

Scenes from Botswana – Herb Bacon

TODAY'S PROGRAM

A few months back our resident globe trotter, Herb Bacon, shared a brief tale of some lions he encountered while on a trip to Botswana. Although the details of that encounter were quite intimate, Herb will share the details of that scene as well as other stimulating events he came across during his African voyage. So grab your safari hat and binoculars to join fellow Rotarian, Herb Bacon, on his travels to Botswana!

The Republic of Botswana is a landlocked South African nation. It is one of the most successful African economies with a fast growing service sector, world renowned mining (especially diamonds) industry, tourism and manufacturing. Botswana is also known for its many national parks and game reserves with abundant wildlife and wetlands. Wildlife that include lions, brown hyenas, cheetahs, leopards, wild dogs and antelope as well as many other species.



While You Slept

(Copious Notes from last week's meeting)

By Dennis Baker

A Fine-Fine Day:

We were so looking forward to the meeting on Wednesday, last, because many of us had heard that we had a new president. Alas, the same old **Buffalo Chip** appeared with his gavel and apologized for not issuing enough fines. No need to apologize, **President Dale**. We liked not being fined. We never liked you.

- **Past President Mike Burke** was fined for “sucking up” to the President and calling him “handsome.” It was bad enough that poor Mikey nearly choked up his food when he said “handsome,” but the attempted brown-nosing cost him 2 bucks.
- **Laurie Kadrach** engendered no friends at her table. Everyone was fined for sitting next to her. Next week, avoid sitting with Laurie, if you can.
- Beloved **Past President Dennis Baker** was fined for no reason in a brazen attempt by co-conspirators, **Beede** and **Lickers**, to suppress our right of free speech and free press. Baker was besieged, later, by Rotarians wanting him to autograph their copies of his published Letter to the Editor. Signed copies are still available for \$5.

Announcements:

- This Wednesday, the 28th, is your chance to “**Give the Gift of Life**” by donating blood. The **St. Mary's Bloodmobile** will be parked in front of Two Rivers before, during and after the meeting. Call **Gary Nagy** to schedule an appointment.
- **The Masquerade Committee 2009** will have a meeting before Rotary, at 11:00 AM to discuss plans for next year. Topics include a variety of changes to the format, pricing and venue. Please do not miss this important meeting. All interested Rotarians are encouraged to attend.
- The **Sweetheart's Lunch** will occur on the 11th of February. Musical performances are scheduled. Sign up to bring your sweetheart, but if she can't come, bring your wife. For more information, call Claudia Crowell.
- There will be an organizational meeting for a new **Clifton/Palisade Rotary Club** to be held January 29th at **American National Bank** (Coronado Center) at 5:30 PM. If you know of someone who works or lives in that area, you are encouraged to bring/send them to this important meeting.
- The **Sargent-at-Arms Committee** is looking for a volunteer to sell raffle tickets before Rotary each Wednesday. For information, please call **Leslie Hughes**.
- Your help is needed to pick up song books and the 4-Way Test from each table after meetings.
- **Dan Roberts** was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship Pin + 2. Thank you, Dan!

While You Slept continued

- **The Rotaract Club** meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Noon, at the offices of United Way in the U.S. Bank building at 4th and White.
- **The Rotaract Person of the Year Award** was given to Brooke Wegener. Congratulations to her! She is a skilful interior designer. She is looking for employment.

Happy Bucks

- **Terri Smatla** had happy bucks for a District 51 Open House which was held last Thursday.
- **Herb Bacon** was pleased to announce the first great grandbaby, a great grandson, named **Landon**. Congratulations to the Bacon family!
- **Dick Sweeney** informed us that the date of the last meeting on the 21st was the birthday of **Kiwanis**. He was not giving happy bucks for the event, but rather for his forthcoming trip to Maui. Did we mention that we're looking for someone to sell raffle tickets?
- **Liz Hochevar** had happy bucks because she found her granddaughter's thank you note to Rotary for the 3rd grade dictionaries. Third grade was a tough four years for Liz. We're glad her granddaughter is doing better.
- **The Czar (Bob Tsarnecki)** won 2nd prize in a fishing contest. He can now pass “Go” and collect \$300. Cheapskate paid \$5 for his happy bucks.
- **Kathy O'Shea** had happy bucks for the great **Black Tie & Boots Gala**, Saturday night, to raise money for **Hospice**.
- **Barbara Gottschalk** had ten happy bucks for something or another. Motor Mouth, **Mike Davis**, was talking next to your writer and we didn't hear what she said. We usually hang on her every word. Sorry, Barb. **Memo to Chip**: Mike is one of those guys who's never fined.
- That great and noble **President Elect Joe “Cool”** had \$10 happy bucks for all the Rotarians who helped him put on the first annual “Tailgate Party” last week. He said he received many more sign ups for committees. It is still not too late to sign up for your committee if you missed the Tailgate Party.
- **Lynn Lickers** is looking for employment for her son who is employed temporarily at Circuit City. Good luck, Lynn.
- **Gwen DeCino** had happy bucks for *Sentinel* story about the new digs at a certain mortgage company and that her son was featured in the story.
- **Jeanie Thomas** had \$5 for the fortitude of **Lynn Lickers** who Jeanie knows to get up early before daylight and run. A comment was made about running away from Lynn's boyfriend, but we didn't hear it. **Mike Davis** was talking again. He's never fined, but he's always raising hell.

New Member Nominations

- At its December meeting, the board of directors unanimously approved Cary Eidsness for active membership. Cary is no stranger to our club, having hosted youth exchange students over the past two years. He is involved in financial services and is being sponsored by Jana Gerow. Please contact membership chair Donia Moore with questions.
- The Board of Directors has enthusiastically approved membership for Walt Smith, a former member of the club who has returned to the valley from his previous home in Battlement Mesa. Walt is well known throughout the Grand Valley and the Roaring Fork Valley as an accomplished jazz pianist and composer. Walt's sponsor is Dennis Pretti

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Upcoming Dates

**Meeting Programs
Claudia Crowell
Program Committee Chairperson**

February 4 Gateway Canyons

February 11 Lunch w/ Spouses
Jazz Trio

February 18 Mesa State College
Tim Foster

Other Dates

Feb . 6 Past President's Meeting
Noon, Bookcliff Country Club

Feb . 11 Rotary Exchange Meeting
11:15 am, Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.

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