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With the close of the year 2016 and a New Year commencing, we thought it was a good time to play “catch up” on some pictures that have been submitted to Shorelines to clear them out of our inbox and get them into your hands during this holiday hiatus from meetings. So enjoy these many and varied views from the lives of some of our members.



First up, to commemorate the major life change experienced by DALE MAAS and his new wife NIKKI, we have a couple of shots of them from their wedding reception.

Congratulations to the happy couple! (Didn't DALE make a lovely groom and NIKKI a handsome bride?... Or vice versa.)





About a week before Christmas, some rowdy Rotarians rolled on over to DAVE and TERRI HALL's home for our traditional club Christmas Party. One non-traditional note came in the form of many musical notes played by a group of good natured instrumentalists, which included DAVE and TERRI's granddaughter AVA on the standup bass.



Of course, it isn't a Christmas party at the HALL's if DAVE doesn't sit down the piano for a while and invite folks to croon along with some Christmas carols. And the night is

never complete without the whole gang assembling on the staircase for a group photo to commemorate the night together. Thanks, once again, to our gracious hosts for handling this celebration at their home year after year!



In what might be some of the most unusual holiday celebration photos we have seen in recent years, BILL DERN sent along some shots from when members of the DERN clan descended upon son SHAUN's home in the Bay



Area to gather
and made a side trip
Factory up in

a jellybean tour a family outing is unique enough in the first place. But then when you add in the chance to see firsthand the famous portrait of Ronald Reagan made out of various shades of Jelly Bellys that is a whole new level of novelty. And then, in the most surprising note of the whole experience – who would have thought that at the Jelly Belly Factory you could sign up for a chocolate and wine pairing tasting session? Truly unexpected!

Speaking of unexpected ... earlier in the holidays, we see a new addition to the DERN's in their photo taken at the beach near the Oceanside Pier. Look closely at the top left of the lifeguard tower and you may notice that fellow

Oceanside
Rotarian TOM
BRAULT's
daughter
ROBYN is
included in the
official DERN
family photo this
year. Surprised?
... I guess that
she and MARK
must be getting
pretty serious,
huh?



It surprises no one to hear that the TOM BRAULT family is really serious about their love of all things Disney, as witnessed by their December trip to Walt Disney World in Florida. Well, in another sign of seriousness, the BRAULT's included MARK DERN in this family trip which included meeting Pluto at a character breakfast, and having great seats at the Candlelight Processional at EPCOT on two separate nights where they saw a favorite actor Neil Patrick Harris as narrator of the Christmas story ... after having already run into him (and his *How I Met Your Mother* co-star Cobie Smulders) in line at an Animal Kingdom rollercoaster the day before.



And now it is time to catch up on the rest of world traveler JIM SCHRODER's November trip to the Middle East. In our first installment, we saw some of the accommodations during his stay and some of his adventures in the desert in Djibouti. We continue with more of JIM's photos and descriptions....



(01) Standing in front of the Afar hut where I am spending the night and a fellow traveler Bill. Trying to figure out how this Afar village got described as a "Resort on the Red Sea".. WTF!?!?

There was no water, no toilet, no shower or soap or towels, just a cot over a dirt floor. Bathroom was behind the hut in the dirt.



(02) Locals walking across the Afar at sunrise



(03) Steam blasting chimneys on the Afar at Sunset with a United States Marines Osprey from most likely Camp Pendleton flying over the sunset. What are the odds of this???



(04) Market in Dire Dawa, Ethiopia



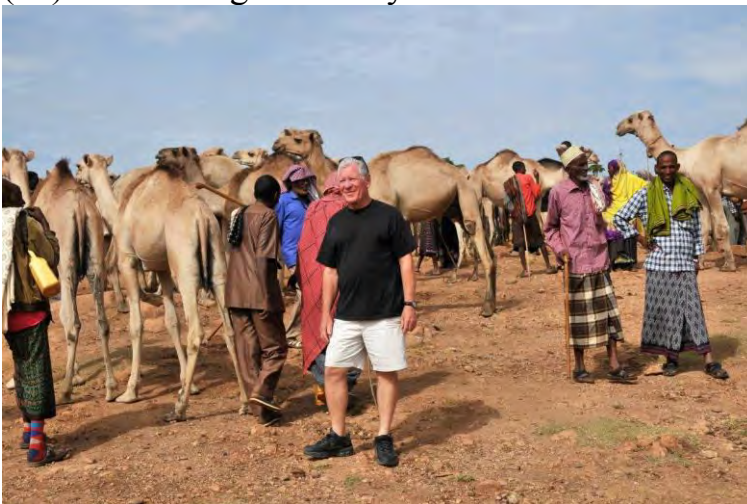
(05) You name it, it is here at the market



(06) Local meat market mostly lamb and goat



(07) Jim feeding a wild Hyena



(08) Jim in the middle of a camel auction



(09) Buying Chat – a drug that you eat sugar cane with and smoke in a cigarette. Chat abuse is an epidemic in Ethiopia



(10) Welcome home to a Bedouin home



(11) Two mothers with their Bedouin children. You can see a house behind you. Ladies, do not ever complain about your granite counters or lack of sinks in a bathroom again.



(12) This is a 96 year old Bedouin women who has lived her entire life in the desert. Imagine the history she has never known. The average age is around 55 at death. She beat the odds.



(13) Young mother about 16 to 18. The first child comes back to the parent's home for one month before returning to the family of the husband to live with. Notice the beauty markings, type of tattoo, on each side of the cheeks



(14) Hard working father - You can see how the sun takes its toll on everyone



(15) Jim and friends at the Meroe Rest Camp, Meroe, Sudan on November 6, 2016



(16) Bedouin women pulling water from 200 foot well in the middle of the desert



(17) The tractor in Sudan today... has not changed in thousands of years



(18) Jim visits a Sudanese date farmer. The dates were excellent.



(19) OOPS, Wrong Picture!



(20) Camel drivers



(21) Jim dealing with young entrepreneurs in the desert of Sudan. (Pyramid sculpture, anyone?)



(22) Jim getting ready to pose for an expert photographer in the desert.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope to see you at our regular meeting next Friday, Jan 6th, 2017 to kick off the New Year Rotary Style!

