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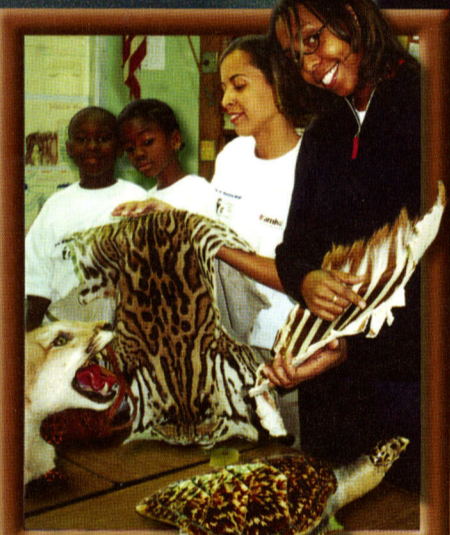
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DR. WILDE'S WORLD**

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NEW ANIMALS

Births and Hatchings

- 10 Leopard tortoises (genders undetermined) – January 26 - February 9
- 1 Male southern gerenuk – January 2
- 1 Male Nile lechwe – February 3
- 1 Crocodile monitor (gender undetermined) – February 2
Successful first clutch of eggs!
- 1 Black duiker (gender undetermined) – March 10

On Loan

- 1 Female African elephant – February 13

Acquisitions

- 2 Male and 1 female pygmy marmosets – February 16



Southern gerenuk



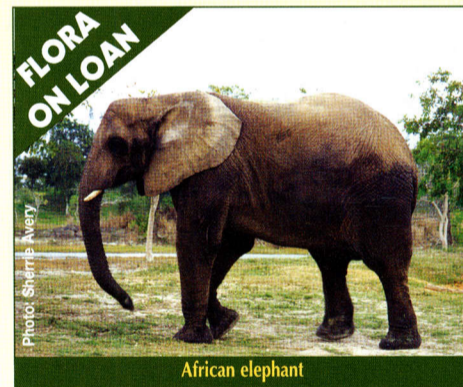
Pygmy marmoset



Crocodile monitor



Leopard tortoises



African elephant



Nile lechwe

**ANIMAL FEEDINGS
(DAILY)**

Tiger	11:00 a.m.
Orangutan	11:30 a.m.
Asian river Otter	12:00 p.m.
Meerkat (NEW)	12:30 p.m.
Dromedary Camel (NEW)	1:00 p.m.
Pygmy hippo	1:30 p.m.
Chimp	2:00 p.m.
Himalayan black bear	2:00 p.m.
Giraffe	2:30 p.m.
African elephant (NEW)	3:00 p.m.
Galápagos tortoise	3:30 p.m.

D e a r F r i e n d s :



Photo: Barbara Crutchfield

In the past months we have seen tremendous growth in ZSF and Metrozoo's membership, attendance, and education program enrollment. Both staff and Board of Directors have had a series of meetings with Portico Group, a Seattle based architectural firm, to discuss a new Master Plan for Miami Metrozoo. After attending several workshops with other members of our community, we are in the final stages of completing the Master Plan to continue expanding one of the top ten zoos in the country. Plans to incorporate other themed park attractions in the surrounding areas of the Zoo will provide a variety of recreational activities for local and international visitors.

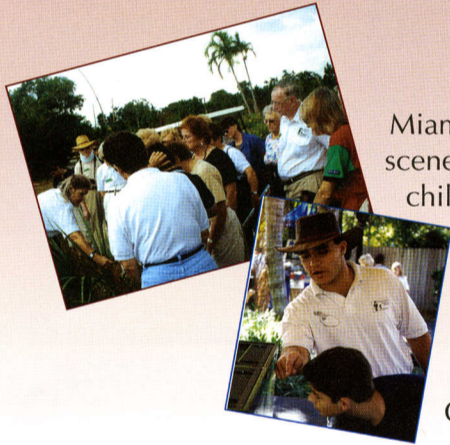
With these new developments, the opportunity for involvement grows. We have launched a new **Corporate Membership Program** giving local and national corporations the opportunity to invest in the future of our wildlife wonderland. Corporations play a vital role in the development of new exhibits, research, animal acquisitions, and education and conservation programs. By joining one of ZSF's **Corporate Membership Circles**, your corporation will receive an array of benefits and will be recognized by more than 500,000 visitors a year. We look forward to welcoming you soon as a community philanthropic leader.

For more information on our new Corporate Membership Program, please call Debbie Mucarsel, Associate Director of Development for the Zoological Society of Florida, at (305) 255-5551.

Sincerely,

Glenn Ekey
Executive Director
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N E W V O L U N T E E R S A R E N E E D E D !



Miami Metrozoo has volunteer opportunities available seven days a week. Volunteers work both behind the scenes and with the public in many different capacities. In the Children's Zoo, volunteers may interact with children and animals in the Petting Yard or assist the keepers with the cleaning and feeding of the Children's Zoo animals. Volunteer "Zoo hosts" greet and assist Zoo visitors. Those interested in wildlife conservation and education may go through additional training to become Zoo docents. Docents provide information to Zoo visitors, conduct tours, interpret exhibits, and present educational programs both on and off Zoo grounds. If you are at least eighteen years of age, enjoy working with both animals and people, and are available to work a minimum of six hours a month, we invite you to join the volunteer team. Call Volunteer Services at (305) 255-5551 today!

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THE PEOPLE AND CULTURES OF TROPICAL AMERICA

By Ron Magill, Metrozoo's Director of Communications

The opening exhibit of Dr. Wilde's World will focus on the people, plants and animals of Tropical America. The hope is to show how each of these areas is dependent on the others

The anthropology discovery area will highlight the people of several indigenous cultures of the Tropical American rainforest. A variety of exhibits within the anthropology discovery area will display artifacts used by them to hunt for and prepare their food. You will find arrows and spears, hand-carved wooden platters and special strainers created from rain forest seedpods. Colorful headdresses and other ceremonial clothing will also be exhibited along with vivid photographs showing their usage.

You will marvel at the stunning artifacts that are hand-carved and woven by the different indigenous people. Gorgeous baskets, that take months to make and are considered by many to be some of the finest in the world, will give you a great appreciation for basket weaving. Photographs will illustrate the painstaking detail that is incorporated into these valuable works of art, along with the plants and materials that are used to create them. One of the most unique and beautiful of the



Photo: Ron Magill



Photo: Arnold Newman

indigenous art forms of the Tropical American rainforest is tagua carving. The tagua nut, a seed from a rainforest palm that is sometimes called vegetable ivory, was used to make buttons in the mid 1900's. Many of the indigenous cultures of the Tropical Americas have become masters of carving these seeds into beautiful miniature reproductions of the rainforest and tropical ocean life that surround them. These carvings are now highly prized by collectors, and Dr. Wilde's World will display some of the finest to be found anywhere in the world.

Many of the artifacts will be in special display cases for protection, but there will also be several hands-on artifacts for you to touch.

We hope you will have a memorable and inspiring experience as you see, hear and touch the beauty that is Tropical Americas, and that you will feel a stronger connection to the wonderful cultures that share our world.



Photo: Ron Magill

THE RIVER PLAZA AT DR. WILDE'S WORLD

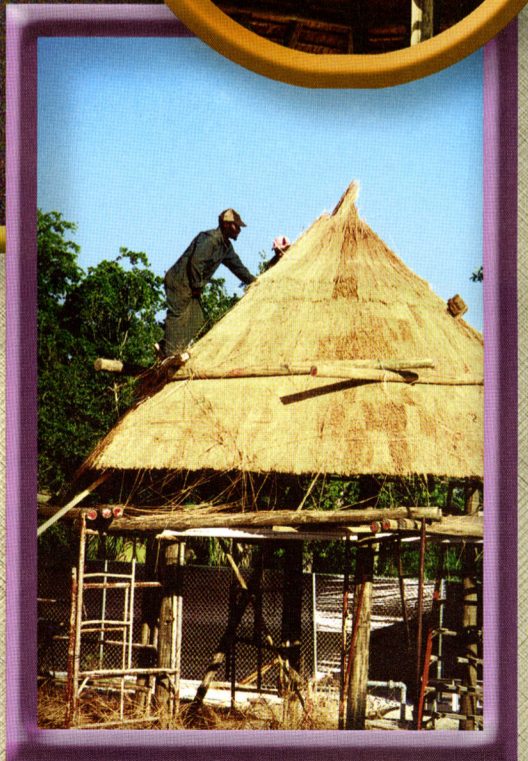
Taking a walk on the wild side at Metrozoo will lead you to the tropical river habitats from around the world, teeming with wild beasts. You will come face-to-face with life-like sculptures of Nile hippos and crocodiles, Indian rhino, Asian water buffalos, African elephants, and a South American anaconda and tapir. The animals look as if they are gently submerged in water. Actually, the "water" is a blue-green resilient surface material that makes it safe for children to climb these magnificent animal sculptures. Guests are enveloped in animal sounds and a rolling foggy mist.

Palm trees and native grasses enhance the river landscape, and large specimen trees provide shade for you to relax and enjoy the plaza. See if you can identify the new foliage surrounding the plaza: the baobab tree, "afterglow" bougainvillea, Bismarck palm, old man palm, Oldham bamboo, gumbo limbo,

"Wamin" bamboo, pigeon plum, coconut palm, dwarf poinciana, Egyptian papyrus, royal poinciana, areca palm, white African iris, African daisy, "Nora Grant" ixora, wild tamarind, Muhly grass, "Medjool" date palm, split leaf philodendron, red fountain grass, Xanadu philodendron, firecracker plant, sand cordgrass, purple queen, bird of paradise, yellow tabebuia, fakahatchee grass, pink tabebuia, Florida thatch palm, Washington palm, and beach sunflower.

Three very special seating areas with curved benches and overhead thatched canopies complete the ambience of the plaza. A crew of African artisans built the intricately woven thatched roofs with Mexican palm leaf and South African Cape reed.

The River Plaza and Dr. Wilde's World make a unique venue for corporate events and private parties. Call the Zoo's Sales Office at (305) 251-0400 for information.



Photos: Sherrie Avery



THE POISON ARROW FROG

By Steve Conners, Metrozoo's General Curator

Central and South America contain the world's greatest diversity of frogs. Thus, it seemed appropriate to showcase the planet's most beautiful frogs in our newest exhibit, Dr. Wilde's World.

The poison arrow frogs are rainforest gems that display some of the brightest, most spectacular colors in the animal kingdom. Over sixty species of colorful amphibians cloaked in reds, blues, yellows and combinations of these colors, parade in broad daylight, literally daring predators to attack. "How so?" you ask. The poison referred to in their name is found in the skin of these creatures. Any animal foolish enough to swallow a poison arrow frog would likely die or at least become violently ill. In other words, they possess warning (aposematic) coloration, just like the bright colors of a coral snake. Only two species are actually known to be used to poison the blow darts of South American Indians, but the name has been applied to the group as a whole for they all have skin toxins.

The Zoo currently maintains three species of these deadly jumpers. The blue poison arrow frog (*Dendrobates azureus*) hails from a small region in the country of Surinam. The dyeing poison arrow frog (*Dendrobates tinctorius*) has a wider range in northern South America and has a number of color variations.

Our specimens are a rarely seen blue color morph. Both of these species are among the largest of the group, reaching lengths of over two inches! Smaller and less colorful are the rocket frogs (*Epipedobates sp.*) from Peru, which are black with yellow stripes on their sides. We plan to display at least two of these three species at any given time and may expand our collection in the future.

These jungle denizens have a fascinating life history even by amphibian standards. To begin with, their eggs are laid on land rather than in water. When they hatch, the tadpoles somehow wriggle onto their father's back and manage to hang on to his slimy skin. Dad then transports his kids into the trees to locate water-filled bromeliads. A single tadpole is dropped off at each bromeliad to complete its development into a little frog. Scientists are learning more fascinating facts about poison arrow frogs all the time. To learn more yourself, stop in and see what Dr. Wilde's World has to offer.

We thank the Five Millers Foundation for its donation for the Poison Arrow Frog Exhibit.



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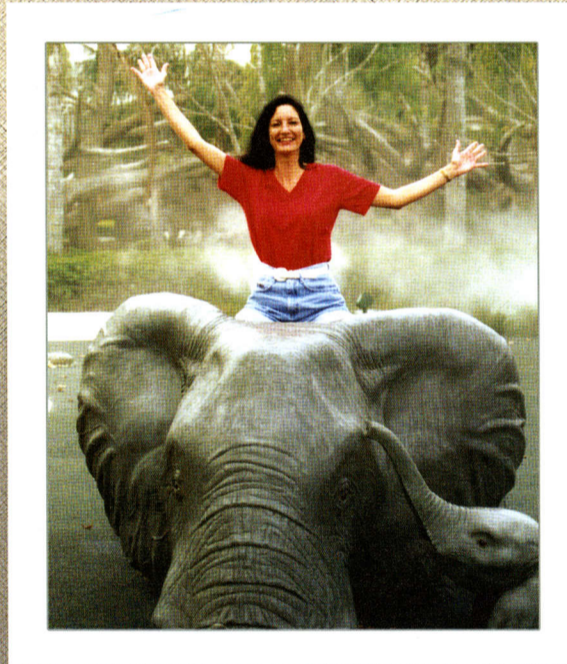
MEET DR. KATHLEEN E. TURNER, DVM

Curator, Dr. Wilde's World

"When I first heard the description of the Dr. Beatrice Wilde character, I was amazed. Dr. B. Wilde loves science and nature, she loves learning, and she wants to share all of that with others. I thought, 'That's me!'" exclaimed Dr. Kathleen Turner. The curator of the Zoo's newest exhibit will win your hearts!

Born in Chicago, Illinois, she developed her passion and excitement for science, nature and learning by visiting all the wonderful zoos and museums in that city. "Museums and zoos were my very most favorite places in the whole world. But no one ever wanted to take me because they could never drag me out! I just couldn't get enough," Kathleen confessed.

So she devoted her studies and life to what she loves best. Her first jobs were with a nature center and at a marine-life facility where she trained dolphins



and sea lions, performed public education presentations, and worked in the aquarium. She went to Panama and was a research diver for the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institution. She was graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor's degree in Zoology, and received her degree in Veterinary Medicine from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. She was a Post-Doc at the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences.

"To have the opportunity to share my passion for life by creating exhibits at Miami Metrozoo is beyond belief," said Kathleen. "Please come and get to know me, allow me to welcome you to this outstanding new facility, and let me know what you would like to see in the future at Dr. Wilde's World."

Photo: Greg Alexander

ARNOLD NEWMAN, NATURALIST

Though Dr. Wilde's World is a reflection of the work of the fictitious Dr. Beatrice Wilde, there have been many contributions from other world-renowned experts who helped create this wonderful exhibit. Among them is Arnold Newman, and we thank him for his invaluable consultations on this project.

Arnold Newman's work in the tropical rainforests of the world spans a quarter-century. He has been an advisor to various governments on forest conservation and is founder of the International Society for the Preservation of the Tropical Rainforest; Africa Tomorrow (addressing sub-Saharan famine); the Cathedral Rain Forest Science Preserve in Costa Rica; and the Fossil Ridge Paleontological Park in California. He was the host and science producer on "The Elementary News," a four-time Emmy award-winning television series on KTTV Los Angeles.

Newman is an accomplished photographer and has established an impressive library of images based on his expeditions to tropical rainforests in 31 countries. His photographs have toured museums of art in several countries, appeared in many books and publications, and are included in the Smithsonian Institution's current exhibit, "Tropical Rainforests: A Disappearing Treasure."

Newman is author of *The Lungs Of Our Planet: The Tropical Rain Forest: Earth's First Endangered Habitat* published by MIR, publishers of science in the Soviet Union. He also led the U.S. delegation to Moscow in April 1987 when the U.S.-Soviet Cooperative Initiative on Tropical Deforestation was signed.



Photo: Gandhi Newman

VOLUNTEERS HONORED

One of the ways we say "Thank you" to our volunteers is to honor them at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in January. This year's event was loads of fun and the awards had everyone laughing, clapping and cheering. "All awards were bestowed to volunteers who went beyond the usual volunteer assignments," said Carol Lang, Director of Volunteer Services. "Our honorees all performed unusual and helpful tasks."

GOLDEN AWARDS

Kay Ostroski: the *Golden Telephone* – for the many hours spent on the phone as our volunteer scheduler.

Ron Medford: the *Golden Crocodile* – for spending lots of time telling people about our crocodiles.

Kathryn Medford: the *Golden Computer* – for entering over 800 new memberships gained courtesy of Union Planters Bank.

Bob Beck: the *Golden Palm* – for documenting every plant and tree on Metrozoo grounds.

Francisco Guerra: the *Golden Christmas Lights* – for working over 40 hours helping with the "Wild Lights" event.

K. T. Taylor: the *Golden School Bus* – for coordinating Zoo host coverage with projected school group bookings.

Nancy Hembree: the *Golden Bird* – for implementing "Project Feederwatch."

Mary Rose: the *Golden Pinecone* – for helping the Education Department identify the plants in the Rock Pinelands and develop the curriculum for the Pinelands education program.

The Education Committee: Nancy Hembree, K. T. Taylor, Kay Ostroski, Barbara Crutchfield, Claudia Steadman, Carolyn Garwood and Arlene Randall: the *Golden Apples* – for helping so much with the volunteer training program.

TWENTY-YEAR AWARDS

Four very special volunteers were recognized for giving their services lovingly and selflessly for twenty years to ZSF and Metrozoo. We pay special tribute to: **Alice Badenell, Barbara Birmingham, Rosemarie Twinam, and Gwen Koth**



Carol Lang, Director of Volunteer Services and ZSF Executive Director, Glenn Ekey present Barbara Birmingham (center) with her 20-year award.

Photo: Barbara Crutchfield

THE NATIONAL TREE TRUST AND BOY SCOUT TROOP #334 BEAUTIFY THE ZOO WITH TREES

The Zoological Society of Florida (ZSF) received a grant of tree seedlings for planting at the Zoo from the National Tree Trust. Life Scout **Robbie Greene**, a member of the Miami Springs Boy Scout Troop #334, and a ZSF member, decided that the tree planting was an excellent community service project, and recruited 73 volunteers for the Saturday, February 3rd planting. Volunteers planted over 100 trees of twelve different varieties along a 285-foot fence and potted 600 bald cypress seedlings that will later be planted throughout the Zoo.



Photo: Maria Roberts

The National Tree Trust (NTT) is a not-for-profit organization, serving as a catalyst for local volunteer and community service groups in the growing, planting and maintenance of trees in rural and urban areas. The Community Tree Planting Program is a partnership between NTT, selected forest product companies and qualifying community groups. The Program gives grants consisting of one-year-old regionally appropriate tree seedlings, two-gallon plastic containers, and a partial cash subsidy for potting substrate.

Greene's responsibility included organizing volunteers to do the planting with supervision from ZSF volunteers and Tom Trump, Metrozoo's Director of Maintenance and Horticulture. Greene was also responsible for providing the potting soil and donations to cover the expenses of the project. Greene created the project in preparation for qualifying for his Eagle rank. Said Greene, "This tree planting means a lot to me. It's a very concrete thing that I will be able to show my children that I, many years ago, helped to beautify the Zoo." Greene is enrolled in the Biomedical and Environmental Advancement Magnet (BEAM) at North Miami Beach Senior High School and has been a scout since second grade.

EAGLE SCOUT TROOP #457 PLANTS TREES AT THE ZOO

On Saturday, February 3rd, Eagle Scout Troop #457 added to the beauty of the Zoo's entrance boulevard. Eagle Scout **Jason Wehking**, a sophomore at Palmetto Senior High School, coordinated the planting of 200 trees and shrubs of eight different species with the assistance of 80 friends and family members from his scout troop. The volunteers' efforts amounted to 300 service hours.



Photo: Ike Wehking

Following the planting, mulching and clean up of the site, the volunteers were treated to a barbecue lunch prepared by Chef Ike Wehking.

Miami Metrozoo thanks both volunteer groups for their assistance in beautifying the Zoo's grounds!

Look At What's Blooming At The Zoo

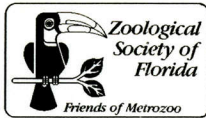
May and June are wonderful months to visit the Zoo. See these unusual and beautiful trees and plants.

May: TREES: apple blossom shower (across from the entrance Snack Bar); golden shower (Cape hunting dog); jacaranda (Baird's tapir/Marabou stork); African tulip (black rhino); sausage (monorail station 3); long-spine acacia (impala). SHRUBS/GROUND COVER/VINES: frangipani (behind white tigers); bougainvillea (kudu and throughout the Zoo); thryallis (entrance sign at 152 Street and outside condor enclosure); king's mantle (north side entrance plaza).

June: TREES: golden shower (Cape hunting dog); royal poinciana (black rhino); yellow poinciana (African elephant); St. Thomas orchid (Asian elephant); lignum vitae (north side of old aviary); shaving brush (behind gorilla exhibit); Brazilian beauty leaf (opposite guanaco); crape myrtle (monorail station 4). SHRUBS/GROUND COVER/VINES: rondetia (Indian gaur); firecracker plant (squirrel monkey/giraffe); firespike (Butterfly Garden by tigers); firebush (Butterfly Garden by tigers); Mexican flame vine (Children's Zoo Butterfly Garden); Mexican firecracker (condor); Cape honeysuckle (west of Purple Martin House); St. Christopher lily (across from chimps); parrot's beak (Children's Zoo Butterfly Garden).



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Ball of the Wild: The Mystery and Wonder of Africa

More than 500 partygoers were immersed in the fascinating sights, sounds and tastes of Africa at Ball of the Wild, the ZSF's annual black tie gala held on March 3, at Dr. Wilde's World and the River Plaza, the Zoo's newest and most exciting exhibit. Ron Magill, the Zoo's Goodwill Ambassador and Director of Communications was Ball emcee.

Sponsored for the second consecutive year by Lucent Technologies, Ball of the Wild raised close to \$300,000. "This is our most important fundraiser of the year," said Glenn Ekey, ZSF Executive Director. "The proceeds will help support the Society's education, conservation, marketing and advancement programs on behalf of Metrozoo."

"We were more than happy to repeat as presenting sponsor of this fabulous event," said Liz Spivak, representing Lucent Technologies. "Our company is committed to helping Miami Metrozoo reach its goal as a world-class zoo in animal research, conservation and education."

Guests were treated to a sneak preview of Dr. Wilde's World that was still under construction. Anne-Marie Partridge and William Peacock created a silent auction that was not only magnificent to see, but also contributed over \$21,000 to the fundraiser.

"Our guests were treated to a superb evening. The music, food and the entertainment were truly 'Out of Africa!'" said Jennifer Getz, ball chairperson.

Honored at the event was Betty Miller for her \$1 million contribution to help build the Tropical America Hidden Ruins' Reptile Exhibit, scheduled for completion in 2005.

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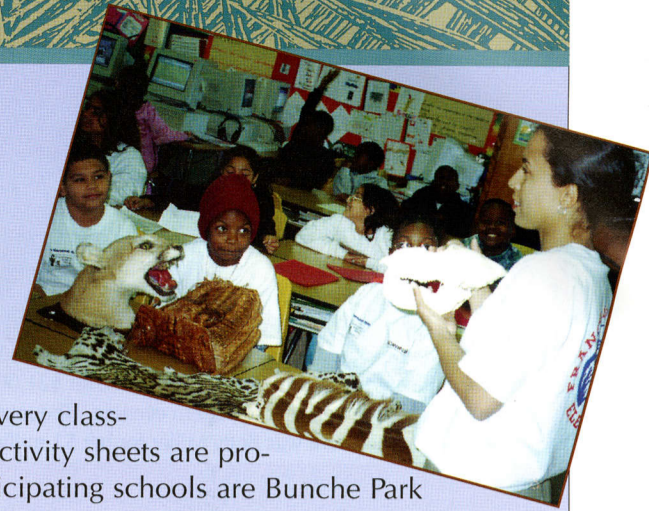


1. (L-R) George E. Batchelor, Amanda Rodgers and Sara Thibodeaux
2. (Back L-R) Ball chair Jennifer Getz, next year's chair Constance Tolevich, (Front) Metrozoo communications director Ron Magill and cheetah "King George"
3. Dee and Silvio Leal, senior vice president Matusalem & Company
4. Commissioner Dennis and Margaret Moss
5. (Seated at center) the evening's honoree Betty Miller, (L-R) Kelly Hughes, Dr. Michael Johnson and Ed Olsen
6. Merrett and Judy Stierheim
7. (L-R) Metrozoo director Eric Stephens, Lucent Technologies representative Liz Spivak and ZSF executive director Glenn Ekey
8. ZSF's young professionals group, "The Wild Bunch": (L-R) Ben Wolkov, Monica and Stephane Gressier, Sallie Ann Marvil and Guillermo Levy
9. Guests at the Zimbabwe food station being served tangerine brulée shrimp & artichoke kebabs
10. Still walkers
11. ZSF president Daniel J. Licciardi, ZSF associate director of development Debbie Mucarsel, Diane and Glenn Ekey, ZSF executive director
12. (L-R) Michael Spivak, Albin Lodish and Zoo animal handler Cathy Schlegel with albino Burmese python
13. Cecil and Ana Milton entering the silent auction
14. (L-R) Rep. Ed Bullard, Miami-Dade commissioner Jimmy Morales and former rep. District 118 Hon. Larcenia Bullard
15. Guests dancing
16. (L-R) Burger King Corp. North American division president Mikel Durham, Jennifer Getz, Burger King senior vice president Worldwide Diversity Resources Vince Berkeley and wife Shirley, acting CEO Colin and Jen Storm, and vice president of communications and public relations Rob Doughty

CARNIVAL KIDS

By Cristina Heredia, Education Specialist

Thanks to the generosity of the Carnival Foundation, fourth-graders from three Title I schools participate in a truly amazing environmental educational program. "Title I Schools" have a high proportion of children from economically disadvantaged families. The ZSF education staff organizes and manages the Carnival Kids program, which includes classroom presentations at each school, field trips to the Zoo, and a field trip to the Everglades National Park. Every classroom presentation involves the use of live animals and biofacts (i.e. skins, skulls, feathers). Activity sheets are provided for teachers who want to reinforce lessons and expand the program. This year the participating schools are Bunche Park Elementary, Comstock Elementary, and Frances S. Tucker Elementary.



The program is divided into four modules:

- *Introduction to the Animal Kingdom* — includes a classroom presentation and a follow-up presentation to review and establish a foundation for the entire program.
- *Adaptations* — explains animals' unique adaptations for survival in the wild. This module includes an exciting field trip to the Zoo.
- *Endangered Species* — familiarizes students with the reasons animals become endangered, what extinction means, and what they can do to help.
- *The Everglades* — draws on all concepts learned in previous modules, making them relevant to our local ecosystems. This includes an exciting field trip to the Florida Everglades.

Transportation, lunches, admission to the Zoo, and customized T-shirts with the schools' logos are all provided through a grant from the Carnival Foundation. As a part of their "hands-on" experience, students are able to touch skins, teeth, bones, and live animals. Some live animals include a Burmese python, ferret, legless lizard, and a gopher tortoise.

The program's impact has been evident from the start. For example, in the *Introduction to the Animal Kingdom*, the differences between mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish were discussed. In the follow-up visit to the classroom, the students were thrilled to demonstrate what they had learned. They eagerly raised their hands and described the characteristics that define each group. "Dry scales, leathery eggs, and ectothermic describes a reptile!" The field trips to the Zoo have been a tremendous success. Zookeepers comment on how much the children know and how eager they are to learn more. Some students have asked how they could prepare for a career at the Zoo, and some are now motivated to become scientists. This special program allows Miami

Metrozoo to reach out to the community and truly make a difference. We look forward to educating and inspiring many more "Carnival Kids" in the years to come. Thank you, Carnival, for making it possible!

All pictures were taken at Frances S. Tucker Elementary School. Photos: Cecilia Betancourt

Thanks to All Our Wonderful Donors

- We are most grateful to **Rita Elaine Pollack** for her bequest supporting ZSF's work;
- A very special thank you to **George E. Batchelor** for his generous donation to make the Children's Zoo the best that it can be;
- Our thanks to **James McDonald** for his continued support and involvement in our Board of Trustees;
- A big thank you to **Knight Ridder** and **Ryder Systems** for their support of Wild Lights at Metrozoo;
- We are grateful to **Jerry and Jane Goodman**, long-time friends who make annual donations on their second generous ten-year pledge supporting ZSF's work at Metrozoo. Jane and Jerry, you are two in a million!
- Thank you to **State Representative Ed Bullard** for sponsoring the Zoological Society of Florida's 2001 legislative request;
- Thank you to **State Senator Daryl Jones** for serving as the Senate sponsor of the Zoological Society of Florida's Legislative request;
- Through corporate donations, the Zoo has received valuable plant materials that have greatly added to the landscaped beauty of the grounds. We deeply appreciate the support and generosity of: **A&W Annuals**, Parkland, FL for 2,500 impatiens; **Harold B. Martin Nursery**, Miami, FL for 100 ten-inch containerized flowering ixora shrubs; **Plantscapes, Inc.**, Miami, FL for plants, trees and shrubs; **BotanicsWholesale, Inc.**, Homestead, FL for numerous flowering plants and palms throughout the Zoo; and **Searle Brothers Nursery, Inc.**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL for Livingstona palms.
- Thanks to all the **volunteers** who spent many hours planting flowers, trees and shrubs to beautify the Zoo.

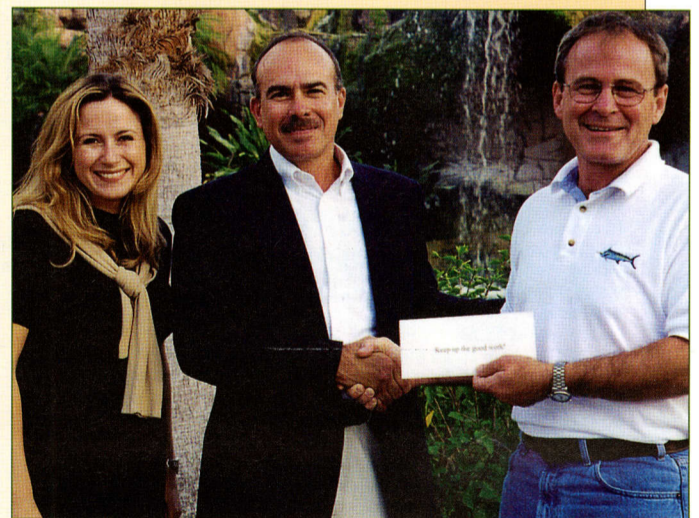


Photo: Sherrie Avery

Debbie Mucarsel, ZSF Associate Director of Development for Corporate and Individual Giving watches as Rafael Colón, Credit Coordinator Caribbean/Central America for Texaco presents Glenn Ekey, ZSF Executive Director with a check making Texaco the newest member of the *Emerald Boa Corporate Circle*. Thanks and welcome, Texaco!

SUMMER ZOOFARI CAMP 2001

Session A:

African Adventure

Gorillas, giraffes, lions, cheetahs! These animals and many others will be the focus of this unforgettable experience.

Awesome Australia

Many of the most unusual animals live "down under." In this session, campers will learn all about the behavior and unique adaptations of Australian animals.

Session B:

Explore Asia

In this session campers explore Asian wildlife by visiting and interacting with some of the most rare and fascinating animals of the world!

The Wild Side of the Americas

Campers will learn about the incredible diversity of wild animals in all the Americas and strategies for conserving them.

Kindercamp Session A (4-6 years old)

June 25-29
July 9-13
July 23-27
August 6-10

Kindercamp Session B (4-6 years old)

July 2-6*
July 16-20
July 30-August 3
August 13-17

Zoofari Session A (7-10 years old)

July 2-6*
July 16-20
July 30-August 3
August 13-17

* Camp will be held on July 4.

Zoofari Session B (7-10 years old)

June 25-29
July 9-13
July 23-27
August 6-10

Zoolife (11-13 years old)

June 18-22

Teen Zoologist: (14-17 years old):

This session is dedicated to the training of teen volunteers who assist with different areas of the Zoo, such as the Children's Zoo, special events and the Zoo camps. Upon completion of the training program, teens are eligible to join the Zoo Volunteer Team. Teens must apply and will be interviewed and evaluated. Volunteers are required to assist with one week of Summer Camp. Join us for a thrilling experience.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Cost: Members \$125, non-members \$145

Early morning drop-off is at 8:30 a.m. There is an additional cost of \$10 per week per child.

After camp care is from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. There is an additional cost of \$25 per week per child.

- \$10 discount with 2 or more weeks registration, or
 - \$10 discount with 2 or more siblings.
- Only one discount per family*

Please provide your child with a bag lunch.

All Summer Zoofari Camp programs are subject to a \$30 cancellation fee if cancellation is made ten days or less prior to the program date.

Zoological Society of Florida All-Program Registration Form

Participant's Name: _____ Street Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Are you a ZSF Member? Yes ___ No ___ Membership # _____
 Payment Enclosed: Check # _____ MasterCard _____ Visa _____ AMEX _____ Credit # _____ Expiration Date _____
 Customer Signature: _____ Total Camp or Program Fee: \$- _____

Participant Information

Parent/ Guardian's Name _____ Contact Phone: _____ Age/Grade of Child _____
 Program: _____ Date _____
 Session: _____ Date _____
 Session: _____ Date _____

Campers Only/Camper's Medical Information

Physician's Name _____ Phone: _____ Dentist's Name _____ Phone _____

In an emergency, if the parent, guardian, or designated physician/dentist cannot be reached, I authorize the Zoological Society of Florida to transport and/or obtain medical services from any physician/dentist for my child.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____

Please indicate any medical conditions or health problems of which the Camp staff should be aware. Please describe: (if you require further space, please use a separate sheet of paper):

Allergies _____ Handicap _____ Prescribed Medications _____ Other _____

(your signature below gives permission to Camp staff to dispense only required medications you send with your child. Please provide the prescribed container, paraphernalia necessary for taking medications, and explicit instructions on a separate sheet of paper.)

Name of Person(s) Who Will Pick Up the Child

Name _____ Relationship _____ Second name _____ Relationship _____ Phone# _____

Vehicle Information: Make _____ Color _____ Tag # _____ 2nd Vehicle: _____ Color _____ Tag # _____

I give permission for my child to participate in the Zoological Society of Florida camp or other program as indicated above. I have read the registration and medical sections and have supplied accurate information. My child can be photographed and his/her picture used for public relations purposes.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED, and registration cannot be processed unless this form is completely filled out.

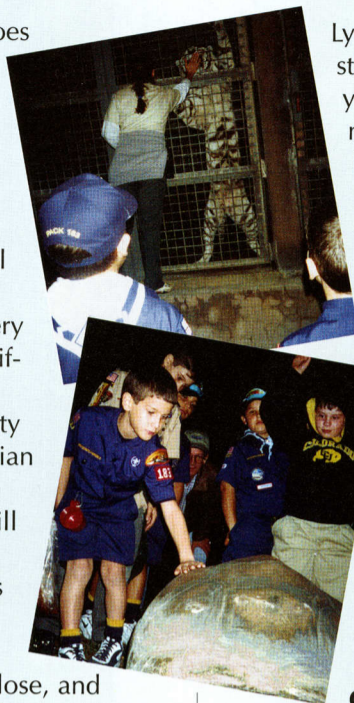
For reservations, call (305) 255-5551 and mail registration form to Zoological Society of Florida/Education Department, 12400 S. W. 152nd St, Miami, FL 33177-1499 or fax to (305)255-7126

Wild Nights at Metrozoo

Ever wonder what happens at the Zoo after the sun goes down? Participants in our "Wild Nights" program get to find out first-hand! Once a month, we offer a special glimpse of the behind-the-scenes action after dark. When you first get to the Zoo, a pizza dinner awaits you; after you've eaten, the group sets off to explore the Zoo.

A Zoological Society educator and a Metrozoo animal keeper are your guides, and they're bound to show you something absolutely wild before the night is over. Every tour is a little different, since all of the keepers have a different area and expertise. Go with a camel keeper, and you might get to feed a Bactrian camel and pet its velvety muzzle. The rhino keeper will show you where our Indian rhinos, Shanti and B.J., live when they're not on display. As you walk through the Zoo, your keeper and guide will provide animal information and tell stories of their own experiences. Ryan Carrigan, one of the zookeepers, has been doing night tours for a year. When asked what he enjoys most about Wild Nights, he said it's "the look on the kids' faces when they see Jomo (our male lion) up close, and they get to see how enormous he is when he stands on his hind legs!" You'll have plenty of opportunities to ask the experts any questions about the animals you can dream up. You might even find the keepers as interesting as the animals in their care!

Because all the animals are in their night houses, you'll view them at closer range than would be possible during the day. Carlita, Roshe and



Lyric, our Bengal tigers, are impressive under any circumstances; however, you're guaranteed to get goosebumps when you see them from five feet away! Among the animals you may see are otters, Galápagos tortoises, lemurs, sloth bears, lions, camels and rhinos. Some of the animals you might see aren't captive at all; they're native to Florida and have adopted the Zoo as their home! It's not unusual to spot an owl perched on a tree branch watching for mice, or bats fluttering through the air overhead.

When walking through areas where animals shouldn't be disturbed, the keeper will ask you to be absolutely quiet. With the group silent, the only sounds you'll hear are natural night sounds. Birds call out to each other, or twitter sleepily to themselves. The only light that guides your steps is moon and starlight. The dreamy landscape and feeling of adventure is something you'll never forget.

Dates: May 16, 2001
June 13, 2001

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Cost: Members \$20.00, non-members, \$25.00.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The program is also available as a corporate retreat/team-builder for groups of up to 30. The Zoological Society of Florida has a boardroom that can be reserved for afternoon meetings preceding the tour. Reserve your date by calling the ZSF at (305) 255-5551.

Photos: Cecilia Belancourt

Zoodler Academy

Our popular toddler program is now available every Tuesday and Thursday! Bring your little one for a story, live animals, crafts, and more, in a friendly learning environment.



2-3-year-olds

Dates: Tuesday, May 1 – *Green Snake, Yellow Snake*
Tuesday, May 8 – *The Remarkable Egg*
Tuesday, May 15 – *Sleeping Animals*
Tuesday, May 22 – *The Animals That Changed Their Colors*
Tuesday, May 29 – *Old MacDonald's Farm*

3-4-year-olds

Dates: Thursday, May 1 – *Green Snake, Yellow Snake*
Thursday, May 10 – *The Remarkable Egg*
Thursday, May 17 – *Sleeping Animals*
Thursday, May 24 – *The Animals That Changed Their Colors*
Thursday, May 31 – *Old MacDonald's Farm*

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

NEW! Zoodler Academy Weekends!



Perfect for grandparents, aunts and uncles, working moms and dads, anyone who wants to do something special with their favorite toddlers!

3-4-year-olds

Date: Saturday, May 19 – *The Frog Prince*

2-3-year-olds

Date: Saturday, June 16 – *Zoo Doings*
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Zoodler Academy Graduation

If your child has attended any of our Zoodler Academy programs, bring him or her to our June graduation ceremony! After a procession, children will pose for pictures with Zoo animals and will receive diplomas commemorating their new status as ultra-junior zoologists! Snacks, refreshments, and music will be provided. The ceremony will be held in the Children's Zoo Amphitheater. Call the Zoological Society at (305) 255-5551 to R.S.V.P.



Dates: June 7, 2001
Time: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

COST FOR ALL ZOODLER PROGRAMS: Members \$8.00, non-members \$10.00 (Price includes one adult and one child; \$4.00 per each additional child. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**)

NOTE: Zoodler Academy will not be held in the summer months. We look forward to seeing you again in September!

A Gift for the Animals



In this program, you'll get a chance to do something special for Metrozoo's residents. Think of it as arts-and-crafts for the animals! We'll start with lunch, and then you'll make treat boxes for the elephants and toys for the parrots. Help the sloth bears beat the heat by making them fruit-filled ice pops. When you get back from presenting your handiwork to one of the keepers, you'll have frozen treats of your own waiting for you!

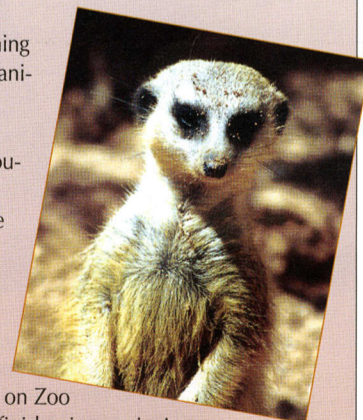
Dates: Saturday, May 5

Time: 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: Adult member \$12.00, adult non-member \$14.00, child member \$6.00, child non-member \$8.00.

Hide n' Seek

Spend the morning learning about the sneaky things animals do to stay hidden. We'll have a classroom presentation about camouflage, featuring some of our wildest creatures (like the sand skink that "swims" through the ground in its desert home). After lunch and refreshments, participate in a scavenger hunt on Zoo grounds; the first one to finish wins a prize!



Dates: Sunday, June 3
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cost: Adult member \$12.00, adult non-member \$14.00, child member \$6.00, child non-member \$8.00.

To enroll for any of the Zoo programs, complete and mail the registration form on page 9, or call the Education Department at (305) 255-5551 for information.

THE 3rd ANNUAL BIG BUG OUT

Saturday, May 5 – Sunday, May 6
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bugs to See! Bugs to Touch! Bugs to Eat!



The Zoo will be abuzz with all kinds, shapes and sizes of fascinating bugs. Don't be afraid to get up close. You'll be amazed at how beautiful and ugly they can be! Come learn about insects, the most numerous of all species on Earth. Why are some bugs important to our lives and our environment, while others are harmful? Learn how to create a butterfly garden at home. There will be lots of people on hand to answer questions.

Entertainment, refreshments, and interactive activities will be available for all.

ANGELS HATCHERY KOI POND WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 5, 2001, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Avenue

Enjoy a fascinating presentation on Koi health, pond management, nutrition, filtration, disease prevention, and construction. A question and answer period will be followed by a tour of an ornamental fish farm.

Cost: \$15 per person (Proceeds are donated to Metrozoo.)
To register: Call Angels Hatchery at (305) 248-7777.



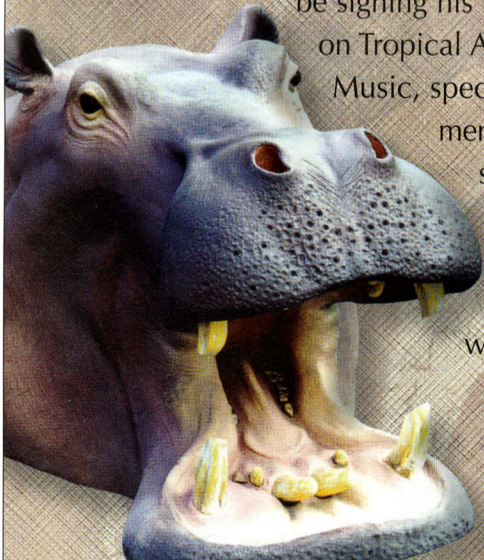
Sample the Rainforest at Dr. Wilde's World

Saturday and Sunday, June 2-3
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS OPENING NIGHT Friday, June 1, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

When you arrive, pick up your passport, then Zoofari throughout Dr. Wilde's World to sample products from the Tropical American rainforest: coffee, chocolate, fruit, and vanilla. Meet Lori Gibson, portraying Dr. Wilde. See special guest artisans and performers from Panama. Meet Dr. Kathleen Turner, Curator of Dr. Wilde's World and see how many hidden items representative of the Tropical Americas you can find throughout Dr. Wilde's World. Arnold Newman will be signing his new book on Tropical Americas.

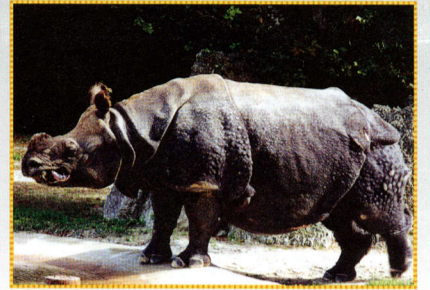
Music, special entertainment, prizes and surprises will make this an event you won't want to miss!



BOWLING FOR RHINOS

Sunday, May 20, 2001, 1:00 p.m.
Don Carter's All Star Lanes Kendall
13600 North Kendall Drive

Come bowl with our animal keepers and help us raise money for the rhinos. Buy some unique Mother's Day and Father's Day gift items from the Silent Auction. Cost: \$15 per person (includes 2 games and shoe rental).



To register, call Animal Keeper, Kresho at (305) 233-7446.

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MAY 2001

Third Annual
BIG BUG OUT

Saturday 5 - Sunday 6
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Mother's Day at the Zoo
Sunday 13



BOWLING FOR RHINOS
Sunday 20

JUNE 2001

GRAND OPENING!
Dr. Wilde's World

Saturday 2 - Sunday 3
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Members Opening Night
Friday 1, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.



Father's Day at the Zoo
Sunday 17



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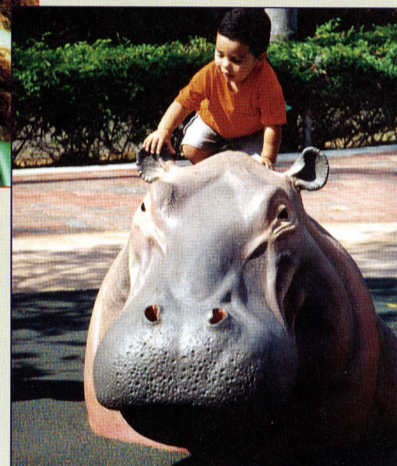
COOL ZOO SUMMER

At Dr. Wilde's World
June - August

AUGUST 2001

SUMMER ZOOFARI CAMP

June 18 - August 17
(305)255-5551



SEPTEMBER 2001

Back to School Fun Time at Metrozoo



OCTOBER 2001

MetroBoo!

Saturday 27-Sunday 28
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



NOVEMBER 2001

WILD LIGHTS AT MIAMI METROZOO

Wednesday, 11/20- Monday, 12/30

DECEMBER 2001



JANUARY 2002

Kids Fun Festival at the Zoo



FEBRUARY 2002

JUNGLE JOG 5K RUN & FUN WALK

Organized by and benefiting Miami Metrozoo, the Rotary Club of Coral Gables and the Zoological Society of Florida.



MARCH 2002



APRIL 2002

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