
ZOOS' PRINT SALUTES SPECIAL HELPERS

ZOOS PRINT would not exist today if not for some special helpers. Some of these individuals and industries have not been publically thanked.

The first I would like to mention are my own parents, Norman, and Doylouse Raulston. My father is retired from the railway service for the last 12 years and pursues various hobbies with help from my mother who is a homemaker. They both like the outdoors and maintain a large kitchen garden as well as ornamental plants and flowers. My father sometimes maintains additional gardens in friends compounds and farms and gives the vegetables away to poor people. He also likes to visit "yard sales" on weekends (these are sales where people sell unwanted and surplus possessions in their compounds or "yards") where he buys children's books and stuffed toys very cheap, fixes them up and donates them to orphanages. My mother is active in the church where she taught very young children for many years. My mother is a very thoughtful person. Always she could anticipate things I needed when I was young and get them for me. She is always doing something nice for someone who is in difficulty.

My father loves wildlife and nature and used to go camping and fishing often. He also used to be an active member of the animal welfare society in my town. My mother likes people better than animals but always was willing for my father and I to have cats and dogs, even though it was usually her who had to take care of them!

My parents had other ideas for their only child than living in India and working honorarily for zoos. They would have liked it better if I had become a school teacher and got married to some nice man who made a good living. But when they understood how much happiness I got out of living in India and working in and with zoos here, they agreed to help me continue. They have provided my living expenses so that I could stay here and do zoo things for the last 12 years.

My parents as such are the biggest donors to ZOO and ZOOS' PRINT because they have "paid the editor's salary" for so many years. I would like to thank them for giving me this privilege of working in India. I could not have done it without their help.

When we first started ZOOS' PRINT, the business community in Bombay also helped a great deal, particularly the Baroda Rayon Corporation, and Ion Exchange (India), Ltd. The Baroda Rayon Corporation was run by late Fatesingh Rao Gaekwad (Jackie) who was very much interested in wildlife and zoos. Baroda Rayon's back page ad ran for a year and effectively paid for about one third of ZOOS' PRINT. Ion Exchange (India), Ltd. gave several ads and introduced us to a few other businesses which helped for about a year.

The Coimbatore business community began assisting us from the first issue also and has continued till this date. The first to help was G. Rangaswamy who not only helped but requested his friends and associates to help also. This pulled us through a crisis for two or three years.

The businesses who have given ads to ZOOS' PRINT over the years are listed on the inside covers of and are too numerous to mention individually. A few of the Coimbatore

industrialists who gave advertisements for many years I would like to acknowledge separately however.

Pioneer Mills, Chandra Textiles, Rajanvilas Ginning and Oil Mills, Pioneer Electronics and G.R.G. Educational Institutions have given every year for the last ten years.

The Premier Instruments and Controls, Ltd. has also been a supporter from the first and is today our largest regular donor and advertiser. Pricol regularly contributed advertisements for the entire life of ZOOS' PRINT. Not only that, when we were having big troubles with printers and the quality of ZOOS' PRINT had become very bad, the Managing Director requested his senior managers at pricol to teach me how typeset and allow me to use their computer desk top publishing and laser printer to produce ZOOS' PRINT. Pricol personnel have helped Zoo Outreach Organisation in a thousand ways and continue helping, from allowing us to take printouts on their laser printer to getting us an office boy. I used to spend days and days every month at pricol working on ZOOS' PRINT. PRICOL also fronted the publication of the World Zoo Conservation Strategy, making it possible to obtain additional donations to increase the print run. PRICOL has sponsored several educational handouts as well.

The Lakshmi Mills, Coimbatore has been a regular advertiser in ZOOS' PRINT from the beginning, taking full page back cover ads for up to 6 months in a year and has sponsored stickers for several PHVA workshops.

The Lakshmi Machine Works of Coimbatore also has helped every year with several advertisements and has also sponsored some educational material for distribution to Indian zoos.

The Le Shark company in Tirupur has been extremely generous in providing custom printed t-shirts for us to give away and sell. Normally we have made t-shirts in connection with special events such as PHVAs and Wildlife Week and given them away to zoos to use in their events. In the last year we have had to sell some of the t-shirts to support our growing activities.

Rangaswamy and his wife, Nandini are also officers in Zoo Outreach Organisation. President and Treasurer. Rangaswamy and Nandini not only helped financially with advertisements but also in so many other ways as well, such as providing xerox facilities when we were conducting PHVAs and making briefing books, providing vehicles, and other aids. Nandini is the publisher of ZOOS' PRINT and has invested much time in attending to official matters. She also used to help proofread ZOOS' PRINT. They are invaluable friends as well as Officers and Members of the Managing Committee. The Rangaswamy's are the coordinators and some of the primary movers behind the Coimbatore Zoological Park and the M.D.'s of some of the above industries are also involved with the zoological park. Our vice-president, D. Srinivasan, owner of Sree Annapurna Gowrishankar Hotels which are famous in Coimbatore has also been helpful in a variety of ways.

Thanks to all these special helpers. We couldn't print ZOOS' PRINT without them.