



Denton Breakfast Kiwanis Club

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**Meeting at
7:00 a.m. at Rudy's Barbeque**
We will be on a "hybrid" mode until
further notice.

And by Zoom: suspended)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86584445015>
passkey: 11111
Meeting ID: 8658 444 5015

**No meetings when schools close
because of inclement weather**

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Song: Chrissie Clanton
Pledges: Bill Johnson
Prayer: Bill Watson
Objects: Heidi Strobel



Welcome, Heidi Strobel



Christine Dietz

Program 08/17: Robbie Merritt, Superintendent Lake Ray Roberts Park

Program 08/07: Christine Dietz: Teaching science at an international school in Krakow, Poland

Christine Dietz, middle school science teacher, the International School of Krakow in Krakow, Poland

Few science teachers can say a monkey stole their clothes or they had to call in sick to school because an angry bull was in front of their door. Those are just two experiences Christine Dietz told us

about Aug. 7 at our meeting.

Dietz, 31, grew up attending Lake Dallas schools, but will soon start her 11th year teaching abroad. Now at the International School of Krakow in Krakow, Poland, Dietz started teaching in India and has also taught in Qatar and Thailand.

She graduated valedictorian at the school where she teaches now. Her father, Mike Dietz, worked for Sabre Inc., in Krakow for seven years, and Christine, who was interested in other countries and cultures, kept him company. Christine's mother, Dyan Dietz, is pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Denton.

All of the students at the international schools speak English, but some are "newer to the English language," Christine said. She joked that students correct her English sometimes when English is their fourth language.

Christine said she knows a few Polish words, but not many, adding that Polish is the fourth hardest language in the world to learn.

Her largest science class has 18 students, smaller than many public schools in North Texas, and she said surprisingly, "Everywhere I've lived has been cheaper than America." She gets a stipend for an apartment, and she rides a teacher school bus from her apartment to her school, which is about 20 minutes outside the main part of Krakow.

A downside of international teaching is that she doesn't get a retirement, but she has set aside money. Her school does pay for her health insurance.

During the summers, Christine has worked identifying coral bleaching in Belize; worked with endangered species in the Galapagos, including a 180-year-old tortoise; and worked with NASA in Huntsville, Alabama.

She was able to extend her Spring Break this past school year so she could film the solar eclipse April 8 in North Texas live for her students in Poland. The next solar eclipse will be in 2026 in Spain, and Christine hopes to take her students on a field trip to see it.

Reported by Betty Roberts

Announcements

- 1) Aug. 16 The Big Chill (where?)
- 2) 22-25: Hotter'n Hell
- 3) Sept. 5 First Thursty (where?)
- 4) 9: 9/11 Memorial Denton High Key Club

Send program suggestions to: Ken Reedy kreedy989@gmail.com and Betty Roberts bjrjournal@aol.com

Send agenda items to Fritz for inclusion in the Newsletter and to Daniel, danielclanton.dc@gmail.com for posting at the meeting. Deadline is Sunday noon

Announcement: President Daniel Clanton showed the new website he created. Go to www.dentonbreakfastkiwanis.com to see the excellent job Daniel did.

Guests:

Members: Chrissie & Daniel Clanton, Eastup, Fleitman. French, Holland, Johnson, Morrison,, Puckett, Reedy, Roberts, Strobel, Watson, Wise

Every member invite a guest