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People & Places: WALTZ on the Wild Side gala benefits Tulsa Zoo

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Katie and John Dale (left), WALTZ on the Wild Side committee chairs, join Terrie Correll, Tulsa Zoo president and CEO, at the zoo's penguin, who is obviously outfitted for adventure. This year's fundraiser is all about travel and discovery. Courtesy

One of the hallmarks of the Tulsa Zoo is how the environments created for the zoo's denizens allow visitors to feel as if they are traveling around the world, from the Arctic Circle to the South American rain forest.

That idea of travel and adventure will be the theme for the 25th annual WALTZ on the

Zoo workers will spend Friday, June 19, transforming the zoo into a unique, faraway destination where patrons can encounter exotic animals, enjoy fine cuisine supplied by more than 40 of the area's finest restaurants and sample cocktails at drink stations across this unusual "continent."

To beat the Oklahoma summertime heat, cooling stations and fans will be placed around the gala. Guests can dance on an air-conditioned dance floor while they enjoy live music from Professor D.

New this year is a special online prize raffle, including four prize packages. The packages include a trip to San Diego, date nights for a year, rounds of golf at some of Tulsa's top courses and a custom jewelry experience.

Tickets for the online prize raffle are limited and must be purchased before June 19. One need not be present to win.

Standing for "We All Love the Tulsa Zoo," WALTZ on the Wild Side will benefit the zoo's capital campaign, Building Beyond Your Wildest Dreams, which launched in 2012. Building Beyond supports the zoo's 20-year master plan. WALTZ 2014 raised \$180,522 for the zoo's capital campaign.

Event details: 7 p.m. Friday, June 19, at the Tulsa Zoo, 6421 E. 36th St. North

Attire: Festive safari chic

Sponsors: Senior Star, Julie & Sanjay Meshri, John Steele Zink Foundation, Nabholz Construction, Hardesty Family Foundation and Sheehan Pipeline Construction Co., Bailey Family, Melanie & Lex Anderson, Hannah & Joe Robson, Lynn & Barbara Owens, Helmerich & Payne, Inc., Key Construction Oklahoma, LLC, Capital Advisors, Bank of Oklahoma, GableGotwals and John & Katie Dale

Tickets: \$150. Sponsorships are available, starting at \$1,000. Raffle tickets are \$50 and available only online.

To purchase, or more information: 918-669-6614, waltzonthewildside.org

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