

## PAW PRINTS JANUARY 2017

Thanks for being so patient with the belated January Newsletter. As we head into 2017, and Trek grows bigger and bigger, it is long overdue to give the volunteer program more attention and support. Effective immediately, Jessica Moore in the Education Department will be back to manage the volunteer and internship programs (many old timers will recall Jessica used to be the volunteer coordinator before being bumped upstairs). Jessica is currently wrapping up a search for a dedicated volunteer coordinator, something this program has never had. Look for an expanded program very soon!

### Christmas Potluck

Big surprise....we put down the food long enough to take pictures this year!



Clockwise from upper left: Arlen, Lowell and Emily, who all helped build Kid's Trek, join the newly retired Peggy, Lois and Nancy. They look like they are having fun! Penny Ridge handcrafted ornaments for the tree made from recycled materials. Ken Lindt (foreground) prepared a beautiful deep fried turkey, which everyone in the room is enjoying.

## Park News

- The Sunshine Fund ended up with a balance of \$2,024.24. This is a \$100 increase over last year.
- It was another record attendance year, with over 250,000 visitors!
- Alan Varsick, Deputy Director out here at Northwest Trek, has been appointed interim executive director for ZEED (the position that Gary Geddes, who is retiring, held). This means Donna Powell will be back in the Deputy Director capacity for a while.
- The cold spell has forced us to close a few days, but the animals re doing well and work continues on readying the Park for a full time opening in mid-March.

**Birthdays** As I'm sure you are aware, January 11 is "Learn Your Name in Morse Code Day". When you see

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Karin Jordan January 11