

# Vocational Training Team to East Africa Winter 2010-11

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## **Philippe Lamoise- Team Leader** - Torrey Pines (La Jolla) Rotary Club

Philippe Lamoise was born in Paris, France, moved to San Diego in 1992, and became a US citizen in 2004. He joined the Torrey Pines (La Jolla) Rotary Club in 1994 and was Club President in 1997-98. He was named Rotarian of the Year for District 5340 in 2001-02. He received the Citation for Meritorious Service Award from The Rotary Foundation in 2005, and the Distinguished Service Award in 2010. He served as District Governor of District 5340 in 2006-07, and is the third youngest governor of his class worldwide.

He has been involved with all major programs of the Rotary Foundation. He went multiple times to India as a Rotary Volunteer and guest speaker. He has traveled to Africa 10 times since a GSE trip to East Africa in 2001. He also traveled to Costa Rica, Mexico, Ghana, South Africa, Tunisia, Jamaica, Ecuador, and France on Rotary-related projects. This will be his sixth trip to Uganda.

Philippe served as an Annual Programs Fund Strategic Advisor for Zone 24 in 2008-09, and was a member of the Reach Out To Africa - International Partners sub-committee, 2008-10. He now serves on the Rotary Foundation Alumni Advisory Committee.

Professionally he is self-employed, developing websites and doing video productions. He has very often used his professional skills to serve Rotary. He travels with his digital video camera, and digital still camera, and produces pictures and documentaries of the projects he visits. He has developed and is maintaining many websites for clubs, districts, and zones. He also developed an interactive website for Matching Grant projects used by clubs and districts worldwide.



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## **Annsie Bigbee - Community Development**

Hosted by Torrey Pines (La Jolla) Rotary Club

Annsie is the South Pacific Sales Executive for Briggs & Riley Travelware, a high-end luggage manufacturer headquartered in Hauppauge, Long Island. She has covered Southern California, Hawaii, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, and Arizona for Briggs & Riley for the past three years. Prior to that, she ran a successful Del Mar retail establishment for 12 1/2 years.

Raised in Nigeria, Morocco, Pakistan, and Virginia, as the daughter of a foreign service officer and an artist, she has travelled extensively in Africa, Asia, and Europe. She returned to the U.S. to attend George Mason University and the University of Maine, where she graduated from with a BA in journalism. After several years working as an account liaison and copy-writer in a Boston ad agency, she returned to Africa, where she served in the United States Peace Corps as a rural community development agent in the Republic of Benin for three years.

She attended graduate school at Towson State in Maryland on a Peace Corps grant for teaching and has taught in inner city Baltimore.

She enjoys reading, running, cooking, dancing, and kayaking and loves to be outdoors. She looks forward to returning to Africa with its amazing culture and people.

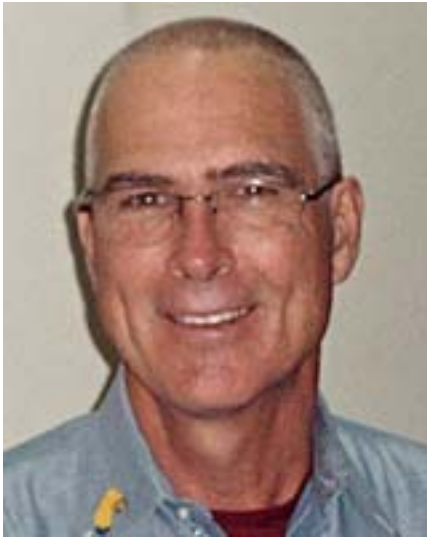
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## **Geoff Boone - Emergency Medical Technician**

Hosted by Carlsbad Rotary Club

Geoff was born in Newport Beach, California and soon after moved to the then small town of Carlsbad with his family. Geoff is a Firefighter in North County, San Diego and has been in the fire service and EMS for the past seven years. Geoff started his career as a Wildland Firefighter for the Federal Government and after two seasons found a real passion for Emergency Medicine as an EMT and decided it was time to make the change to a Municipal Fire Department. Geoff is a Tactical Medic and attended the International School of Tactical Medicine (ISTM) and really enjoys this style of medicine. Geoff has done volunteer work here in the states and in Mexico and has had the support of his family and mother who is in Rotary. On Geoff's days off you can find him with his Twin brother and friends hiking, camping and going to the beach. This will be Geoff's first time to Africa and he is very excited and honored to be a part of the team and life changing experience.





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## **Chuck DuVivier - Water, Community Development**

### **Encinitas Coastal Rotary Club**

Chuck DuVivier grew up along the banks of the Mississippi River in southern Illinois. His father was a pediatrician and his mother, an economics major, was active in the community, while managing the family. Chuck is the second of seven children. He went to Antioch College in Ohio where he met his wife, Kate. They both received degrees in Environmental Studies and were married in 1973. After college, Chuck and Kate moved to Wisconsin, bought two farms and raised hogs, sheep, tobacco, corn and hay for nine years before moving to Encinitas, California.

Since their move to California, they have worked in real estate development and construction in north San Diego County.

Chuck has been active in community affairs, serving on the boards of the local Chamber of Commerce, the Building Industry Association, the Construction Industry Federation, the Friends of the Library, and the Hondo (Japan) and Jalalabad (Afghanistan) Sister City Committees. He also served on local community planning boards for eight years. In 1992

and 1996 he was elected to the Encinitas City Council and served as Mayor of Encinitas in 1995 and 2000. During his years on City Council, he served and numerous special district boards and is familiar with municipal transportation, planning, water, sewage, low income housing and solid waste issues.

Chuck was a Charter Member of the Encinitas Coastal Rotary Club in 1984. He is a past President, Paul Harris Society member and a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation. He has been especially active with his Club's International Committee, having participated with Kate, in Polio National Immunization Days in Eritrea, India, Niger and Ghana, and other Rotary work in South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, Malawi, Afghanistan, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Belize and South Sudan. Chuck and Kate have hosted Group Study Exchange members from Mexico, Afghanistan and India as well as seven Japanese high school exchange students.

Chuck and Kate have two children. Edward lives in Los Angeles and is working with and studying water management. Dave lives and works in Encinitas.

Chuck's hobbies include motorcycling, walking, gardening, travel, service projects and study of geology, natural environments, and maps.

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## **Joanna Frausto - Physician**

### **Hosted by Mission Valley (San Diego) Rotary Club**

Joanna Frausto was born and raised in San Diego, California, where she attended school and completed her general education. At the early age of seventeen she enrolled in medical school at Xochicalco University School of Medicine, located in Tijuana, B.C., Mexico. She earned her medical degree in 2007.

Dr. Frausto continued her training as a Medical Intern at the Instituto Mexicano de Seguro Social (IMSS) No. 1 Hospital, in Tijuana, B.C. Thereafter she worked as a physician at a community health clinic in the suburbs of Tijuana, where she was appointed Coordinator of the Tuberculosis Directly Observed Therapy Short-Course Program (DOTS). During this time Joanna worked closely with TB/ HIV co-infected patients and developed a strong interest in this population, which prompted her to conduct further research studies on the topic.

In 2009, Joanna was granted a fellowship at the University of California, San Diego Division of Global Public Health, from the Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools (HSHPS) and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Her fellowship consisted of research in HIV/AIDS and related co-morbidities with Latino populations living in the US-Mexico border region.

Joanna is currently working as a Border Epidemiologist for the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of Binational Border Health, under the Early Warning Infectious Disease Surveillance Program (EWIDS). There she conducts disease surveillance along the California/Baja California border region. Joanna enjoys working in a bi-national setting and plans on entering a masters program in public health with a concentration on international public health.

During her free time, Joanna enjoys spending time with her friends and family. She expresses the importance of having God in her life and maintaining a healthy work-life balance.





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## **Shelly Tregembo - Social Services**

### **San Diego Uptown Sunrise Rotary Club**

Shelly is currently the President of the San Diego Uptown Sunrise Rotary in Hillcrest. She has been involved in numerous volunteer service activities including working with children with special needs, community clean up projects and helping families during the holidays.

Shelly earned her bachelor's degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara and her master's degree from San Diego State University in Women's Studies. Her career has included employment, mental health and alcohol and drug counseling to victims of crime, low income families and inmates. Currently, Shelly works as a project manager for the County of San Diego's Behavioral Health Services and is pursuing a post-graduate certificate in Strategic Management.

Shelly moved to San Diego in 2001 and has been living in Little Italy for the past 5 years. In her free time, she enjoys running, reading and providing assistance to lost tourists.

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## **Amanda Wirtz - Public Health**

### **La Jolla New Generations Rotary Club**

Amanda Wirtz, a Chicago native, studied in Stockholm, Sweden for a year as a Rotary Exchange Student. After high school, she worked for six years as a Cryptologic Analyst for Naval Intelligence - supporting military operations in Florida, Spain, Canada, Washington D.C. and in combat deployments to Iraq and Yugoslavia. In addition she worked as a military fitness rehabilitation counselor, opened an independent community-based fitness studio, and worked as an operations manager at Dulles International Airport.

In 2003 her passion for health diversified and was amplified when faced with personal health challenges. She returned to school to complete her B.S. in Community Health (Health Education and Promotion) at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. In addition, she worked as a wellness program facilitator for Alzheimer's patients, assisted with pain management research, spoke on behalf of the National Organization for Rare Diseases, and completed her internship at UCSD where she partnered with the world's leading researcher on her condition. In her community, she helped facilitate the adoption of three children from an orphanage in Peru where she previously volunteered and was also an active member of the Christian Mercy and Justice Network - addressing local issues of homelessness, poverty, hunger, and lack of education.

In 2009, she relocated to San Diego and has since worked as a research coordinator for Veteran's Medical Research Foundation specializing in diabetes and other chronic diseases. Currently enrolled at SDSU, she is completing her Master of Public Health in Health Promotion and Behavioral Science. Her personal and academic passion is chronic disease management and health promotion - with an emphasis on underserved populations and disparities in healthcare. She is currently a member of the La Jolla New Generations Rotary Club and lives in Mission Valley.

A violinist of 23 years, she enjoys playing and appreciating music, reading, staying active, traveling, participating in service projects, and learning - about everything!

