International Weekend is Here!

SIMON WINCHESTER
— British Novelist, Journalist, Broadcaster —

to receive the
32nd Order of Magellan

INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND
DECEMBER 9 – 12, 2010

Updating the official announcement of the International Weekend in New York City sent to all member in April, we are delighted to learn from our honored guest Simon Winchester that he has made available his latest book entitled Atlantic: A Vast Ocean of a Million Stories for the evening of Friday, December 10. If you would like an autographed copy, please contact headquarters.

Winchester’s newest book is interesting and mysterious as the writer himself. Sometimes controversial, sometimes finding himself in questionable situations, his reporting and writings are world renowned. A hands-on novelist, Simon Winchester travels by air, sea, car and train, but primarily by walking. This gives him a literally down-to-earth view.

Simon Winchester will be accompanied by his wife, Setsuko – plan to join your fellow Circumnavigators at this gala, black-tie dinner when we honor this outstanding man.

Reservation form and book order form were mailed separately.
RSVP deadline is approaching fast – make your reservation today.
Dear Fellow Circumnavigators,

The 2010 Magellan weekend will be an opportunity to celebrate the holidays with members from other Chapters and to come together at two wonderful events. The Magellan Award will be conferred on Simon Winchester, December 10, 2010, at the Union League Club in New York. Best-selling author of 21 books, Winchester weaves the history of far flung places into narratives that enthrall and delight readers - especially Circumnavigators! His latest book Atlantic: Great Sea Battles, Heroic Discoveries, Titanic Storms and a Vast Ocean of a Million Stories will be published by Harper Collins, just a month before our award ceremony.

Of historic importance too, is our Magellan weekend tribute to our esteemed and now retired Executive Director Helen Jost (Yale Club, December 9th). We hope you’ll join us to salute Helen and thank her for her 36 years of service – and explore the Yale Club. The Board of Governors had its first meeting at the Yale Club and we were very pleased – you will be too!

The Program Committee, ably led by Sheila Forney has been working hard on the Magellan weekend and other programs. A special thanks to David Mink, Publicity Chair, for working with Simon Winchester’s publishers. Sheila and David are just two examples of the many members who volunteer their talents, contacts and expertise to support our Club. Many thanks to all for the great work!

I am also pleased to announce that Circumnavigators may now make lunch or dinner reservations at The National Arts Club (NAC) located at 15 Gramercy Park in Manhattan. Just indicate that you are a Circumnavigator and settle your bill by check or cash (no credit cards accepted). Call in advance to make your reservation (212-477-2389).

Our committees and Board are hard at work to develop programs, improve communications and support all of our members and Chapters. Right now, we’re exploring the feasibility of a trans-Atlantic crossing (in either direction) and an international weekend in London, October 2011. Please let headquarters know if you would be interested. As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please send me an email circumpres@gmail.com or write to headquarters: club@circumnavigators.org.

All best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Heartwarming Holiday – and I hope we can celebrate the season together at our Magellan weekend.

Luck to you,

Esther R. Dyer
International President

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On July 19, 70 Circumnavigators and guests boarded the Queen Mary 2 at the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal in New York, for a delicious luncheon and tour of the ocean liner. Upon boarding the magnificent QM2, members checked in with their identification at the front desk and proceeded through security. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful cocktail hour where First vice-president Peter Mosse welcomed all members and guests and introduced two new Circumnavigator members Jerry and Diane Fishman.

After the cocktail hour, the group enjoyed conversation and lunch overlooking the water with a view of the Statue of Liberty.

Before everyone departed for the tour of the ship, First vice-president Peter Mosse indulged in a personal reminiscence that he wanted to share . . . “I have a particular reason for appreciating Cunard Line’s hospitality today as this is actually the second time I have been to a cocktail reception hosted by the company. I have to admit that the first, some 41 years ago, was not an unqualified success.

Peter continued with everyone listening intently, “In August of 1969, I sailed aboard the then 4-month old QE2 from Southampton to New York on my way to graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania. Although I was in steerage – not what it was called of course, but it was the cheapest category of cabin – I had nonetheless been led to believe that I might be invited to cocktails with the Captain. Accordingly I kitted myself out with a spiffy white tuxedo and black tie, just in case.

“In due course an envelope was slipped under the cabin door and there was my invitation.

“My first mistake was to ignore the advice at the bottom of the invitation that read ‘Your Steward Will Direct You.’ Everyone started to laugh. Peter said, “By that time I had been all over the ship and I reckoned I knew just where the ‘Master’s Quarters’ were so, at the appropriate time, I set off on my own. What I hadn’t appreciated was that without a steward, and unlike all other guests, I had no one to present me to Captain Warwick. So I hid around a corner, waited for some other guests to arrive, then chased after their steward and persuaded him to turn back and present me.

“I became aware of my second mistake the moment I entered the room: Captain Warwick and I had something in common – we were the only two people dressed formally. Of course his white tuxedo, with all kinds of gold epaulettes, was much more impressive than mine.

“I then discovered that Captain Warwick had a party trick based on an uncanny ability to match faces with names, even of people he had only just met and as they continued to move around the room. He demonstrated this to each new arrival by pointing out everyone present in clockwise rapid-fire succession, saying ‘This is Mr A, Mrs B, Mr C, Miss D’ and so on. In my case he ended this performance by acknowledging a couple standing close by and saying ‘... and do you know Mr and Mrs Smith of Taunton, Massachusetts?’ By this time I was so completely flustered that I gazed at them blankly and said ‘No’. To which Mr Smith, of Taunton, Massachusetts, replied, in a voice much louder than was necessary ‘Yes ... you ... do. We ... sit ... next ... to ... you ... in ... the ... dining ... room...

Everyone burst out laughing!

“Well, the lesson I draw from this is that Cunard Line does have a heart and after 41 years of penance they finally invited me back and gave me another chance. So thank you, Cunard Lines!”

Peter thanked Cunard again for a wonderful day and also the hard work of putting everything together – Program Chair Sheila Forney assisted by David Mink.

Circumnavigators then participated in a tour of the QM2 visiting lovely dining rooms, theatres, a planetarium, the casino and simply took pleasure in the overall beauty of the ocean liner. It was a wonderful day for Circumnavigators and guests to enjoy each other’s company while experiencing the beautiful surroundings.

Photos of this wonderful event on the next pages . . .
INTERNSATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Circumnavigators Board the Queen Mary 2

First vice president Peter Mosse had the pleasure of officially welcoming Jerry and Diane Fishman as Circumnavigators with the assistance of their sponsors CS. Sheila and Jim Forney.

CS. Barbara Ball with the pianist during the cocktail reception hosted by Cunard Lines. Barbara was very helpful in making this an exceptional event.

CS. Carol Narup, visiting from the Chicago Chapter and CS. Mary Brogan with her guest John Moran.

CS. David and Dottie Mink with CS. First vice president Peter Mosse.

Listening intently to the guide in the planetarium.

Photo taken of the QM2 when departing.
Governor Beverly Anderson with her guest Michele O’Brien-Sullivan and Clelia Moraes.

Allan King and his wife, Helen Burke, were heartily welcomed to their first event.

Meeting for the first time – Renata Cathou from Lexington, MA and Pallavi Shah of New York City.

Life Member Steve and Pat Holzel.

International Pastpresident Howard and Amy Matson.

Friends Lois Kahan and Barbara Ball agree the event was wonderful.

Always fun – member Sue Murphy with spouse Carole Linsner.

Karl Heinze is enjoying the company of Marja Markus and Barbara Ohl.
WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER

2010 Foundation Grantee Honored Guest Hilary Nakasone Talks About Her Circumnavigation

C. Brian Evans Steps Down as DC’s Foundation Coordinator

Our Washington DC Chapter began its season with its annual fall Foundation Grantee luncheon. This year’s event honoring the 2010 Foundation grantee took place on Saturday, September 18 at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge, Arlington, Virginia.

Ms. Hilary K. Nakasone was elected by the Chapter’s Selection Committee last December as the 2010 recipient of the Raymond M. Dinsmore grant, which is sponsored jointly by the Circumnavigators Club Foundation and Georgetown University. Hilary gave an overview of her travel-study project entitled: “Enhanced Geothermal Systems: Understanding the Relationship between Government Policy and Commercial Success.”

C. Brian Evans, a Scholar himself, is a devoted member of both the Club and the Foundation. He received an around-the-world travel-study grant in 1974 along with two others who received partial grants. His topic was “Grassroots of Nationalism”.

After settling back in the DC area with his wife, Laureen, and family, he welcomed the opportunity to serve as the Foundation Coordinator for the DC Chapter - working with Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service and the Chapter. Brian did an outstanding job over 25 years, assisting 25 students with their projects.

Brian was also instrumental that when Raymond M. Dinsmore, a co-founder of the Circumnavigators Club Foundation, passed away on September 28, 1987, that the Georgetown grant be named honoring him.

Although Brian Evans thought he was retiring from the Foundation, International Foundation President asked Brian to consider a new position – Foundation Coordinator Emeritus, which he agreed to happily. Brian will serve as a mentor to all Chapter Coordinators.
WHEREAS, Brian V. Evans has distinguished himself by serving faithfully and admirably as the Circumnavigators Club Foundation Coordinator for the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Circumnavigators Club for the past 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Brian V. Evans has served as a member of the Foundation’s Board of Directors since 1999; and

WHEREAS, as the fifth Foundation Scholar, awarded an Around-the-World Travel-Study Grant in 1974, Brian V. Evans has exemplified the character and goals set forth by the Foundation in establishing the Travel-Study Grant Program in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Brian V. Evans has been the guiding light in the extraordinarily successful selection and management of 25 Foundation Scholars from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service School at Georgetown University; and

WHEREAS, Brian V. Evans is a member of the Circumnavigators Club Foundation’s elite Leadership Council, having been exceedingly generous of his treasure as well as his time and effort on behalf of the Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Brian V. Evans has graciously agreed to continue to be of valuable counsel to the Circumnavigators Club Foundation by serving as its Coordinator Emeritus;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Circumnavigators Club Foundation expresses its profound recognition and sincere appreciation to Brian V. Evans for his outstanding leadership and tireless efforts on behalf of the Circumnavigators Club Foundation.

Resolved this 18th day of September, 2010

Gregory Rider
Foundation President
FRANCE is the FOCUS

C’était la grande réunion de cet été! On Sunday, August 22, 41 Michigan Circumnavigators and their guests once again gathered for the annual “International Summer Safari” hosted by Cs. Lee and Floy Barthel. Prior to dinner, everyone was offered a glass of French champagne and began sharing their latest traveling adventures while strolling the Barthel Estate admiring the wildflower garden, Lee’s collection of classic cars, multiple world-wide sculptures and various other collectibles.

This year’s theme, France, was highlighted with authentic cuisine catered by Good Girls Go to Paris Crepes Café located in midtown Detroit. Toria Blanchard demonstrated her culinary skill by carefully preparing crepes to order as the dinner entrée and, after the main course, each guest selected a dessert crepe which was topped off with vanilla ice cream.

It was a typical summer day in Michigan but the weather resembled a spring day in Paris: warm and sunny.
MID-YEAR DINNER in SINGAPORE

The vast majority of the people in the world would call a dinner held in early July a mid-summer dinner. For those of us resident in Singapore, a mere 1° north of the equator, the concept of the four seasons is somewhat unfamiliar. A temperature that does not usually vary by more than 8 degrees Celsius, 12 hours each of daylight and darkness 365 days of the year and merely the change in rainfall due to monsoons, to mark the passage of the year.

Hence, the Singapore Chapter of the Circumnavigators Club held its mid-year dinner on Thursday, 8 July 2010. The venue was the Peach Garden Restaurant perched high on the 33rd floor of one of the landmark buildings in Singapore’s business district.

The restaurant is a stunning venue for the Chapter’s mid-year event as it provides a panoramic view over the ever changing Singapore city skyline. 59 people comprising of 29 members and 30 guests were welcomed warmly by our Chapter president T.K. Quek. He particularly welcomed our two newest members Raja Kumar and Y.T. Low and their spouses. Also introduced were Mrs. Lee Kum Tatt and Dr. Grace Lee, wife and daughter of our late member Dr. Lee Kum Tatt. Dr. Grace Lee described and then presented everyone with a newly published book which honoured the principles held dearly by her late father of philanthropy and giving back to society. Everybody was delighted to receive this kind gift which brought back fond memories of Dr. Lee Kum Tatt, who is sorely missed by all who knew him.

The food and wines were excellent and in between the many delightful courses the view from the window was a subject of many conversations. Everybody had a great view of the newly opened Marina Sands integrated resort which is a stunning iconic building and an excellent addition to Singapore’s Marina bay skyline. Our comedic member C. Terry Ng, told several very amusing stories which had everybody laughing heartily. Everyone present concluded that the evening was a great success and the camaraderie of the Singapore Chapter of the Circumnavigators Club the best part of a special evening.
Luncheon Held at the Oriental Club

As London was busy with the opening of Clarence House Gardens and preparing for the Pope’s visit, the London Branch of the Circumnavigators Club met in the peaceful surroundings of the historic Oriental Club. The Oriental Club was founded by the Duke of Wellington and General Sir John Malcolm to provide a meeting venue of like-minded people.

Present at the luncheon was Patron Lord Peter Inchcape, Treasurer Graham Searle and Cs. Charline Evans and Mike and Gaylene Kendall. As usual, lunchtime topics covered an amazing array of discussions from politics to economics, to travel and to the times - past, present and future. Charline updated the group on Circumnavigators developments in Wales and in particular the current training that Richard Parkes is doing for the amazing 737 Challenge (http://www.737challenge.com/) and the success of young Chloe, the youngest Welsh female (age 15) to climb Mount Kilimanjaro (http://www.chloesclimb.com/).

Charline then spoke of her new challenge. On December 3, 2010, Charline will take her second solo circumnavigation of the globe. In 2008-2009, Charline circumnavigated the globe (www.aroundtheworldin80schools.com). This time 2010-2011 her route will take her to Bangkok, traveling overland across Asia to Singapore, flying to Perth and traveling overland to Sydney, flying to Los Angeles, traveling overland to New York, before flying home to Wales on March 1 for Wales traditional St David’s Day. Her journey will be documented online by film and photography encouraging teachers and students around the world to consider future circumnavigation.

Charline’s journey can be followed on http://www.globalclassroom.co.uk/
All being well, Charline should be in Singapore December 18 - 22 and New York February 21 – 27.
The UK Chapter is looking forward to its December 2 luncheon at the House of Lords and preparations are now well under way. Please look at our website for new developments: http://circumnavigators.org.uk/

Cycling in Italy – Presented by Cs. Melvin Kelso

The Pacific Northwest Chapter met for dinner at the Hunan Garden restaurant in Bellevue, Washington.

Guest speaker was Chapterpastpresident Melvin Kelso who, along with his wife, Edna, and five other cycling couples from the Puyallup area embarked a cycle tour in Europe.

Last year Mel and Edna bicycled in Provence but this time they aspired to something higher – the Italian Alps. The group met in Innsbruck and, with the very capable cycle tour company they had booked with the last time, they headed for the hills. An accompanying van carried the group’s luggage and, for each morning and afternoon break, the driver/guide would meet the riders with a delectable snack, such as fresh chocolate covered strawberries! That said, they lost very little weight over the course of the tour.

This was no grueling Tour de France as the van mercifully hauled the group up and through the summit tunnels to where it was mostly downhill into Italy. Their route followed paved cycle paths along rivers except where they passed through towns and villages. At the start of the trip they weren’t very far from the snow level, even in June. But things did warm up as they traveled south into Italy, ending at Riva on Lake Garda.
Foundation Fundraiser Has A Change In Venue

This year the Chicago Chapter had a new venue for its annual summer time luncheon to raise funds for the Circumnavigators Club Foundation. From the very beginning these luncheons were hosted with the gracious hospitality and generosity of C. Eleanor Briggs. This year C.s. Lyn and Bill Redfield kindly offered to host the luncheon at their beautiful home in Lake Forest.

About a month before the luncheon in July, the restoration of Lyn and Bill’s home was featured in the Chicago Tribune Magazine. The restoration of their home, built in 1909 and designed by well-known architect Howard Van Doren Shaw, has been a long labor of love for Lyn and Bill. Since 2000, their restoration efforts, utilizing landscape designer Craig Bergmann, have been focused on their magnificent gardens.

Despite the extreme heat of the day, some 40 members and guests were fascinated by the gardens and this beautiful home filled with artifacts the gracious hosts have collected from all around the globe. Those in attendance, and others not able to attend, contributed almost $3600 to the Foundation. Once again, a very successful event!
Summer programming has kept the Pacific-Southwest Chapter members busy! Co-Vicepresidents Virginia Foster and her husband Arthur Hammons hosted a party in their beautiful La Jolla home for current and prospective members. Guests were encouraged to wear items or costumes from their favorite country, contributing to a colorful Sunday afternoon.

The fall dinner meeting was held at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club. Guests were treated to a presentation by world traveler guest Heidi Lakani. Heidi shared her impressions of world travel past, present and future. Born in Teheran, Iran, her first travel experiences were summer vacations along the Caspian Seashore Villas and springtime holidays at the archeological sites of Persepolis, the ancient capital of the Persian Kings. At age 16, she boarded her first international flight aboard Sabena Airlines to Belgium connecting to a TWA flight to New York. Ms. Lakani finished her studies in Chicago and began her career as a luxury travel planner to exotic destinations worldwide.

Heidi’s presentation topic was based upon her firsthand knowledge of designing travel dreams for discerning travelers to all corners of the world. Her presentation was well received by the attendees, and our members are looking forward to her becoming a Circumnavigator.

The next gathering will be at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club for our Holiday Dinner Party Thursday, December 9. The guest speaker – Dr. Doris Lee McCoy, a multi published author, speaker, interviewer, TV moderator & producer, will discuss her latest book, The Magic of Gross National Happiness. It is based upon her travels in Bhutan and deals with the reasons the Bhutanese consider themselves the happiest people in the world.
“GETTING TO KNOW YOU” PARTY AT FLACO’S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

What fun! For Circumnavigators who did not go north to somewhat cooler weather, a “getting to know you…better” party was arranged for Monday, August 16, at a Mexican restaurant. Thirty members and guests from the Naples Chapter mingled together and shared margaritas and Mexican food as well as the many trips they had been taking over the summer and before. One might say “no grass grows under our feet” as we heard about trips around the world and many cruises in the offing.

After a nice social hour and dinner, a number of members shared a short story about something unique that had happened to them in their travels.

Although not everyone could attend, it was great to see those members who were still in town.
Happy Birthday Charlie!

Charles O. Blaisdell, Pastpresident of our Foundation 1989-1990, director, and Club Pastpresident 1970-1971 will celebrate his 95th birthday on November 27. Charlie is a former FBI Special Agent and a lawyer by profession. He continues to work in White Plains, NY as a consultant to the law firm of Bleakley, Platt, Schmidt.

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.

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A Fusion of Discovery in Art & Science: “Coloring Space”
A Special Collaboration between the Chandra X-Ray Observatory (NASA)
And Circum Henri van Bentum’s “Organiverse”

In August, 2009 HENRI VAN BENTUM of Victoria, made his 81st circumnavigation around the Sun. According to Henri’s wife, Natasha, “It was rewarding to experience the same month, launch of a special feature at Chandra X-Ray Center (NASA) - a project our astronaut friend and Honorary Circum Club member Chris Hadfield calls a ‘fusion of discovery in art and science’."

Coloring space pairs images from NASA-operated satellites with a selection of pointillist spheres from Henri’s ORGANIVERSE Starry Night edition. The original Organiverse paintings, all done dot by dot, ‘atom by atom’, are only 3.3” in diameter(8 ½ cm).

The project is intended, quoting Chandra staff, “to provoke thought about how the two realms of color - in art and in space - intersect and diverge. This piece explores the similarities of how these different types of images are made, as well as discusses the ways in which they differ. We invite you to explore these images and what they represent both on their own and when presented as a comparison, or contrast, to another in a separate field.”

For more details please go to:
- The “COLORING SPACE” special feature at Chandra: http://chandra.harvard.edu/art/color
- Videos of Organiverse, Original and Starry Night editions: http://vimeo.com/vanbentum
- Circum van Bentum’s blog: http://henrivanbentum.blogspot.com
- Chandra X-Ray home page: http://chandra.harvard.edu

Henri van Bentum is a member for over 30 years. He is a well-known artist, lecturer and instructor. Henri and his wife, Natasha, reside in Victoria and welcome fellow Circumnavigators when in town.

CONGRATULATIONS to Honorary Member Astronaut CHRIS HADFIELD who has been appointed Commander of the International Space Station, “front page” news in Canada.

JEAN DAMISH, a member of the Chicago Chapter, was recently profiled in the newsletter of Northwestern University Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa. Jean was selected because of her outstanding leadership and service to the PDK Chapter. The Circumnavigators Club and the Chicago Chapter would also like to thank Jean for her hard work during the years of development of the Chicago Chapter when she served as the Membership Chairperson. She has also served on the Foundation’s Selection Committee and interviewed juniors from Northwestern University who were competing to win the around-the-world travel-study grant.
July of this year I decided to embark on my second circumnavigation. This time around, I wanted to focus on some countries in Asia that I had not visited before. I was really getting excited about my new adventure and started making some inquiries. One of my first sources of information was at a “Goodwill Connection” dinner that was held in early August at the fabulous Italian Ricchi restaurant in the DuPont Circle area of Washington D.C. In attendance was Board Member Ellen Parke who organized the event and choose our wonderful dining spot and DC Chapter members Ray Olson, Del Petry and Anne Kennedy. We exchanged engaging travel stories, and I received valuable input about Asian countries that the others had visited. Interesting to note that Ray and Del have circumnavigated over thirteen times!

One of the best sources of information, of course, was our own Helen Jost. Helen provided me with a phone number to AirTreks, used sometimes by our Foundation Grantees in planning their trips around the world. I mentioned to my AirTreks agent, Sarah, that I wanted to visit Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand. We planned a circumnavigation itinerary beginning August 26 that took me from New York to Denpasar, Bali, via Hong Kong aboard Cathay Pacific. After staying in Bali, I journeyed on to Singapore, then forward to Phuket, Thailand. Following Phuket, I enjoyed an exciting stay in Bangkok. My next stop was Mumbai, India, and then ending my trip with an overnight in London and return home to New York. A short but sweet three-and-a-half weeks!

While staying in Bali, I hired a driver and visited many temples scattered across the verdant countryside. One of the highpoints of my visit to Bali was being absolutely awestruck by an evening of Balinese dance performed at the Royal Ubud Palace in the artistic and historical town of Ubud. Following the performance, I dined on bebek, a local dish of tasty smoked duck at the Bebek Bengil (dirty duck) restaurant. Also very memorable was by chance our car being stopped by a funeral procession of brightly clothed Balinese who were carrying the cremated remains of their loved one. This is one of the most important ceremonies in Balinese culture. I was lucky to be able to witness a part of it.

Thanks to Helen’s arrangements, The Goodwill Connection was in full force when I met with Singapore Chapterpresident T.K Quek, Vicepresident Peter Foo, Secretary Graham Bell, and Pastpresidents Vincent Chen and Ronald Zung. We feasted on a fantastic array of delicious dishes including Peking duck at the Asia Grand. The six of us thoroughly enjoyed the meal and conversation. I learned a lot about both the history and present day Singapore. A visit to the famous Raffles Hotel and Long Bar to sip on a Singapore Sling was also in order. I enjoyed much of what Singapore is noted for – its flavorful food, fabulous shopping and, of course, the cleanliness and orderliness of the country. It was nice to be able to drink the tap water!

In Phuket, I stayed at the magnificent but understated Mom Tri’s Boathouse situated on the Andaman Sea. It was great to pick out just caught and delivered fish at the local restaurants for dinner. Having a daily Thai Massage wasn’t so bad either!

On arrival in Bangkok, I checked into the fairly new Millennium Hilton which is situated on Bangkok’s Chao Phraya River. This was to be my headquarters for the next four days. Once again, the Goodwill Connection was in play. Taking the Hilton’s river ferry across the Chao Phraya and connecting with the Peninsula Hotel’s ferry, I was able to arrive at the apartment of gracious hosts, Hunt and Kathy Talmage. Hunt and Kathy shared stories of adventure that went far beyond just travel. The different countries and cities where they have lived would certainly make for an exciting read if ever put to pen. The three of us had an excellent meal of several Thai dishes at one of their favorite local haunts, Harmonique. After dinner, Hunt and Kathy took me on a tour of the famous Mandarin Oriental Hotel. We shared stories, jazz and drinks at the Oriental’s Bamboo bar. Honestly, after meeting Hunt and Kathy, I felt that I’ve known them for years. Seeing...
Bangkok’s sights, the Grand Palace, the temple “wats”, the amulet and flower markets were all very exciting. Upon leaving Bangkok, I let my wishes be known to Hunt and Kathy that I would love to come back to see more of Thailand and make the border crossings into Myanmar (Burma), Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. What a great future trip this could be for the Club?

Next was India. Mumbai (Bombay) is hard to describe. Mumbai has a population of around 18 million. It’s overwhelming. Although I took public transportation in the other cities I visited, I relied on a recommended and knowledgeable Mumbai Moment’s owner and guide, Amish, and his driver, to properly see the sights of this bustling city. The gateway of India, Marine Drive, the Taj Hotel, the Gandhi House, Hanging Gardens, and Victoria Station, and various religious temples were visited. The ten-day festival of Ganesh Chaturthi in honor of Lord Ganesha was taking place while I was there. I became well acquainted with the elephant-faced god through the local news media. I whispered my wishes in the ear of the Ganapati as is the custom at this time in hopes my wishes come true.

With this circumnavigation complete, my wish to experience more of Asia did come true. Circumnavigation is within almost everyone’s reach. As Circumnavigators, let’s promote others to join the circle. The Goodwill Connection is a wonderful vehicle to meet and share travel experiences with other members. Utilize the connection! I know that our Singapore Chapter and C. Hunt and Kathy Talmage in Bangkok would be happy to welcome visitors to their area of our world. What a joy to have such “friendship” within our reach!

The purpose of the Goodwill Connection is to bring together Circumnavigators as they globe-trot. Please consider adding your name to the list of greeters—those who will welcome members to their city. Contact Headquarters, Tracy Sancilio at (201) 612-9100 or e-mail: club@circumnavigators.org to sign up to serve on the Connection. Should you be planning a trip to a city where there is a member, please contact Tracy with your arrival and departure dates and the hotel where you will be staying. She will be happy to contact the member for you.
CircumBits@optonline.net

Circumbits has come of age: the regular monthly email newsletter of the Circumnavigators Club is an informative communication of timely travel alerts, member feedback, some brief travel stories and most of all, providing members a way of communicating through this little monthly paper. Our volunteer members are now over a dozen who include two hard-working associate editors, a contributing editor, two correspondents, and a loyal band of proof readers and advisors.

And as it has gained popularity it has grown both in size and scope as more and more of you have submitted ideas, articles and helpful tips, timely advisories and other information.

I personally thank you all for your help and support and hope that you will keep those cards and letters coming … We love to hear from you!

If you are not receiving Circumbits and would like to, send your e-mail to either me: JimForney@comcast.net or Headquarters at club@circumnavigators.org.

Luck to You!

C. Jim Forney, Editor

NEW CLUB CARDS – FREE TO MEMBERS!

Many of you have contacted Headquarters and asked for and received our Club Cards. Now that we have a new home, you may wish to contact us again for a new set of cards which will include our new address: 50 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, NY 10017. The Club Card is to be used to promote the Circumnavigators Club. If you are chatting with a prospective member, give this card to them so they can look at our website and contact Headquarters if they have further questions. Your name, membership number, e-mail address and optional personal phone number will be on the card.

Members Only: Information

The Yale Club of New York City
50 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, New York 10017

The Yale Club is a wonderful new home for the Circumnavigators Club allowing members to utilize the facility for private dining, special events, cocktail receptions and meetings.

The club offers three restaurants including the elegant Roof Dining Room, the pub-like Grill Room and the Yale-inspired Tap Room. Members will have access to these rooms by making a reservation through the Circumnavigators Club Executive Director. There are also well-appointed guest rooms available from studios to suites. When booking an overnight stay, guests have full access to the club including all three restaurants, a full-service library, and a fitness facility with a swimming pool, squash courts, cardio equipment and free weights. Once a reservation is made, a personal credit card is required upon arrival. To make a reservation, please contact headquarters at 201-612-9100 or email at club@circumnavigators.org.

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 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.

The Board of Governors meet for the first time at the new International Headquarters, the Yale Club. Helen Jost’s last Board Meeting and Tracy Sancilio’s first. Luck to you!
Dear Fellow Circumnavigators: I am pleased to report that your Foundation’s 2010 grantees have all returned from their circumnavigations safely and are working on their research papers. All kept in wonderful touch with the Club’s membership via their web logs and other correspondence during their journeys. I believe that the sentiments expressed by Meixi Ng, our soon-to-be 2010 Foundation Scholar from Northwestern University sponsored by the Chicago Chapter, in a postcard from Paris at the conclusion of her journey of discovery, just about says it all about what our Foundation has been doing for the past 39 years: “Dear President Rider: ...The Circumnavigators Club Foundation has been changing lives for a long time; thank you for changing mine.” As one who benefited from the Foundation’s travel-study grant program four decades ago, thanks to all of our membership for making a difference in the lives of these bright, intelligent, and caring young scholars!

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Charlie Blaisdell, who was one of the three Club notables who selected me to be the first Foundation Scholar, together with Foundation Co-Founder Ray Dinsmore and Ambassador Peter Vaky, a happy 95th birthday, which he will celebrate on November 27th! Where has the time gone?

Thank you all for your ongoing support of your Foundation! Our winter appeal will be coming soon. — Luck to You! Greg Rider, President

2010 Grantees Update

Hilary Nakasone 2010 grantee from Georgetown University, school of foreign service, who studied “Enhanced Geothermal Systems: Understanding the Factors Affecting Energy Policy” on her trip around the world.

Howard Newby, Vice Chancellor of the University of Liverpool, was in New York on business and called Foundation President Greg Rider to see if he was available for lunch. They met at the Yale Club and dined on the beautiful terrace of the Roof Dining Room. It was a clear day and they enjoyed a panoramic view of the city. Sir Howard Newby is delighted that the university will receive a grant in 2011. He also delivered three Club applications for membership for himself, his wife, and their son!

In front of a drill rig in Reykjanes, Iceland

At the Dumaguete Geothermal field in Dumaguete, Philippines

Hilary in front of the Tongoonan Geothermal Power Plant in Leyte, Philippines

Meixi Ng with her mother, Alison Ng, enjoyed the hospitality of C. Tony Lick, his wife Serene, and their daughter Amanda, in Singapore.

Meixi Ng 2010 grantee from Northwestern University, who studied “Education at Transformation: A Survey of Successful Educational Approaches to Integrating Marginalized Groups into the Mainstream”.

Our remaining two grantees – Cole Wirpel of Arizona State University and Grant Blumberg from the University of Miami, are working on their final papers.
December 11 (Saturday): Intimate pre-theater dinners of 6-8 people at select, interesting restaurants.
Contact: Executive Director Tracy Sancilio (club@circumnavigators.org)

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST (Seattle, Washington)
Contact: Chapter President Charles Stotts (425)432-1119 or e/m: Sto99@msn.com

PACIFIC-SOUTHWEST (San Diego, California)
Location of programs: La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club
December 9 (Thursday): Holiday dinner with guest speaker
Contact: Program Chairman Bill Thompson – (858) 459-0601

PALM BEACH (Florida)
Summer hiatus
Contact: Chapter President Jack Veasy (561)543-8989 or e/m: JPVeasy@aol.com

SINGAPORE
Monthly luncheons are held on the second Thursday of each month.
Contact: Chapter President T.K. Quek (65)62211366 – tkquek@rtng.com

UNITED KINGDOM
December 2 (Thursday): The House of Lords – limited reservations
Contact: Chapter President Helen Jenkins (44-2920-75179 or Helen@inspirewm.co.uk)

WASHINGTON DC
November 13 (Saturday): Annual joint meeting with the Explorers Club of Washington DC.
Place: Cosmos Club at 6 p.m.
Contact: Co-presidents: Al Olsen-(703)578-7695 or aronavy@aol.com – Jim Whalen-(301)217-0539 or jwhale712@aol.com

ENCLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE:
2010-2011 Membership Roster

Tracy Sancilio
Appointed Executive Director

President Esther Dyer looks on as Helen Jost hands over the gavel to new Executive Director, Tracy Sancilio.

Tracy said she is very excited to work with such a wonderful group of people and aspires to be a Circumnavigator one day.