAZK volunteers mobilized recently to help support Mongolia’s Saiga Antelope through the Saiga Conservation Alliance, donating over $1,000 to a nonprofit dedicated to researching and protecting the local population from continuous decline. In 2016 Greater Sac AAZK celebrated a milestone; it was the first year they donated over $11,000 to animal and conservation-focused nonprofits, contributing directly to the causes that impact the species they care for on a daily basis.

The Sacramento Zoo is proud of the positive impact its staff makes in the Sacramento community and around the world. Thank you Greater Sac AAZK for all of your hard work and dedication! For more information about the local chapter, visit saczoo.org/aazk or like them on Facebook at facebook.com/GreaterSacAAZK.
Upcoming Events & Special Programming
At the Sacramento Zoo

ESTATE PLANNING SAFARI
Saturday, August 12
11:30 am to 1:30 pm
This free informative seminar held at the Zoo will navigate through a jungle of estate planning topics presented by local attorney Mark S. Drobny. Seating is limited. RSVP online at saczoo.org, by calling 916-808-8815 or email acable@saczoo.org by August 4th to guarantee your seat. Lunch will be provided.

NATURE EXPLORERS
Saturdays: June 24, July 29, August 26, September 30
10 am to 2 pm
Get wild about nature with outdoor play and discovery! Children ages 2–8, bring an adult and join the Zoo and Sacramento Public Library where we will be reading stories, playing and exploring the wonders of the natural world with a new topic each month.
Program is included free with Zoo admission.

FAMILY OVERNIGHT SAFARIS
Fridays: June 16, July 7 & 28, August 4
Saturdays: June 10 & 24, July 15 & 22
Camp out safari-style at the Zoo! Hear the roars, sleep under the stars and wake to the call of flamingos and the sight of a tasty breakfast.
For reservations visit saczoo.org/overnight or call 916-808-8814

ICE CREAM SAFARI
Saturday, August 19
4 to 8 pm
Join us for the 33rd annual Ice Cream Safari! Enjoy all-you-can-eat ice cream in cones, sundaes and floats and unlimited beverages. Explore the 14-acre Zoo with ice cream treats around every corner!
Fun for everyone! Face painting for the kids and don’t forget to enter the GiRaffle for the chance to win fun prizes. *Zoo closes at 1:30 pm.
Purchase tickets now at saczoo.org/icecreamsafari
**Wells Fargo Wednesdays**

**WEDNESDAYS: July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6**

Thanks to the generous support of Wells Fargo, the 1st Wednesday of each month in 2017 is Wells Fargo Wednesday! Up to four children age 2-11 will receive free admission to the Sacramento Zoo with a paid adult.

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**Wild Games**

Saturday, July 29
5 to 8 pm

Play like a kid, party like an adult at the Zoo’s newest event! Ride with friends on the carousel, enjoy inflatables, giant beer pong, lawn games and more! Celebrate everything we loved as kids in an all new grown-up way! Ticket includes all activities and one drink. Additional food and drinks available for purchase! Proceeds benefit Western Pond Turtle conservation.

*Zoo closes at 2 pm.

**Purchase tickets now at saczoo.org/wildgames**

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**Mike’s Camera Photography & Camera Classes**

August 3, 6 & 8
September 21, 24 & 26

Hone your photography skills by focusing your lens on Sacramento Zoo’s colorful creatures with Mike’s Camera for a Photo Safari Workshop!

Visit saczoo.org/photosafari for more information

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**Wild Affair**

Saturday, September 16
5:30 to 9:30 pm

**VIP Entrance at 5 pm**

Join us for Wild Affair – Benefiting the Sacramento Zoo!

Your evening includes hosted cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, silent auction and behind-the-scenes animal tours. Then sit down to enjoy a gourmet dinner and live auction. Complimentary valet parking provided at the front of the Zoo.

*Zoo closes at 1:30 pm.

**Seating is limited, purchase tickets now at saczoo.org/wildaffair**
POLLINATORS ARE IN DECLINE WORLDWIDE, BUT YOU CAN HELP SAVE THEM!

Worldwide there are more than 100,000 different animal species that pollinate plants – insects being the most common. But it’s not just an insect occupation; as many as 1,500 species of vertebrates also help pollinate plants!

Pollinators move from plant to plant while searching for pollen and nectar to eat. In the process they spread pollen, fertilizing the plants and enabling them to reproduce and form seeds, berries, fruits and other plant foods that make up the foundation of the food chain for other species, including humans.

Help pollinators by planting native wildflowers and flowering shrubs in your yard. Some plants that the Sacramento Zoo grows to help pollinators include yarrow, California poppy, California wildrose, and California wild lilac, all of which you can grow in your yard!