



Canyon Echoes – October 13, 2016

PROGRAM: THE MIKE & SHARREN HUMMEL SAFARI IN SOUTHERN AFRICA



Mike Hummel and his wife Sharren recently returned from having vacationed in four countries in Africa: Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and South Africa (specifically Cape Town and surrounds). **Mike** shared photos taken during their travel along with the stories that go must accompany such an adventure. During much of the trip, they stayed in four camps (three nights each) in the three countries outside South Africa. Twice a day they went out into the wild for an up close photo experience with lions, leopards, elephants, giraffes, hippos, water buffaloes and many more species. Mike's favorite: the elephant. And his many photos - both from a distance and very near (maybe "too close for comfort" at times, for one of the beasts "mock-charged" several times - Yikes!!). We looked at nearly 200 "slides" of more than a thousand Mike had taken. Some of these photographs showed the beauty of Cape Town, including the wine country, Table Mountain, Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens, and Boulders Beach near Simon's

Town - where the African Penguins (aka Jackass Penguins because of the braying sound they make).

Mike's photo laden travelogue was a real treat for all of us attending today!

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President **Mike Hummel** chaired today's meeting.

Ardell Thomas offered the invocation
We sang "God Bless America" a cappella.

Guests:

No guests today.

FE Student Report

Yvesan Yu told us about his trip to Philadelphia this past week, saying that though he did not run up the Philadelphia Museum of Art steps, he did enjoy everything about the city.



Club Announcements

Teri Carson reported that the road clean-up on Thursday October 6th was successful and only took an hour and ten minutes to complete.

Secretary's Report:: **Jim Tutak**

SAA - Fines and Happy Bucks: SAA **Tim McBride** collected.

Tim fined himself for having traveled to NJ. **Jim Tutak** was happy to hear it and paid a happy buck. He also paid \$2 to report his Rutgers team's recent football shutout losses. **Jim** was also happy about his wife's return from a visit to Poland and for his new red Rutgers shirt with a tire track across the back of it. **Mike Hummel** was happy to have celebrated, recently, 43 years of marriage with his wife Sharren. He joined **Jim** in happily lamenting (ed.: is that possible??) his Maryland team's recent loss to Penn State. **Jim Meade** was happy to report he recently met a woman on the rail trail who dropped **Jim Tutak's** name. **Pat Davis** was happy to report making it to the meeting today, coming fresh from a last-minute dental "emergency" appointment.

Carol Druck announced that the Victoria Theater in Blossburg in cooperation with Tioga County Concerned Citizens, Mill Cove Inc., and Woodland Owners Association are inviting the public to a free presentation on the importance of forests to clean water at 10:00 am tomorrow.

Mike Hummel announced that **Apryl Tubbs** had recently fallen down a stairway while moving a heavy chair; she has not broken anything but is well bruised and sore.

50/50 this month benefits the Animal Sanctuary. The 50/50 winner today was **Terry Babb**, who contributed his winnings. The Wheel Spin went to **Mike Hummel** - who now will introduce himself to a new member he does not know.