Simon Winchester receives the 32nd Magellan Award on Friday, December 10. Assisting in the presentation were Cs. Helen Jost, Executive Director Emeritus, Board Member Beverly Anderson, Foundation President Greg Rider, Dan O’Connell, Palm Beach Chapter, Firstvicepresident Peter Mosse, International Pastpresident Bill Holm, Charles Stotts, President Pacific-Northwest Chapter, Carol Narup, Chicago Chapter, Joe Osentoski, Pastpresident Michigan Chapter, Board Members Lois Kahan and David Mink, International President Esther Dyer, Secondvicepresident Ellen Parke, and Lee Barthel, Pastpresident Michigan Chapter.
Dear Fellow Circumnavigators,

I send you greetings from Kumasi Ghana, having just arrived from Uganda. Technology provides us with the interconnectivity to stay in touch regardless of distance. As we look to the second century of the Circumnavigators Club founding, technology brings us new ways to communicate and learn about our fellow members and enables us to connect with potential new members. As a Circumnavigator, I know, as do you, what it means to learn about other cultures, to understand how other people live and how enriched we all are by these experiences. It’s one of the reasons that our Club founded the Circumnavigators Club Foundation, which is an important and integral part of our Club and encourages and supports the next generation.

There are a number of important updates in The LOG, and I would like to call your attention to the appointment of the 2011 Nominating Committee chaired by International Pastpresident Bill Holm. Chapter involvement in the nominating process is important and we welcome your nominations and suggestions. Please contact Headquarters if you need more information about the nominating process or Bill directly at w.holm@hohlaw.com. We are also pleased to announce that International Pastpresident Howard Matson has been appointed chair of the Magellan Award Committee. Please send your recommendations to him c/o of Headquarters (club@circumnavigators.org). We appreciate and welcome your involvement and ideas.

On February 9, the New York metro area will celebrate Chinese New Year, and we are honored to have as a special guest C. Charline Evans from our UK Chapter. Charline had contacted our Goodwill Chair Bev Anderson who does a terrific job of welcoming members when visiting New York City. We look forward to hearing about project Around the World in 80 Schools (http://www.aroundtheworldin80schools.com/aboutus.php). Her quest began exactly 3 years before (2008) when Charline, a teacher from Wales, set off on a quest to visit and connect 80 schools around the world, and her travels were represented by the character Cyber Charline. We hope that we’ll also have her photograph for the International Photography Exhibit to be held at the National Arts Club in April, curated by C. Kenneth J. Linser.

C. Angela Addario from Boston is seeking current members and those who ought to be who would like to join together to establish a Chapter for New England. The Club currently has about 20 members in the area and all that is needed for a petition is five signatures. We all know from experience that creating Chapters initiates program activities and stimulates membership and subsequently good fellowship. A brief side – Last week in Kampala, I was meeting potential program directors for the Uganda Fund (Fund for War Affected Children and Young People in Northern Uganda). Listed on a candidate’s biography under “interests” was “fellowshipping”. The candidate explained that it meant getting together with like-minded individuals at church

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Circumnavigators and guests attended the historic Magellan Award Dinner honoring Simon Winchester for his accomplishments in global understanding through his enlightening books and articles that unveil, promote, and captivate readers with his provocative observations and insightful research.

On December 10, 2010, Simon Winchester became the 32nd recipient of the Order of Magellan, following other notable honorees including General Douglas MacArthur, Astronaut John Glenn, author James Michener and adventurer/explorer Sir Edmund Hillary. The gala event was held at the historic Union League Club on Park Avenue in New York City.

Simon Winchester was joined by his wife, Setsuko. The evening began with a wonderful cocktail hour where members and guests had a chance to meet Mr. Winchester and enjoy each others company. Once the Sousa composed Circumnavigators Club March was played, everyone entered the main dining room to be welcomed by President Esther Dyer.

Following dinner, Pastpresident William Holm gave the following introductory remarks:

“President Esther Dyer, members of the Board of Governors, Foundation President Greg Rider, members of the Foundation Board of Directors, esteemed members of the Circumnavigators Club assembled guests, and honored guest Mr. Simon Winchester, and his wife, Setsuko Seto, it is my great honor, privilege, and pleasure to introduce to you tonight our 32nd Magellan Award recipient, the noted author, journalist and broadcaster, Mr. Simon Winchester.

“Our Club is an historic Club, founded in 1902 and we are now in our 108th year. The Club is a worldwide organization of individuals who have travelled around the world. Our motto is ‘to leave this world a little better than we found it.’

“The Club’s highest award, The Order of Magellan, is an honor bestowed on distinguished individuals who, like our members, have circumnavigated the earth, and who, during the course of their lives, have contributed to the world of science or the environment or future progress in the world through peace and understanding. On behalf of the Magellan Award Committee, which consists of our own esteemed and distinguished Pastpresident Charles O. Blaisdell, our distinguished Pastpresident and Club Historian Howard Matson, and myself, the committee is extremely pleased that Simon Winchester will this evening be joining the pantheon of past recipients of this award such as General Douglas MacArthur.

‘Tonight we turn our attention to Mr. Simon Winchester, author, journalist and broadcaster of tremendous depth, talent and range. ‘From what I have read about Mr. Winchester, success did not come to him naturally. In fact, his academic career started on rather questionable footing when he was expelled from his high school, The Hardys School, in Dorchester, Dorset, England, for blowing up his chemistry laboratory. I have had the good fortune of sitting next to Mr. Winchester’s charming wife, Setsuko, this evening and she has shared with me a few anecdotes relating to Mr. Winchester’s youth. After he was expelled from high school, he decided that academics was not his ‘thing,’ and he embarked on a hitch-hiking journey across Canada and the United States. I have calculated that he must have been about 18 years old, and so this must have been quite an adventure. Setsuko revealed to me that when he started his journey, he had $200 in his pocket, and when he returned many months later after traversing Canada, the United States, Mexico and back, he had $180 in his pocket. This is something that we, as Circumnavigators, can all relate to and admire!

‘And what first made Mr. Winchester famous was being arrested in Patagonia after a trip to the Falkland Islands coinciding closely with the Argentine invasion. He was arrested on suspicion of being a British spy, and spent three months incarcerated, during the period of the Falklands War. This experience, of course, became the subject of a widely read and successful book, Prison Diary, Argentina (1983).

‘After the unfortunate experience in high school, he did go on to the distinguished Saint Catherine’s College at Oxford University in England where he graduated with a degree in Geology, and this must explain his extraordinary understanding of the natural world and attention to scientific detail which distinguishes his writing.

‘His many books include the best-selling The Professor and the Madman, A Crack in the Edge of the World, and The Map that Changed the World. Simon Winchester has developed fantastic expertise in many different subject areas, which allows him to produce
one fascinating book after another with a fantastic blend of history, natural science, and keen observations of the human condition. In addition to his many best-selling books, Mr. Winchester is a world renowned journalist, contributing many articles to the Guardian, the Daily Mail, The Times, and Conde Nast Traveler magazine, among many other publications. Among his many honors Simon Winchester was made Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) by Queen Elizabeth II in 2006.

“What makes Simon Winchester perhaps most worthy to receive the honor we bestow upon him tonight is expressed in one of the pieces I read by Mr. Winchester in an Anthology called The Kindness of Strangers, a book not written by Mr. Winchester, but to which he generously contributed a wonderful story where he describes, in his inimitable elegant prose, a short visit he made by jumping off a tramp steamer to Ascension Island in the hopes of catching a military flight back to England to shorten his trip. There, he is taken in by the local Anglican minister and his wife, who are living a lonely life on this godforsaken island in the middle of the South Atlantic Ocean, and they share with him some rare strawberries and cream in a magical place and in a simple way that only true wanderers and lovers of beauty and the natural world can appreciate.

“True, Mr. Winchester, your prodigious literary output and beautifully written best sellers are wondrous achievements, but it is your knowledge of human nature and your love of the natural world, and your contributions to world understanding, that we honor tonight.”

Pastpresident Holm then called to the podium the Officers and Governors of the Circumnavigators Club, the President of the Circumnavigators Club Foundation, Chapter presidents and representatives, and the Circumnavigators Club President Esther Dyer, to present the Order of Magellan to Mr. Simon Winchester.

Circumpresident Esther Dyer presented the Magellan Award medal to Mr. Winchester saying, “By the authority vested in me by the Board of Governors of the Circumnavigators Club and the members of the Circumnavigators Club, I hereby present the Order of Magellan to Simon Winchester, in recognition of your outstanding work as an author, journalist, TV presenter, and lecturer, bringing your global experiences and knowledge into the homes of millions, promoting friendship and understanding throughout the world. Presented at New York, New York, December 10, 2010.” The audience applauded vigorously.

Simon Winchester gave an extraordinary address on his travels and experiences which called for a standing ovation. The evening came to a close when everyone received a commemorative glass of the Magellan Award Dinner and several guests had Simon Winchester’s book, Atlantic: A Vast Ocean of a Million Stories personally autographed.
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SIMON WINCHESTER

December 10, 2010

Simon Winchester shared his interesting travel stories with members.

International President Esther Dyer welcomes new member Jim Smith.

Jim Smith and Lynn Bartlett, wives Joan Smith and Margaret Bartlett. Lynn sponsored Jim for membership in the Club.

Spouse Carole Linsner with good friends C. Sue Murphy, Noel and C. Christine Hewitt.

Peter and Christine Mosse after enjoying a memorable evening.

Ever friendly C. Lee Barthel, Michigan Chapter, chats with C. Anne Hughes and her guest Robert Kerrington.

C. Ray Olson (right), Past president Washington DC Chapter, gets acquainted with C. Josh and Farrah Datko.

C. Marion Green (right) with guest Fran Judge.
What a night to remember! One hundred members and their spouses attended the dinner party at the beautiful Yale Club, New York, on Thursday, December 9, to recognize the Club’s retiring Executive Director Helen Jost.

Helen arrived with her husband, Joe Mulligan, son Ed Jost, brother Bruce Hardy and his wife, Carol, sister Martha Mantei, who came from Pleasanton, California, especially for this occasion, as well as her son-in-law Frank Sancilio, who accompanied his wife, Tracy, the new Executive Director of the Club.

Circulating the room, Helen was greeted by her many friends in the Club and the Foundation. There were a few surprises – namely C. Brian Evans and his wife, Laureen, who came from Washington DC. Brian recently stepped down after 25 years as the Foundation Coordinator of the DC Chapter and now holds the title of Foundation Coordinator Emeritus. Helen stated in her comments, “The first big event I attended in 1974 was the Foundation Luncheon at the United Nations. Over 100 members and guests attended, and Brian Evans was the Grantee from Georgetown University, who had just returned from his trip around the world and gave a speech to an attentive audience. We were all a bit nervous.” Brian and Helen kept in touch over the many years working on Foundation matters and will continue to do so.

Another special guest for Helen was pastpresident Charles O. Blaisdell and his wife, Beatrice. Charlie had just celebrated his 95 years-young birthday…he was an inspiration to all who attended that evening.

After a wonderful cocktail reception and dinner, pastpresident Howard Matson welcomed everyone and gave some historic remarks about the Club and how Helen played an important part in supporting the Club and the Foundation Officers, the Board of Governors and the entire membership. Pastpresidents Charlie Blaisdell, Al Morasso, Bill Holm, Jeff Kelly, and current President Esther Dyer all spoke about Helen’s service to the Club. There was plenty of laughter to go around, especially when Bill Holm said, “Helen Jost quickly set the record straight for me, with a kind smile (that could kill) she politely and firmly informed me of the rules I must follow.”

International Treasurer George Sanborn also talked about the many years of “financials” that were done at Helen’s home, always enjoying lunch or dinner and the always present Wise potato chips!

Helen was presented with three very special gifts: President Dyer gave the famous little blue box to Helen which she carefully opened. Inside was a very special Tiffany globe and stand. On the plaque was inscribed: C. Helen Jost, Executive Director Emeritus … Presented with Gratitude for 36 Years of Dedicated Service. President Dyer also said that a gift of travel was being arranged but more to come on that this spring.

The Circumnavigators Club presented Helen Jost with a beautiful crystal globe from Tiffany’s with the inscription: “C. Helen Jost, Executive Director Emeritus … Presented with Gratitude for 36 Years of Dedicated Service.” C. George Sanborn, Treasurer, C. Jeff Kelly, International Pastpresident, President Esther Dyer, C. Bill Holm, International Pastpresident, Firstvicepresident Peter Mosse and Secondvicepresident Ellen Parke all assisted in the presentation.

Attending the International Weekend are C.s. Karen Schlueter-Chicago, Lynn Smith- Ohio, Ray Schlueter-Chicago, and David Smith-Ohio.

C. Bernice and Milt Heller with C. Anne Hughes enjoyed the festivities.
President of our Foundation, Greg Rider, our first Scholar in 1971, presented Helen with a beautiful silver plate inscribed as follows: Presented with deepest appreciation and affection to Helen Jost – In recognition of 36 years of outstanding service to the Officers, Directors, Scholars, and Benefactors of the Circumnavigators Club Foundation – New York, December 9, 2010.

The beautiful evening came to a close with Helen’s response to a very memorable evening for her. She thanked all of the International Presidents for always moving the Club forward, the Board members for their guidance and direction, the Chapter presidents current and past, for broadening and strengthening the Club. Present were Lee Barthel, Michigan, Carol Narup, Chicago, Ray Olson, Washington DC, and Charles Stotts, Pacific-Northwest.

“Since 1974, there have been major changes. The Club was an all male organization, everyone smoked, I had an IBM Selectric Typewriter. Carbon paper was used all the time as well as ‘correct type’. The Club’s first office purchase was a copy machine so I didn’t have to take time to go to the printer to make copies. What a time saver at the time! Bill Geyer was the first President I worked with. Ray Dinsmore was the guy everyone listened to – George Pierrot, Michigan, and Ray founded our Foundation. The first Magellan Award Dinner I attended was that of Senator Barry Goldwater. What a thrill!

“The years flew by – women were invited to join the Club...Mrs. Douglas MacArthur being the first; the Club purchased its first computer and printer; new Chapters were being organized; the membership grew. In 2002, the Club celebrated its 100th Anniversary – Jeff Kelly, our Centennial President, worked tirelessly to have a wonderful year of celebration.

“Now, with a new Club headquarters here at The Yale Club, our second female President at the helm, and a new Executive Director in place, it is time for me to step down. I will continue to be active as a member of the Club and I look forward to being a participant. My final comment is to thank President Esther Dyer, Sheila and Jim Forney and their committee of some 12 members, and my daughter, Tracy, for all the hard work they did to make this evening absolutely perfect!”
Members from New York – Shirl Kaslow and Gloria Harper.

Executive Directors
Tracy Sancilio and Helen Jost.

You will be missed...

Best wishes for an enjoyable retirement!
Holiday Party in the Windy City

Chicago Chapter members gathered on December 2, 2010, to usher in the holiday season at the historic Michigan Shores Club in Wilmette. Nestled along the shores of beautiful Lake Michigan, the club traces its founding to 1904 when Wilmette’s first social club, the Ouillette Country Club, relocated its original Wilmette location to where Michigan Shores Club stands today. Through years of transition, the club has carefully preserved its showcase Tudor styled clubhouse based on the renderings of the famous architect and civic planner Daniel Burnham. The social evening began with a cocktail reception followed by a delicious gourmet dinner enjoyed by all members in attendance.
December Luncheon Honoring Grant Blumberg

Miami Chapter members and guests enjoyed a luncheon and presentation by University of Miami Scholar Grant Blumberg at the LaGorce Country Club in Miami Beach.

Grant Blumberg hails from a long line of doctors. Naturally, being a student of International Studies at the University of Miami, and having an intrinsic understanding of health care through his family, Grant decided to focus his project on examining international health care standards. Grant’s humanitarian belief is that health care and health care systems could be improved around the world, and he placed emphasis on studying the availability of, and access to, health care amongst less privileged groups of peoples.

Grant studied a plethora of cultures and medical systems, ranging from post-apartheid South Africa where many locals began to see access to the formerly white-only hospitals, to the amazing medical tourism hospitals of India. All in all, Grant traveled to New Zealand, Australia, India, South Africa, and Peru, meeting and interviewing everyone available, from the tribal peoples of the Mauri to top government officials in various countries. In New Zealand, he was privileged to be invited to sit in the Prime Minister’s private box during a session of Parliament when it dealt with Grant’s issues.

Grant’s study is interesting, timely and important matter that coincides with a fresh focus regarding the medical access and fundamental medical rights of people around the world. This includes the United States and its recent passage of health care reform. We applaud Grant for his hard work during his three month journey, and encourage all of our members to request a copy of his final report.
The Michigan Chapter Celebrates Oktoberfest

Michigan Chapter members and guests gathered on October 14 to celebrate Oktoberfest at the Dakota Inn Rathskeller in Detroit. They enjoyed a wonderful family-style dinner including all of the traditional German favorites. After dinner, all present participated in a sing-a-long of both traditional and German songs.

Annie Atanian’s guest, who is fluent in German, leading the traditional sing-a-long.

The piano player at the event entertained members and guests with traditional German tunes.

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— Over the Horizon —

Wesley Besse B4892
Toms River, New Jersey
~ December 28, 2010 ~

William Cheng C4686
Singapore
~ November 15, 2010 ~

Marcella G. Hanafin H4711
Branchburg, New Jersey
~ July 24, 2010 ~

Eugene O’Rourke O3159
Brooklyn, New York
~ January 10, 2011 ~

Former member of our International Board of Governors and Foundation Board of Directors
Circumnavigators Celebrated the Holidays in Style

Fifty-two Circumnavigators, family and guests were once again warmly received at the Country Club of Detroit on December 2 for a delightful holiday dinner party which also served as the Foundation fundraiser. This black-tie event served to kick off the holiday season in style. There weren’t any guest speakers; no formal agenda. It was just an evening for members and guests to have fun, wish each other good health, happiness, peace and good fortune during this festive time of year.

Once again members of the English Speaking Union were invited to this event. Several members of the Michigan Circumnavigators are also members of the English Speaking Union and over the years, we have learned much about this group and look forward to partnering with them at future events.

The Country Club was beautifully decorated and special holiday touches were added to the dining room and tables. Soft, festive music was provided by the Don Farrah Trio. Everyone enjoyed holiday tunes through the cocktail hour and during dinner.

A new feature was added to our gatherings entitled a “Two-Minute Travel Tale.” Roberta Clemak presented zip-lining adventures she and her husband, Charles, experienced in Alaska and Costa Rica which included twenty-six zip-lines from platform to platform over eleven waterfalls, enjoying the scenery as well as the unique zip-lining experience itself. One is never too old to try!

Kathy Sinclair-Pearson, Roberta Clemak and Mary Carroll conducted the Foundation Raffle after dinner. Among the top prizes were weekends at The Grand Hotel and The Inn at Bay Harbor, both located in northern Michigan. Numerous area restaurants provided gift certificates for dinner, and many businesses donated products: books to jewelry and clothing accessories. The performing arts in the Detroit area came through with tickets to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and both the Hillberry and Bonstelle theaters. The Michigan Chapter Raffle raised $2,760!

To our fellow Circumnavigators — We wish you a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year!
The ballots were cast, the results were in. Thomas Maher was re-elected as President of the Naples Chapter. Barbara Roy will serve as Firstvicepresident-Programs, Joe Donahue is Secondvicepresident-Membership and David Macarthy will serve as Treasurer. Jim Lungo will serve as Secretary.

The Annual Meeting of the Naples Chapter was held on October 21 at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. The year’s programs and activities were reviewed with an eye to the future.

Elected Officers of the Naples Chapter: President Tom Maher, Firstvicepresident Barb Roy, Secondvicepresident Joe Donahue, and Treasurer David Macarthy. Secretary Jim Lungo was out of town.

Naples Chapter 10th Anniversary Cruise

Twenty members and guests, joined together for the tenth anniversary cruise for the Naples Chapter aboard the luxury liner Celebrity Stolstice cruise ship. Embarking from Ft. Lauderdale, they cruised the eastern Caribbean from October 31st until November 7th, 2010. The first night, the group had a great time celebrating Halloween and joined together for their send off.

Loosely organized, they had fun running into each other and sharing their many adventures together. On Thursday, November 5, Pat Classen, member and organizer for the trip, treated them to a lovely cocktail party up on the top floor at the bow of the ship.

This is the second cruise the group has taken together. Last year they went on a three-day cruise to Nassau. This year’s week-long cruise was enjoyed by all. The entertainment and food was outstanding!!

The gang of 20 enjoyed the week-long trip visiting ports-of-call of the eastern Caribbean.
Jim and Sheila Forney Present “Cuba” to the Naples Chapter

On Sunday, November 14th, the Naples Chapter gathered for a delicious brunch and presentation about the Club’s sponsored trip to Cuba. There were 53 members in attendance including Jim Forney from the New York Chapter and Editor of *Circumnbits*, who shared with the group his memories on their trip through Cuba. In addition to Jim and Sheila, Carol Narup, President of the Chicago Chapter, joined our group for the brunch.

Jim told the group, “One needs to delve under the layers of what you see, to really understand how difficult life can be under the Castro regime”. All employees of the hotels and tourist spots are paid for by the government. The exchange rate is about 20 Cuban pesos to one of the tourist pesos. (This is based on the American dollar. The hotels, etc. pay the tourist based pesos, but the help receive 1/20th of that amount, sometimes pennies a day.

There are two kinds of currencies. The regular peso and the special tourist peso as described above. It is not always easy to get the Cuban peso unless you can make an exchange with a citizen. The buildings are crumbling and there has been little repair for 45 years. The only repairs are in the tourist facilities. Unless you are employed in a high position in the government or you are a dancer or artist, you cannot buy a new car. This is why there are so many old cars that are constantly being repaired with jerry rigged parts. The average citizens cannot buy meat unless they have the special tourist peso. The only way they can get them are through the tourists.

In the background, there are “watchers” who keep an eye on the citizens because they do not want them mingling with the western tourists. The group was sponsored by a humanitarian corporation and each person was to bring $15 worth of medication and school supplies.

Mary and John Nice, Naples members, were also on this same trip with the Forneys. This trip was sponsored by the Circumnavigators Club.
Annual Holiday Party at La Ciel

The Naples Chapter held its holiday party on Tuesday, December 7th, in the beautifully decorated community room of La Ciel. The host for the party was Joe Donahue.

The room was filled with large red poinsettias, a ten foot Christmas tree filled with twinkling lights and a long table laden with gourmet food. Each guest brought an appetizer and the club treated the guests to the drinks of their choice.

Santa Claus swept into the room with a “ho ho ho” and entertained the guests. Jim Lungo has filled the Santa suit for the last few years and everyone looks forward to his cheery greetings.

Jim asked if anyone that would like to share with the group an unusual experience they had had over the holiday season as they traveled throughout the world. Many people stood up with unique and fascinating stories. The most unusual experience, was related by Richard Matheis when he told us about his time when he was in a POW camp over Christmas. The men in his group were able to have a small tree and Richard was able to trade USO chocolates and cigarettes they had received for decorations. On Christmas Eve, the prisoners sat around the tree in a circle and sang “Silent Night, Holy Night”. The Story was quite an emotional experience for everyone in the room. Later Richard said that this was the first time he had shared his story of the POW camp.
Holidays Celebrated at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club

The Pacific Southwest Chapter met December 9 for its holiday dinner party at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club. Just two days after the December remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day. Circumnavigators and guests recognized all military, past and present, as well as spouses who have served our country. Everyone was invited to bring a toy for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation. The response was overwhelming. One guest brought five laundry baskets filled with toys.

The featured speaker for the evening was Dr. Doris Lee McCoy, who shared a stimulating presentation about her recent visit to Bhutan which included an exclusive visit with the Queen. Dr. McCoy followed the topic of her new book The Magic of Gross National Happiness, which deals with measured happiness on a world map. Bhutan ranks number eight on this map. Her slide presentation of the people and country was informative. Dr. McCoy plans a return trip to Bhutan this year.

The next dinner meeting for the Chapter is scheduled for March 24. Our speaker will recount his experiences while bicycling around the world.

In recognition of Helen Jost’s valuable service to the Circumnavigators Club, our local board has authorized the Chapter to invite Helen for a visit which should correlate for one of our dinner meetings.
Circumnavigators Club and Explorers Club
Dinner Meeting at the Historic Cosmos Club

On the evening of November 13, 2010, members of the Washington DC Chapter joined the Explorers Club Washington Group (ECWG) for our annual joint meeting at the historic Cosmos Club in Washington DC. After dinner ECWG member Thomas F. King, Senior Archeologist with The International Group of Historic Aircraft Recovery (TIGHAR), presented his hypothesis concerning the mysterious 1937 disappearance in the Pacific of aviatrix Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan.

Titled “What Happened to Amelia Earhart? The Case for Nikumaroro,” King described TIGHAR’s expeditions using interdisciplinary scientific research testing on Nikumaroro atoll, Phoenix Islands, Republic of Kiribati. These led to the hypothesis that Earhart landed there, lived for a while, and died on Nikumaroro.

Among TIGHAR’s latest findings:
- In her last radio transmission Earhart said that she was flying “on the line 157 33 7.” Such a line would pass through the vicinity of her destination, Howland Island, and also within visual range of Nikumaroro. Nikumaroro is much easier to see from in the air than Howland Island. It is bigger, tree-covered, and has a brilliant aquamarine lagoon.
- Seven days after the disappearance search plane crews reported “signs of recent habitation.” The island had not been officially inhabited since 1892. In October of 1937, visitors to the island saw evidence suggesting a camp.
- Residents of the colony established on Nikumaroro in December 1938 reported aircraft wreckage on the northwestern reef flat and in the lagoon. A WWII visitor reported local residents using aircraft control cables as fishing line, which they said came from a plane wreck that had been on the island when they arrived.
- TIGHAR has recovered a number of pieces of aircraft wreckage from the remains of the colonial village on Nikumaroro. Fragments of aluminum and plexiglass are consistent with a Lockheed Electra like Earhart’s.
- In 1991, TIGHAR recovered parts of two shoes on Nikumaroro, identified as a woman’s shoe and a man’s shoe, the former dating to the 1930s. Earhart wore such a shoe on her flight.
- In 1940, the Nikumaroro colonists found thirteen bones of a human skeleton on the southeast end of the island next to the remains of a campfire with bird and turtle bones. Nearby the remains of a woman’s shoe and a man’s shoe were found together with a sextant box and small corks on a chain. Subsequent examinations of the bones indicated that they may be those of a woman of European ethnic background about 5’ 5” - 5’ 9” in height. Earhart would have fit this description. The bones have been lost.
- TIGHAR has identified a site on the southeast end of the island that closely matches the description given of the bones’ discovery site.

There were remains of several cooking fires containing bird, fish, and turtle bones.
- Finally, TIGHAR found a variety of artifacts in 2007 and 2010:
  - a broken bottle made in New Jersey in 1933
  - a shattered bottle, apparently a 1930s cosmetic container of American origin
  - a broken glass vessel identified as a small ointment pot
  - two broken, partially melted, pre-WWII bottles found in the remains of a cooking fire where it appears they may have been used in attempts to distill drinking water
  - a U.S.-made jackknife comparable to one carried on the Earhart Electra
  - the pull and slider from a size 06, “auto-lok” Talon brand zipper manufactured in the U.S. 1933-1936. It is consistent with zippers used by Earhart in her clothing design
  - what may be the back of a small broach or pin
  - small fragments of red material chemically identified as probable cosmetic rouge
  - two pieces of thin beveled glass that match the mirror of 1930s American woman’s compact. Earhart is known to have carried such a compact which would have contained rouge.

TIGHAR conducted its most extensive excavation in May-June 2010, and analysis of results is currently underway.

The Nikumaroro colonists were relocated to the Solomon Islands in the 1960s. TIGHAR is urgently seeking financial support for a 2-3 week visit to the Solomon Islands by a small team of trained volunteers to conduct both archival and oral historical interviews. The cost of this project is estimated at $50,000. For further information or to join the search visit www.tighar.org or Senior Archeologist Thomas F. King at tfking106@aol.com.
November, I traveled in Northern Ethiopia and the Danakil Depression and then decided to continue on to Somaliland. This is a province of Somalia that has broken away, formed their own democratic government and issued their own currency, passports and visas. No one has recognized them and they desperately want to establish relations with the USA and Europe and eventually be recognized as a separate country.

I hired a jeep, driver and guide and we set out for Somaliland from Addis Ababa stopping at the old Ethiopian Muslim city of Harar where I wanted to see a local man who feeds wild hyenas every night. As we approached Harar, we drove through fields of Qat (pronounced Chat) a narcotic plant whose leaves are chewed to get a high. Ten planeloads of Qat are flown every day to Mogadishu (and the whole country gets high every afternoon).

At dark we drove to one of the five gates in this old walled city where the man was feeding the hyenas by hand. He has been doing this for about ten years and he has named them and they come right to him. One by one these very big and dangerous beasts slowly approach him and he feeds them by hand or uses a stick with meat draped on it. It was a bit scary standing so close to these wild beasts bathed in the light of our jeep headlights as they can be very dangerous, but this local man has almost domesticated them. After much assurance I was persuaded to feed them using the stick as they said no one had ever been bitten by them, including me thank goodness.

The next morning we drove to the Somaliland border and the jeep was supposed to take me into Somaliland to Hargeisa but red tape prevented this. So my guide and I received our Ethiopian exit stamp and walked across “no man’s land” to the Somaliland border post. I had obtained the Somaliland visa in Addis Ababa ($40) and was processed by a smiling immigration official who welcomed me warmly to Somaliland.

From the border we had to take a taxi for the three-hour ride over dusty, bumpy roads to Hargeisa, the “capital” of Somaliland. Of course these taxis do not leave until they are full, so we had an hour wait and finally we were off through this hot, dusty, bleak landscape where the people live in abject poverty. There were no crops there, just herds of camels, goats, cattle and sheep tended by children as young as four who sleep wrapped up in a blanket with their flocks at night. We passed several signs proclaiming “Minefields cleared by the Halo Society,” which did not give me a warm and fuzzy feeling. We are in Muslim country and the women are covered head to toe in burkas, some with only their eyes showing. It was so hot.

Halfway to Hargeisa our taxi broke down. Luckily we were near a small town and the driver walked there and got another taxi to take us the rest of the way. The usual arguments then ensued between the two drivers as they tried to collect more money from us and the original driver rationale was, “If you had not been in my taxi, it would not have broke.” I was having none of that, but finally money changed hands between the two taxi drivers and we continued on our way to Hargeisa.

Hargeisa is a city of 1.2 million people, with dirt streets, no trees or grass and has a large market in the center where the Oriental Hotel is located with rooms for $15 a night including a very good breakfast. This was the best hotel I stayed in since arriving a month ago in Ethiopia. It truly was an oasis.

Why am I here? About 30 miles from Hargeisa the Las Geel caves were discovered by French archeologists and are covered with wall paintings that are several thousand years old. Beautifully preserved, they are reputed to be the best in Africa, and perhaps the oldest.

We arranged for a jeep, guide and an armed soldier to take us to the caves. The soldier was for security as occasionally bandits are present in the area. The caves are actually in a rocky outcrop and are overhangs. There are five of them that contain the wall paintings. Most of the paintings are of animals, people and symbols, meaning unknown. The predominant colors are ochre with the subject outlined in black, but yellow and white paint was also used. The French archeology team was there excavating an exploration pit and I asked them why they looked in this remote place. They simply went to the local villages and asked if they had seen anything unusual and one boy told them about this place. The locals believe that evil spirits lurk here; therefore, they did not shelter here so no fires were built which preserved the paintings. I visited all five overhangs and the panoramic view overlooks this very bleak and harsh land. I wondered if life had changed over these thousands of years. Probably not, as life is still so hard for these tough people.

After about two hours we returned to our jeep which we had left at the small guard shack along with the driver. While we were exploring the caves our driver partook liberally of Qat and needless to say, the drive back to Hargeisa was thrilling to say the least!!

There is one street in the market where the money changers ply their trade. There is a photo of one of them and the stacks. In front of him are Somaliland shillings. One needs a shopping cart to carry away the local currency when a $100 dollar bill is changed.

It was an exciting trip and I really never felt unsafe. But it was good to go back to the good old USA as one very much appreciates our standard of living.

Robert Perkins was a member of the crew on the USS Triton, a nuclear powered submarine which circled the globe in 1960. After retiring from the U.S. Navy, he worked in Saudi Arabia for three years. When his contract was complete in Saudi Arabia, he decided to retire and do what he enjoys most, budget travel.
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.

CURRENT LIST OF PARTICIPATING GOODWILL CITIES:

U.S.A.  ■ Arizona .................. Scottsdale, Sedona
       ■ California .................. La Jolla, San Francisco
       ■ District of Columbia
       ■ Florida .................. Miami, Naples, Palm Beach
       ■ Georgia .................. Conyers
       ■ Illinois .......... Chicago, Northbrook, Winnetka
       ■ Michigan ............. Detroit, Lansing
       ■ Minnesota .............. Minneapolis
       ■ New Jersey .......... Columbus
       ■ New Mexico .......... Albuquerque, El Prado
       ■ New York .......... New York
       ■ Pennsylvania ........ Philadelphia
       ■ South Carolina ........ Hilton Head
       ■ Washington .......... Seattle

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GREECE .................. Athens, Kifissia

NEVIS (W.I.) ............... Charlestown

SINGAPORE .................. Singapore

TAIWAN  .................. Taipei

THAILAND .................. Bangkok

UNITED KINGDOM .............. London

T.K Quek, President of the Singapore Chapter and his wife, Diana, C. Gloria and Nelson Harper from New York, May and Chapter past president Vincent Chen holding the Singapore and US flags after lunch in the American Club in Singapore. Singapore proudly welcomes visiting Circumnavigators whenever possible.

JUDITH SCHRRAFFT, a member of our Palm Beach Chapter, has written her third book Visa Required. Included are articles on many of Schrafft's favorite underwater locales in the Indian and Pacific Oceans, and various archaeological and cultural destinations in Africa, the Middle East, and closer to home in Mexico and the Caribbean. Schrafft has dived the world’s oceans since her scuba certification in 1970, and in between has pursued her passion for archaeology and antiquity in desert environments worldwide. Visa Required is now available through www.amazon.com.

Having some fun welcoming a new member, MARK HAUPTMAN was presented with his membership certificate by HENRI VAN BENTUM and his wife Natasha in a Victorian-style setting. Since the Club was founded in 1902, they decided to have some fun.
The following people were elected to our “Great Circle” by the Board of Governors:

- **T. Raja Kumar** K4980
  - Singapore
  - Chief Executive, Casino Regulatory Authority

- **Karen A. Kane** K4981
  - Chicago, Illinois
  - Certified Public Accountant

- **James R. Smith** S4982
  - Hyde Park, New York
  - Industrialist, Farmer

- **Neil Mandt** M4983
  - Los Angeles, California
  - Television Producer

- **Low Yang Tong** L4984
  - Singapore
  - Engineer

- **Mahendrasinh Chudasama** C4985
  - Mumbai, India
  - Public Relations

- **Sabala Baskar** B4986
  - University, Washington DC
  - 2009 Foundation Scholar Graduate Student - Georgetown

- **Wayne Schoenfeld** S4988
  - Studio City, California
  - Photographer

- **Bernice Pink** P4989
  - Chicago, Illinois
  - Philanthropist – enjoys theater, music

- **S. Thomas Moser** M4990
  - Naples, Florida
  - Retired Vice Chairman – KPMG, LLP

- **Norma Reubert** R4991
  - Palm City, Florida
  - Teacher, Realtor

- **R. Andrew Richards** R4992
  - New York, New York
  - Attorney

- **Sir Howard Newby** N4993
  - Bristol, England
  - Professor

- **Lady Sheila Newby** N4994
  - Bristol, England
  - University Ambassador

- **Duncan Watt** W4995
  - Bristol, England
  - Theater Manager

- **Eamon Michael Kelly** K4996
  - New Orleans, Louisiana
  - Photo Not Available

- **Mark Hauptman** H4998
  - Victoria, British Columbia
  - Electrician

- **Ronald L. Cullum** C4999
  - Oak Brook, Illinois
  - Management Consultant

- **Harriet P. Hahn** H5000
  - Winnetka, Illinois
  - Publisher/Editor

- **Katherine Fallon** F5001
  - New York, New York – 2008 Scholar
  - Princeton Project 55 Fellow with the Rockefeller Foundation

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Members Only: Information

— CLUB HEADQUARTERS —

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

The Yale Club is International Headquarters 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. Reservations must be made through the Executive Director – please contact headquarters at 201-612-9100 or email at club@circumnavigators.org. Please do not call the Yale Club directly.

CLUB CALLING 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.

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 having 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 travel. 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.

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and in his community. As Circumnavigators, we too benefit from “fellowshipping”. I hope that Boston area members will take the time to work with C. Angelia Addario and develop a new Chapter for New England.

International Program Chair, C. Sheila Forney and her committee are currently working on the details of a QM2 crossing and a get together with our UK Chapter and President Helen Jenkins (see details on back cover). I encourage you to join us – either on the ship – or by taking a long weekend and meeting us in London. Depending on the number of members who will be able to join us, we may try to schedule an international meeting. But that depends on your response. Let us know if you are interested in participating and our dedicated volunteer International Program Committee will make sure that we have appropriate programs and options for all. As with all of all our Chapters and Committees, we don’t just believe in the miracle of volunteerism, we depend on it.

Luck to you,

Esther R. Dyer, International President
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Dear Fellow Circumnavigators:  I am delighted to report that your Foundation has embarked upon the 40th year of its Around-the-World Travel-Study Grant Program!  Back in 1971, a handful of forward-looking Circumnavigators decided to focus the then eight-year-old Foundation on encouraging the efforts of bright young university students to further global awareness and understanding.  With the cooperation of Dean Peter Krogh of Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service, the first grant competition was launched in the early spring of that year and culminated in personal interviews of more than a dozen applicants.  The Foundation Selection Committee comprised of Co-Founder Raymond M. Dinsmore and International Pastpresident Charles O. Blaisdell together with Georgetown alumnus and adjunct professor (and later Ambassador) Viron P. Vaky.  The rest is history, and in the past 40 years, 106 (soon to be 110 - see below) college juniors have benefitted from the travel-study program, which would not exist but for the generous donations by the Club’s membership.  Thank you for your continued support for the next 40 years!  — Luck to You! Greg Rider, President

**Foundation Selection Process in Action**

The 2011 Around-the-World Travel-Study Grants were awarded to four Chapters: Arizona, Chicago, United Kingdom, and Washington DC. Each grant is $9,000. This is the very first time that the University of Liverpool has received a grant. At this time, they are winnowing the list to four finalists from an impressive number of applicants.

All of these universities are co-funding their grants. This funding is a tremendous help to our little Foundation, and it also shows how much these outstanding universities want to offer this grant and have it a part of their program for qualified students.

**ALEX BOZZETTE** – was the first 2011 grantee to be selected by our Washington DC Chapter. Alex is a junior at Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service. His proposed study topic is: “Overcoming Challenges to Diagnosing Multi-Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in Low-Income Settings.”

**STEVEN LIMPERT** – from Arizona State University’s School of Engineering was selected by our Desert Chapter Selection Committee in December. Steve’s project is: “Solar Energy Technologies: A Comparative Study of Commercial Applications and Government Policies”.

**BEN SHOROFSKY** – a junior at Northwestern University is the winner of the Chicago Chapter’s grant. Ben’s topic: “Global Applications of Sustainable Development and the Effect on the Community”.

Currently, the Foundation is working closely with the University of Liverpool to set up a Selection Committee process for them that will include participants from our UK Chapter. It is anticipated that the Liverpool grantee will be selected by mid-February.

**2010 Final Papers Received**

We reported in the last issue of The LOG that the Chicago and Washington DC Chapter Grantees had submitted their final reports. We are happy to report that final reports have also been received from the Desert (Arizona) and Florida (Miami, Naples and Palm Beach) Chapters. Cole Wirpel of Arizona State sent in his final paper “Identifying International Aid Agencies’ Best Practices in Implementing Community-drive Development.” Grant Blumberg from the University of Miami gave a verbal report in Miami on his project: “Waiting for the Doctor: A Comparative Study of Worldwide Access to Health Care”. (See report in this issue)

**GLOBAL NETWORK**

Are you willing to assist our 2011 students as they travel around the world? Perhaps you know of someone who can assist them in investigating their project, perhaps you can offer a place to stay – whatever you can do to assist our young students so they have a meaningful and memorable experience, please e-mail headquarters at club@circumnavigators.org and say YES-Global Network.

**REPORT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Our grantees’ final reports are read and analyzed by this committee. If you are interested in reading one or two students’ reports, please e-mail headquarters and say YES – Report Review Committee.

**EXPAND OUR FOUNDATION GRANTEE PROGRAM – CONTINUE TO GIVE GENEROUSLY.**
JOIN US FOR QM2 CROSSING  If you are interested about traveling with us on the QM2 next October, now is a good time to consider booking. Cunard is having a sale to celebrate their recent “Royal Rendezvous” in New York Harbor and the staterooms are several hundred dollars a person off the rates we were initially quoted. There is no way to know how long this will last. Deposits are fully refundable until the end of June if your plans change. We have begun booking. We are coordinating a Club weekend in London for October 14-16, 2011. We would like to receive a positive response so that it will be an “official” International Weekend. In either event, the energy generated by a gathering of Circumnavigators will guarantee a unique and exciting weekend.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND EXACT PRICING, CONTACT SHEILA FORNEY AT 732-458-2070 OR SMFORNEY@COMCAST.NET