

Zoo Theme

Tonight I am going to tell you about a zoo. I doubt that you have heard much about our zoo. Here tonight for your entertainment and pleasure are animals from the (Name) Club Zoo-4-U-All.

We searched all over the world to find the most competent, most skillful zookeeper in the world. As the head of our zoo, we selected _____. If you will come forward and assist me. _____, your job as our zookeeper or **President** will require many qualities. You must be able to tame the lions you will meet throughout the year, you must know what to feed and give to every animal in the zoo by knowing how to bring out the best in every club member. You must know how to handle all the crowds who come to our zoo, whether they bring blue laws or bounty. I present you with the symbol of your office. Use when necessary. You will need special skills in managing the star attractions. These animals were gathered from every point on the globe. Their value is beyond price. They are the most exotic and rarest animals in the world. When I call the names of the animals, I would like for you to come down front with your zookeeper and remain until all the animals are here.

The first of these very special animals is a turtle. Our zoo has a rare giant turtle named _____. You are going to find that as **Historian** for _____ Club your job may be very much like that of a turtle. It may go very slowly; at times it may seem that you are plodding along as you take your pictures for the scrapbook and write news release after news release. As publicity chairman, you will let the rest of the world know about our accomplishments. You will also have the pleasure and duty of compiling the scrapbook. And just like the proverbial turtle, you will come out ahead of all the rabbits and be the winner.

The next special animal in our zoo is the bee. Our bee is _____. Your job as **Assistant Treasurer** in charge of ways and means will find you busy as a bee. You will be gathering in the money for all our projects like a bee gathers in honey. All that money will be turned over to another important animal in our zoo.

This animal is a fish named _____. You are indeed a rare and exotic gold fish. That is what you deal with, our club's gold. You may be sure that as **Treasurer** you will be swimming in a sea of numbers. You must be very smart to have been chosen to handle all the money for our club. We move to the other side of the zoo for our next animal.

For a very special job we selected a rare cat. Her name is _____. You were selected as **Corresponding Secretary** because you have the fine qualities of a cat; as you will work quickly and quietly taking care of all our club's correspondence. You will be our official messenger and your postman may be advising you to secure a larger mail box.

The next animal in our zoo is just the opposite of a silent cat. Our zoo has a kangaroo _____. Just like a kangaroo you will be jumping up and down at all our meetings with the famous words, "The executive board recommends that." You also get to jump into the job of keeping minutes of all meetings including tonight's banquet. You have the task of keeping straight all that this club will be doing in 19___. You will record who said what, who moved, seconded, and debated. You will be the **Recording Secretary**.

We found a very smart animal with very special qualities for our zoo -- a clever sheep dog. Her name is _____. Instead of herding sheep, you are in charge of some different animals, the members of _____. As Second Vice President, you are in charge of our membership. You will present us with our yearbook, keep all records concerning the Honor System and record the roll at all meetings.

Our next animal carries a heavy load for our club. Our zoo's elephant to carry the load of First Vice President is _____. Part of the load you will carry is editor in chief of our monthly newsletter. Each year the newsletter is a bigger and heavier load than the year before. So you will have an elephant-sized task. You will also coordinate departmental work and when the time comes assist the president with reports.

The last special animal in our zoo is the most talked about animal in the world right now -- the Giant Panda. The panda is in Washington and is named Ling-Ling; the panda in our city is _____, who is our Advisor. Club members look to you as a very special part of our club. You are to all of us loved and loving and a source of guidance and inspiration.

Madam President, these are the animals for your zoo. A Zoological Garden is certainly not complete without plants, so here are some flowers to help start your garden. As you lead us in 19 __, you will serve as executive officer for all our good and worthy accomplishments. Every member will look to you for direction and leadership. I know you will serve with understanding and compassion. And now, I declare you all duly installed officers of _____. May your leadership bring us new joy in each other and high accomplishments for the good of all.

