

Letter from the Executive Director

Let's Go Pens!



Our hockey team wasn't the season's only winner. Our flock of South African penguins, happily at-home at Penguin Point, are drawing record crowds to the National Aviary.

Our guests are amazed at their avian antics, from their splashy nosedives off the rocky shore to their effortless glides through the crystal pool. It's a sight that shouldn't be missed.

But there's more to the National Aviary than penguins. On any given day, you can get an up-close look at our owls, hawks and falcons. You can feed our flock of nectar-loving rainbow lorikeets, or watch bluebirds, barbettes, and blue-bellied rollers swoop down and snack in the Tropical Forest. And in the wetlands, watch the flamingoes strut their stuff while sun conures squawk their approval.

There's something for everyone at the National Aviary. Celebrate a happy Bird-Day with a special parrot serenade. Enjoy with a Breakfast with the Birds, a Lunch on the Fly, or a personal Penguin Connection. Become a member, and not only will you have

unlimited free admission to the National Aviary, you can enjoy free or discounted admission at more than 300 zoos, aquariums, and botanical gardens nationwide.

The National Aviary is the only accredited zoo in the United States devoted entirely to birds. And it's located right here in your own backyard – in historic West Park on the near North Side.

So come visit and be inspired. The National Aviary and you. It's a winning combination.

Patrick T. Mangus
Executive Director



great advocate of African penguin conservation in the wild.

Name: "Preston"
Winning bidder: Lida and Ron Larsen
 Special meaning: Named for a stuffed penguin that was a favorite toy and companion of their family; the original Preston followed the family in their travels, and has been photographed in numerous locations throughout the world.

Name: "Dotty"
Winning bidder: Susan Farrell
 Special meaning: Named for a family member who inspired a love for birds in everyone she knew.

Many thanks to all our bidders for making this fundraising effort a success!

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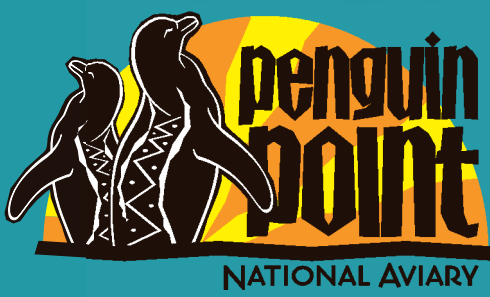
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Penguin Point



After a breathtaking flurry of bids that flew in up to the moment the clock hit 5 pm on June 30, three of the newest members of the National Aviary's penguin family have received their official names.

Winning bidders in the auction to name the new penguins selected "Rainbow", "T.J.", and "Kristen", helping to raise \$8,150 for the National Aviary. Donors from an earlier fundraising event selected "Preston" and "Dotty" for their birds.

Though new to Pittsburgh and the National Aviary, the birds have adjusted well to the rest of the penguins and their home in Penguin Point.

Name: Rainbow Princess ("Bow")
Winning bidder: Adam Sufrin
 Special meaning: Name selected by their four-year old daughter, Hallie, who loves rainbows and thought her penguin was very bright.

Name: "Kristen"
Winning bidder: Erin O'Halloran
 Special meaning: Named for her sister, Kristen O'Halloran, who loved penguins. Kristen died in 2008 after a long battle with cancer; the Dash Foundation has been established in her name.

Name: "T.J."
Winning bidder: Tom Leiden
 Special meaning: TJ stands for Thomas Junior, named after his sponsor who is a



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- Gift for the birthday child, including plush toy and Aviary t-shirt

More information at www.aviary.org or call 412.323.7235, x209.



*"The party was a huge hit with my daughter, her little friends, their parents and my family. Everyone talked about having only been to the Aviary when they were little and forgot about it. They would have never thought a bird-day party could be such fun... I was so touched Sunday evening when my daughter told me I was the best dad ever. Thanks again for everything."
– BIRD-DAY PARTY HOST*