On Sunday May 27, 2018 the Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad & W.E. “Bill” Mason Carousel unveiled the newest fundraiser Adopt a Horse. The Adopt a Horse Carousel Fundraiser gives patrons the opportunity to adopt their very own carousel horse, and help a great organization in the process.

The idea of Adopt a Horse came from a Los Gatos resident that often walks oak meadow park. She stopped by the carousel workshop one day and struck up a conversation with one of our horse painters Kathy Murphy. In their conversation the Los Gatos resident mentioned how neat it would be if people could adopt a carousel horse.

Obviously at the time there was no such thing in place so Kathy brought the idea to the board of directors. With the guidance of the board and a committee put in place, the Adopt a Horse Carousel Fundraiser was born.

Zuma is ready for adoption! Come see her at your next visit!

Here is how it works: The carousel has 32 horses: 30 on the carousel itself, and 2 currently getting restored. Guests may choose any of the 32 horses to adopt for 1 (one) calendar year. There are three tiers to choose from for adoption, and each cost a different amount.

**Dobby Adoption Package $100.00**
- Tax deductible letter of donation noting that you have not received any goods in return for the full amount of your donation.
- A certificate of Adoption & picture of your horse.

**Galloper Adoption Package $250**
- Tax deductible letter of donation noting that you have not received any goods in return for $215 portion of your donation.
- A certificate of adoption, and picture of your chosen horse.
- 10 ride tickets to be used on train and or carousel.
- Carousel plush toy.

**Jumper Adoption Package of $500**
- Tax deductible letter of donation noting that you have not received any goods in return for $200 portion of your donation.

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**Adopt a Horse**

**Horse Profiles**

Dorothy is the first of the “triplets” on the carousel. She and two other horses have very similar features, but all have a very distinct design. Dorothy is the stand out with her polka-dots design, and gray streaks in her mane.

Dorothy is also named after a few influential Dorothy’s who have been involved with the organization, including Dorothy Beatty who was one of the first female steam engineers at the BJWRR!

Check out Dorothy and her sister Jingles and Becky (who is still available for adoption) at your next visit!

Don’t be alarmed by Bullseye’s appearance, as he is in the process of restoration. When restoration begins on a horse, the paint needs to be removed and the horse needs to be brought back down to the wood. Once the horse is back to the wood, a primer will go over and then painting begins. The process is quite tedious, as sometimes there are layers and layers of paint to strip. If the paint is not taken off, the end result will not be as bright.

Bullseye’s restoration process has been a bit harder since there were extra layers to get through. That is why it is so important to strip the paint before a fresh coat can be applied. Bullseye is available for adoption, just under the Galloper option since you will not be able to ride Bullseye on the carousel until his restoration is complete!
Employee Spotlight
Manager Caitlyn Shearer

Francesca B. Alexander
Chief Executive Officer

On June 26, 2018 Manager Caitlyn Shearer celebrated her fifth anniversary working at the Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad and W.E. “Bill” Mason Carousel. Her longevity is a testament to what a solid employee Caitlyn has been to this organization, and how invaluable she has become to us. Let’s hear from Caitlyn on how her experience has been so far!

IHQ: How did you learn about the Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad, and what made you apply for a position?
CS: My grandparents used to take me when I was little. They are also the reason why I applied for a position as I was looking for a first time job.

IHQ: What have you taken away from your employment so far?
CS: I have gained so many valuable skills which have helped me grow within the organization as well as improve my people skills in everyday situations.

IHQ: You were promoted to a management position early on, how was the transition and how do you like the position so far?
CS: I was hesitant at first taking on the position, but upper management made the transition easy. Now, I enjoy being a manager and am proud of what I do here at the railroad. I feel that I have excelled in this position, and enjoy working with my staff. This organization is also very unique, so the work is always interesting.

IHQ: What do you hope to achieve at the railroad?
CS: I hope that the railroad continues to run for future generations, and I hope to be a small part of that. I also hope to inspire others to stay at this organization as long as I have, and to show them how they can gain knowledge and skills from this job.

IHQ: Great answer, which leads to the next question, what kind of advice would you give to someone thinking about applying for a job at the railroad?
CS: I would say, make sure that you are looking for year round employment, and are willing to work with us regarding availability since this is mostly a weekend job. It is an awesome first job that is an always changing environment that allows you to meet a variety of different people.

IHQ: Please give some background on yourself:
CS: I started working at the BJWRR my junior year of high school, and now I’ve been here for five years. After high school, I moved to Santa Cruz to pursue my education and was studying psychology. Although it’s kind of a commute to work, living by the beach is one of my favorite things. In my free time I enjoy photography, and I hope to start a project at the railroad that combines the two.

Caitlyn has been a tremendous asset to this organization, and has been a great and reliable manager. The railroad is fortunate to have someone as eager and motivated as Caitlyn on the managerial staff. She is a part of the team that is involved in the day to day operations to ensure this historical gem continues to operate for all to enjoy for many years to come. ♠
**BJWRR TRIVIA!**

*How well do you know the railroad?!*

Answer these questions and bring to the BJWRR Mondays through Fridays to win tickets on the train and carousel! Tickets may be used on any operating day. This will be on a first come first serve basis, the limit will be 15 people so don’t delay!

*True or False. Circle the correct answer.*

1. T/F: Billy Jones dedicated the Wildcat Railroad to the two sons he in lost in WWII

2. T/F: The carousel restoration project lasted 15 years.

3. T/F: Billy Jones’s orchard is located on the corner of Winchester blvd and Daves Ave.

4. T/F: Billy ran the Wildcat Railroad on his ranch for 25 years.

5. T/F: Billy Jones found engine #2 is a scrap yard In San Francisco.

6. T/F: The Carousel was part of a traveling circus.

7. T/F: It took 20 hours to restore each horse on the carousel.

8. T/F: There are a few volunteer engineers who used to work here when they were teenagers.

9. T/F: 3502’s color scheme was based on the John Deer equipment, the volunteer in charge of that was a huge John Deer fan.

10. T/F: Billy Jones and Walt Disney were friends, and Disney almost purchased Engine #2 for Disneyland.

*Must answer 7 correct questions to receive tickets.*

*Get all 10 right and get tickets and a free sno-cone!*

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**Rider Appreciation Month**

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July means one thing around this neck of the tracks, and that is rider appreciation month! Every July the Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad and W.E. “Bill” Mason Carousel takes the whole month to say thank you to our esteemed supporters.

Rider appreciation month kicks off on July 6th with T-shirt Fridays. Wear any BJWRR t-shirts and get free admission on the train every Friday in July. To add to your T-shirt collection, visit our gift shop to see the awesome T-shirts we have for sale. We have a variety of child and adult sizes available.

*May the Steam be with you is our newest T-shirt!*

Carousel Day will be on July 8th from 10:30am to 4:30pm. Rides on the carousel will be an open donation, so guest may give as much or as little as they can. Standard pricing will apply for the train.

Billy Jones Day will be on Sunday, July 29th from 10:30am to 4:30pm. On this day we do things as Billy Jones did on his ranch, so rides will be an open donation. Billy Jones Day is a way for us to pay homage to the man who started it all. Standard pricing will apply for the carousel.

We just want to say a big THANK YOU for your continued support of this wonderful organization. Happy rails! ♠
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 6TH – T-SHIRT FRIDAYS BEGINS
July is Rider Appreciation Month at the BJWRR. T-shirt Fridays begin on July 6th, and will take place every Friday in July. Wear any BJWRR t-shirt and get free admission on the train. Only official BJWRR shirts valid only.

JULY 9TH – CAROUSEL DAY
The carousel celebrates its 108 year old birthday! In its honor, guests can “pay what they want” to ride the carousel. All proceeds benefit the carousel. 10:30am to 4:30pm.

JULY 29TH – BILLY JONES DAY
In honor of the man who founded our railroad, the BJWRR will host open donations for the train all day. Guests can “pay what they want” to ride the train. All proceeds benefit the BJWRR. 10:30am to 4:30pm.

AUGUST 12TH – END OF SUMMER SEASON
Summer season will come to a close on Sunday, August 12th. Train & Carousel will resume Weekend only operations.

AUGUST 18TH – END OF SUMMER NIGHT RIDE-PASTA DINNER
Bring summer to a close with a delicious spaghetti dinner and evening train ride, all provided by the BJWRR. Dinner starts at 6:00pm. No reservation required. Ride tickets extra.

The Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad & W.E. “Bill” Mason Carousel, Inc.

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Visit our website at www.bjwrr.org for further updates and information.

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