

Sparkling and engaging, our Abby Blocker was once again on the zoom screen to share her progress toward her Ph.D. Abby is our international scholar who is currently in Cape Town, South Africa. She has already finished her Masters, and now, she is diligently working toward her Ph.D. which a project titled, "User Centered Design of Virtual Clinic Systems for Remote, Rural and Underserved areas". The Cape Town area of South Africa offers many of the challenges that will definitely benefit from this project at completion. And the knowledge gained will help in future designs for needs encountered in other parts of the world. In the end, many people will have better medical care once this system is refined and implemented. Abby explained that her Masters had been framed to do the evaluation and research in regard to this project, and to make a list of considerations which included everything from language to safety to data security. From that, she developed the design of the clinic and implemented testing to evaluate everything from the network to the end users. Currently, she is developing a new prototype for the computer that runs the system which will include several languages (there are 11 languages in South Africa). This will be field tested again for usability and network stability. Finally, she shared that her discipline covers many skill sets, including: social sciences and languages, medical tasks, engineering designs and coding, telecommunication, data security and use of AI, written communication and instruction that will be understood by each player in the system, and lastly, delegating! And she said all that with a smile. This woman rocks!

Other News:

Padma Li – was inducted into membership and sponsored by Laura Grady. Originally from China, Padma Li and her husband now reside in Floral City. She is a Loan Officer. Welcome Aboard, Padma!

April 11 – Connors Gives Back "Fun"draiser from 4-7. Come shop and socialize. Brings your friends and neighbors. Beer and wine will be available. Buy some nice things for yourself or someone else.....Mom's Day is coming! A percentage of sales will go to our club.

April 13 – Six Club Habitat for Humanity Build. Deadline to register is April 1. Documents/release forms need to be signed prior to participation.

April 20 – Relief Share Medical Sorting has been canceled.

April 25 – Upward Bound at Citrus Springs Community Center

H/s - \$199

50/50 - \$32.50 to Brandie

Jewelry Auction – purchased by Tom Slaymaker for \$400.