

SAN DIEGO ZOO GLOBAL

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MAY 2015



THE SAN DIEGO ZOO PRESENTS

# Special Dining Events at Albert's

## Mother's Day Brunch May 10, 2015

Treetops Banquet Room  
Continuous seating from  
11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
\$44.95 for adults, \$18.95 for  
children ages 3 to 11, plus tax  
and gratuity. Nonmembers  
add Zoo admission.

Treat your mom to a unique  
celebration at the San Diego Zoo  
on her special day! Enjoy the  
casual elegance of our  
Treetops Banquet Room as you  
make selections from our omelet  
bar or the many generous entrées  
specially prepared by our chefs  
just for the occasion. Share a  
Mother's Day toast over a lovely  
meal, then stroll around the Zoo to  
see your favorite animals.

For reservations, call  
619-557-3964 between  
10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

## Albert's Spirits Dinner

Featuring Ballast Point  
"Taco Shop Series" Fugu Vodka

June 6, 2015

### Albert's Restaurant

6 p.m. Reception in Treetops Banquet Room  
6:45 p.m. Dinner in Albert's Restaurant

\$79 per person for members,  
\$92 for nonmembers, plus tax and gratuity.

Join us for a very special evening as we explore  
spirits with a south-of-the-border theme! San Diego Zoo  
Executive Chef Chris Mirquet and Albert's Chef  
Charles Boukas have created a gourmet meal perfectly  
planned to complement the unique characteristics  
of Ballast Point's "Taco Shop Series" Fugu vodkas.

Guests will be seated at tables of eight.  
Must be at least 21 years of age to attend.  
Menu substitutions are not available for this event.

For Spirits Dinner reservations,  
call 619-718-3000 or book online.



## Albert's Father's Day Brunch

June 21, 2015

Albert's Restaurant  
Brunch menu served  
from 10 a.m. to noon  
Price varies with menu selections.  
Nonmembers add Zoo admission.

Show your dad a grand time with  
a hearty brunch at the Zoo. Our  
chefs are cooking up the perfect  
Father's Day to salute the head  
of your pride—he'll feast like a  
king! Try our decadent panettone  
french toast or one of our delicious  
breakfast scrambles, and don't  
forget to add a San Diego Bloody  
Mary or Bottomless Mimosa. Then  
go exploring through the Zoo to  
complete the adventure.

For reservations,  
call Albert's Restaurant  
at 619-685-3200.

For menus and information, visit [sandiegozoo.org/zoo/alberts](http://sandiegozoo.org/zoo/alberts)

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Photo by Ken Bohn,  
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1963 historical photo of  
Lasai, a greater one-horned  
rhinoceros *Rhinoceros unicornis*

Photo by Ron Garrison,  
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special photos and videos!



# chairman's note



## Focus on Rhino Conservation

This issue of ZOONOOZ is dedicated to animals in dire need of conservation help: rhinos. San Diego Zoo Global has had a long history with rhinos, dating back to the 1950s, and we have had significant breeding success with southern white rhinos, greater one-horned rhinos, and black rhinos. However, all species of rhinos in the wild today are facing the worst poaching crisis in history. For example, statistics show that 3 rhinos are killed in South Africa every day—1,215 southern white rhinos were killed in 2014, the most ever recorded. Only 25,000 black and white rhinos remain across all of Africa, and if the current poaching rates are not stopped, they could become extinct in the wild within the next 20 years. Greater one-horned rhinos face similar frightening circumstances, and the numbers of Sumatran and Javan rhinos are so low that they are already critically endangered.

As I'm sure our members know, rhinos are poached for their horn, despite the fact that it is made of keratin, the same material as human hair and fingernails. Although international trade in rhino horn has been banned since 1977, the demand, particularly in Asia, is higher than ever. Today's poachers are well equipped and highly organized, using helicopters, machine guns, and veterinary drugs to kill rhinos, and criminal syndicates to smuggle rhino horn. What you may not be aware of is that the US is actually a significant destination for rhino horn. In fact, California is considered the second-largest market for rhino horn in the nation behind New York City. Some people may consider the rhino crisis to be something that happens elsewhere—but these illegal markets for rhino horn are right in our own backyard.

San Diego Zoo Global is committed to helping save rhinos from extinction. We are working with conservation partners to fund ranger training and anti-poaching patrols in parks and reserves where rhinos are found, researching the ecology and behavior of rhinos to determine their needs for survival, and continuing reproduction efforts at the Safari Park to contribute to assurance populations. Saving rhinos will also require something equally as powerful, however: public perception, education, and participation. Public campaigns are underway in Asian countries to discourage the use of rhino horn, and our voices need to be heard here in the US as well. One way you can help this month is to attend our "Rally 4 Rhinos" event at the Safari Park on Endangered Species Day, May 15, 2015. We will be calling attention to the urgent need for rhino conservation and encouraging our members and visitors to help spread the word. You can find the event details on the back cover of this ZOONOOZ issue and on our website. In whatever way you can, I hope you will raise your voice to prevent the extinction of rhinos.

Robert B. Horsman  
Chairman

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# CELEBRATE MOM & DAD AT THE SAFARI PARK THIS YEAR

Safari Park chefs Joshua Mireles and Abriann Ramirez are cooking up something very special for Mother's Day and Father's Day, and we hope you'll join us for a wildly good time!

## Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 10, 2015

Hunte Nairobi Pavilion

Two seatings: 10 a.m. to noon  
and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Join us for a beautiful day at the Safari Park to celebrate Mom! Festive dishes and beautiful surroundings will make the day extra-special for the whole family. Guests will be seated at their own reserved table.

**\$44.95 for adults,  
\$18.95 for children ages 3-11,  
plus tax and gratuity.  
Parking not included;  
nonmembers add  
Park admission.**



## Father's Day Buffet

Sunday, June 21, 2015

Hunte Nairobi Pavilion

11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the king of your pride in the wild setting of the Safari Park! A lavish buffet will include hearty dishes and chef's specialties as you raise a toast to Dad while enjoying live entertainment. Guests will be seated at their own reserved table.

**\$44.95 for adults,  
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plus tax and gratuity.  
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online and see menus.**

through the lens



Greater  
one-horned  
rhinoceros calf  
*Rhinoceros*  
*unicornus*