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Botswana Internship or "How I spent my summer vacation"

Our program today was Lindsay Mendenhall who just returned from a 10 week "summer vacation" in the Republic of Botswana in southern Africa. Participating in the Botswana-University of Pennsylvania Summer Internship program, from May 24th to August 1st, Lindsay, one other Penn Vet. School student, and 12 other Penn students lived in University of Botswana graduate hostels for the 10 weeks and experienced this special country. Did you know that Botswana, a land locked country about the size of Texas, located in the middle of southern Africa, just north of South Africa, has been an independent country only since 1966? Over 70% of the country is made up of the Kalahari Desert and a large part of the northern section of the country is the Okavango Delta, the largest inland delta in the world! Botswana Facts: In 1885 the area that includes Botswana became a British Protectorate called Bechuanaland when the three major tribes in that area asked the British for protection from invading hostile tribes. It became the Democratic Republic of Botswana on September 30, 1966. The population is 1.8 million with Gaborone the capital. The



official language is English but most of the people of the many tribes speak Setswana in addition to local dialects. The main industries are tourism, cattle, and diamonds. Politically and economically a major success as African nations go, the main problem for Botswana in the HIV/AIDS epidemic. With the 2nd highest rate of infection for HIV in all of the world, this problem has been the cause of the estimated life expectancy at birth



in Botswana dropping from 65 years to 35 years by 2006! Lindsay's internship placed her at the Botswana College of Agriculture working in the Animal Health Clinic, at a private vet clinic called Vet and Agric Consultants, and some work with the Botswana Meat Commission. The work and the stories are most interesting but appeal most to vet students and vets. The real fun for us was her visits to the Mokolodi Game Reserve near Gaborone, her safari into the Kalahari Desert, and her trip to the



Okavango Delta! It is one thing to see elephants, big cats, hoofed beasts, hippos, rhinos etc in the local zoo but to actually see them in their native countryside must be a once in a lifetime experience! These pictures are some of the 1900 she took on her "Summer Vacation" Thank you Lindsay for a very special presentation!

"The Meal Fights Hunger" Event Update

The Carnegie-Collier Rotary "The Meal Fights Hunger" program will next be in action on Saturday, August 29th at the Hillside Presbyterian Church, 1050 Campbells Run Road, Carnegie, PA 15106. There will be two sessions, 9 to 11 AM and 11:30 to 1:30

PM. Jeff Tindal and the Carnegie Area Ministerial Association is co-sponsoring the Meal Packing event with the Carnegie-Collier Rotary. Jeff and Cindi are expecting 100 people for this event. Cindi passed around a sign up sheet for this two time slots for those who wish to help. Remember we are asking for at least a \$25.00 donation to offset the costs of the supplies. There is a goal of 50,000



August: Membership and Extension Month

President Diane L. Karcz

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meals packed on this Sunday event. **Cindi** will have the sign up sheet at future meetings and a last minute walk-in is always possible! Today, **Cindi's** guest, **Pastor Andrew Clark**, the current president of the Carnegie Area Ministerial Association has committed the CAMA group to partner with our Rotary Club for the next few years in our efforts to make this event a routine! That is great news and should go a long way to making this a very successful program.

Announcements:

Because August is Rotary Membership Month, President Diane has decided to shake up our regular meetings and give members the chance to sit with new people and make new friends. Each Meeting during the Month of August, as you enter the meeting you will have a chance to choose an NUMBER which will correspond to a numbered table where you should sit for that meeting. This will give everyone the chance to sit at a different table each week and meet other members of the Club whom you might not sit with in normal times. TRY IT --- YOU MIGHT LIKE IT!!!

Two weeks from today, August 20th, will be the Official Visit of our new District Governor, Rick Martin. He has asked to meet with the officers and members of the Board of Directors at 11:30 AM before the regular meeting. Please mark you calendars at plan on attending this important meeting.

President Diane reminded the officers and Board members that she is holding the August meeting of the board at her office, 1100 Washington Avenue, Suite 219 at 7:00 PM. Be sure to mark your schedule and attend this monthly meeting.

Mary Lou Kientz announced that Collier Township now has a free Summer Concerts in the Park Series for all in the area who enjoy music outdoors. The events are Sunday nights at 7:00 PM at Webb Park in Rennerdale. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the music. Bring your own food or purchase food and beverages during the performances. On tap is Groove Merchant (Variety/Top 40) on August 30th. See **Mary Lou** for more information if interested.

Visiting Rotarians:

Bob Brindley from the Forest Hills Club

Guests:

Kathy Lippert, Peggy Highfield and Tammy Gregg with **John Mendenhall**

Mark Henry with **K=Dad Curt Henry**

You Were Missed:

Jeremy Guthrie, Rick Hess, Adrienne Jellison, Mary Ann Paff, Marci Petkovich, Jeff Tindall, Adrian Van Balen, Ollie Weiss, & Leigh White

PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!

Make-Ups:

None

Birthdays in August:

Curt Henry – 8/16/59 (50 years)
Cindi Hewitt – 8/16/52 (57 years)
Diane Karcz – 8/20/52 (57 years)
Leigh White – 8/24/72 (37 years)

Gail Neustadt – 8/30/44 (64 years)

Rotary Anniversary in August:

Diane Karcz – 8/2/04 (4 years)
Frank Verri - 8/14/01 (8 years)
Leigh White – 8/21/08 (1 year)
Rick Hess – 8/25/84 (25 year)
Jeff Tindall – 8/28/08 (1 year)

Wedding Anniversary in August:

Leigh & Wesley White – 8/17/01 (8 years)

Future Greeters -

August 13 – Iorio, Jackson
August 20 – Jellison, John
August 27 – Katz, Kelly

The 50-50 Raffle:

WEEK 11: Visiting Rotarian Bob Brindley won and pulled a KING winning \$10.00. The Kitty got \$19.00. The Pot is \$180.00 with 40 cards left plus the Joker!

GREETERS (& 50/50 Ticket Sellers)
NEXT MEETING:

Rick Iorio
Fred Jackson

Calendar of Events -

August 20 – DG Rick Martin's Official Visit
August 28-19 – Rock the Quarry to support the Panhandle Trail in Collier
August 29 – "The Meal Fights Hunger" packing event at Hillside Christian Community Church
December 11 – Christmas Party, Nevillewood
April 17, 2010 – 27th Annual Big Event

Future Programs -

August 13 – Club Assembly
August 20 – DG Rich Martin's Official Visit
August 27 – JT Mendenhall – A Year In Japan

