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Pet Loss Presentation in Brazil Features Jodi Clock as Keynote Speaker

Imagine Jodi Clock's surprise when she received an invitation to speak at an international symposium for funeral home and cemetery owners in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. "I thought they were joking," said Clock, who jointly owns and operates Clock Funeral Homes (Muskegon, Fruitport and Grand Haven) with her husband Dale R. Clock. The Muskegon resident is also the founder of Clock Timeless Pets, which specializes in pet death care including cremation, burial assistance, pet trusts, pet memorialization keepsakes and grief counseling. Clock is considered to be a pet death care pioneer. In addition, she is a charter board member of the Pet Loss Professionals Alliance (PLPA), a sister organization to the International Cemetery Cremation and Funeral Association (ICCF). She is now a co-chair the of the PLPA's education committee and teaches at the PLPA College.

When Clock realized the invitation was real, she didn't hesitate to say yes. But making the international trip proved to be a challenge. In order to enter Brazil, not only does a person need a passport, you need a visa. Her visa was denied twice due to insufficient documents. The Brazilian Embassy had to get involved to straighten out the paperwork. Clock said, "I didn't know for sure if I was going until three days before I left!". She shared that the paperwork nightmare combined with the anxiety of not knowing if she was actually attending was far more stressful than traveling or speaking!

On Nov. 9 she left from Grand Rapids and boarded a flight to Houston. After clearing customs in the Texas airport, she then hopped on an 11-hour flight to Rio de Janeiro. Clock said upon arrival she was greeted by a personal assistant for both security reasons and transportation. She was taken directly to her hotel and was exhausted. Due to the time change, she wanted to stay awake to try to set her internal clock to Rio time. In order to stay awake, she took a shower to freshen up. While showering the phone rang. Upon answering the phone, she

was told a reporter, a translator and camera crew from a local television station were in the lobby and wanted to interview her for the nightly news.

Clock said, "It was a big surprise that it was a TV newsworthy item". With the help of a Portuguese translator she did a 45-minute interview that after editing was about a 5-minute TV segment. "They couldn't believe people would buy jewelry with a paw print of their pet." She was wearing a necklace with a pendant that had a digital impression of a paw print from Max, Clock's first funeral home therapy dog. The surprises kept coming. When Clock went to check in the next morning prior to speaking, she discovered that she was the keynote speaker for more than 200 funeral home and cemetery owners who wanted to add a pet loss business. "Clock's were one of the first in the U.S. to do that," she said, "which is why I asked to share our cycle of learning."

The fifty-minute presentation was translated in real time to Portuguese, Spanish, French, Italian and Chinese and people listened via headsets. "They didn't grasp that people would memorialize their pets with keepsakes," she said, "prior till now, they considered pet cremation providers to be a disposal business. She talked about adding emotion, dignity and respect to pet loss care. "It was huge eye opener for them to learn people struggle with pet loss, just as much if not more than a human death."

Attendees were also surprised by her use of the term pet parent when talking about someone who has a pet. "It was an a-ha moment for them. They realized pets are no longer animals outside. They're coming inside our homes and into our hearts." Once the presentation was over, people do what they always do when talking about children or pets. They start showing you photos of their pets on their phones. Clock said one thing is certain, "We may not always speak the same language, however, there is a universal connection through their pets."

For more information about Clock Timeless Pets visit www.clocktimelesspets.com or www.jodiclock.com



Jodi Clock in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Harbor Hospice is Now Accepting Applications For Camp Courage 2016

Harbor Hospice has been offering Camp Courage for 23 years as a way to help children and their families after the death of a loved one. Loss is difficult at any age and it can be even harder for children who have not yet developed the emotional tools necessary to help them work through grief. Children react to grief in a variety of ways. Some reactions can be very destructive, such as acting out or fighting, missing school, decreased self-esteem, and/or emotional regression or feelings of isolation.



Harbor Hospice staff and trained volunteers show children that they are not alone in their grief and that feeling sad is a normal part of losing a loved one. Children learn effective coping techniques to help them journey through grief in healthy ways. Children participate in all of the typical camping activities such as swimming, fishing, hiking and campfires, along with specialized activities designed to address how to handle grief.

Camp Courage, a sleep-away camping experience for children ages 6-12, is held at

Pioneer Trails on Big Blue Lake in Muskegon County beginning Friday, June 17, 2016 at 10:00 am through Sunday, June 19, 2016 at 2:00 pm. Application deadline is May 27, 2016. There is a \$10 registration fee; however, there are no additional charges for camp. For more information or to register, contact Stephanie Weesies or Melanie Dekkers at 231.728.3442 or 800.497.9559 or email info@HarborHospiceML.org or visit our website at HarborHospiceML.org.