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PRESIDENT'S *letter*

Dear Fellow Circumnavigators:

Some time has passed since I last took digital pen to digital paper to compose a letter to our members and our Club has continued to evolve during that time. Some changes have been obvious and others less so, but all have taken place under the careful guidance of our Board of Governors and with the Club's best interests in view. I want to comment on a few of them.

In an age of instant communication, we still see value in keeping in touch the old-fashioned way. This is the third all-color Log and, like its predecessors, is a great tribute to the skill, hard work and dedication of The Log's production team, Editorial Director David Mink and Editor Tracy Sancilio. It brings you insight into the events and the people that make our Club so special, along with fascinating feature articles.

The Log will be published every six months and, in order to fill the gap between issues, we created The Log Express which will be published in the interim quarters. We hope this visually-appealing and informative little publication meets with your approval.

We will also publish an updated Membership Roster to replace the one from 2010-11. While current information is available to members on the website, it is clear that many members like to have this information in book form, too.

Our 111th Annual Meeting, held at our Yale Club Headquarters in New York City on May 31, is described elsewhere in this issue and it was gratifying that 45 members were able to attend. We began our new practice of recognizing attendees with long-terms of membership. Four attendees had been members for ten years, ten for 15 years and nine for 25 years. More impressive still is the fact that within the 25-year group, six attendees had actually been members for over 30 years and of those three had been members for over 40 years! This shows, I believe, that our Club does attract great loyalty, but it has to continue to earn it.

It is with great pride that Magellan Committee Chair Howard Matson announced that our next Magellan Award Honoree would be retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. She will be our guest at the Union League Club in New York City next January and we believe that this will be one of the most sought-after events held by the Club in many years.

I have sometimes wondered, as I recall Magellan events of past years, how our honorees view our Club subsequently. Someone whose view is clearly positive is Dr. Bertrand Piccard, who, with his colleague Brian Jones, was our 1999 honoree after concluding an around-the-world balloon flight. Dr. Piccard's current Solar Impulse project, to fly eastward across the US under solar power, attracted much attention this summer so it was flattering indeed that Dr. Piccard, a Swiss national, selected the Swiss Ambassador and a small Circumnavigators Club delegation to be the people he most wished to interview about his project once he arrived in New York.

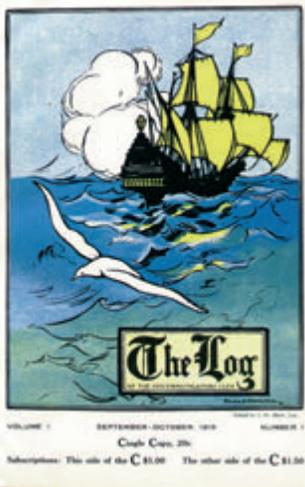
In the category of less obvious changes to the Club, I want to mention the work done by the Constitution Review Committee chaired by Past President Bill Holm. For some time it had become apparent that the constitution no longer suited the age of easy communication in which we live and that a number of the constitution's provisions, such as residence requirements for governors, were overly restrictive. After a thorough review, proposals for changes were put to the membership and I am pleased to say accepted. Coupled with work completed the previous year, under the leadership of First Vice President Ellen Parke, to complete a handbook for our Chapters, I believe this puts the governance of the Club on to a very sound footing for the future.

I suspect that no President's Letter can be complete without some mention of membership. I am pleased to say that I continue to see grounds for optimism despite an overall environment which we all know has not been kind to many clubs. At the end of last year we inaugurated a Boston Chapter, the result primarily of the vision, hard work and effort of founding Chapter President Angela Addario. We also see a continuing flow of high caliber new members from around the country and from overseas. We all benefit from this infusion of new members and I would ask everyone - no exceptions! - to be alert to recruiting opportunities. They can appear in the most unlikely situations (case in point: a visit to the dentist). And remember, the best way to shape a club to one's liking is to introduce new members who are also to one's liking.

It is a basic tenet of our Club that all circumnavigators are welcome at all circumnavigators events. But even if there isn't an event, our Goodwill Connection exists to provide opportunities for circumnavigators on their travels to meet up with local members elsewhere. I sometimes think this benefit of membership is overlooked and I would encourage you to take full advantage of it by contacting Headquarters before you travel.



Luck to You!
Peter J. C. Mosse



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The LOG'S Log

BY C. DAVID A. MINK

Since the beginning, the Circumnavigators Club has been bound by the sea. The oceans—whether we sailed on them, cruised under them or flew over them—were the way around the world.

Two of our founders met by chance while plying the Indian Ocean in 1902 and decided that it would be a good idea to bring together people who shared the experience of circumnavigating. For more than a hundred years, *The Log* has been filled with stories about sailing and the sea, some of them beautiful and some of them terrifying.

Take the “Wreck of the Waikare”, a ship carrying Circumpresident William E. Peck off the coast of New Zealand in 1909. The ship hit a submerged rock and sank. Peck reported that he grabbed his shaving kit before dashing to a lifeboat. The shaving kit was worthless, of course, as he and others spent a day or two on a miserable rocky island before being rescued. The ship still rests at the bottom of Dusky Sound.

There is the tragic story of the sinking of SS *Macona* off Sweden which left Circumnavigator Alfred Morasso as the sole survivor of a crew of 50 in 1920. This story is documented later in this issue.

And there is “Rafting on the Pacific”, the saga of Hans Christian Adamson who spent 24 harrowing days in a life raft with Captain Eddie Rickenbacker after their bomber was forced down en route to Guadacanal in 1942. A future editor of *The Log*, Circum Adamson told his tale, complete with sharks and misery, at a Club event in New York.

On some happy notes, we get the story of “Christmas on the China Sea” by Circum Paul Wiswall in which he describes the great beauty of stars in 1928; Alan Villiers’s circumnavigation on the famous sailing ship “*Joseph Conrad*”; and Willeby E. Corbett describes his long voyage as a youngster on a cargo ship captained by his father in 1882 from New York to Australia. All these wonderful stories and many more are documented in *The Log*.

In more recent times, we have “Rounding the Horn” in 1989 by Circum Jane Harrington and the story of Circum Karen Thorndike, the first woman to sail solo around the world from 1996-1998.

Many of our Magellan honorees are linked to the sea, notably Allan Villiers, Thor Heyerdahl, Jacques-Yves Cousteau and Robert Ballard.

To quote Captain Cousteau: “The sea, once it casts its spell, holds one in its net forever.”

Luck to You!

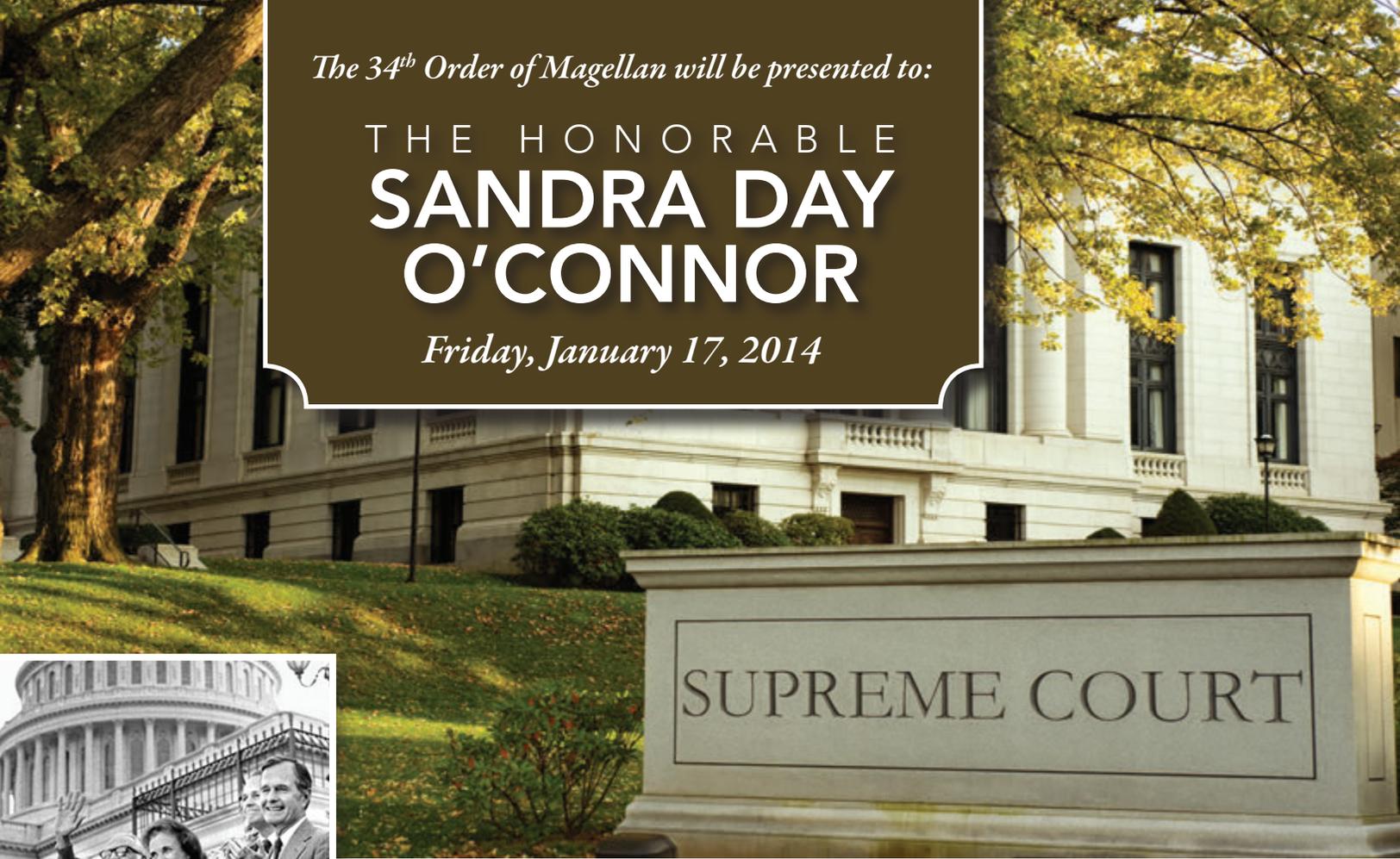
Thanks to C. Jennifer Teague for the cover photo. Jennifer is a member of the Washington DC Chapter. Many other beautiful photos were submitted by members, some which are shown on pages 19-20.

Ten Magellan honorees have been featured on the cover of Time Magazine, including our newest honoree Justice O’Connor. These covers are shown on page 4. General MacArthur was featured on several covers. This one shows him in his civvies as Ambassador to Japan.

The 34th Order of Magellan will be presented to:

THE HONORABLE
**SANDRA DAY
O'CONNOR**

Friday, January 17, 2014



BY HOWARD MATSON, MAGELLAN COMMITTEE CHAIR

Sandra Day O'Connor is one of the great names in American history. As the first female justice on the Supreme Court, she broke a barrier of monumental importance and went on to serve the nation with honor and dignity.

It is with great pleasure that the International Board of Governors announces that Justice O'Connor will be honored with the 34th Order of Magellan. The award ceremony will be held in New York City on Friday, January 17, 2014.

As an Order of Magellan recipient, Justice O'Connor joins a distinguished list of other great Americans who have received this honor—General Douglas MacArthur, Astronaut Neil Armstrong, Astronaut & Statesman John Glenn and Journalist Walter Cronkite, to name a few.

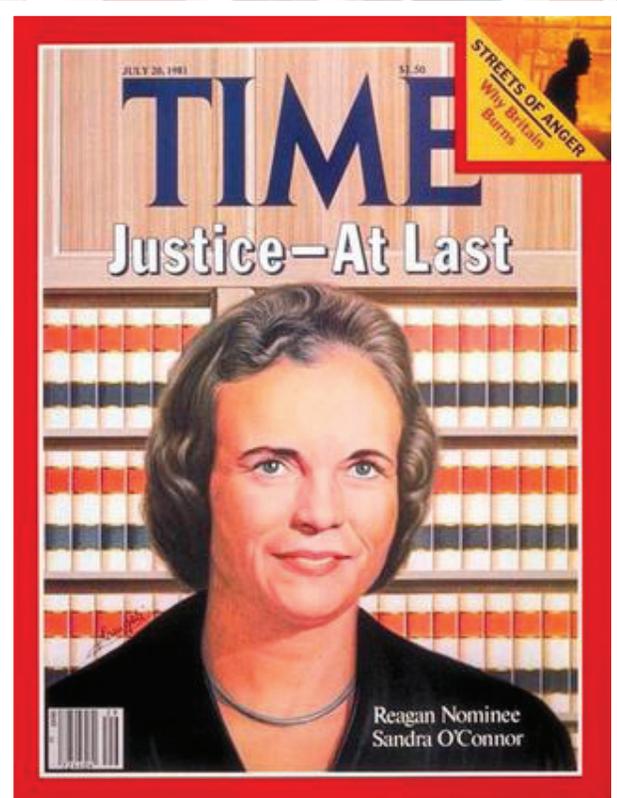
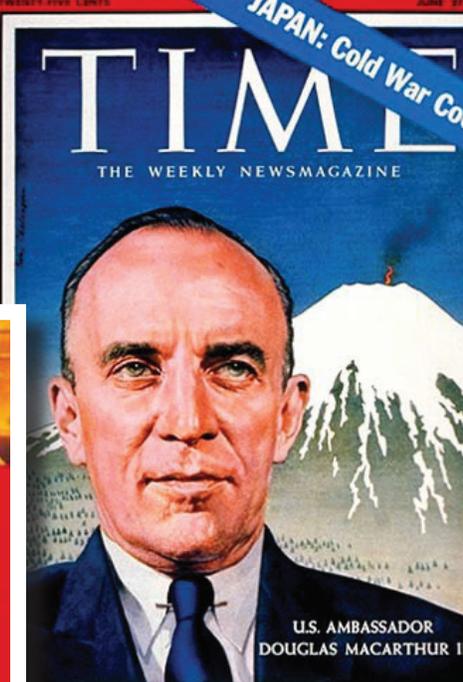
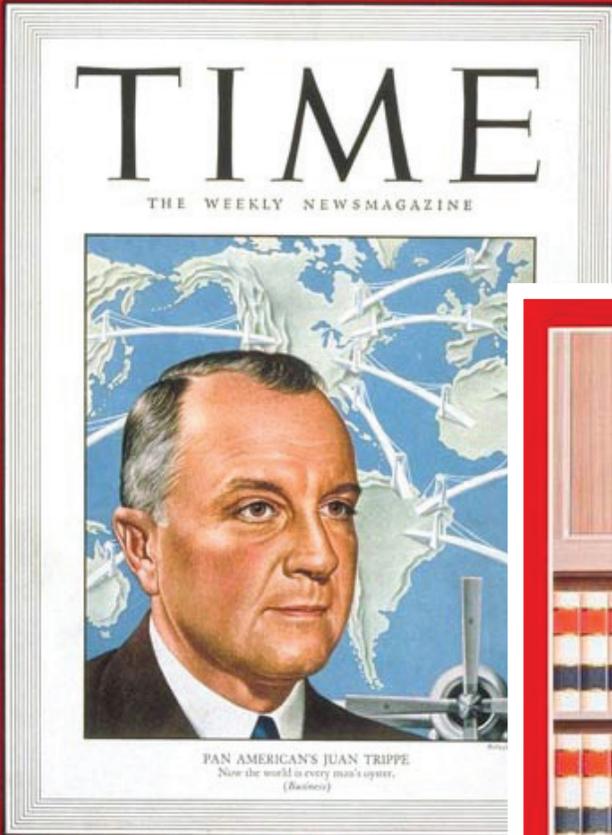
Justice O'Connor was born in El Paso, Texas, and raised on Lazy B Ranch. After receiving degrees from Stanford University, she embarked on a career in the law while raising a

family of three sons. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan nominated her as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. The Senate unanimously confirmed her nomination. The Court went on to drop the formal use of “Mr. Justice” and adopted the gender-neutral “Justice”.

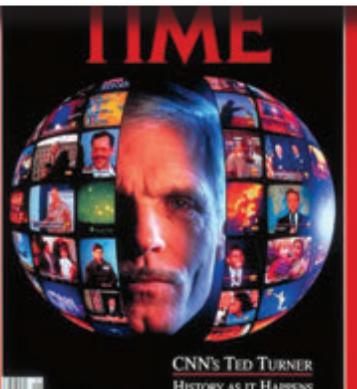
She served on the Supreme Court until her retirement in 2006, weighing in on numerous historic decisions. Her moderation made her the centrist coalition builder and gave her tremendous influence on the Court. In retirement, she has continued to be active in civic matters.

Justice O'Connor has written the bestseller *Out of Order* which tells the inside story of the nation's top court.

The Order of Magellan is bestowed on individuals who are dedicated to advancing peace and understanding in all parts of the world. We look forward to seeing members at the ceremony at the Union League Club in January, 2014 when Justice O'Connor will



THE HONORABLE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR JOINS A PANTHEON OF TIMELESS MAGELLAN AWARD RECIPIENTS JANUARY 17TH, 2014. AS THE FIRST FEMALE APPOINTED TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT, JUSTICE O'CONNOR HAS A KEEN AWARENESS OF SOCIAL INJUSTICE IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD AND SHE HAS BEEN APPLAUDED FOR HER OPINIONS FOSTERING PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING INTERNATIONALLY.



INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

THE YALE CLUB IN NYC

May 31, 2013

Guest Speaker Joyce Chaplin
presenting to Circumnavigators

CIRCUMNAVIGATORS GATHERED AT THE CLUB'S INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, THE YALE CLUB, TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON ON MAY 31, 2013. INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT PETER MOSSE WELCOMED MEMBERS AND CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH A TAP OF THE HISTORIC WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN WHALE'S TOOTH GAVEL.

The Nominating Committee was pleased to announce board members to serve a three-year term:

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

Angela Addario – Boston
James Arimond – Chicago
Lois M. Kahan – New York
Terry Ng – Singapore
Joseph Osentoski – Michigan

Howard Matson, Foundation Nominating Committee Chair, announced the Foundation Board of Directors to serve a three-year term:

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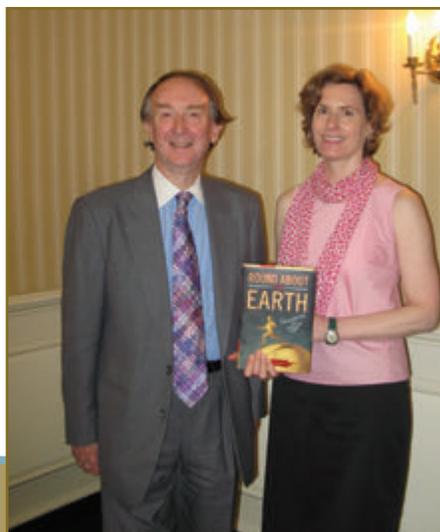
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CS. Charles Mund with wife, Carol



CS. Lion and Donna Curran



President Peter Mosse
with guest speaker
Joyce Chaplin

After the meeting, members and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch while guest speaker Joyce Chaplin gave a presentation on her new book *Round About the Earth*. Her book delivers a comprehensive account of the history of circumnavigation and how it has shaped the ways we think about the earth, the environment, and ourselves. Chaplin looks at the entire 500-year history of going around the world, from Magellan the Portuguese explorer to Magellan the GPS. She introduces the brave, the crazy, and the inspired men and women who first took on the whole planet, whether by sail, steam, rail, bicycle, airplane, or spacecraft. Along the way, she raises provocative questions and offers penetrating insights into this longest tradition of human activity done on a planetary scale, which elicited our oldest sense of planetary consciousness. Autographed books were available for purchase at the event. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful afternoon.



President Peter Mosse with
Past President Esther Dyer



CS. Howard Matson and Connie Wingate



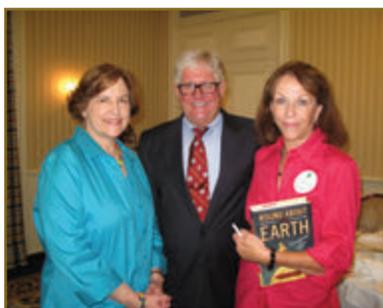
CS. Charlie Blaisdell and Jeff Kelly



President Peter Mosse with
First Vice President Ellen Parke



CS. Lois Kahan and Helen Jost



First Vice President Ellen Parke,
Second Vice President David Mink
with wife, C. Dottie Mink



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Lois Kahan, Beverly Anderson, President Peter Mosse, Sue Murphy,
Second Vice President David Mink and Jim Arimond

SAILING 9 YEARS

Around the World on a Slow Boat

BY C. TOM MENAKER

Most of us Circumnavigators have flown around the world (some at NASA expense in Space Shuttles), and many have circled more slowly aboard cruise ships or freighters. My wife, Bonnie, and I had once taken a month to circle westward with PanAm via Japan, Thailand, India, and Iran. That trip and others had whet our appetites to take a sabbatical year from our respective law practices to travel more slowly and extensively. We had owned sailboats and had taken numerous bareboat charters in such areas as the Bahamas, Virgin Islands, Central America, and the South Pacific; so the logical plan was for us to combine our love for travel with the joy of sailing. At the end of a Christmas sailing vacation on the barrier reef of Belize, in 1987, we lamented having to fly home to snowy Pennsylvania when others living aboard their boats in the anchorage were there for the entire winter. Even a sabbatical year seemed insufficient. On that New Year's Eve, after sharing a bottle of champagne, we decided to buy a larger, more seaworthy, boat and retire aboard it in exactly 18 months: July 1, 1989. We kept the plan confidential between us for over a year, to avoid becoming lame ducks in our profession. In February of 1989, in just a two-day period, we placed our house for sale, and informed our law partners and four parents that we would become "retired live-aboards" in just four months.

True to our plan, we sold the house, turned over our practices to our law partners, and moved aboard the new sailboat, a 40-foot Island Packet cutter, named *Star*, on June 30. For the next two weeks we provisioned *Star*, which was then docked at the Baltimore Yacht Club, with staples and numerous spare parts. In mid-July we cast off the dock lines and set sail to the New England coast for our summer shake-down cruise. We were soon anchored in the harbor of Martha's Vineyard, visiting friends who summered there, then off

to the cooler waters of Maine and Nova Scotia. At summer's end we sailed back south and spent two weeks docked in the Hudson River while we played tourist in the Big Apple. By early November we had worked our way down through the Chesapeake Bay, the Dismal Swamp Canal in Virginia (surveyed by George Washington during his teenage apprenticeship), stopping in Beaufort, North Carolina, the jumping-off port for our first offshore passage to the Caribbean. Two weeks after departing Beaufort we arrived on the Dutch Island of Sint Maarten, just in time for Thanksgiving. What a wonderful feeling it was to relax in the tropical sunshine while our friends and relatives back north were beginning a cold winter.

After some minor repairs and provisioning we continued southward through all the Windward Islands, arriving on the coast of Venezuela in late March of 1990. Bonnie, my admiral, was ready to head for Panama to begin a circumnavigation, but I felt we needed more celestial navigation (sextant, chronometer, and trigonometry tables) experience. Therefore, we headed back up to the New England coast, by way of the Virgin Islands. After another summer along the east coast of the United States we decided we were ready for some serious ocean passages. This time we went through the Caribbean Islands, Venezuela and Columbia, more quickly and reached Panama in March of 1991. We transited the Canal in two days with several other yachts, anchoring overnight in Gatun Lake, where the fresh water





We spent a month in Tahiti and nearby Moorea, soaking up the culture as well as the delicious baguettes delivered to our boat each morning by an enterprising baker's son in a canoe. Our tourist visas were nearing expiration, so we were off to the Samoan Islands, further west. In Pago Pago, American Samoa, we reprovisioned our larder with American brands, and used the U.S. Postal Service and 800 numbers to catch up on parts replenishment and banking services. In Western Samoa we climbed to the hilltop gravesite of Robert Louis Stevenson, still revered there as "Tusitala," the storyteller. From Samoa we sailed on to the Kingdom of Tonga, a north-south group of islands with fabulous beach anchorages and welcoming Polynesian people. It was now late November, 1991, and the southern hemisphere tropical storm season would soon threaten, so we sailed southwest to our summer home of New Zealand. We arrived there in the Bay of Islands in early December, exactly one year since our easternmost departure from St. Barth in the Caribbean, nearly halfway around the world. We put *Star* in a marina near Auckland for needed service and modifications, bought a car, and spent the summer driving around much of that beautiful and hospitable country. I am often asked what was our favorite country of the circumnavigation,

quickly disposed of all the barnacles that had adhered to our hull.

From Panama we sailed southwest to the Galapagos Islands, on the equator, where we spent three weeks exploring their most fascinating wildlife, first described by Charles Darwin. It was now time to begin our longest ocean passage, 3,500 miles across the South Pacific to the mountainous Marquesas, the eastern most islands of French Polynesia. It was a rolly but uneventful downwind passage, during which we learned that we could sleep better by alternating six hour watches instead of our previous four. The electric autopilot steered the boat on a set compass course, so the watch captain had only to look out for other vessels (we went 11 straight days without seeing one), trim the sails to the wind conditions, and chart our position hourly. We had a first generation satellite navigation device that used a Doppler mechanism to plot our approximate position every two or three hours, but it was far from the convenience and accuracy of the GPS units that were soon to become available to us. After just 21 days of comfortable sailing we arrived at a beautiful anchorage on the island of Hiva Oa, just beneath the cliff cemetery where Jacques Brel and Paul Gauguin are buried. This was truly the South Pacific paradise we had read about. We hiked the mountain trails, swam in the waterfall pools, and marveled at the harmonic voices of the women's choir during Sunday mass. We spent the next several weeks playing tourist among four other islands of the Marquesas before setting sail southwestward to the Tuamotu Archipelago of coral atolls enroute to Tahiti. During our stay at one of those islands, where the Japanese employed the men to harvest cultured black pearls, a local Polynesian family learned from my wife that we had no children (one of the reasons we could retire at 50 to explore the world). The women huddled briefly and then offered us a five year old niece whose mother had abandoned her. Though it is impolite to refuse the offer of a gift, we explained that our mediocre French and pelagic lifestyle would make the little girl's life difficult. The ladies smiled, but it was clear they felt sorry for us and the girl.



and the easy answer is New Zealand.

Following six months in New Zealand we sailed northeast to Fiji, encountering a powerful unforecast storm that battered us for 60 hours. Other than a torn mainsail we sustained minimal damage; we slept on the cabin floor and the motion was like living in a washing machine. By this time we had purchased one of those new-fangled GPS units, so we could calculate our position even though we did not see the sun for several days. After arriving in Fiji we went back into vacation mode for much needed relaxation. On a small Fijian out-island we met the Methodist minister who learned from us that both my wife and I had attended Methodist colleges and had Methodist mothers. Based on that background I was invited to give a brief non-theological talk at the next Sunday service, and did so with a hesitant translator.

Our six weeks in Fiji ended and we were off westward to Vanuatu, formerly the New Hebrides, where we hiked up a live volcano at dusk and watched in

awe from the crater's edge as it erupted several times an hour by spitting up large molten rocks and glowing magma. On another island there we visited a custom village where the women wore grass skirts and the men wore only sheaths. Our next anchorages were in New Caledonia, a very French island colony in the western South Pacific. After three tasty weeks there we sailed southwest to the east coast of Australia where we spent the next summer. We moored *Star* at a yacht club near Brisbane, bought a car and proceeded to discover that vast and under-populated country by road. We spent two six month seasons in Australia, with the intervening six months in the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea. Friends in Brisbane garaged our car so we could continue our highway journeys during the second year.

Leaving Australia, we sailed through the Torres Strait, and up to Irian Jaya,

Leaving India we sailed across the Arabian Sea, the remainder of the Indian Ocean, to Oman, a welcoming oil rich sultanate on the east side of the Arabian Peninsula. From there we moved along the southern coast of Yemen, an area that is today infested with pirates from nearby Somalia. Crossing the Gulf of Aden, we turned right and entered the Red Sea at Djibouti, a poor former French colony in Africa. Sailing up the Red Sea is difficult because of persistently strong northwesterly winds and choppy seas. The strategy is to hide behind the beautiful reefs on the African side, then motorsail northward for a day or two when the winds ease. Along that route we made extensive stops in Eritrea (where I was jailed 24 hours over a mistake made on my visa), Sudan (then engaged in a civil war), and Egypt (which had recently experienced a terrorist attack on Greek tourists). After two months



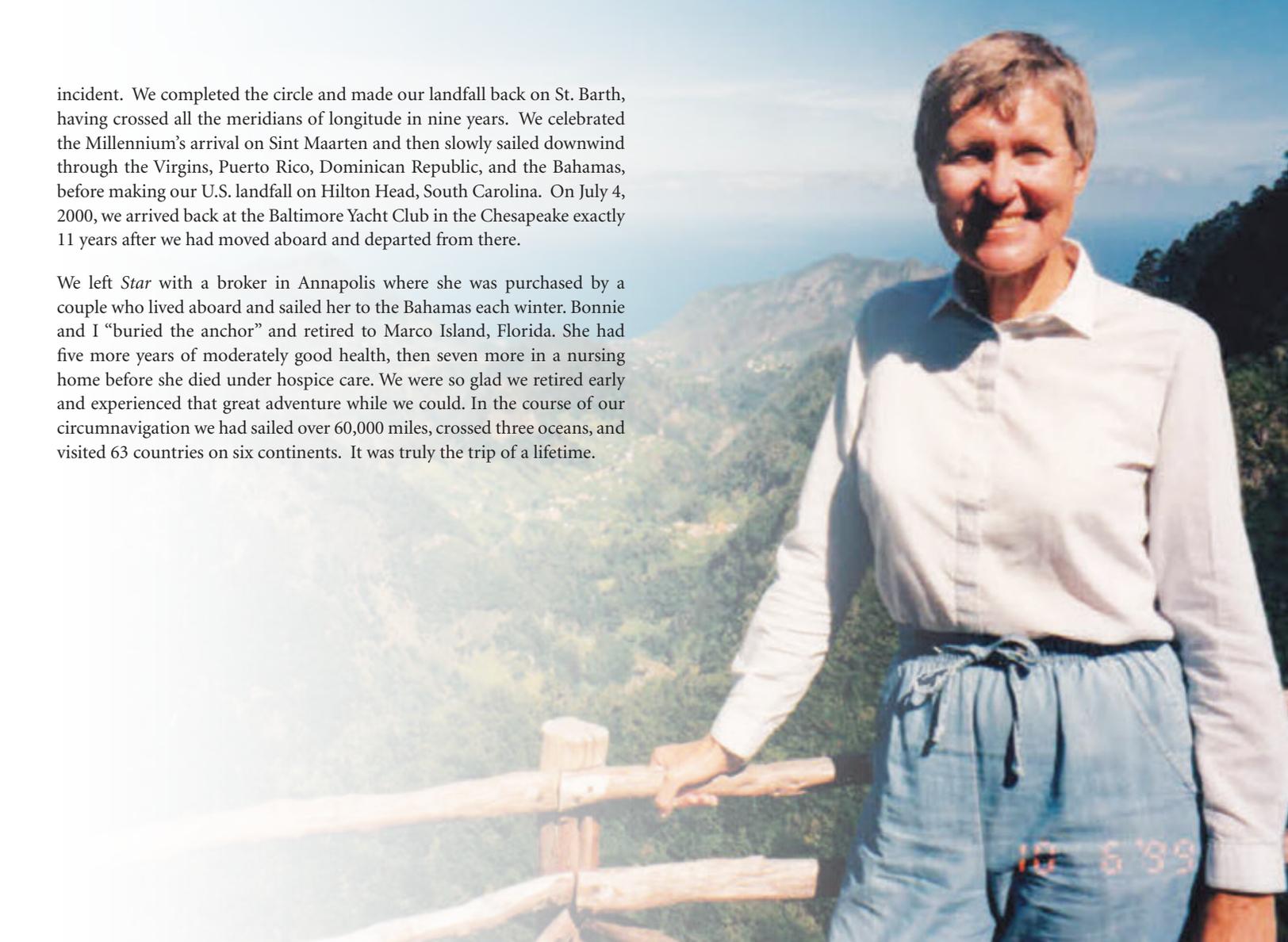
the primitive eastern part of Indonesia. Indonesia is a 3,000-mile-wide archipelago of numerous and varied islands, and we savored it and its people for four enjoyable months, the limit of our visas. In late 1994, after nearly four years in the southern hemisphere, we crossed the equator into Singapore, that thriving city-state-island at the southern tip of Malaysia. A month in Singapore was followed by a year in Malaysia and Thailand. After our sojourn in Southeast Asia we set sail on Christmas Eve of 1995 to cross the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal to Sri Lanka. Though that enchanting island nation was then in the midst of a bloody civil war, most of the country was safe for travel, and we encountered no serious problems. From Sri Lanka we sailed to Cochin, on the southwest coast of India. On the way we were intercepted by fisherman pirates seeking to take our food, fuel and money. They were armed with only machetes and knives and retreated quickly when we brandished our shotgun. Today's pirates would not be so easily dispatched.

in the Red Sea, we transited the Suez Canal, entered the Mediterranean, and arrived in Israel on May 1, 1996. We spent the next four summers and three winters sailing among nearly all the countries and islands of the east and north sides of that historic body of water, wintering in Tel Aviv, Marmaris (Turkey), and Malta. Friends from the States periodically flew over to sail or travel with us in various countries. One of our favorite guidebooks in the Med was Homer's *Odyssey*.

During the winter of 1998-99 we flew back to Florida for a visit and medical exams. Bonnie was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's dementia at the age of 59. She was still quite functional and wanted to complete our journey, so we flew back to Malta and spent another year in the Med, visiting Italy, France, Spain, and Portugal. In October of 1999 we sailed west through the Strait of Gibraltar, and crossed the Atlantic, stopping in Madeira and the Canary Islands. The 3,400 mile crossing from Tenerife was slow and without

incident. We completed the circle and made our landfall back on St. Barth, having crossed all the meridians of longitude in nine years. We celebrated the Millennium's arrival on Sint Maarten and then slowly sailed downwind through the Virgins, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, and the Bahamas, before making our U.S. landfall on Hilton Head, South Carolina. On July 4, 2000, we arrived back at the Baltimore Yacht Club in the Chesapeake exactly 11 years after we had moved aboard and departed from there.

We left *Star* with a broker in Annapolis where she was purchased by a couple who lived aboard and sailed her to the Bahamas each winter. Bonnie and I "buried the anchor" and retired to Marco Island, Florida. She had five more years of moderately good health, then seven more in a nursing home before she died under hospice care. We were so glad we retired early and experienced that great adventure while we could. In the course of our circumnavigation we had sailed over 60,000 miles, crossed three oceans, and visited 63 countries on six continents. It was truly the trip of a lifetime.



UNDER THE SEA

Editor's note: Josh Datko, as a young naval officer, circumnavigated by submarine on a seven-month cruise from Groton CT, eastward back to Groton, in 2006-2007. He earned the naval version of the Order of Magellan (certificate shown below). As he recalls, underwater was an interesting way to travel but the view wasn't very good.



BY **♣. JOSH DATKO**

“We are now passing the Rock of Gibraltar,” I heard someone comment, but it was with the same enthusiasm as reporting the time. I wondered what it looked like as we crossed the gateway into the Mediterranean Sea. I sipped my lukewarm, black, burnt, acidic coffee from a porcelain mug that had my name on it and went back to whatever I was doing before the interruption. The problem with traveling by submarine is that you really don’t get to enjoy the view.

Years later, I was in a frame shop chatting with the paper-beautification-consultant. I was about to spend a significant amount of money to protect a certificate from UV light and even extra for reduced-reflection glass. “Well, the toilets all drain to tanks and then get pumped overboard,” I explained; everybody asks the same questions. “No, there are no windows, just periscopes.” “The food is pretty good actually, but

the lettuce doesn’t last that long.” “Well, there were about three places I could comfortably stand up, but I’m tall.” Consultation complete. My Order of Magellan certificate was off to be framed.

The Navy has unofficial certificates for major nautical achievements. Order of Magellan is for those who circumnavigate. Along the way I picked up “Order of the Rock” (passing the Rock of Gibraltar), “Safari to Suez” (transiting the Suez), “Golden Dragon” (crossing the international date line), “Order of the Ditch” (transiting the Panama Canal), and “Order of the Spanish Main” (cruising the Caribbean). I’m still a “Pollywog” since, by definition, I’m not a “Shellback” (crossing the equator) and I have an “Order of the Sand Sailor” certificate for my deployment to Afghanistan, but that’s a fairly recent addition.

Cruising by submarine is the antithesis of a cruise ship. In my favorite travel essay, “A Supposedly Fun Thing I’ll Never Do Again,” David Foster Wallace details the complete pampering of the guests and the uncomfortable extent to which the stewards go to prevent the guests from thinking about straining themselves. But on a submarine, every crew member is expected to know how to put out a fire, stop leaks and how to not waste water while taking a shower. Coining hilarious pejoratives is also a military tradition, but to the chagrin of senior leadership. *Verboten* in vernacular, a “NUB” is a Non-Useful Body. NUBs take up precious space, eat the limited food and leave deposits into tanks without contributing to the submarine. The entire point of a cruise ship is to pay to be a NUB.

While this expression is officially discouraged, after all name-calling does not lead to good order and discipline, I believe a submarine anthropologist would find it apt. The 120 potential Circumnavigator Club members that went with me all had an essential job. We had all trained together for the deployment, faced its challenges and returned safely. Despite other accomplishments, I’m still quick to bring up this deployment. As a software engineer now, I’m not sure I’ll ever have a story that will displace my submarine adventures. But I’ve come to appreciate that circumnavigating by submarine is an extremely rare event and that it deserves to be framed, behind UV protective and anti-glare glass.



BY DAVID A. MINK

THE SEAFARING MORASSOS

When it comes to seafaring stories, it is hard to top those of the Morasso family. The incredible shipwreck tale of C. Alfred Morasso, well documented in the press and previous issues of *The Log*, stands to be revisited for Club members who have never heard it.

A native of Gibraltar, young Morasso served as second mate on the ill-fated *SS Macona* that sunk in frigid, rough weather off the coast of Sweden in 1920. Morasso was the sole survivor of the 50-man crew. The 23-year-old mate used his seamanship skills to climb the



SS Macona

foremast. He lashed himself to the mast, not so much to survive but so his body would be found if he died. The mast settled a few meters above the sea and he was able to hang on, nearly frozen, for several hours before being rescued.



Alfred O. Morasso (age 18) as apprentice on ship.

Morasso spent the next three months on the Swedish coast, recuperating and identifying the bodies of the crew as they gradually washed to shore.

He spent two more years at sea before marrying and settling down in New Jersey. He said it was time to “swallow the anchor”. He joined the Circumnavigators Club in 1944.

But the story doesn't end with the senior Morasso. His son, Alfred Jr., went on to his own distinguished nautical career. Al later served with distinction as International President of the Circumnavigators Club.

A graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, he sailed the seas on a variety of assignments, which included making his first circumnavigation on *USNS Mission San Carlos* in 1950. During the Korean War, he was on active duty on *USS Gunston Hall*, participating in amphibious landings at Inchon and Wonsan. After retiring from sea duty, he worked as an executive in the maritime industry.

His drama at sea continued when, in July 1956, he was on a naval reserve cruise on the destroyer escort *Edward Allen*. Word came suddenly that the *Andrea Doria* liner had collided with the Stockholm. They arrived at the scene a few hours later and remained there until the *Andrea Doria* sank with many fatalities and many others to be rescued. They transported Capt. Calamai and 75 crew members to New York harbor.

Al's father got him interested in the Circumnavigators Club, and he attended many early meetings before joining in 1950. He now calculates that he is the most senior long-term member. His most memorable function was the 50th Anniversary in 1953 at the Stork Club, honoring General MacArthur with many celebrities in attendance.

In 2006, he returned to Sweden and visited the graveyard where many of his father's shipmates lie at rest.

He has been married to his wife, Betty, also a Circumnavigator, for 60 years. The Morasso family has continued to enjoy travel, and their son Al (the 4th generation Alfred) is also a member of the Circumnavigators Club.

Thanks to the Morassos for all of those memories!!



C. Alfred Morasso, Jr. with wife, Betty



C. Alfred W. Morasso in front of compass binnacle salvaged from SS Macona



Photo by Harry Trask

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

While Al Morasso Jr's ship rescued crew members from the sinking *Andrea Doria*, another American with a link to the Circumnavigators Club was caught up in the drama. Julianne McLean, mother of Chapter President and Club Governor Angela Addario, was rescued that fateful night in 1956 by the *Ile de France*. She lives today and recalls the harrowing experience. Read Angela's recount of the evening at www.circumnavigators.org.

ROUGHING IT IN MONGOLIA

BY C. VIRGINIA FOSTER

Imagine holding a vulture, riding a Bactrian camel or a Mongolian horse, camping in a ger, and visiting with nomads and learning their lifestyle. These adventures and more are available in Mongolia and the Gobi Desert!

Recently, my husband, Arthur Hammons, and I circumnavigated, leaving from San Diego. Our route took us to Seattle, Anchorage (for refueling), Shenyang (Manchuria China), Siem Reap (Cambodia), Mongolia, Kathmandu (Nepal), Baku (Azerbaijan), Moscow, Bordeaux (France), and finally Boston, where we boarded a United flight for our return to San Diego. Needless-to-say, all the destinations had much to offer, but the most interesting was Mongolia.

Mongolia, still referred to as Outer Mongolia, is located between China and Russia in Central Asia. It is the most sparsely populated country in the world and one of the oldest. Under the leadership of Genghis Khan and his successors, it was the world power of the 12th and 13th centuries. Genghis Khan is now something of a national hero. There is everything from an airport to a vodka named after him.



We flew into Ulan Bator airport and took a prop plane from there to the Gobi. At this point it is necessary to travel by either four wheel drive or camel because there are no roads. We chose the SUV and were taken on a wild ride, lasting several hours, to the Three Camel Lodge. There we collected the key to our ger and were given directions to find it. The gers are named after animals like rabbit, horse and dog.

A ger is a round thick white felt tent with a coal burning stove in the center. The country is rich with coal and it is the only fuel for heat. Considering that there was snow on the ground and it was about 25 degrees during the night, the stove wasn't quite adequate. I slept in my fur coat! The gers are the only structures in the Gobi. The people are nomads and when they are ready to move they pack up the ger and go.

The following day we got back in the SUV for another ride, passing small herds of Bactrian camels (two humps), horses, cattle, sheep and goats. We stopped at Bayar Zag, the Flaming Cliffs, where paleontologists from around the world have unearthed dinosaur skeletons. We visited a Mongol family at their ger and were offered fermented camel's milk. Dairy products are an essential part of a

MONGOLIA



nomad's diet, and the milk of any animal is used to make cheese, curd, yogurt and butter. Of course, we couldn't resist the opportunity to take a short ride on their camels. In the middle of the desert there is no plumbing, so we had to use the three sided outhouse.

We then flew back to Ulan Bator (referred to as "UB") and settled into the Blue Sky hotel, heading straight for the shower. UB was a mobile tent city that followed the Royal Court around the country. Today its oldest buildings date from the 17th century when the city finally settled by the Tuui River. You see ordinary houses, Soviet high rise apartment blocks and gers everywhere. When the nomads decide to settle in the city they bring their gers and set up camp. They also bring their animals; there are lots of cattle and goats wandering through the city.

The following day we visited Terelj National Park, where we watched a demonstration of "Mongolian feats of strength", which include archery, wrestling and horse racing. These are the sports in "Naadam", Mongolia's version of the Olympics, where the nomadic people gather annually to showcase their skills. I was given the opportunity to ride a Mongolian horse and hold a culture!

Should you decide to visit Mongolia-- here are a few travel tips. It can get very cold, so bring warm clothes. Blizzards can occur even in summer and weather conditions can be life-threatening. The Three Camel Lodge is the "Ritz Carlton" of ger camps, but don't expect luxury. Finally, how long you decide to stay in the Gobi may depend on how long you want to go without bathing!



PINK? MAYBE NOT, *But a Peach of a Hotel*

A visit to The Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu

BY C. HENRI VAN BENTUM



We docked at Honolulu harbour for a two-day port-of-call visit. Natasha and I headed directly to the venerable Royal Hawaiian Hotel, known as the “Pink Pearl of the Pacific”.

Before leaving Canada, we’d arranged to meet the director of Public Relations who kindly had offered to give us a private tour.

The Holland America Line ship, *MS Zaandam*, had just circumnavigated the Hawaiian islands after a six-day voyage from Vancouver. Honolulu was our last port-of-call before returning back to Vancouver.

Our taxi driver wove through early morning rush hour. When we arrived at the grand entrance, we were met by our friendly and knowledgeable guide, Scott Kawasaki.

Just by setting one foot into the opulent lobby, we immediately sensed the property’s unique quality and history.

But there was a surprise: the hotel is *not* pink, but a pastel peach or tangerine sorbet colour. Being an artist and colorist, there is a big difference between the two and I didn’t hesitate to let Scott know. He understood, and graciously gave us a memorable tour of this venerable hotel.

The opening of The Royal Hawaiian on February 1, 1927 ushered in a new era of luxurious resort travel to Hawaii at that time, especially for the Matson Line dignitaries and passengers. The area was used for recreation by King *Kamehameha*. The beautiful Coconut Grove garden used to be the summer palace of Queen *Kaahumanu*.

Back in 1975 Natasha and I were in Honolulu during an inaugural world circumnavigation aboard the Royal Viking Line’s *Royal Viking Sea* where I was guest artist and lecturer. Since then, there have been major renovations,



but the famous Coconut Grove still looked familiar.

It’s very likely during its first few decades (1930s-1950s) several Circumnavigators Club members were guests at the hotel, along with movie stars, heads of state and other notables. In 1964 the Royal Hawaiian also survived a visit by the Beatles and an accompanying Beatlemania invasion. And *that* says something.

During WWII, the Royal Hawaiian served a very different role: an oasis of a rest and relaxation for U.S. Navy personnel, after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Their average stay was ten days. Officers paid \$1.00 a day while enlisted personnel were charged 25 cents per day. In February, 1947, the Hotel re-opened to the public after a \$2 million renovation.

In the last decade, the hotel’s 85 years began to show. In 2009 an extensive restoration and renovation project took place, but kept true to the hotel’s traditional look.

Now there is a luxurious Abhasa Spa, set in a tropical garden, offering the ultimate in organic treatments to relax and heal body, mind and spirit. These 21st century upgrades meld with the classic design elements of the property, creating a decidedly chic and tasteful atmosphere that is still captivatingly Hawaiian.

PR Director Scott reminded us the hotel was originally conceived in a Spanish / Moorish style with influence from Hollywood’s legendary Rudolph Valentino. There are also overtones of California Mission architecture, with cupolas and bell towers.



Coconut grove at The Royal Hawaiian, former summer palace of Queen Kaahumanu



☺ Henri Van Bentum with the hotel bell captain giving a friendly Aloha greeting

Azure, a world-class restaurant set along the Waikiki beachfront, serves daily the freshest fish and *fruits de mer*.

Natasha noticed a small bronze plaque on the floor hidden in a corner. Scott explained it was a Time Capsule, placed there recently by the hotel's former General Manager, to be opened February 1st, 2027 on the Hotel's 100th anniversary.

Would you like to communicate *Aloha* without saying a word? Just close one hand, then lift thumb and little finger. Wiggle your hand, and *voila!* you have given a friendly *Aloha* greeting.

The *Royal Hawaiian*, a "Luxury Collection Resort", is not only a classic hotel but has managed to step gracefully into the 21st century and keep its character, its simplicity and ambience from the early days.

Do you want to capture a feeling of the hotel's history? Just wander into the Coconut Grove. You may even hear the laughter and frolicking of Queen Kaahumanu.



Natasha van Bentum with 1927 map of Hawaii by Ernest Clegg



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The Breath-taking *Canton of The Valais*

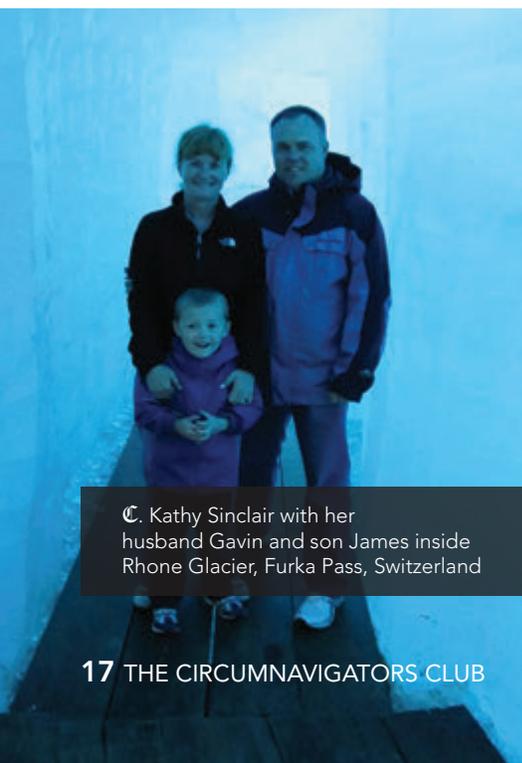
BY C. KATHY SINCLAIR



Mazot in Saas-Fee



Glacier at Eggishorn



C. Kathy Sinclair with her husband Gavin and son James inside Rhone Glacier, Furka Pass, Switzerland

C. Kathy Sinclair Pearson, her husband, Gavin, and son, James, visited Switzerland, exploring the magnificent Canton of Valais. Most famous as the site of the Matterhorn, Valais offers breath-taking views, remote villages and wonderful beauty and charm.

Kathy reports that they based their exploration out of the “lift village” of Rosswald, reachable by car in the summer months after navigating a treacherous one-lane, twisting road that precariously climbs the mountain. “Not for the faint of heart,” she says. “There were over 100 twists and turns and approximately 20 nail-biting minutes to reach the town, but it was worth it.” They stayed in a chalet that was only accessible by foot with a jump over a stream.

From Rosswald, the family explored the region, including a venture into northern Italy and the lake district. Their Alpine adventure included hiking, cable car rides, a visit to Grosser Aletschglerscher (Glacier) where they were shocked to see a family with a small child having a picnic perched on the rocky cliffs overlooking the glacier. They were literally on top of the world with 360-degree view of the Alps.

Read Kathy’s full report at our web site www.circumnavigators.org.

Typical Chalet, Valais Switzerland



Off the Beaten Track

BY C. WAYNE SCHILD



C. Wayne Schild and family ventured to northeastern South America where they visited Guyana and Suriname along with Port of Spain, Trinidad. It is a part of the world which most Circumnavigators are unfamiliar, except when reminded of the 1988 “Kool-Aid” tragedy in Jonestown.

It wasn't an easy trip for the Texas family but it was quite an adventure that included a rough high-speed boat trip to the Baganara resort on an island in the Essequibo River. The resort was far from luxurious with no electricity during the day and no airconditioning.

They visited the Kaieteur Waterfall that has the longest single-drop in the world at 714 feet, Parrot Island where Amazon parrots roost and took a river cruise on the Commewijine River to see some of the former colonial plantation. In Trinidad, they saw hundreds of scarlet ibises at the Caroni Nature Sanctuary.

Read Wayne's full report on the trip on our web site www.circumnavigators.org.

Please share your stories!

The Log needs good stories and photos from members. Let us know if you have a story idea from one of your trips or experiences. Please do not send finished pieces. Just let us know the idea and we will work with you on the concept.

Thank you---The Log Staff

C. Wayne Schild visiting the Kaieteur Waterfall



C. Wayne Schild with his wife Darlene at the Baganara resort

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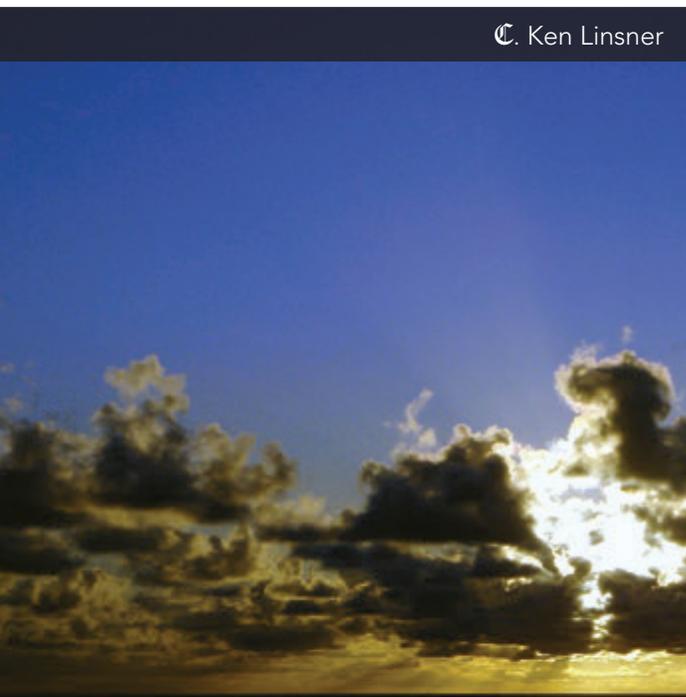
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Jana Measells of Northwestern University, who helps students develop proposals for submission to the Chicago Chapter, flanked by Kevin Short our 2012 Scholar and speaker with Catherine Althaus, Chicago's 2013 Scholar.

In **early January**, the Chicago Chapter's Interview Board chose Catherine Althaus, a junior at Northwestern University, to be its 12th Chicago Chapter Scholar. She visited seven countries (England, France, Spain, Australia, New Zealand, Peru, and Chile) while researching her topic: "The Treatment of Human Remains in Museums: Navigating the Gap Between Science and Ethics."



Chapter President, Jim Arimond with long time members Ray & Karen Schlueter, VP - Membership, (left) and new member Jaclyn Winship & her husband (right).

On February 20 at Loyola Academy, some 30 guests enjoyed dinner and a report from our 2012 Scholar, Kevin Short. His research topic was entitled "Digital Citizen: A Global Investigation of How Information and Communications Technology Fosters Civic Engagement and Government Accountability." It was an outstanding presentation as the Chicago Chapter has been accustomed to with all of their Scholars.



A Mountain Gorilla demonstrates the meaning of adventure travel by studying our speakers, Ruey Tu and Amy Marta.

On April 9 at St. Ignatius College Prep, some 35 members and guests gathered at their favorite venue which is one of only five public buildings to have survived the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 and has been beautifully restored. Their speakers were Bill and Beth Colson whose topic was "Skull Island: Tuna Fish and Dog Tags in the Solomon Islands." These world travels regaled members and guests with stories of their recent trip to the scene of one of WW II's greatest battles. During their trip, Bill and Beth discovered a dog tag that belonged to one of our Marines who lost his life on the beach. After returning to the States, they were able to find the family of the lost Marine to present them with the dog tag.

On June 13 in Chinatown the Chicago Chapter made its first trip to historic Chinatown and to a gourmet restaurant no less! The speakers that evening were Amy Marta and Ruey Tu who gave a most interesting presentation entitled "Where the Wild Things Are: Mountain Gorillas, Gray Whales, and Polar Bears." Their pictures and practical suggestions for those interested in similar expeditions were very well received.



Project leaders Karen Schlueter, Jim and (Treasurer) Barb Franch, Chapter Treasurer celebrate the multi-year effort to produce a history of the First 25 Years of the Chicago Chapter. Jim Arimond created the elegant cover.

On July 20 at the beautiful home of Pat and Clarke Smith, the Chicago Chapter held their annual Foundation Luncheon on the grounds of the historic Ft. Sheridan Army Base. It was a fascinating trip to their home down such streets and avenues named for Eisenhower, Bradley, Patton, MacArthur, Pershing, etc. About 25 members attended the luncheon while others, who were unable to attend, also made donations to the Club's Foundation, surpassing the previous year's total.

On September 18 at the Chicago Yacht Club, the Chicago Chapter gathered for a presentation from two university professors on their recent trip to Iran, a timely topic, to say the least!



Chicago Chapter Member Jaclyn Winship and her husband Kent had an in-depth conversation on Iran with our speakers Professor Richard Beal and his wife Professor JoAnn Shurlock.

On August 4 the Michigan Circumnavigators and guests once again enjoyed a "Summer Safari" at the estate of Lee and Floy Barthel on a perfect summer day. The theme was African so the idea of "Safari" was quite realistic. Food was catered by the "Cadillac Café" and was of African fare: Moroccan Chicken, African Bread, several Lentil Salads, Beef Kabobs and wonderful Sweet Potato Cookies. Members and guests enjoyed walking the gardens, admiring the Barthel's collection of classic cars and all the statuary on the grounds prior to the dinner. After dinner, members and guests related their "African Adventures" while traveling the continent, some humorous and some most interesting.

At the end of the "African Adventures," several of those present told of their most recent travels.

Robert Spehar, also a member of the Travelers' Century Club, has completed travel to 322 destinations. His next trips are to Prague and then to the smallest country in Italy: The Sovereign Military Order of Malta. This state came to an end under Napoleon Bonaparte, but retains its claim of sovereignty under international law and has been granted observer status at the United Nations.

John Carroll traveled to Spain early in June to walk the El Camino. He was inspired to do so after viewing the film "The Way." He explained that it took him two months to accomplish this trip. Carrying twenty pounds of necessities and covering approximately six to ten miles a day, he accomplished this trek in two months. He told of the interesting persons he met from all over the world and he talked with them as they walked. John explained that the terrain was not smooth but consisted of pathways, gravel roads and paved roads. As he mentioned, this experience was an inspiration to him.

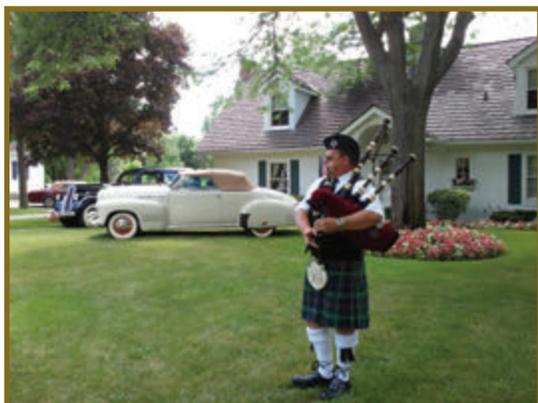
Betty Bright, a long-time member of the Michigan Circumnavigators was recently featured in an article in the Detroit Free Press. Her travels around the world from 1954 through the present day were highlighted in the two page article.



© Betty Bright and guests dressed for Safari theme



© Robert Spehar



Bag piper serenading guests as they arrive



Statue of horse made from bumper cars



€s. Gloria and Tom Maher with Barbara and Bill Roy

At the last presentation of the successful Spring season, members heard about "The Kingdom of Cambodia" from Lyle Hultman, a local instructor in continuing education. Lyle shared with the group of 50 members and guests the history, culture and societal effects of the genocide of Pol Pot.

Not surprisingly, a show of hands indicated that almost all of the attendees had visited Cambodia with its magnificent temples. The group learned a lot about the Pol Pot era, and questions flowed from the audience.

The Naples Chapter, with more than 90 members, is the largest Chapter in the Circumnavigators Club. Ten new members joined in the past year. During the Spring, the Chapter had had a variety of interesting presentations.

Event Chair Barb Roy announced the presentations for the upcoming season, beginning with a program by member Paula O'Connor called "A new destination: Greenland and Iceland." The program will be held November 10 at The Club at Pelican Bay.

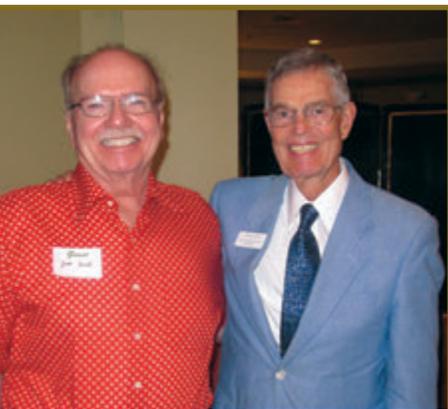


Laura McDonald and Akiko Bultman, speaker's wife

During the upcoming season, Naples Chapter will have programs on an exciting trek in New Zealand, a visit to the Embera tribe in Panama, a safari in Tanzania, a trip to Sulawesi and Beyond. The Chapter meets once a month for Sunday brunch, informative programs and camaraderie. We also have periodic "getting to know you" parties.

Circumnavigators who are visiting sunny Southwest Florida this winter are welcome to join us. Contact Tracy at Headquarters for more information.

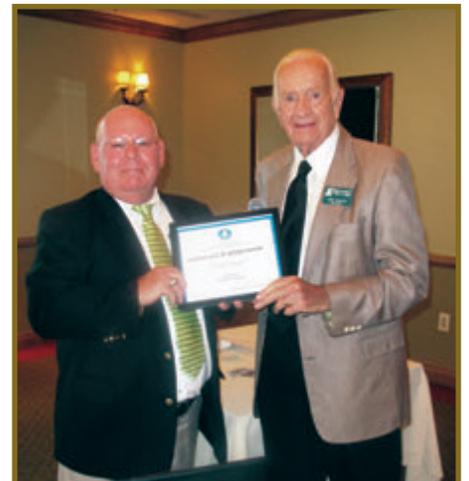
Our Chapter is also pleased with the fantastic effort of our historian, Sophie Classen, who has compiled three volumes of the Chapter's history, including past meetings, photos and many articles about our members.



Jim Hall and Jim Weaver



Marilyn and Budge Sherwyn



Guest speaker Lyle Bultman with Chapter President Tom Maher

The DC Chapter had its 'Spring into Summer' luncheon on June 29, 2013. While most members had already left for the summer there was a nice group. Members and guests enjoyed learning about life in China. Matthew Brown talked about five years living in Beijing and travelling the country. Matt was the representative of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in China until 2010 and now advises the Secretary of Health and Human Services in Washington. Matt did not have enough time to talk about when he established HIV/AIDs and other projects in Cote d'Ivoire, Haiti, and Kazakhstan. Matt will be invited back for future talks about his fascinating travels and work experiences. Matt brought his family including Ryan Brown (age 9) who shared his experiences and his five years in Chinese public schools.

DC Chapter President Samuel Watson shared with members the schedule of 2013-2014 luncheons: The Annual Grantee Luncheon will take place on Saturday, September 21, 2013, at the Holiday Inn in Rosslyn, Arlington, Virginia. Caroline Palmer, our current Grantee and Georgetown University senior, will report. In early November the Chapter will join the Explorers Club and the Society of Women Geographers for the annual dinner at the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC. Early in 2014 there will be a Lunar New Year luncheon, continuing to explore the cuisine traditions of Asia; following previous Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korea luncheons. The Spring 2014 luncheon will celebrate Nowruz.

He also announced that Amanda Hubbard is stepping down as Chapter Secretary after several years of tireless work on behalf of the Chapter and Circumnavigators. Sabala Baskar will become our Chapter Secretary.



Speakers Matt Brown and Ryan (age 9) and Maureen O'Neill



Matthew Brown, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Speaker



Ryan Brown taking photo of his father during talk on living in China

July 2013 officers' meeting

The DC Chapter had an officers' meeting on Saturday, July 13, 2013. Many topics were discussed including potential events, prospective members, finances, and the upcoming grantee luncheon.

Chapter Secretary Sabala Baskar (DC's 2009 Foundation Scholar), Chapter Treasurer Jennifer Teague, Chapter Past President and Foundation Coordinator Jim Whalen, Chapter Vice President Betsy Riddle Ruderfer, First Vice President of the Board of Governors Ellen Parke, and Chapter President Samuel Watson.



On **May 18**, the Pacific-Northwest Chapter gathered for a delicious lunch followed by a presentation by ©.Steve Sogg and his wife Trudy Kong on their three week trip to Africa. They started their trip in Kenya with a visit to the Lewa Conservancy just south of Mt. Kenya. The conservancy was formerly a cattle ranch which was converted by the owners in 1995 into a non-profit wildlife conservancy. Lewa is best known as a preserve for rhinoceros, both the local black rhino and the white rhino transplanted from South Africa. Lewa is also known for populations of the relatively rare Grevy's zebra and reticulated giraffe. From Lewa, Steve and Trudy then visited Amboseli National Park below Mount Kilimanjaro where a group of over two hundred elephants calmly strolled by their vehicle. They finished up the Kenyan portion of the trip with a visit to the Masai Maura National Park which is the northern part of the Serengeti plain. From there it was off to Tanzania, first for a few days in Tarangire Park then over the the Ngorongoro highlands past the Olduvai Gorge and down into the Southeast portion of the Serengeti plain. Here they were met with the sight of one and a half million wildebeests, and two hundred thousand zebras during the wildebeest calving season of the Great Migration. After a few days of animal watching in the Serengeti, Trudy and Steve were off again, this time to Rwanda to trek for Mountain Guerrillas. Mountain Guerrillas are found in Volcanoes National Park in the Northeast corner of Rwanda bordering the Congo and Uganda. There are approximately 20 guerrilla groups in the park, ten of which are open to visitation. Visits to these groups are limited to eight people per group for only an hour a day. The trekking starts at about 7,500 feet above sea level and gains about 2,000 feet of elevation over the 2 to 4 hour trek depending on the guerrilla group visited. Since Trudy and Steve live at sea level it was a bit of a struggle but was worth it. They visited two separate groups in two days and came back with wonderful pictures, many of which were taken from a distance of less than ten feet.



Rwanda Mountain Gorilla



©. Trudy Kong with Mountain Gorillas



© Hertha Stotts and Secretary/Treasurer Martha Sampson



Salmon Beach



Vice President Steve Sogg and LouAnne Skinner

The Pacific N.W. Chapter's long anticipated cruise turned out to be a wonderful afternoon on August 14. © Dr. Johann Duenhoelter had offered to take the group on a cruise aboard his 36' Grand Banks, the *Marilsnick*, with which he completed the 5,000-mile Great Loop, as detailed in the 2011 No.1 Log. Guests assembled at 2:00 PM at the Gig Harbor, WA marina and were soon underway.

The course took them into southern Puget Sound, passing under the Tacoma Narrows Bridges and down to Carr Inlet and Fox Island. Guests took turns at the wheel while Johann described points of interest along the way. One such place was Salmon Beach, a counter-culture community at Tacoma. All the homes are built on pilings along the beach below a high cliff. The only access is either by boat or by foot down a steep trail, a life style not for the faint of heart.

The weather held and the yacht arrived safely back at the marina in late afternoon. The group ended the day at nearby Anthony's Home Port restaurant with a convivial dinner party, a fitting end to a great day. Thank you Captain Johann.



Skipper © Johann Duenhoelter at the helm



President Peter Mosse with Sir David Attenborough



Chapter President Helen Jenkins, International President Peter Mosse and C. Susan Gibson



Guests Jayne White and Josh Wright with Chapter President Helen Jenkins and International President Peter Mosse



Members and guests gathered at the Galapagos Conservation Trust Gala dinner

On June 27 members and friends joined together for the Galapagos Conservation Trust Gala dinner at the prestigious BAFTA premises in Picadilly London. The night began with attendees seated in the auditorium, fitted with special glasses to view in 3-D a selection of the Sir David Attenborough television series on the Galapagos Islands.

After the showing, there was a question and answer session with Dr. Mark Collins, Chair of the GCT, and the great man himself Sir David Attenborough. It was a privilege for members and guests to be there with such a remarkable man who is recognized the world over as the greatest natural history presenter of all time.

A wonderful Gala dinner was enjoyed by all and signed photographs of Sir David with the Galapagos giant tortoise were shared.

Dr. Collins will be presenting at the Circumnavigators lunch at the House of Lords on December 9.



On July 17 UK Chapter president Helen Jenkins was invited as a guest of Circumnavigators Sir Howard and Lady Sheila Newby at a dinner held in the St. Georges Hall, Liverpool. Dr. Paul Redmond who works with the Foundation Grantees on their travel-study applications was also present.

C. Sir Howard Newby, Chapter President Helen Jenkins and C. Lady Sheila Newby

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On August 15, 2013, members and guests enjoyed a wonderful luncheon at a Japanese Teppanyaki restaurant.



other chapters

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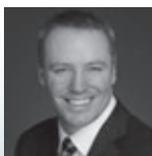


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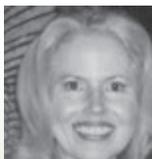
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Barbara Wanke
Chicago, IL
Retired



Gordon Whiting
New York, NY
Finance

*Welcome
to our Club*



SCUTTLEBUTT

Jerry and Diane Fishman are serving on a committee to rebuild the New York Aquarium that was badly damaged by Superstorm Sandy...The Detroit Free Press did a fantastic article on **Betty Bright** in its travel section, relating Betty's world travels and mentioning her membership in The Circumnavigators Club...**Connie Wingate** has moved back to New York from Philadelphia. Thank you Connie for starting the Chapter and your hard work serving as President...**Charline Evans** has left the sun of Qatar where she held a teaching post for a year to work as a teacher in Norway...Former Foundation Grantee **Sabala Baskar** has returned to the Washington DC area and is the Chapter's new secretary. The Chapter extends its thanks to **Amanda Hubbard**, who served in that position for many years and has earned a well-deserved rest...**Josh Datko** and his wife, **Farrah**, have moved West to Fort Collins, Colorado. Farrah, who finished her fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering, is working as an oncologist and Josh is working as a software engineer for Hewlett-Packard...

OVER THE HORIZON

Alford, Mary Lou,
A4749, Jupiter, FL

Heller, Bernice,
H3887, New York, NY

Holmes, Dorothy,
H4947, Wilmette, IL,
December 24, 2012

Katz, Lawrence,
K2520, Shaker Heights, OH

Lackey, Joseph K.
L2198,
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI



Margaret Rebok Parke

Circumnavigator Margaret Rebok Parke of Washington, DC passed over the horizon on June 10, 2013 after a brief illness. She was the widow of CDR Everett A. Parke, USN

(Ret), also a Circumnavigator, who passed over the horizon in 2003. She will be remembered for her love of life, family, and friends. She is survived by her daughters, First Vice President Margaret Ellen Parke of Fairfax, VA, and Cynthia Parke Beukema of Minneapolis, MN, a sister, two grandsons, and one great-grandson.

SOLAR IMPULSE

On July 6, 2013, Solar Impulse Innovator, honorary member and Magellan Award recipient, Bertrand Piccard met with International President Peter Mosse, Club Treasurer George Sanborn and Foundation Treasurer Jeff Kelly. The Club was honored to be selected among a large group of supporters to be interviewed for the historical last leg of the flight across the U.S.

The selection of the Circumnavigators Club was influenced by the next planned milestone to design a Solar Impulse capable of circumnavigation in 2016. There is also a historical link through the Magellan Award given by the Club to Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones in recognition of their historic feat of being the first to circle earth by balloon (Breitling Orbiter 3) in March 1999.



The Club officers greatly appreciated the warm welcome and generous time Dr. Piccard devoted and they look forward to their next meeting in preparation for the Solar Impulse circumnavigation of the globe.

Meyering, Donald W.
M4770, Tinley Park, IL,
December 20, 2012

Parker, Jack
P4776, Carefree, AZ

Robertson, Joe E.
R3775, Brownstown, IN

Rothang, Doris R.
R4232, Delray Beach, FL

Schilling, Paul K.
S3543, Carefree, AZ

Slye, George E.
S4394, Naples, FL,
July 13, 2012

ALL OVER THE MAP

International Past President **Howard Matson** and his wife, **Amy**, traveled to Europe, visiting Berlin, Prague and Barcelona. Howard embarked on a side trip to Krakow and northern Slovakia where he visited his grandfather's birthplace and arranged to see the original birth record in the Jewish archives...International Vice President **Ellen Parke** will spend a week in South Africa in October. It is her fifth trip there since 2004 as part of a group from her church which

supports a preschool for children aged 2-6 living in an informal settlement near Springs, east of Johannesburg...New Yorker **Suzanne Frye** continues to be one of Club's most travelled members with separate trips nearly every month. Already this year, she has visited Argentina (Patagonia and Salta), Nassau for the La Chaine des Rotisseurs gala, Los Cabos in Baja Mexico, Finland and Estonia. Coming soon are trips to wine country

in Hungary and Edinburgh, Scotland... Congratulations to International Past President **Esther Dyer** who visited Barbados—her 100th country mark. She is now headed off to Kenya, via Istanbul...**David** and **Dottie Mink** spent part of

the summer getting to know Virginia (Virginia is for lovers, right?). They explored Mount Vernon, Charlottesville and Hot Springs... Washington DC Chapter President **Samuel Watson** travelled to Paris and Moscow in March. His wife **Wendy Fibison** stayed in Paris while Samuel went to snowy, icy Moscow on business. In May, he went to Geneva for meetings involving the annual World Health Assembly...Michigan Chapter member **Robert Spehar** headed to the "smallest country in Italy." Details in the Michigan report... Michigan member **John Carroll** visited Spain for an inspirational walk on El Camino...

Where have you been?

Our members are always on the go. Let us know where you have been or where you are going. Just send a brief line or two to Tracy at headquarters by email club@circumnavigators.org or by regular mail.

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 mem-

bers 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 CARD FREE TO MEMBERS!

If you would like Club cards, please contact Headquarters at 201-612-9100 or club@circumnavigators.org. 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.



Goodwill Connection...*In New Mexico*

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.

- AUSTRALIA - Queensland, Brisbane
- GREECE - Athens, Kiffissia
- CANADA - British Columbia/Vancouver
- NEVIS (W.I.) - Charlestown
- SINGAPORE - Singapore
- THAILAND - Bangkok
- UNITED KINGDOM - London

U.S.A.

- ARIZONA - Scottsdale, Sedona
- CALIFORNIA - La Jolla, San Francisco
- FLORIDA - Palm Beach, Miami, Naples
- ILLINOIS - Chicago, Northbrook, Winnetka
- MICHIGAN - Detroit
- MINNESOTA - Minneapolis
- NEW MEXICO - Albuquerque, El Prado
- NEW YORK - New York
- PENNSYLVANIA - Philadelphia
- SOUTH CAROLINA - Hilton Head
- WASHINGTON DC
- WASHINGTON - Seattle

Jeff Tonjes with C. Cezanne Fritz



BY C. BEVERLY ANDERSON, GOODWILL CHAIR

When I saw that JetBlue was beginning service to Albuquerque in May of this year with a round trip fare of \$212 it wasn't rocket science to realize that this was a great opportunity to take up on member Marian Tonjes' offer of a "goodwill connection" in New Mexico. When Marian visited New York several years earlier she met with member Anne Hughes and me for dinner at the Williams Club. We had a great time. Marian offered her hospitality should we ever find ourselves in Albuquerque where she resides. I was on my way!

Marian's response was "a goodwill connection" fit nicely into her schedule. As a matter-of-fact, she had just met with Cezanne "Zizi" Fritz who had recently circumnavigated and was interested in joining the Club. Marian said it would be a great opportunity to meet Zizi as a potential new member.

On my first day in Albuquerque, I went to the Gathering of Nations. It was a special event held at the famous "pit" at the University of New Mexico. The gathering of over 3,000 Native Americans is held annually in celebration of Native American

culture. The event showcased dancing and singing in tribal dress. After experiencing this inspiring event, I hopped on a bus to downtown Albuquerque to catch the Rail Runner. The train ride from Albuquerque to Santa Fe takes the traveler through the New Mexican desert and past parts of the famous old Route 66. I pulled into the Santa Fe Station while viewing one of the most spectacular sunsets imaginable. I spent the night in a local B&B and the next morning visited the sights of Santa Fe. Dining al fresco in a part of the U.S. that has the cleanest air was a real treat. After my Santa Fe experience, I hopped back on the Rail Runner to return to Albuquerque where I was met by Zizi who drove us to Marian's home. Marian, one of her sons, Jeff, a tennis pro, Zizi and I spent the evening sharing travel and adventure stories. We also shared a delectable dinner. We started out with Jeff's homemade Guacamole followed by Zizi's delicious salad with pine nuts, feta cheese and topped with raspberry vinaigrette. Marian made the Pollo Verde main course which was simply mouthwatering. The profiteroles dessert was fabulous!

I learned that Marian had been a Director of Recreation at Stuyvesant Town, New York City, in the 1950's. Besides being a Professor she later directed the summer study in England for teachers and administrators in the U.S. and Canada where they did a comparative study with their home state. Marian was voted "Teacher of the Year" at Western Washington University where she taught for 20 years before moving to Albuquerque.

Marian and son Jeff have an outstanding art collection displayed throughout their home. She also showed me a special treasure. A doll house built by a young man with polio in 1932. She has collected items for it from all over the world; and as she says – they take up little room in her suitcase!

All in all it was a wonderful and memorable evening enjoyed by all. That's what the Goodwill Connection is all about!



© Marian Tonjes

Cezanne "Zizi" Fritz subsequently submitted her application for membership to the Club and is now officially a member. Please keep the Goodwill Connection active and let Tracy at Headquarters know if you are visiting an area where a Goodwill Connection might be arranged. It is a great way to expand friendship and good times within the membership of the Club.



International President Peter Mosse welcomed new United Kingdom member Chris Arnold while he visited New York City.

Goodwill Connection



FOUNDATION *news*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2013 SCHOLARS ON COMPLETING THEIR TRIPS AROUND THE WORLD!

Julia Anglin
Arizona State University

Successful and Innovative Mathematics Strategies Used by Schools in High Achieving Countries



Katherine Girow
University of Liverpool

Tourism's Role in the Environmentally Sustainable Development of Megadiversity Countries

Caroline Palmer
Georgetown University

Evaluation of Driving Factors Behind Renewable Energy Subsidies: Feed-in-Tariffs in Developed and Developing Countries



Catherine Althaus
Northwestern University

The Treatment of Human Remains in Museums: Scientific Specimens or Human Beings?



Dear Fellow Circumnavigators:

For insight into the remarkable range of activities that your Foundation Scholars pursue following their Circumnavigators Club Foundation around-the-world travel-study projects, please have a look at the accompanying updates which were recently provided by our participating chapters. Without exception, the Foundation's grant program has a profound and lifelong impact on the grant recipients, and their gratitude to you for helping make possible the pursuit of their academic and professional passions is immense. Robert Simpson, the 2011 inaugural Foundation Scholar from Liverpool University captures the spirit in his update, noting "... *[my] round-the-world experience... certainly helped prepare me for [my educational project in the South Sudan this past summer]. Furthermore, I have another thanks to pay to the Circumnavigators Foundation! At the end of the month, I am to begin work with Save the Children in London. ... The experience of [the Circumnavigators project] on my CV was a major factor in helping me to secure the role... and it certainly provided me with a wealth of experience and evidence to support my application.*"

We are excited to report that the grant program is expanding this year with the addition of co-funding partner Brandeis University International Business School, whose Dean, Bruce Magid (Foundation Scholar Number Two -Georgetown 1972), is personally taking charge of the grantee selection and plans to include other Foundation Scholars and members of the newly organized Boston Chapter in the process.

Luck to You!



Greg Rider

SCHOLARS UPDATES

Washington DC Chapter

Foundation Scholar **Caroline Palmer** visited Ghana, Germany, Indonesia, Philippines, and Japan on her travel-study grant doing an 'Evaluation of Driving Factors Behind Renewable Energy Subsidies'. Her blog is <http://carolinecircumnavigates.wordpress.com>.

Chapter President Samuel Watson also reported on our recent Grantees: 2012 Foundation grantee Georgetown University graduate Tommy Larson returned to Haiti in June to complete expansion of the Microsolar model he studied on his 2012 circumnavigation. Tommy continues to help disconnected communities in Haiti use solar power.

Our 2011 Foundation grantee Georgetown University graduate Alex Bozzette has taken a leave of absence from his Master of Public Health studies at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine studies in London from May 2013 through January 2014. He will coordinate a pilot project in Ecuador issuing bracelets with symbols corresponding to vaccines to help illiterate mothers track their children's immunizations. When this project ends Alex will return to London to finish his degree program. His study/travel grant was to study tuberculosis.

Our 2009 Grantee, Sabala Baskar is now our Chapter Secretary. Sabala's study/travel project focused on the role of education, media, government policies, and non-governmental organizations in post-conflict reconciliation. She went on to pursue a Masters in International Security, writing a thesis on the viability of territorial partition as a solution to ethnic conflict.



SCHOLARS UPDATES

Chicago Chapter

Alex Ortolani - 2000

Alex Ortolani is currently working in New York as Asia Society's Senior Media & Content Officer, where he leads media outreach and strategy for the policy and business divisions of the global nonprofit.

Dan Hoyle - 2002

Dan Hoyle is about to move to NY where he will be working on a new solo show about the transition from the analogue to the digital way of experiencing the world that features scenes from a recent stay in Calcutta, India. It's called EACH AND EVERY THING and will premiere in Philadelphia in November 2013 presented by First Person Arts. A play he co-authored called GAME ON, a dramedy about gambling, global warming and baseball will premiere at San Jose Rep in the Spring 2014. In New York, he will also be performing his recent solo show, THE REAL AMERICANS, about his travels through small-town and rural America. And no doubt after shows lots of people will ask me, "So how did you start doing this..." And I'll say, "Well, I got this grant from the Circumnavigators Club..."

Sarah Rose Graber - 2004

I'm spending the summer teaching theatre to inner city kids at House in the Wood in Wisconsin and then running my mentor program, Trailblazers, which partners professional artists with young people to create innovative works of art about their stories. I'm also in the process of creating a new show, called Bitte(r) with my company, Knife & Fork (www.knifeandforkchicago.org) that explores the stories of Hitler's 15 female taste testers.

In September, I will be taking off to the UK on a Fulbright to study devising theatre with several companies. I received the Lusk Memorial Fellowship which provides me an open grant to research outside of a university and customize my own program of study. Therefore I'll be bouncing around Glasgow, Manchester, and London making art with top devising based companies.

Alex Robins - 2006

Alex Robins is continuing to pursue his PhD in Philosophy at Emory University in Atlanta and will spend the next academic year in New York researching at Columbia for his dissertation "A Pragmatic Theory of Aesthetic Judgment".

Chris Ahern - 2007

Chris Ahern is currently entering the final portion of his doctoral program at the Department of Linguistics at Penn, starting to write a dissertation proposal and then the actual dissertation! Very exciting; I'm looking forward to writing it and everything that comes next. In other news, Becky and I celebrated our first anniversary in June. It's been a great year and looking forward to the next.

Harris Sockel - 2008

Since completing two years teaching 6th and 7th grade English to underserved students in the Bronx, I've been working in the nonprofit sector trying to change the education system to better serve the needs of the kids who rely on that system most heavily. I recently joined Springpoint, a new NYC-based startup organization (there are only 4 of us right now, and we launched in January!) that is partnering with school districts across the country to help them design new, public, innovative high schools for at-risk kids. We're really hoping that these new high schools, which will open in fall 2014, will break the mold for what education looks like in the US -- if all goes as planned, they will really exemplify what teaching and learning can be in the 21st century. We're really excited about it. Of course I'm the one on the team who consistently campaigns for strong English Language Arts instruction, as I am a literature

freak, and I know that reading and writing are really where kids in low-income communities struggle most.

I'm also writing a lot -- among other things, I'm working on a lengthy essay -- a memoir/expose (get excited!) about my two years as a teacher in a failing public school. It should appear in print or on the internet within the next six months or so.



Ben Shorofsky, Carol Narup and Sarah Graber

Sam McAleese - 2009

Personally, his period of wandering around is coming to an (somewhat) end. After bouncing around from Chicago to DC to Haiti back to DC post-college doing all kinds of things, he is starting medical school in the fall, at which point he will know what he's doing for (conceivably) the next 10 years or so.

"Just kidding - there are way too many cool things to do in the meantime, and I'm applying for some masters during school to study health policy. So hopefully, I'll get to travel more. Next month, Sam will be starting his first year of medical school at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. Since he won't even get to use a stethoscope for a few years, he's planning on getting involved in policy and public health issues in DC and internationally.

Any recommendations of friends or family I should connect with while overseas are welcomed! AND if you'll be traveling through the UK next year, you certainly have a place to crash!"

Meixi Ng – 2010

Carol, thank you for always coordinating and connecting us to this friendship of Circumnavigators, no matter where we are.

In August 2012, I left Mexico transformed by the powerful work in Tutorial Relationships. Through this new pedagogy, I saw how schools were healing communities from within and longed to bring some of that back home to Singapore and the larger Southeast Asian region. This year, I've spearheaded a Tutorial Relationship and curriculum design work group at a local public school in Singapore. Its programs' success has drawn the attention of the former Director-General of Education, other policy makers in the Ministry of Education, school leaders and teachers in Singapore, Thailand and Brunei. To coordinate this work, I founded FiftyFold (website to be up: www.fiftyfold.org), an organization that 1) designs curriculum and lesson plans, 2) coaches teachers and students in the art of Tutorial Relationships at schools and 3) conducts research and works with curriculum specialists in the Ministry of Education to write and implement education policy.

In the midst of all that, I've been having a great time back home, keeping up my Circumnavigator blog (www.meixi.wordpress.com) and missing Chicago very much! I hope to plan a trip back soon and coordinate the dates so that I can greet everyone in person at a Circumnavigators Club dinner. If anyone is passing by Singapore, please let me know and I'd love to host. Until then, Ben, please send my greetings and love to all!

To friendship, and to leaving a world a little better than we found it,

Benjamin Shorofsky - 2011

Benjamin Shorofsky is about to head to India on a Fulbright to study textile wastewater treatment in the Thar Desert of Rajasthan.

Kevin Short - 2012

Now living in Brooklyn and interning at The Huffington Post/ New York which generally are fantastic. I'm getting a lot of great opportunities and am surrounded by a very vibrant team. I'm loving how globalized and international the city is; I sometimes feel like I'm circumnavigating even within my own neighborhood! Planning to attend Circum meetings in NYC when possible.

Catherine Althaus - 2013

Follow her on her blog on chicagocircumnavigators.org and click on Scholars and then Catherine's photo.

United Kingdom Chapter

Robert Simpson

From May-August, I undertook a research trip to South Sudan, followed by overland travel to Uganda to visit old friends, Rwanda to learn and then back through Uganda to Kenya to come home! So lots of coach miles!

South Sudan itself was absolutely fascinating. Independent for just two years, there are massive challenges. There are just a few hundred miles of paved roads, mostly around the capital, Juba and leading to the southern border with Uganda. Schools and hospitals suffer from staff and resource shortages.

My particular focus was on the potential of Interactive Radio Instruction to make up for gaps in the education system, given widespread need for access to quality education, a lack of teachers and a permanent shift to English as language of instruction. The trip entailed lots of trips to different classes across three states, and interviews with learners, teachers and outreach officers.

Ultimately, whilst radio is a wonderful resource in theory for rolling out education, there proved to be a number of problems due to the context: broadcasting shows, accessing resources and the capacity of the teacher. At the end of the day, regardless of the quality of the educational radio programme itself, the teacher/facilitator in the classroom itself has an absolutely critical role. As a result, emphasis needs to be placed on teacher training.

South Sudanese voted overwhelmingly for independence (more than 99% said 'yes') and as such, there was a great deal of hope and ambition soon after 2011 that the country could be 'born again' in some sense. Two years on, conflict is prevalent at the northern border with Sudan and internally as domestic tensions rise. Furthermore, corruption, particularly at the political level, runs the risk of disenfranchising the population from the developing 'democratic' system. Hopefully, however, some of the optimism that still exists can be capitalised upon to push forward South Sudan's development.

It was a fabulous trip and the round-the-world experience had certainly helped prepare me for it. Furthermore, I have another thanks to pay to the Circumnavigators Foundation! At the end of the month, I am to begin work with Save the Children in London, before heading out on a six-month field placement with them in March. I have no doubt that the experience of Circumnavigators on my CV was a major factor in helping me to secure the role ahead of other candidates, and it certainly provided me with a wealth of experience and evidence to support my application.

THE LOG

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CHICAGO

DECEMBER 17 (Tuesday): Annual Holiday Party at Galleria Marchetti.
Contact: Marilyn Fischel (773) 477-1270, MarilynMDX@aol.com or Katie Gotaas (847) 441-7091, kgotaas@gmail.com

DESERT

Contact: Michael Coccaro, mike_coccaro@yahoo.com

MIAMI

NOVEMBER 10 (Sunday): The Miami Chapter will join the Naples Chapter for a brunch and presentation by Paula O'Connor "A New Destination Greenland and Iceland" at The Club at Pelican Bay

DECEMBER 8 (Sunday): Luncheon at La Gorce Country Club
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MICHIGAN

Contact: Kathy Sinclair (734) 678-6200, kathy@execrecruiters.com

MINNESOTA

Contact: Ken Doyle, kendoyle@umn.edu

NAPLES

NOVEMBER 10 (Sunday): Brunch and presentation by Paula O'Connor "A New Destination Greenland and Iceland" at The Club at Pelican Bay

DECEMBER 11 (Wednesday): Holiday Party at LaParc Condominium Community Room

JANUARY 12 (Sunday): Brunch and presentation by Jim Lungo "Our Trek in New Zealand and being airlifted out...exciting" at Royal Poinciana

FEBRUARY 9 (Sunday): Brunch and presentation by Joe Horton "A visit to the Embera tribe in the Panama area" at Windemere CC

MARCH 2 (Sunday): Brunch and presentation by David and Dottie Mink "Tanzania" at the Royal Poinciana CC

APRIL 13 (Sunday): Brunch and presentation by Bob and Jill Augustine "Sulawesi and Beyond" at The Club at Pelican Bay

NEW YORK

NOVEMBER 19 (Tuesday): Annual Photo Exhibit at the Turkish Cultural Center

JANUARY 16 (Thursday): Goodwill Reception for out-of-town members at the home of International Past President Jeff Kelly

JANUARY 17 (Friday): Magellan Award Dinner at the Union League Club

JANUARY 18 (Saturday): Open Board Meeting at The Yale Club
Contact: Tracy Sancilio (201) 612-9100, club@circumnavigators.org

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Contact: Charles Stotts (425) 432-1119, sto99msn.com

PACIFIC-SOUTHWEST

DECEMBER 19 (Thursday): Dinner Meeting at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club

MARCH 20 (Thursday): Dinner Meeting at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club

JUNE 10 (Thursday): Dinner Meeting at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club

SEPTEMBER 18 (Thursday): Dinner Meeting at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club

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PHILADELPHIA

Contact: Donna Curran (215) 920-5005, dkirk56457@aol.com

SINGAPORE

Monthly luncheons are held on the second Thursday of each month

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UNITED KINGDOM

OCTOBER 24 (Thursday): Lunch at the Oriental Club, London

DECEMBER 9 (Monday): Lunch at the House of Lords, London with guest speaker Mark Collins, a tropical ecologist and Chair of the Galapagos Conservation Trust

Contact: Helen Jenkins 44-2920-755179, Helen@inspirewm.co.uk

WASHINGTON DC

NOVEMBER 23 (Saturday): Annual Dinner with the Explorers Club at the Cosmos Club

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