# TORREY NEWSLETTER

June 1999 Docent Announcements

## JUNE SPEAKER:

## DR. KURT BENIRSCHKE

**Saturday, June 19, 10:30 a.m.**

The President of the San Diego Zoo, Dr. Kurt Benirschke, will address the docents on the effects of habitat loss on endangered species. The loss of habitat in Paraguay and the consequences of the loss of species in South America will be the focus. Dr. Benirschke has conducted studies of the Giant Chacoan Peccary of Paraguay. He established the "Proyetco Tagua" in 1985 in the Chaco of Paraguay to save a critically endangered and then newly discovered peccary species, the tagua.

## TORREYANA EDITOR SOUGHT

The Torrey Pines Docent Society is actively seeking an editor and/or editorial committee to produce our monthly newsletter. Please contact a board member if you are interested.

SOUTH ENTRANCE IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

The Maintenance Department has removed the middle pole at the "unofficial" south entrance to Torrey Pines State Reserve. We were interested in making this entry accessible to visitors in wheelchairs and also to visitors with baby strollers. The Ranger Staff would appreciate your input regarding design improvements to upgrade that entry point and make it truly ADA-compliant.

100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE meets monthly, immediately following the speaker. We are interested in great people (all docents qualify) with superb ideas.

## PAVING PARADISE

**By Ken Baer**

The specter of habitat loss is daunting. Over the next few months our guest speakers will address the magnitude of habitat loss and most notably, methods and means of slowing the pace.

In urban planning, the term **watershed management** is more than a catch phrase. It is the comprehensive approach to carefully developing land in huge chunks, rather than scraping and building piecemeal style. The key advantages to watershed management is the protection of key features of our natural environment. The MSCP is an important element to this approach within the City of San Diego.

Economic interests have divested the community of open space over the years. We have witnessed huge tracts of land transform from coastal sage scrub to stucco walls & terra cotta tile roofs. Developers enter battle against the likes of the gnatcatcher and least bell vireo. Unchallenged, we will be left with a fraction of the natural terrain we currently enjoy. The population is forecast to swell an additional 1 million by 2020, which will be primarily home-grown (In-births opposed to in-migration). Where will our children and grandchildren and our neighbors children and grandchildren live? What natural resources will be left, what wildlife corridors preserved?

Frequently heard is the call to avoid the "Los Angelization" of SanDiego. Could it happen? What will this place we call home look like in 2099? Our role as docents can help shape the future, with **outreach** programs beyond the Reserve and into the various communities of San Diego County. It's a concept worthy of discussion & investigation.

# JUNE DUTY CALENDAR 1999

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 6<br>L Schulman<br>W D.E.Miller<br>L Schulman<br>W Bressler<br>L | 7<br>L Stiels<br>L R. Miller | 8<br>L Talberts<br>L Campbell | 9<br>L D.E.Miller<br>L DeWitt | 10<br>L Randolph<br>L | 11<br>L Doolittle<br>L Gittelsohn | 12<br>L Smith<br>W D.E.Miller<br>L<br>W Bressler<br>L |
| 13<br>L Clark<br>W Cassell<br>L Anasis<br>W Kamen<br>L | 14<br>L R. Miller<br>L Shaw | 15<br>L Katz<br>L | 16<br>L Rudolph<br>L Cooper | 17<br>L Grantham<br>L Campbell | 18<br>L Pfleeger<br>L Myers | 19 **MEETING**<br>L Phillips<br>W D.E.Miller<br>L<br>W Bressler<br>L |
| 20<br>L Grain<br>W Marley<br>L Heller<br>W Stiegler<br>L | 21<br>L Grantham<br>L R. Miller | 22<br>L Talberts<br>L Pfleeger | 23<br>L Margulies<br>L DeWitt | 24<br>L Randolph<br>L Hauer | 25<br>L Beyer<br>L Gittelsohn | 26<br>L Fredericks<br>W Roberts<br>L Watson<br>W Stiegler<br>L |
| 27<br>L Clark<br>W Cassell<br>L Chaffee<br>W Kamen<br>L | 28<br>L Rudolph<br>L Stiels | 29<br>L Margulies<br>L Fredericks | 30<br>L Huber<br>L Huber | Duty Coordinator: Elaine Sacks 551-0708<br>Hours: Lodge Daily 10 - 1, 1 - 4<br>Walks Sat/Sun/Holidays 11 & 1<br>If you cannot do your duty, please arrange your own substitute. | | |