A Very Special Event With Our United Kingdom Chapter:

THE HOUSE OF LORDS LUNCHEON

Chapter president Helen Jenkins introduces C. Peter Mosse, a member of the International Board of Governors in New York, Lord Faulkner of Worcester, and Michael Palin, 2009 Magellan Award recipient.

The House of Lords was the prestigious venue for our annual Christmas lunch held on Thursday, December 17. Chapter president Helen Jenkins said the Chapter had been offered the Attlee Room by our host Lord Faulkner of Worcester and had availability for 38 attendees.

“As UK Chapter President, I wanted to ensure that everything went smoothly and that non-members would be introduced to the Circumnavigators Club (CC) through their interest in travel and adventure,” said Helen. “I asked C. Donna Marsh, who coordinates the UK Travelers Century Club (TCC), to open the invitation to the TCC members. The reservations filled quickly with a waiting list!
Dear Fellow Circumnavigators,

I hope you are all enjoying a pleasant winter wherever you may be.

As we gear up for the next Magellan Award, which will be presented to noted author Simon Winchester at a gala black-tie dinner in New York on December 10, 2010, we have much to look forward to in this year – 2010.

The Club trip to Cuba, in conjunction with The Bringing Hope Foundation, is set to depart the end of this month. With the cold and snow enveloping the northern U.S., I am sure the trip will be warm and enlightening to those participants from the colder climate.

In the U.K., after a very well attended House of Lords luncheon (note front page), Chapter president Helen Jenkins is set to launch a Wales branch. Our Florida and Desert Chapters are in full swing. In New York, we are looking forward to our traditional Chinese New Year’s banquet and more (back page). Our Chapters in Washington DC, Chicago, Michigan, Minnesota, California, the Pacific Northwest, and Singapore are all gearing up for a new year.

The Club’s International Annual Meeting in New York on May 20 will be an exciting event as new international officers will take the helm. I hope that members from our far-flung Chapters will schedule a visit to New York to attend this important meeting at the Williams Club so that we may gather and celebrate the 108-year-old history of our Club. I recommend if you plan to attend to make your overnight reservations now. International Past president Howard Matson has been appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee and when the committee’s recommendations are approved by the Board of Governors, you will receive your Election Ballot.

As I write this, the news coming in from Haiti gets worse as the catastrophe of the earthquake, which has devastated Port-au-Prince and the surrounding area, mushrooms due to the immense damage inflicted by the earthquake and the destruction of a substantial portion of the infrastructure of Haiti that is so important to the delivery of aid and relief supplies and personnel. As Circumnavigators who know and admire the people of different countries and cultures, and whose creed is to leave this world a little better than we found it, our thoughts and prayers are very much with the people of Haiti.

Luck to you,

Bill Holm
International President

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We were delighted that recent Magellan Award recipient Michael Palin, CBE, and his wife, Helen, could join us as our guests. Also, two new and exciting C.C. members from Wales – Rosie Swale Pope, MBE, who ran solo around the world in 5 years and, Charline Evans, who sold her home to finance Around the World in 80 Schools were able to attend.

Prior to the lunch date, President Jenkins had ensured that everyone had their official invitation from the House of Lords and not only a list of those attending but also a brief biography of their travels, interests and affiliations.

Everyone met in the ante room for drinks and found they had so much in common. Each of the five tables was named after the continents of Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia and the Americas. Each person knew where they were placed and sat down to a superb three-course meal after Lord Faulkner had welcomed us.

After coffee, C. Peter Mosse, a member of the International Board of Governors, New York, introduced Michael Palin who told some of his railway adventures, trains being the common interest among Michael, Peter and Lord Faulkner.

President Jenkins introduced C. Rosie Pope who gave a fascinating insight into her solo world epic on foot and was delighted that our Chapter treasurer Graham Searle, along with Peter Mosse, presented Rosie with her Circumnavigators Club certificate. Finally I introduced C. Charline Evans who spoke of her travels around the world in 80 schools bringing together school children through cyber space.

All too soon the lunch and speeches had to finish and we began to start our snowy journey home, but not after doing the last minute Christmas spend at the House gift shop purchasing the fine port and chocolates.

President Jenkins said that the lunch was a huge success and felt certain the C.C. was put on the map with lots of interest from potential new members.

Our plans for 2010 are for a Welsh lunch in March with Rosie and Charline and of course the House of Lords in December again.
Members Return from Summer Retreats

The Naples Chapter welcomed 41 members and guests on October 15 to the Italian restaurant Campiello for a delicious, three-course dinner, gratis as a gift from the Chapter. The group met in the courtyard for a social hour where summer trips and activities were freely shared within the group. The sit down dinner, accompanied by piano music followed. The President, Tom Maher, greeted all the participants for this lovely evening.

The Club at Pelican Bay Luncheon

On November 15 fifty-three members and guests gathered for a delicious Sunday buffet followed by a member/speaker program on “The Luxury Train through the Old Silk Route”. Tom Gregory presented an excellent PowerPoint program on his tour with GW Travel out of London. MIR tours represent the United States in making arrangements.

The trip gathered in Beijing for three days before getting on a luxury train which was built by a very wealthy gentleman, sold to China and then leased back for special trips. The trip was reminiscent of a cruise because they traveled at night and ate their breakfast and dinners on the train. But each day they would get off the train, travel on buses with guides around the area, and then embark for the next leg of the trip. The roomettes were very comfortable and each room had a sink. In Russia they each had a bathroom.

Starting in Beijing, their first stop was Xian where the terra cotta army is in residence. In this Buddhist capital of China, they showed us a 1300-year-old mosque. That evening they went to a Tang Dynasty Show where they used beautifully dressed ladies to present a very authentic and traditional show of the dances and music of yesteryear.

Traveling through the desert, they came upon the last remnants of the Great Wall of China and the gateway known as the Jade Gate, which was the entrance into China. Dunhuang is the closest town to where the train stopped by the Mogaw Caves with their colorful paintings still visible on the walls. Just at the town perimeter is the sandy desert and a good place to try a camel ride.

Turpan is an especially interesting town because the people there are culturally different and speak another language. In the summer, the heat can get to 160 degrees. Amazingly, they have a 2000-year-old underground irrigation system.

Leaving Urumqi, the last town in China, they changed trains to a Russian train with wider tracks. This was called the Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express.

Almaty, Kazakhstan, their first stop in the “Stans” is known as the Apple City. The group took buses into the mountains and spent a very enjoyable time in a Yurt (a huge tent) where they had lunch. They were entertained by local dancers and were treated to a memorable afternoon of opera by a local artist.

Tashkent, Samarkand and Dukhara, Uzbekistan all displayed beautiful mosques featuring intricate mosaic tiles and unique temples. This area is famous for the great warriors of their times, namely, Tamarlane and the Great Genghis Khan. There are some very interesting museums featuring these men.
The Naples Chapter Joins Together For Their Holiday Party

The Naples Chapter held their annual holiday party at the home of C. Sophie Classen. There were 40 members and guests that gathered together for cocktails and enjoyed delicious appetizers that members contributed to the party. The home was decorated with many candles lining the swimming pool, as well as an eight-foot Christmas tree and beautiful poinsettias and good spirits. Santa Claus C. Jim Lungo arrived to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. The group gathered together in the living room to sing Christmas songs accompanied by a piano player from the area. It was a fun gathering for members as they brought in the holiday season.
Special Cruise from Miami to Nassau
October 30 – November 2

An exciting four-day cruise to Nassau began on October 30. Meeting at a local parking lot, the Naples Circumnavigators joined together on a bus to Miami, their port of departure.

Everyone was in party mode as they drank mimosas and munched on pastries that were divine and shared exciting news and stories as this is part of the “Getting to Know You” parties.

After arriving at the Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) and working their way through the arrival procedures, they ventured to the top deck where lunch was served and everyone enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

Their first day in Nassau, everyone visited the Atlantis, went shopping, or participated in a special ship activity. Every evening the group met for a social hour and drinks. A few ate early and the rest went to dinner together after their get together. Each person or couple received a complimentary bottle of wine from Preferred Travel so the wine at dinner was overflowing.

Pat Classen, a travel agent and former President of the Naples Circumnavigators, made the arrangements for special events in which they all participated. The first night they were invited to a cocktail party hosted by the NCL in a private venue. Many of them shared stories about unique things that have happened during their travels. The group had a lot of laughs as they settled in for their cruise.

Throughout the cruise, they mingled with different people from the Naples Chapter and had the chance to engage in a lot of private conversations.

The last evening, most of the group opted to go to the French Restaurant onboard. The food was outstanding and worth the extra $15 per person. Featured on the menu were: specialty appetizers, escargot, leg of lamb, steaks, and crepe suzettes for dessert.

As the group gathered to come home, they were all thinking about where they can travel together next year!
Impromptu Dinner held at the Lafayette Country Club

On October 8, the Minnesota Circumnavigators enjoyed a convivial dinner at the Lafayette Country Club in Wayzata, with our country cousins from the Palm Beach Chapter. They made great progress toward solving the problems of the world and toward possibly expanding their membership. After the discussions, Circumnavigator Cynthia Chen was presented with her membership certificate.

Recent gatherings have centered in discussions of sociopolitical issues from a global perspective. So far, talks have covered healthcare and banking in countries they’ve visited around the world.

The Minnesota Chapter experienced their second snowfall of the season, the second-earliest in recorded history. It was beautiful!

Reminder to Members:
The Circumnavigators Club is a private organization. It is the strict policy that our Membership Roster may not be used for any commercial or charitable solicitation purpose. Thank you…
October 22, 2009, members and guests arrived at Rolf’s, a well-known German restaurant in New York, to enjoy wonderful ethnic cooking. Everyone arrived at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy a drink at the bar and then to their table – the dining room just fit the forty plus in attendance and everyone, as always, enjoyed great conversation.

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The International Board of Governors received a special invitation from Firstvicepresident Esther Dyer to hold its December 10 meeting at her home in the National Arts Club, downtown New York City, and enjoy some holiday spirits during and after the meeting. This invitation could not be passed up as seen from this photo. (L/R) Front row: Anne Hughes, Howard Matson, Lois Kahan, Peter Mosse, Beverly Anderson, Shirl Kaslow, Bill Holm and David Mink, Chair of Publicity. (L/R) Back row: Sheila Forney, Chair of Programs, Jim Forney, Ken Linsner, member of the Program Committee, Host Esther Dyer, and George Sanborn.
Trash Talk with Gabrielle Kleber
2009 Foundation Grantee

Foundation Grantee Gabrielle Kleber got a chance to tell her story on October 8, at the Bayview Yacht Club located on the Detroit River. This engineering student from Michigan State University spoke to Michigan Circumnavigators and their guests during a meeting where everyone was wined and dined.

Gabby, as she is known across the world, presented an outstanding 25-minute presentation that included her findings, artifacts from her trip, and stunning pictures detailing the issue of the oceans as a dumping ground.

Those in attendance, including the travel writer from the Detroit Free Press Ellen Creagher, got an eye and ear full of the complexity and severity of the issues surrounding the trash that washes ashore on the beaches of the world. Ms. Creagher enjoyed the presentation so much that she did a feature column on Gabby’s talk in her Sunday travel column.

Gabby traveled to the beaches of Hawaii, Australia, Maldives, South Africa, England, and Iceland from May until August. Most of her stops had been pre-planned as a result of her studies and contacts from Michigan State. She spent much of her time with research groups at each of her countries and these local groups took her to some of the most remote areas and beaches where she conducted her research. She had many stories written by local journalists that spoke about her research and her sponsor — the Circumnavigators Club Foundation.

Oftentimes she was witness to how trash was killing marine life and destroying beaches and vegetation. Gabby was very vocal about how discarded fishing nets were trapping wildlife, and yet the fishing industry did not seem to care. Styrofoam was everywhere, and often the ocean took the place of a town dump on various island communities. Gabby logged all of the trash she found, and some examples of the world’s trash can be seen in the accompanying pictures.

Her talk prompted many questions from the audience and she answered each professionally and encouraged everyone to pick up after themselves. She closed out the evening by thanking Michigan Circumnavigators, the Selection Committee, the Foundation, and the New York Office for making this trip a “dream come true”.

Richard Kleber, father of Grantee Gabrielle, talking with C. Tom Peloso, Roger McNeil, and Al Thomas about his trip to South Africa to help his daughter clean up the beaches.

C. Floy Barthel, guest Nancy Ziemba and C. spouse Marcy McNeil enjoying cocktails while waiting to hear from Grantee Gabrielle Kleber.

Gabrielle was truly an inspiration for cleaning up and protecting the environment to not only the Michigan Circumnavigators, but also to the world community.

Some samples of the trash Gabrielle collected from the beaches around the world that were negatively impacting our world’s environment.
Michigan Chapter Celebrates The Holidays

The historic Country Club of Detroit once again provided the setting for the Annual Holiday Foundation Fundraiser hosted by the Michigan Circumnavigators. This black-tie event kicked off the holiday season in style with sixty attendees. There was no formal agenda for the evening, just a time to have fun. Prior to dinner, those in attendance enjoyed cocktails while socializing and catching up. As in past years, members of the English Speaking Union were invited to share this event with Circumnavigators.

A special “thank you” to the English Speaking Union for arranging the entertainment – the Brian Cleary Trio. Soft, festive music was enjoyed throughout the evening. This delightful holiday celebration ended the program year on a high note with the fundraiser being a huge success for the Chapter.

For many years the Michigan Chapter has held a Foundation fundraiser. This year they outdid themselves by raising a total of $4,310.

Cs. John and Mary Carroll with Kathleen Sinclair. Kathy was instrumental in getting an article about the Michigan Chapter and the Foundation in the local paper.

Cs. Joan Bushnell, Lee and Floy Barthel enjoying each other’s company.

President Joe Osentoski, Annie Atanian and Treasurer Roberta Clemak preparing for the raffle.

Marcy and Cs. Roger McNeill.

Lucky winner Cs. Esther Craley with President Joe Osentoski.

English Speaking Union: Ann Cooper, Jean Van Bever, Eileen and Melvin Doyle.

Cs. Charles and Roberta Clemak (standing) with first-time guests Dolores and Charles Klee.
On Sunday, December 13, 2009, the Miami Chapter celebrated their annual Holiday Luncheon at the beautiful and tropical LaGorce Country Club in Miami Beach, which, once again, was hosted by C. Barbara Ball.

Following a cocktail hour and spectacular luncheon our special guest speaker Professor Ambler Moss, former Ambassador to Panama (1978—1982) and Professor of International Studies and founding Dean of the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Miami, as well as father of Miami C. Nicholas Moss, 2006 Foundation Scholar, spoke of his experiences and memorable moments as Ambassador to Panama and the ongoing changes in Panama today.

The Honorable Ambler Moss said, “In this tenth year since the full transfer of the Panama Canal to Panama, we can say that the operation of the Panama Canal Treaties of 1977 has been an unqualified success. Under Panamanian management the canal makes more toll revenue than did the United States, passes more ships per day, and actually has a better safety record. Panama’s track record is so good that the country has raised $5.4 billion on the private capital market to build a larger, improved canal alongside the present canal. It will open for operation in 2014, the centenary of opening the Panama Canal in 1914.

“We recall that the treaties were highly contentious in this country,” continued Moss, “and the subject of a fierce debate on the floor of the U.S. Senate from January to April, 1978. The treaty opponents insisted that the Panamanians couldn’t run the canal, and that this wonderful U.S. engineering marvel would go to ruin! They were clearly wrong,” said Professor Moss.

There was a lively discussion with plenty of questions before the party was over.
Chicago Chapter’s Annual Holiday Party

Forty-five members and guests attended the Chicago Chapter’s annual holiday party on December 10. To usher in the holiday season, they returned to last year’s venue, the historic Deer Path Inn in Lake Forest on the North Shore of Chicago.

The Inn is a recognized landmark and a member of the Historic Hotel Association of America. The original Inn dates from the 1860’s; the current building was completed in 1929 and designed by William C. Stone. It was styled after a manor house dating from 1453 in Chiddingstone-Kent, England in the half-timber-and-stucco Tudor manner.

In a cozy setting, beautifully decorated for the Christmas season, our members and guests thoroughly enjoyed the ambiance of the evening. The only business of the evening was the election of officers for the Chicago Chapter. Chosen for two-year terms were: CS. James C.L. Arimond, S.J. (President), Carol A. Narup (Vicepresident – Foundation), Karen A. Schlueer (Vicepresident – Membership), Kathryn Gotaas (Co-Vicepresident – Programs), Donald M. Parrish, Jr. (Webmaster), Matthew R. Reilein (Treasurer), Eleanor C. Briggs (Foundation Coordinator), and Deanna Padgett (Publicity Director). Chosen for one-year terms were: CS. Marilyn Fischel (Co-Vicepresident – Programs) and Barbara G. Franch (Secretary).
Adventurer 2009 — Would you do this?
Members meet at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club

The Pacific Southwest Chapter of Circumnavigators Club met on December 3 in the festively decorated Walnut Room of the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club. As always, it is a special pleasure to welcome new Club members. Pastpresident Maryann Hart assisted President Bill Thompson in presenting Barbara Jenkins Lee her certificate of membership. New officers for Vicepresident Dr. Virginia Foster and husband, Arthur Hammons, who will assist in programs, and President Bill Thompson were introduced.

A special highlight of the evening was the presentation along with slideshow of the recent around the world adventure of Bev and Buz Nason from Scottsdale, Arizona. The adventurous couple formed one team out of ten, meeting in Seattle not knowing where or what they would experience on this odyssey to win the title “Adventurer 2009”. They would arrive in a predetermined site and be given a list of places to find for a specified number of points. They then had to document these places on film, such as in Thailand, a visit to the reclining Buddha and determine which is longer: Bankok’s Wat Po or Agutthaya’s Wat Lokasuthanam and had to visit both. Another example would be in New Delhi, they would contact the folks at Spaam Ballak Trugh and set up a two-hour walking tour with a slum dog guide. Also, they made several visits to charitable sites to distribute mosquito nets and gifts such as toothbrushes. A portion of the trip cost was designated for charity. Many of our guests demonstrated keen interest by asking detailed questions of this energetic couple. It was a very interesting evening and most agreed “rather them than us.”

A drawing was held for holiday gifts including Club Chef Bernard’s new book Flying Pans, and each table was decorated to honor both Christmas and Hanukkah. A Happy New Year was extended to all.

The Chapter’s next dinner, March 18, proves to also be of great interest as the speaker will be retired Southwest Regional Director of the FBI Bill Gore who is now the San Diego Sheriff.
Annual Foundation Luncheon Held

— NEW OFFICERS ELECTED —


Chapter members and guests, including Foundation selection committee members Brian Evans, Jim Whalen, Ramya Sivasubramanian, and Ellen Parke, met on Saturday afternoon, October 3, in Rosslyn, Virginia for the annual Foundation luncheon. Brian Evans, Foundation Coordinator and 1974 Scholar, introduced the 2009 Raymond Dinsmore Grantee Sabala Baskar, who gave a presentation on her circumnavigation researching the topic: “Is Ethnic Conflict Generational? The Impact of Memory on Ethnic Conflicts.”

Ms. Baskar’s journey focused on countries of recent ethnic conflict: Thailand, India, South Africa, Rwanda, Bosnia-Herzegovina, England, and Northern Ireland. She researched the similarities and differences in the different populations’ respective responses to post-conflict challenges and the efforts to address the root causes of the conflicts, whether based on religious, ethnic, or social distinctions. She specifically examined the role of education, media, religion, and governmental and nongovernmental organizations in moving the population forward out of a time of conflict. The stories she heard and people she met exhibited a range of progress toward reconciliation. The group also enjoyed photographs from her trip, including one leg of the journey where her father accompanied her.

The Chapter also held a short business meeting and welcoming new member Sandra Wilkins of Solomons, Maryland. Chapter elections were held and the following officers will serve for the coming year: Bill Billings, Vice President; Lois Billings, Treasurer; and Amanda Hubbard, Secretary. Jim Whalen, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, thanked outgoing Chapter president Ellen Parke, whose four-year tenure was longer than any other president in the Chapter’s 25 year history. Al Olsen and Jim Whalen, both Chapter past presidents, will serve as Co-presidents for the coming year.
The Palm Beach Chapter Opens Winter Season

The Palm Beach Chapter opened the winter season with a delightful party on December 6, 2009. About seventy members and guests gathered for cocktails and hors d’oeuvres aboard the yacht, Mariner III, while moored at the Palm Beach Yacht Club.

The Mariner III is a vintage vessel built in 1922. It is 122’ long and has an old world charm with beautiful wood paneling and spacious salons and decks.

Among the guests were the former owner of the yacht Nicole Humphreys, and Rear Admiral Garry White and his wife, Joyce. Admiral White was the guest of member Jack Veasey. Also attending were astronaut C. Bob Crippen and his wife, Pandora.

Where in the world could he be…?

We’ve Lost Contact with one of our long-time members:

ALBERT J. GNESIN – G2264
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Please contact headquarters if you have new information…Thank you!

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Joe D. Morrison #1
Kevin Cherilla Climbs Mount Everest

On October 15, the Desert Chapter had the privilege of hearing Kevin Cherilla describe his recent Mt. Everest ascent. His vivid descriptions accompanied by spectacular photographs made this a very enjoyable experience for our members. Kevin’s climb was from the north or the Chinese (Tibetan) side giving members a very different view of Everest expedition than the more common and technically less demanding climbs from the Nepalese side.

Kevin had spoken to the Desert Chapter a number of years ago after taking part in the expedition in which Erik Weihenmayer became the first blind man to climb Mt. Everest.

Kevin also spoke about his charitable work – he leads summer trips to Kilimanjaro and Machu Picchu – he is deeply involved in a number of local charities which introduce disabled children and adults to outdoor environments they would not otherwise be able to access.

C. Gene Cox Share Experience in West Africa

C. Gene Cox and his wife, Suzi, gave a fascinating presentation about a two-month trip they took along the coast of West Africa. Gene’s presentation had strong economic aspects, as it was impossible to ignore the difficult conditions under which the locals lived and the very low employment levels. Additionally, due to the exploitation of the regions resources by outsiders, especially the Chinese, with no evidence of any local investment, the region is up for an even more unpleasant future. Many of the places Gene visited are rarely if ever visited by tourists, and have little or no tourist infrastructure.

Suzi shared some of the art they collected during their trip. Gene shared some stories, one being about the first tourist vessel to land in Luanda, the capital of Angola.

Members and guests agreed that this program, held at the Orange Tree Resort in Scottsdale on November 19, was very interesting.

Membership Applications...

During your travels, visiting with your friends and family, or anywhere you are in the world, keep your Club in mind as we look for people who have circumnavigated the globe, who you feel would benefit and also become active in the Club, and who you would be proud to say you sponsored them.

Don’t forget that we offer token Club Cards to all of our members as shown on our Members Only page. They are very handy when talking about the Club. Applications for membership are available online or from Headquarters.
From day one while camping in Montana’s Glacier Park, I was told to be ‘bear aware’. Upon setting up camp at various campsites during my week long hiking/camping trip along “Going to the Sun Road”, the campground park rangers warned me that I was in “Grizz” and black bear country. I was told to utilize the park’s bear proof containers, keep a clean camp, and to cook far enough away from my site. I assured all the rangers that being very fearful of a bear encounter (I’ve seen the movies Night of the Grizzly, The Edge, and Legends of the Fall) that I would adhere to all the rules and warnings! I had planned before embarking on my vacation not to even have deodorant or toothpaste in my tent. I realized on that first day when I walked into the camp’s store and found shelf upon shelf of bear pepper spray that I would probably have some bear story to tell. I ended up with four!

During my first night of camping, I woke to a bear below that sounded full of anger and/or pain. It may have come from a distance, but needless to say, I had a hard time going back to sleep. In the morning, I discussed the experience with my camping neighbors I’d just met, Ed and Deb. I asked for reassurance from them that if a bear attack was imminent, could I call on them to get me in their car since I’m hoofing it without. I felt better when Ed and Deb agreed. On my first afternoon’s hike, a park ranger stopped me and informed me that the trail I was planning to hike was closed. A mother black bear was standing near the trail watching her three cubs climb a tree. On the fourth night of my trip, I set up my tent at the Rising Sun campground on the east entrance of Glacier Park. Unfortunately, it was “raining” caterpillars and I didn’t end the night in the best of moods. When I woke up around 3:00 a.m. to the sound of heavy breathing and the movement of body swaying just outside my tent, suffice it to say, I was wide awake in an instant with quite an adrenaline kick. I was pretty sure what I was hearing was a bear (of course in my mind, a huge, lumbering, hungry, crazed grizzly – at this point I think I could almost smell the animal!). I quickly thought through my options (I hadn’t bought the $50 bear spray). One, I could unzip the entrance of my tent and get out. I ruled that out – immediate attack! Two, I could blow my whistle to get other campers’ attention and hopefully, help. I also ruled that one out. The sound of a whistle would only enrage the beast. Or three, to quietly huddle quivering in the center of my one person tent and hope the bear would go away! Much to my relief, this is exactly what happened. The next morning the camp host came to my tent to tell me that some RVers in the area had heard the bear and spotted it wandering through the tent sites. I only stayed at the Rising Sun Campground one night. I’d planned on at least two.

The beauty of Glacier Park was such a wonderful experience. I saw gorgeous glacier fed lakes and loved breathing in the fresh Rocky Mountain air. I really enjoyed my back to nature experience (or most of it – sans caterpillars and bear scares). While waiting for my scheduled airport pickup for my trip back to New York City, the car service arrived a half hour late at our designated meeting place. I asked the driver if there had been a problem. He told me that a bear cub had been separated from its mother and was wandering back and forth on a section of Going to the Sun Road. Cars were at a standstill. Upon exiting the park, we stopped a ranger who was speaking on his radio. He told us they would probably tranquilize the cub and reunite it with its mother. Oh, how I love the wilderness!

C. Beverly Anderson serves as our Goodwill Chair in New York and is also a member of the International Board of Governors. She is an Assistant Underwriter, General Aviation Underwriting – Aviation Insurance.

The Log Wants YOUR Story…

“The purpose of The LOG is to record the sayings and doings of Circumnavigators and those who ought to be.”

This quotation is taken from the first issue of The LOG published in March 1910. Your Editorial Committee invites members to submit their stories (two pages, single space) about travel adventures they feel would be of interest to fellow Circumnavigators. Photos to accompany the article are welcome.

Send your story to: LOG Editorial Committee, c/o Circumnavigators Club, 24 East 39th Street, New York, NY 10016.
Submit Your Stories and Photos Electronically!

You can email or supply a disk with your stories, information, and photographs.

Please send stories in a standard text format or Microsoft® Word®. Please be sure to check your document for spelling and punctuation.

Digital photos and/or scans should be at a resolution of 300 dpi at the original size of the photograph and saved as a .JPG, .TIF, or .EPS file format. Please refer to your digital camera or scanner manual regarding the exact settings required by your specific hardware. Due to printing restrictions, we cannot accept low resolution images for print.

Note: Images taken with cell phones are generally never optimum quality for print in The Log.

Our goal is to receive images at 4"x6" at 300 dpi.

This site might be helpful for those seeking more information on photo quality and image sizes:

http://www.bhphotovideo.com/FrameWork/charts/resolutionChartPopup.html

See samples at right of “good” quality vs. “poor” quality images. There is a very noticable difference!

Taj Mahal Photos Winding Down
— MATTERHORN A POSSIBILITY —

Here are the last two photographs received with Circumnavigators sitting on or standing near “the bench” in front of the Taj Mahal.

C. Sandra Karmazin, Michigan, in 1996.

C. Mary Brogan (R), New York, with her friends Leigh Stewart (L) and Ruth King on October 12, 1976.

We have had a lot of fun sharing these photos with you – over two dozen were received and published. Now it is time to come up with another idea of a place in the world to which many of you have traveled and had a very similar photo taken. C. MiMi Ragsdale, who came up with the Taj bench idea, suggested that there is “a bench” at a hotel that tourists are taken to for a wonderful view of the Matterhorn. Perhaps you’ve taken a picture there. E-mail it or send it to headquarters (it will be returned.) for publication in The LOG.

Let’s see how many of you sat on this bench!
Did you know that some of our members are writers? The following paragraphs give a brief summary about each of their four books – enjoy!

**JOAN J. CURLEY** – Circumpatriarch of the Naples Chapter and a retired school administrator – *Lucian's Boat* is a story of a boy's life by the sea, growing up, and the cyclical nature of time. The story was inspired by a painting entitled "Low Tide" by artist Tom Cardemone. It is a story of growth, and the continuing cycle of renewal in children's dreams for the future. The story can inspire children, parents and others who touch children's lives to discover the world again and watch as children's dreams today become tomorrow's reality. Available in our local book store or on line www.authorhouse.com/bookstore.

**KARL G. HEINZE** – Retired businessman, teacher, writer; past member of the International Board of Governors – *Join the Navy and Discover the World* recounts one young officer's transition from college life to that of a Naval Officer and his experiences while aboard the USS Samuel B. Roberts (DD-823) from 1953 – 1955. Heinze paints a detailed picture of the Roberts' around-the-world cruise, which included ports of call in such places as Pusan, Korea; Hong Kong, Midway Island, Sasebo and Yokosuka, Japan; crossing the Equator ceremony and … Readers will enjoy the personal comments and insights as if they also rode destroyers during the Korean Armistice period when the navy was and was not at war. http://www.virtualbookworm.com For a signed copy please contact Karl Heinze at kgheinze@aol.com.

**GLORIA PRESTON OLSON** – food, travel, and cultural knowledge of the world, a member of our Club since1995 – Gloria has traveled to every country in the world, savoring the globe's finest cuisine – from caviar to crepes, panzanilla to pavlovas, gathering recipes for her book *Global Culinary Adventures*. From lucid instructions on how to stock your gourmet kitchen to the story of an elevator run-in with Boutros-Boutros Ghali, Gloria never fails to amaze the reader with her breadth of knowledge and experience. There are about 600 recipes that will delight Circumnavigators and foodies alike. You can order a copy through www.amazon.com or call 1st World Publishing at 1-877-209-5004 for orders of more than ten copies.

**JIM PIRTELE AND H. SCHIRMER RILEY** – *TWO PILOTS, ONE ENGINE & a book* Jim is a professional photographer and Schirm is a family physician, both from Madison, Indiana. In 1986 they decided they wanted to fly around the world in their 1958 Piper PA24 – Comanche 250 HP. What a memorable adventure! They now share their experiences in their entertaining book – one feels that you are right in the cockpit with them except the cabin seat two! An aviator friend George Gumber, M.D., President of the Aviation Museum of Kentucky, enthusiastically endorsed this book as one of the most entertaining aviation stories ever read. (After their circumnavigation, they joined the Club.) Copies of their book are available by e-mailing Jim Pirtle – jpirtle@iglou.com.

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**GOODWILL CONNECTION…around the world**

C. Beverly Anderson is the New York City Goodwill contact person. If your schedule allows and you would like to meet with a few Circumnavigators, please contact her at: beanders@usau.com or leave her a message at: 718-728-4864. Bev will make arrangements that are convenient for you.

Our Goodwill Connection has helped bring members together throughout the world. We are always looking for "greeters" who will welcome fellow globetrotters – consider joining the "Connection". Call headquarters at 201-612-9100 or e-mail CircumClub@optonline.net if you want your name added to the list.

For arrangements for you to meet a CircumGreeter during your travels, contact headquarters with your arrival and departure dates, when you are available, and the name of the hotel you are staying.

**Current list of participating Goodwill cities:**

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**GREECE** . Athens, Kiffissia

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NEWS FROM THE WILLIAMS CLUB:

The Williams Club not only invites our members to use their facilities at 24 East 39th Street, NYC but ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND MONTHLY EVENTS. Call the Williams Club direct at 212-697-5300 and ask for Gabrielle. Advise them that you are a Circumnavigator and would like to attend a particular event as shown on their website: www.williamsclub.org and you are set to go. As usual, members in good standing are welcome to stay overnight (prices include breakfast) and dining facilities during the week. Our members are exempt from the “guest-fee charge”. Rates do change periodically so please call for current rates at our Club office (201) 612-9100. Reservations will be made for you with no deposit necessary. Upon arrival, payment is required by credit card.

Circumnavigators are eligible for introduction by the Williams Club to its Reciprocal Clubs. This is a wonderful opportunity for all members of the CC to be introduced to other clubs. The Williams Club will send a letter of introduction to the reciprocal club requesting the use of its facilities for you. There is a minimum charge of $50 for usage of up to two weeks. This usage fee applies to all forms of club access (dining, hotel accommodations, fitness facilities, programming, etc.) All accounts must be settled at the host club upon departure.

Here is what you need to do:

• Go to the Internet and type in www.williamsclub.org. Click on the Reciprocal Club tab. There you will see a long list of national and international clubs by geographical area and in alphabetical order.
• Contact the host club directly and make your reservation.
• Contact Cc International Headquarters and advise the reciprocal club of your length of stay. At that time you will be charged $50 – check is payable to the Circumnavigators Club.
• The Williams Club will then write a letter of introduction on your behalf.

CLUB CARD AVAILABLE FREE TO MEMBERS!

Any member in good standing can now have a personal Club Card sent to him/her at no additional cost. It will be mailed on a sheet of 10 with your name and your home phone, business phone, fax or e-mail address (select two forms of contact). E-mail this information to CircumClub@optonline.net along with your mailing address. That is all there is to it. (Allow four weeks for delivery.)

When you meet someone who is eligible for membership, just give them a Club Card.

cc Website: www.circumnavigators.org. There is a lot of information about the Club and your Foundation on our site including the history, current events, chapter activities, and most of all – a MEMBERS ONLY section. This has private access only. Our members who receive our LOG are informed how to enter this section by typing in: navigator for the username and password. You then have access to our membership roster, which is updated monthly. This is a great way to contact fellow members if you find you will be visiting their city. (See our Goodwill Connection listed in this issue.)

Goodwill Connection: The Goodwill Connection was organized in 1991 as a way of bringing Circumnavigators together as they traveled. Please look at the list of cities where we have members who will be delighted to give you a warm welcome. Contact the Club office to make arrangements for your visit. Please have available the hotel where you’re staying and the dates that you are available. A list of Goodwill cities is found in this issue.

Notice to Members:

The Circumnavigators Club is a private organization. It is the strict policy that our Membership Roster may not be used for any commercial or charitable solicitation purpose. Thank you…

CircumBits@optonline.net

CircumBits is now in its second year and continues to receive rave reviews from our online members. Why? Because CircumBits taps what is surely the Club’s most valuable secret asset: the accumulated travel knowledge of our members around the world. It has timely – and sometimes critical – travel information that has come to our members attention or from situations they have recently encountered that might impact on upcoming travel plans of other members to affected areas. These might include such things as changes in visa requirements, inoculation requirements, signs of political unrest, changes in baggage limits, etc. – some things even your travel agent may not know – (and might not tell you even if he or she did). And then there is news about strange, exotic and exciting places to go and things to do that our members have discovered enough to tickle the imagination of even the most jaded traveler. And, CircumBits is free!

If you have not yet registered your email with HQ, please call or email Circumbits@optonline.net. You will then be on the roster to receive our monthly newsletter.

Luck to You!

C. Jim Forney, Editor
C. Karin Sinniger, Contributing Editor
C. Terry Ng, Correspondent
Dear Fellow Circumnavigators: The Circumnavigators Club Foundation is extremely proud that many of our Scholars occupy important and highly visible roles in international affairs - from humanitarian efforts to journalism to politics to academics to business and the arts. In future editions of The LOG we will highlight their accomplishments in greater detail. We are also grateful that so many of our Scholars who are not in the headlines continue day-by-day to further the Circumnavigators Club credo in less-recognized but equally important ways. The nonsectarian, non-partisan efforts that your generous donations support enable a multitude of activities which our talented and energetic grant recipients undertake in the interest of furthering international dialogue and understanding. Thank you on behalf of the Foundation’s leadership for making this remarkable progress possible. — Luck to You! Greg Rider, President

Update on the 2009 Winter Appeal: Contributions continue to come in. During this challenging economic time, the Officers and Directors of your Foundation thank you for continuing to donate to the around-the-world travel-study grant program. To date, donations received for 2009 amount to $39,700. The response to our recent appeals is most encouraging and we hope to continue to grow and expand offering more grants to our Chapters as funds permit.

2010 TRAVEL-STUDY GRANTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED

The 2010 travel-study grants have been awarded to four Chapters. As of this printing, three of the Chapters have made their selections:

Desert Chapter (Arizona State University – Barrett Honors College):

COLE WIRPEL, currently studying abroad at Boğaziçi University in Istanbul, Turkey. Cole’s research topic is: “Identifying International Aid Agencies Best Practices in Implementing Community-Driven Development”.

Washington DC Chapter (Georgetown University – Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service):


Chicago Chapter: (Northwestern University):

MEIXING will research “Education at Transformation – a Multi-Continent Survey of Successful Educational Approaches to Integrating Marginalized Groups into the Mainstream.”

Our Florida Chapters have selected four finalists from the University of Miami and are currently making arrangements for the Selection Committee, representing all three Florida Chapters, to interview the four finalists and select the 2010 Florida grantee.

WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?

Jack Leslie, 1975 Scholar -
Georgetown School of Foreign Service and current Vice President of the Foundation - was recently in the news for his efforts to assist African children as Chairman of the United States African Development Foundation. Jack will be featured in an upcoming edition of The LOG.

Nick Micinski, 2007 Scholar – Michigan State University updates us: I am also happy to inform the Club that since my trip I have moved to London with my wife in the fall 2008 and am working as a research coordinator at UnLtd- The Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs. My wife recently completed an MSc at Oxford and is working on a second MSc at Kings College. During my time in the UK, I have participated in two conferences using my research from my circumnavigation— one at Cambridge presenting a paper on Brazilian Muslims and the second at Oxford about Muslim women’s authority in Russia. This last project is part of a book project that is being published later this year about Muslim women’s authority around the world with my chapter focusing on two Muslim women that I met while in Kazan, Tatarstan, Russia on my[Foundation-sponsored] trip. I recently went back to Kazan in June, 2009, to conduct further field research for this project and was able to make meet with all of my previous research contacts. I cannot thank the Club and our members enough for supporting me in my initial research project on Muslim minority communities!

Katie Fallon, 2008 Scholar – Princeton University e-mailed recently: As for my current work, I’m working with Fabretto Children’s Foundation in Nicaragua in one of their Managua sites. Our center works specifically with the families that live and work in the Managua city trash dump doing education, vocational training, and feeding programs. I work as a Project Development Coordinator, working with all of the projects we do. The work is varied and very enjoyable; some days I will be editing grants and working with spreadsheets, other days I will be coaching soccer and making jewelry with students. My research trip with the Circumnavigators Club Foundation focused on urban slums, and I did a lot of research on trash dump communities. The information and experience I gained during this trip has been invaluable in preparing me for this position.

EXPAND OUR FOUNDATION GRANTEE PROGRAM – CONTINUE TO GIVE GENEROUSLY.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS • 2010

All Chapters welcome visiting Circumnavigators. To make your reservation please refer to the Contact Person listed under each Chapter.

CHICAGO (Illinois)
February 11 (Thursday): 2009 Grantee Sam McAleese guest speaker at the Loyola Academy.
April 22 (Thursday): Presentation about two men sking to the North Pole – St. Ignatius College Prep.
June 17 (Thursday): Presentation on the “Trip to Dubai” by a group of Chicago Chapter members in 2009. Location: McCormick & Schmitz Restaurant.
Contact: Marilyn Fischel (773)477-1270 MarilynMDX@aol.com or David Gotaas (847)441-7091

DESSERT (Arizona)
Contact: Chapter president Michael Coccaro mike_coccaro@yahoo.com

MIAMI (Florida)
Contact: Chapter president Patricia Lodge (305)365-5251 or e/m: phototravl@aol.com

MICHIGAN
Contact: Chapter president Joe Osentoski, e/m: kwidjo@hotmail.com

MINNESOTA (Twin Cities)
To be advised...
Contact: Ken Doyle (kenDoyle@umn.edu)

NAPLES (Florida)
February 14 (Sunday): C. Bob Perkins presents “Mongolia”
March 14 (Sunday): “Jetting Around The World” by C. Joseph Donahue
Contact: Program Chair Barb Roy (Broy55@comcast.net)

NEW YORK
February 18 (Thursday): “Year of the Tiger” Chinese Celebration at S. Dynasty.
Time: 6 p.m.
March 18 (Thursday): “Cuba Today” based on Cs. Jim and Sheila Forneys’ recent trip with members of the Club.
April 12 (Monday): 3rd International Photo Exhibit at the National Arts Club.
May 20 (Thursday): International Annual Dinner Meeting – The Williams Club
December 10 (Friday): Magellan Award Dinner honoring Simon Winchester
Contact: Executive Director Helen Jost (CircumClub@optonline.net)

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST (Seattle, Washington)
Contact: Chapterpresident Charles Stotts (425)943-1119 or e/m: Stc99@msn.com

PACIFIC-SOUTHWEST (San Diego, California)
Location of programs: La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club
Contact: Program Chairman Bill Thompson – 858-459-0601

PALM BEACH (Florida)
February 14 (Sunday): Polo Tailgating at the International Polo Club, Wellington. Finals of the Ylvisaker Cup
March 14 (Sunday): Spring Training at the Roger Dean Stadium, Jupiter – Florida Marlins vs. the New York Mts.
April 12 (Monday): Speaker C. Dan O’Connell presents “Cuba”. Olde Guard, West Palm Beach.
May 9 (Saturday): Croquet and Brunch at St. Andrews Club, Delray Beach
Contact: Chapterpresident Jack Veasy (561)543-8989 or e/m: JPVeasy@aol.com

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA (California)
Contact: Jean Bartlett 408-866-8474 or njbartlett@earthlink.com

SINGAPORE
Monthly luncheons are held on the second Thursday of each month.
Contact: Chapterpresident Thiam-Huat Ang (65)6766-3966 or e/m: ath8289@yahoo.com.sg

UNITED KINGDOM
March 3 (Wednesday): The Garrick Club luncheon
March 25 (Thursday): Welsh lunch – evening program with Cs. Rosie Svale Pope and Charline Evans at the Hilton Hotel, Cardiff, Wales.
September 16 (Thursday): Luncheon – venue to be advised
December (dated to be confirmed): House of Lords
Contact: Chapterpresident Helen Jenkins (44-2920-755179 or Helen@inspirewm.co.uk)

WASHINGTON DC
February 20 (Saturday): Annual Chinese New Year’s luncheon at the Seven Seas Restaurant, Rockville, Maryland
Contact: Chapterpresident Ellen Parke (703) 205-2449 or MEParke@earthlink.net

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