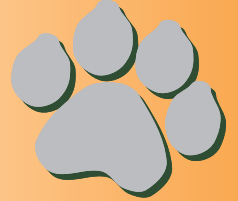




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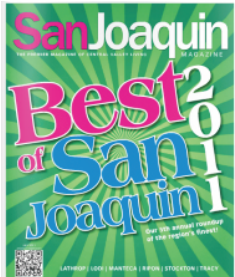


... promoting the stewardship of nature through enjoyment, understanding and involvement.

Lorikeets! BACK AGAIN FOR THE 2011 SEASON

Lorikeets! provides a wonderful opportunity for visitors of all ages to enjoy these colorful parrots while feeding them a special “nectar” diet. These gregarious, inquisitive birds provide Micke Grove Zoo guests a uniquely memorable experience and great photo opportunities in their free flight exhibit.

Lorikeets! is supported in part by a generous gift from the Micke Grove Zoological Society.



Best of San Joaquin 2011
Lorikeets!
at Micke Grove Zoo
is an Editor's Pick!

Lories and lorikeets are small to medium-sized parrots characterized by their specialized brush-tipped tongues for feeding on nectar and soft fruits. The birds are in the parrot family, Psittacidae. Widely distributed throughout the Australasian region, including south-eastern Asia, Polynesia, Papua New Guinea and Australia, the majority have very brightly colored plumage. The natural diet for lorikeets includes flowers and nectar.

Lorikeets! is open daily at 10:00 a.m. through October 2nd. The exhibit closes 30 minutes prior to Zoo closing. Admission to the exhibit is free with paid Zoo admission. Lorikeet nectar is available for \$1.00.

Join our “Team Lorikeet” Volunteers

Be part of the fun by helping the Zoo provide this exciting, interactive experience.

For more information or to sign up, contact the Zoo Office: 209-331-2010 or info@mgzoo.com.



A Blend of Education, Conservation and Fun

Education and conservation are at the heart of the mission of every professional zoological institution ... and **your Zoo** is no exception. Among Micke Grove Zoo's education successes is the popular **ZooFari Zoo Camp** program that continues to attract hundreds of new participants each year.

With great interactive experiences, wildlife-oriented arts and crafts, play and informal learning, Zoo Camp is a great way to nurture science literacy ... and to launch the conservation heroes of tomorrow. As you read this, ZooFari Zoo Camp 2011 will be winding down. But mark your calendar for 2012. The program gets better every year.

ANIMAL Happenings



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There are many activities and changes for 2011 – some completed and some underway. But one thing is certain ... all are exciting! Visit the Zoo this season for a great day of exploration and learn more about the amazing diversity of the animal kingdom. Your old friends - and a few new ones - will be here to greet you!



The Zoo brought in another highly endangered golden-lion tamarin – a female from The Hogle Zoo in Salt Lake City. This species' survival in its lowland Atlantic tropical forest habitat has been in jeopardy. The golden lion tamarin is the object of an exciting effort to reintroduce the species to protected areas of eastern Brazil's coastal forest. As part of a population management program of the Association of Zoo's and Aquarium's known as the Species Survival Plan, this new female is partnered with a male from our family group of golden-lion tamarins. The hope is that this genetically valuable pair will produce offspring. Initially housed in off-display quarters, the pair will be exhibited in an area currently under renovation.

In April, a young female golden eagle was brought to us from Lindsay Wildlife Museum in Walnut Creek, California. The eagle sustained an injury in the wild that prevents her from being released. Golden eagles are native to nearly all parts of North America, particularly the West. These majestic birds are second in size only to the California condor among North America's birds of prey. Golden eagles, though mostly brown, get their name from the golden coloration at the back of the crown and nape. Keep an eye out for this magnificent raptor when you visit the Zoo.



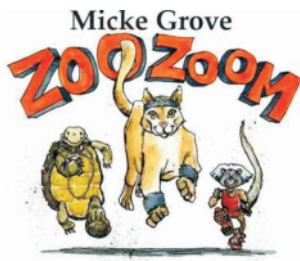
Many are familiar with Micke Grove Zoo's radiated tortoise exhibit, a component of the "Island Lost in Time" complex. "Island Lost in Time" refers to the island of Madagascar, separated from the Eastern coast of Africa some 160 million years ago. Many Madagascar animals, including the Zoo's radiated tortoises, are found nowhere else in the world.

Another animal unique to Madagascar and nearby islands is the lesser vasa, or black parrot. Five of these curious birds were acquired from the National Aviary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to join the radiated tortoises as part of a mixed-species exhibit. With their somber plumage, black parrots are distinctive among parrots and will be an interesting and welcome addition to the collection. Animal care staff has made changes to the terrariums at the "Island Lost in Time" to enable better viewing of several tiny mantella frogs, also Madagascar natives.



Zoo staff is closely monitoring our female southern pudu, anticipating a birth this season. Among the smallest of deer species, the southern pudu is native to Chile.

A female northern pintail duck has been brought in to pair with a male exhibited in "Tule Islands", the native waterfowl exhibit.



Photos by Ellie Stone



A Great Morning for a Great Cause

The first annual **Micke Grove Zoo Zoom** on June 12 attracted more than 300 runners and walkers. Their morning excursion through Micke Grove Park was followed by a pancake breakfast served by **Kiwanis of Greater Lodi**. Generous sponsorship and volunteer support, with help from **Fleet Feet of Stockton** and **On Your Mark Events**, contributed to this fundraiser's success.

Micke Grove Zoological Society was the **Zoo Zoom Presenting Sponsor** with additional generous major sponsorship from **Clark Pest Control, Inc.**, **Financial Center Credit Union**, **Port of Stockton**, **Lee's Feed & Western Store**, and **State Farm Insurance-Tom McCauley**.

Proceeds from the **Micke Grove Zoo Zoom** assist in offsetting expenses of the Zoo's education programs and family events.

Mark your calendar for next year's **Micke Grove Zoo Zoom - June 10, 2012**
Plan to be part of a great morning in support of Micke Grove Zoo's program services.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Despite the challenges of sustaining County facilities and services during a period of declining tax revenues, Micke Grove Zoo continues to offer a great family recreational and educational experience. As San Joaquin County officials wrestle with budget challenges, the need for non-County support of the Zoo and its programs has never been more apparent. Given the many demands for County services, simply sustaining current operations requires far more resources than local government alone is able to provide. To make necessary exhibit changes that meet animal needs, to provide zoo facilities and services that meet public expectations, and to pursue the Zoo's wildlife conservation objectives requires hard work, creativity, cooperation ... and funding.

Fortunately, we have areas of opportunity to augment our limited tax-dollars. These include **earned revenues** such as admission, program and membership fees, and **donations** such as memorial gifts and event sponsorships. **Public and private grants** for specific projects are

among potential funding sources. Both public and private revenues are essential for virtually every successful zoo. At Micke Grove, all funding mechanisms need to be explored and developed to realize the Zoo's potential as an outstanding, popular regional resource.

We have slowly begun the build-out of an exciting **MGZ Facilities Master Plan**. Bringing this plan to reality will require wise management of current funding sources and cultivation of new revenue streams – both public and private.

The Micke Grove Zoological Society was established to spearhead private support for San Joaquin County's Zoo. Through its membership, retail sales and fundraising, the Society is positioned to play a major role in the Zoo's future. **Your involvement** in Society programs and activities is one way to support Micke Grove Zoo. There is a role for everyone in building a strong, cooperative and effective public-private partnership ... a building project that remains a key element in advancing **your Zoo**.

WHAT'S COMING UP!

July 29 - Sparks in the Park – Randy Sparks and the New Christy Minstrels – *Dinner and entertainment at a joint Zoological Society/Historical Society fundraiser*

August 13 - South American Ice Cream Safari – *Monkeys, music ... and ice cream too! Don't miss it.*

September 4 - National Wildlife Day – *A special focus on the wildlife diversity right here in the good old USA*

NEWS FROM THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY



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The Micke Grove Zoological Society (MGZS) is a non-profit organization that has raised funds for more than 30 years to assist San Joaquin County with Zoo operations and programs. Funds are generated through membership, the Zoo Parent Program, gift shop sales, vehicle donations, fundraising events, and donations. Please visit the Zoo's website at www.mgzoo.com for more information on all of these programs.

There are now five categories of membership and the Zoo Parent Program offers the opportunity to "adopt" any animal in the Zoo's collection. The gift shop is expanding the selection of animal and conservation-related merchandise to provide you with the perfect gift for an animal-loving family member or friend.

The Zoological Society's vehicle donation program is off to a great start and we hope that everyone reading this article will help to get the word out. If you have a location where we can post the flier shown at the right, please email the Society at mgzs@mgzoo.com. We will be happy to deliver it.

Plans are underway for several fundraising activities to be held at the Zoo during this new fiscal year. Please watch your email for invitations to both family and adult events.

Come out and join in supporting the great work being done by the staff and volunteers of Micke Grove Zoo.



New Members Join Zoological Society Board of Directors

The Zoological Society's Board of Directors cultivates private support for Micke Grove Zoo, assisting San Joaquin County in meeting the Zoo's, conservation, education and public service objectives. Fundraising activities of the Zoological Society are guided by that organization's Board of Directors that has recently added five new members. We would like to introduce them to you.



Tom Altieri, formerly a teacher, was also a senior director for product development in the insurance industry and currently works for the Performing Animal Welfare Society. Tom and his wife, Annamarie, who works in the Micke Grove Zoo Education Department, make their home in San Andreas.



Wayne Craig has 35 years of experience in real estate and is owner and broker of Craig Realty Advisors, Inc., a Lodi residential and commercial real estate firm. He previously taught in the Lodi Unified School District and San Joaquin Delta College, and was an assistant professor at University of the Pacific.



Linda Jimenez retired in 2009 as an Administrative Analyst from California State University, East Bay. She chairs the City of Tracy Parks and Community Services Commission and is a member of the Tracy Chamber of Commerce, South Side Community Organization, and Coalition of Tracy Citizens to Assist the Homeless. Linda also volunteers at her grandchildren's school and granddaughter's Girl Scout Troop.



Wendy Moore, a fourth-generation Lodi resident, retired last year as Deputy Director of San Joaquin County's Human Services Agency. She now runs her family's farm west of Lodi.



Gwen Van Steenberge, Director of Special Projects at Lodi Iron Works, is currently on the board of the California Metals Coalition. Gwen is a Leadership Lodi alumna and, as a youth, was a volunteer at Micke Grove Zoo.

There is always need for help with the organization's activities. If you would like to volunteer for a committee – or even be considered for membership on the Society's board – contact mgzs@mgzoo.com.



Harvey
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Memorial Golf Tournament 2011



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Driving and Putting for a Better Zoo

Harvey Kessel Tourney Benefits Zoo, Museum

More than 100 golfers convened at the Micke Grove Golf Links on May 6 to participate in the **6th Annual Harvey Kessel Memorial Golf Tournament**. A joint benefit for the Micke Grove Zoological Society and the San Joaquin County Historical Society, the tournament also honors the memory of Harvey Kessel, a former community leader who was a member of the Zoological Society's Board of Directors.

Following the tournament, a dinner and auction at the Historical Museum capped the day's activities. A big **thank you** to the following whose generosity made the festivities successful:

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Micke Grove Zoo is located in beautiful Micke Grove Park.

Zoo Summer Hours:

Open daily - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Weekends and holidays - 10 a.m. to 6:00 pm.

Zoo Admission:

Adults - \$4

Children 3-17 - \$2

Vehicle admission to Micke Grove Park is \$5 per car.

Visit www.mgzoo.com for more information on
Zoo programs and services.