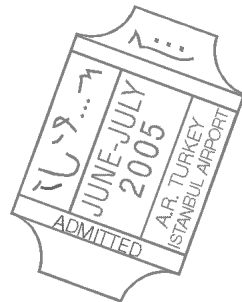




# Passport NEWS



happenings from the blue mountain passport club

## In search of new (and old) treasures and trinkets in the Far East

*Proprietors Clayton and Deb Korver add to the Club's collection*

Deb and Clayton recently went on an odyssey to search out more treasures from the East. Taking their 13-year-old son, A.J., on a month-long journey to China, Tibet, Cambodia, and The Netherlands, the Korvers traversed the globe to add some interesting, eclectic art, antiques, and artifacts to their "World Dekor" collection and the Passport Club.

The trip concluded with a visit to "the motherland" – Holland. A.J. wanted to see a bit of his family's Dutch culture and tradition. While there, the trio scoured flea markets for Oriental carpets and visited working windmills.

"It's such a rich, visual experience," reports Clayton of his journeys abroad. "the sights and smells and sounds of these other, ancient cultures."



**Singing waitresses in a popular restaurant in Lijiang, China**

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**A.J. rode a yak on the Himalayas' plateau in southwest China.**

In the Himalayas, the Korvers hiked up to a monastery and enjoyed a meal of barbecue yak and "snowbirds" at a local shop.

During their two-week stay in China, their friend Roger Zhang served as their tour guide to Xian, the location of the thousands of "terra cotta warriors" at the tomb of China's first emperor.

*Explore Napa with a taste of four great wines from the celebrated Valley. Our House Wines include:*

- *Carlidge & Browne Chardonnay (bin 305)* – Carlidge & Browne Winery
- *Riverside White Zinfandel (bin 370)* – Riverside Winery
- *Castle Rock Merlot (bin 310)* – Castle Rock Winery
- *Castle Rock Cabernet Sauvignon (bin 312)*

*By the glass or the bottle, these are marvelous wines at a fabulous value – with special discounts in June and July.*

## WINE of the month

JUNE/JULY SPECIAL ~ \$17<sup>00</sup>/BOTTLE • \$4<sup>50</sup>/GLASS



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## Around the world in 30 days - cont from page one



**Carved stone musicians, part of an Indian temple.**

“We love trying to find unique, amazing,unusual antiques and art to bring back to Northwest Iowa,to share with people a little bit of the world we don’t get to see every day.”

Deb adds,“Traveling also makes you appreciate your home and all our Western conveniences!”



**Cast bronze pots from India**

## WORLD RECORDS

**Highest pilgrimage:** *a route on Mount Kailash (or Khang Rimpoche) in western Tibet,which measures 33 miles and reaches an altitude of 22,028 feet. The mountain is sacred to followers of Buddhism,Jainism,Hinduism,and Bonpo, a Buddhist religion.*

## Living with the Maasai: a journey to Africa (part three)

*This month’s story is the third in a series by proprietor Clayton Korver about his experience living with the Maasai in Tanzania,which followed a climb to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro.*

# World DÉ KOR

Isaac met me the next day at the guest house, where we loaded up my gear into his 25-year-old Land Rover, aptly named Baby Rhino. I had spent considerable time planning for this four-week trek into southern Tanzania and had packed eeverything from basic camping equipment and medical supplies to a 13-pound generator I needed to recharge my video camera batteries.

My plan was to take the Land Rover into the escarpment that runs along the Great Rift Valley, set up a base camp and hike into several remote villages.Isaac, however, wanted to take me first to a small village where Maasai and Indian traders come from a 50-mile radius once a month to buy and sell cattle as well as basic living essentials such as cloth,beads,cooking utensils,and colored pigments used for body decoration. *Note:the Indians I refer to are East Indians that had been brought to Africa by British and German settlers when Kenya and Tanzania were colonial territories.*



After a long,hot, bumpy ride, which included a stop to repair a tire punctured by a huge thorn, we arrive mid-afternoon at what looked like a large corral. We found a good spot under some trees to set up the tent and cooking area. As the sun began to set, I thought about how far I was from home and all of the modern comforts.As the night sky appeared I saw for the first time in my life just how many stars are visible when there is no reflected surface light.It was one of those incredible moments when one truly sees God’s handiwork.

I awoke the next morning at sunrise to the sound of clanging cow bells.Sticking my head out of the tent,I saw in the early morning light,small herds of cattle being herded by Maasai warriors into the large corral.

*to be continued ...*



## Dip into these new menu items

Take a trip out West with our two new dips:



**California Bean Dip**  
*served with corn chips ~ \$3.95*



**Napa Valley Artichoke Dip**  
*served with assorted gourmet crackers ~ \$4.95*



Plus, we're extending our **Crab Cakes** for another two months. Enjoy this scrumptious seafood delight, now with a special *Raspberry Margarita Sauce* – just \$5.95 through June and July.

## Have you tried a brew from Timbuktu?

Okay ...maybe we don't have a beer from Timbuktu – but did you know the Passport Club offers 34 different brews from 10 countries? Have you tried a Peroni from Italy with our Antipasto platter? How about a Tsing Tao with our Chicken Satay? And of course we have Heineken on tap for a true taste of Holland!



## A special thanks

Thank you to everyone who came to the club for our recent events, including the Australian Wine Tasting and our Ladies Night. Special thanks to member Jane Vogel for her donation of a massage for one lucky lady. Of all the fun gifts received that evening, we're sure that will be one of the most appreciated!

## Wanted: your ideas

*When it comes to foods, beverages, and events, we want to offer our members just what you're looking for. Stop in and share your ideas with Karri in person or via email ([passportclub@frontiernet.net](mailto:passportclub@frontiernet.net)). Your feedback is appreciated as much as your patronage!*



## Sensational Summer Gifts

If you're looking for something special to celebrate summer – from a wedding or birthday gift to a Dad's Day surprise – consider a gift certificate or a custom-created basket of goodies from the Passport Club. Karri can put together a collection of favorite wines or beers, cigars, foods, and other tasteful treats to create a sensational summer splash. Call or email her ...



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# VISITOR *passport*

If you haven't yet been to the Passport Club ... we want to extend a personal invitation to visit us and sample our menu of wines, beers, liquors, and appetizers from around the world!


- **First-time visitors:** bring in this coupon and receive \$5 off your bill.
- **Members:** this coupon is good for a free visitor's pass and \$5 off your bill when you bring a guest.



Expires August 31, 2005

## Take a mid-week break

Need a reason to take a break during the hectic work-week? Come into the Passport Club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for drink and food specials, some fun and friendship, and to recharge your batteries!



• **Blue Tuesdays** - 5-9pm  
Blues and brews! Featuring specials on draws, martinis, and "blue" drinks to chase away those mid-week blues.

• **Wild Wednesdays** - 5-7pm

Warm up during a "South of the Border" happy hour! Specials on Dos Equis, Tecata, and margaritas, plus complimentary chips and spicy Mexican dips.



# CALENDAR of events

**06.03 • 5pm to closing**

### Karri's Birthday Bash

*Celebrate Karri's birthday – again (remember April Fools?). Drink specials all night, and light appetizers served until 7pm. Free birthday dessert and one half-price drink to anyone wearing all black. Her age is still fooling us!*

**06.20 • 5 to 10pm**

### Mens Night Out – Steak/Chop Fry and Beer Tasting Party

*Our beer vendors will be on-site to answer all your brewing questions. Door prizes and cigar specials. Members bring a guest and you'll both receive a special surprise. Members \$25; Non-members \$35.*

**06.28 • 6 to 10pm**

### Cocktail/Martini Party

*From classic cocktails to a modern twist on martinis, this stylish, trendy way to party is back! With Frank doing the crooning, specials on your favorite drinks, and a generous buffet of appetizers, you'll feel like you're back in the '40s.*

*Doors open at 4:30; the party starts at 6.*

*\$5.95 per person for appetizer buffet.*

**07.21 • 6 to 10pm**

### Havana Nights

*La Rumba! From Cuban jazz music to a buffet of traditional Cuban cuisine and specials on Cuban cocktails (think Mojito), it's a cool way to spend a hot summer night in Northwest Iowa. Doors open at 4:30; the party starts at 6.*

*\$14.95 per person. Call for reservations.*

*Members receive first priority for all events. Call 737-3153 for reservations.*

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