A photograph of a Venetian canal with a stone bridge and a boat. The bridge has a decorative metal railing. The water is calm, reflecting the buildings and the bridge. A boat with a blue cover is visible in the distance.

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PRESIDENT'S *letter*

Dear Fellow Circumnavigators,

- One of the things I enjoy most about being your Club President is welcoming new members. Signing certificates, making phone calls, and sending emails are important ways of welcoming them. Another way we do this is through the “Welcome Aboard” section of *The LOG*. In this issue you will read about 35 members who have joined since our last one. They are all remarkable people and I encourage you to get to know them. One was a US Navy pilot who flew with the elite “Blue Angels,” one has run 190 marathons on all seven continents, and one has been knighted twice for her humanitarian work on behalf of children.
- Every summer our Foundation dispatches several Scholars around the world to research their chosen topic. This year is no different. Please check out the blogs our Scholars are writing during their travels. If you’re not able to travel yourself this summer, you may do so vicariously through them -- and learn something along the way, as they conduct their interviews.
- As we heard at the Annual Meeting in late May, the Chapters are thriving and growing. Whenever you travel to a location that has a Chapter, I encourage you to get in touch with them, either directly or through our Executive Director. These Goodwill Connections strengthen ties among members and give Chapters an opportunity to show off their city to visitors.

So, whether you are staying at home or venturing abroad, I wish you safe travels!

Luck to You,

Ellen

Margaret Ellen Parke



Thanks to

© David Mink, editorial director, took the cover photo of one of the more than 400 bridges in Venice during his most recent circumnavigation.



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The LOG

THIS TIME AROUND

BY **©**. DAVID A. MINK

Published every year since 1910, The LOG is a treasure trove of history and culture. This regular column takes a look at The LOG past and present.

It's hard to find a Circumnavigator who hasn't been to Italy. In fact, our members have been to so many remote and exotic spots that Italy has almost become mundane for many. But asked to name a favorite place to visit, Circumnavigators put Italy high on the list. The architecture, history, spectacular beauty, the food, you name it.

In a long-past issue of The LOG, none other than member and Magellan Awardee, Lowell Thomas recalled visiting Rome just to meet up with another member and honoree, Thor Heyerdahl. The Kon Tiki legend was restoring a small Roman town on a promontory overlooking the Ligurian Sea while living in a 2000-year-old Roman tower.

We decided to feature some great photos and info on Italy in this issue of The LOG. We received many wonderful images from our members, some of which are shown on pages 25-26.

On another note, it seems that the world has become increasingly dangerous. Recalling historian **©**. Joyce Chaplin, until the late 1800s, circumnavigating probably meant death at sea. Now we have factors from terrorists to Zika to worry about. **©**. Paula O'Connor recently visited Iran, a country not on many people's travel lists these days. She found it fascinating and friendly, and tells her story in this issue.

We hope you enjoy this issue of The LOG and will send us your ideas for stories and photos for the next one.

Luck to you!

David
 Chair, Communications Committee



Paula O'Connor in Iran—Pages 11-12

INTERNATIONAL *Annual Meeting* IN NEW YORK CITY

Circumnavigators gathered at the Penn Club, to hold their 114th Annual Meeting and luncheon. International President Ellen Parke welcomed members and called the meeting to order with a tap of the historic William Jennings Bryan whale's tooth gavel. New member certificates were presented to Steven Fuller from Missouri, and Nelson De Goes and Moya Keys from New York. Chapter and visiting members were welcomed; Beverly Anderson (Miami), Bill Ashely, Gwendolyn Beck and President Ellen Parke (Washington, DC), Roger and Paula Baker, Cynthia Gumpert, Barbara Roy and Vincent Von Zwehl (Naples), Steven Fuller, Charles Merkel and Dan Peterson (Chicago), William and Maria Mason (Pacific-Northwest), and Henry and Janet Restarick from Louisiana.

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Guest Speaker Albert Podell with President Ellen Parke promoting his new book *Around the World in 50 Years*.



After the official meeting and lunch, guest speaker and author Albert Podell gave a fascinating presentation with captivating photos on his world travels. Mr. Podell set the record for leading the longest automobile expedition ever made around the world and is the first American verified to have visited every country on earth! During the presentation, Al Podell recounted some of his adventures from his best-selling book, *Around the World in 50 Years*.



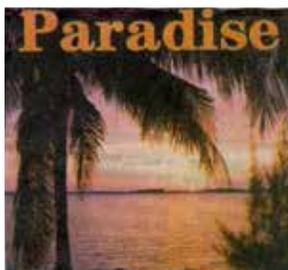
President Ellen Parke presenting membership certificates to new members Nelson De Goes and Steven Fuller. Past President Peter Mosse joined Ellen Parke in presenting Moya Keys with her membership certificate.

Barbara at Mount Nemrut



Barbara Hagstrom (New York Metro) spent the month of April traveling throughout Turkey despite recent suicide bombings in Ankara and Istanbul. After a week touring the historic city of Istanbul which straddles both Europe and Asia, she went hot air ballooning in Cappadocia over the famous landscape of the “fairy chimneys.” This was followed by sailing five days on a 90-foot teak

‘gulet’ along the Turquoise Coast of the Mediterranean Sea. The third week was spent visiting the ruins and museums of Konya, Antalya, Pergamum, Aspendos and Ephesus and the fourth week she flew to Urfa to visit Mount Nemrut. She then drove to Gaziantep to view the refugee tent cities along the Syrian border the day after their inspection by German Chancellor Angela Merkel...



Tom Ambrose (Palm Beach Chapter) and family recently returned from “Paradise” (The Bahamas), where they celebrated the 50th anniversary of their beach house built on an unusual Crown Land Grant or homestead from the former British Colonial government. They still enjoy the sun, sea and sand along with the tranquility --- no cars yet on this remote and beautiful island, accessible only by motor boat which



A suitcase good enough to eat

allows landing directly on the beach...**David and Dottie Mink (New York Metro and Naples Chapter)** celebrated a BIG birthday for David in Belize where they snorkeled, fished and visited Mayan ruins. Before the trip, Dottie commissioned a special birthday cake that would make any Circumnavigator proud...**Naples members Jackie Simenauer and Sandra Dee** sailed on Oceania’s Insignia this year for a historic 180-day cruise around the world. This is the first time a cruise of this length had ever been attempted. They went to 44 countries, five continents, 45 islands, 90 ports, 17 national capitals, sailed in three oceans, ten seas, and visited 45 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. They also crossed 24 time zones...**Betty and Marcelo Alvarez (Naples Chapter)** took a five-week cruise on Oceania’s Nautica



Jackie (left) and Sandra at port

from Hong Kong to Athens. The cruise called on 15 ports, including Hong Kong, Vietnam, Singapore, Phuket Island (Thailand), Myanmar, India (Cochin and Mumbai), Oman, Jordan, Egypt, cruising the Suez Canal, Israel, and Greece (Rhodes, Santorini and Athens).

Marcelo said, “The itinerary offered us the opportunity to visit new places and revisit others. Excellent weather, lots of sunshine and calm seas.” His comments on the new places: “Singapore, clean, orderly, beautiful architecture and magnificent world-class botanical gardens. Vietnam: resilient, energetic, and forward-looking. Mumbai with its large population and five million daily train commuters, an ‘organized chaos’ that somehow works! Myanmar with its multiple, beautiful temples. Cruising the 160-year old Suez Canal was a surprising experience, more



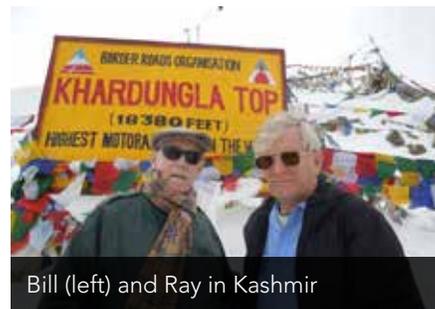
Howard spends his birthday with Count Dracula

interesting than they expected. ‘Old friends’ included Jordan, Egypt, Israel and Greece. Rhodes and Santorini are always delightful offering amazing vistas. Some days were strenuous with long shore excursions but a pleasant ‘finish’ at one of the wonderful dining venues offered by Nautica. Multiple activities on board (lectures, films, shows among many) kept us occupied during ‘sea days’ – a rather welcome opportunity to recharge our batteries in anticipation

of the next port and adventure”...**Sally Cole (Palm Beach Chapter) and husband Larry** took their nephew on an ambitious trip to South America for his graduation gift. They told him he could pick anywhere in the world as long as he went to a place he had never been and went with them. A win-win situation!...**Past President Howard Matson (New York Metro)** spent his birthday at Dracula’s castle in Bran, Romania. Hopefully he wasn’t celebrating with a bloody Mary! ...**Bill Ashley and Ray Olson (Washington DC Chapter)** visited India with a stop at Khardungla, a mountain



Sally and Larry in Argentina



Bill (left) and Ray in Kashmir



Helen mushing in Alaska

pass in Kashmir that is advertised as the World's Highest Motorable Road. They enjoyed themselves despite a flat tire, closed toilets and bitter cold...

Helen Jenkins (UK Chapter President) helped the mushers on a dog-sled trip near the glacier in Juneau, Alaska...**Virginia Foster and husband Arthur Hammons (Pacific Southwest Chapter)** cruised to Alaska with

their grandchildren on a Disney ship, complete with cartoon characters. ...**Lee Abrons and Gray McRimmon** visited New Zealand and Australia

earlier this year and then headed off to South Korea...**Sophie Classen** spent a holiday in Berlin...**Barbara and Marvin Easton** went to Papua, New Guinea...**Connie and Vinny Von Zwehl** made a trip to Machu Picchu, Peru, and the Galapagos, Ecuador. They are heading to the Holy Lands in the fall...**Sue Murphy and Suzanne Frye (New York Metro)** took a trip



Virginia and Arthur with Mickey and his little friends

to the South Pacific with stops in New Caledonia, Wallis, Futuna. Then to Tahiti and Pitcairn, which was the aim of the journey. The trip had its complications with three days on a cargo ship. Sue continued her tradition

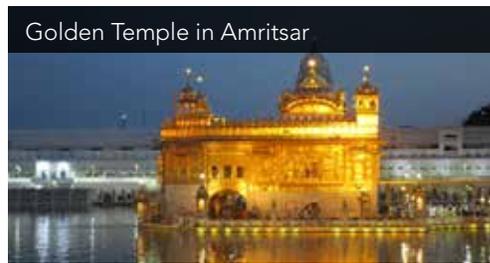


Sir Clive and Lise Banfield honored by cruise line's first woman captain

of photographing our Club hat wherever she goes...**Sir Clive Banfield and wife Lise** are among the world's most experienced cruisers. Circumnavigators from St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, they recently sailed in southern Europe with stops in Spain, France, Italy, Turkey and Greece. They had to contend with a variety of labor strikes on way. Sir Clive has taken more



White Temple in Chiang Rai



Golden Temple in Amritsar



Marcelo photographed the unique fishing nets in Cochin, India

than 350 cruises and was honored by Celebrity Summit cruise line as its top cruiser...**Christine Kloner (New York Metro)** and husband Noel sent some beautiful photos from their extensive world trip with stops in Antigua, Guatemala, to learn Spanish, then off to Australia, Japan, Sri Lanka, India, Hong Kong, South Africa, Laos, Thailand and finally Europe. Among her stunning photos are the Golden Temple in Amritsar and the White Temple in Chiang Rai, which features paintings of Michael Jackson and the World Trade Center.

Corner

BY C. KATIE KOONTZ

PIPE DREAMS



Don't let the Restaricks' Opium Pipe collection fool you, they have assured us that the pipes are not used for their original purpose in their house! "When we travel, we always try to find one 'treasure' that is indicative of the country or area we are visiting," C. Janet Restarick said. This pursuit led to the Restaricks' collection of Asian opium pipes. Their collection started in Saigon in the 90s, and grew as they traveled through Asia. They now have pieces from China, Thailand, Myanmar and Vietnam. The Golden Triangle area of southeast Asia is known for its beautiful poppy fields and extensive opium production. The pipes in their collection range from around 12 to 24 inches in length, and are hand carved from bone, antlers and ivory.



"Each is uniquely hand carved and painted in colorful detail," C. Henry Restarick said. "The craftsmanship of some of the pipes is exceptional." The Restaricks' favorite piece in their collection is a pipe made of an antler carved into a dragon's head. In addition to the pipes, they have added an old hand-held opium scale and a set

of opium weights to their collection. Their other travel collections include swizzle sticks, casino gambling chips, and old bolt-action military rifles. The rifles date back to the 1880s and were used in the African wars. "All have been fired in anger," Henry said. "Some were still being used until a few years ago while we were living there." All in all, in addition to being world travelers, the Restaricks are clearly accomplished collectors!

SWIMMING IN SANDS

As an avid beach lover with a Masters degree in geology from Rutgers University, it is only natural that C. Tom Ambrose, (Palm Beach Chapter), is a collector of sands from around the world. Being an earth scientist, he has enjoyed collecting rocks and minerals over the years. This experienced traveler has visited some 133 countries, many with beaches, making it easy for him to begin collecting sands, which he says are just decomposed rocks. His vast collection includes colorful samples from every continent, except Antarctica, which he stores in small glass or plastic bottles and vials. "Unfortunately, my sands from Australia, including those from the famous surfing beach of Bondi in Sidney, were confiscated upon entry into the USA, as the overzealous customs agent classified them as prohibited soil," Tom said.



While customs may be one challenge for this type of collection, another challenge arises when a sample is too heavy to transport. He recounts a voyage to Crimea, near the 2014 Sochi Olympics site, where he had hoped to collect a sand sample from the Black Sea beach. He only found rocks, however, which he says were much too heavy to carry back to Florida in his suitcase. One of his most memorable experiences occurred while he was collecting black sand from a hot springs beach on the Jap-

anese island of Kyushu. "I was buried up to my neck enjoying a beach hot sand bath administered by a beach Geisha." While Tom does not currently have travel plans to add to his collection, his most recent addition came when he gathered sand from the beach half a block away from his house. Tom lives along the Atlantic "Gold Coast" beach of South Florida, where he collected the beige-colored limestone composition sand. "This was the first time after 25 years of living here, that I collected something lurking right under my feet!" Ambrose said.

Do you have a travel-related collection? Contact Katie Koontz at katherinekoontz@aol.com.



AN ISLAND OF RAINBOWS



BY C. ROGER WEATHERBURN-BAKER
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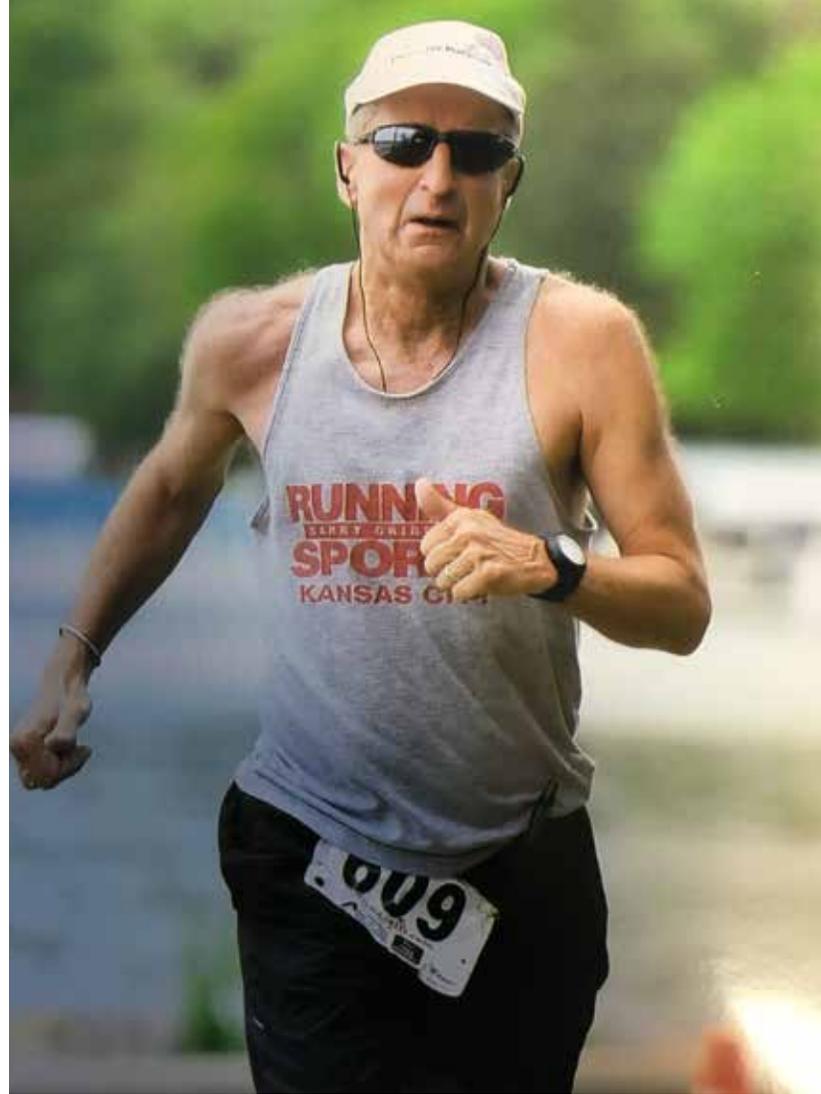
Most Circumnavigators have been to Venice. World travelers since Marco Polo have been sure to make the fabled 'Queen of the Adriatic' an important port of call. Once there, many have also made their way out to the islands of Murano, where glassmakers were ordered in 1291 to move their foundries to avoid the risk of fire in the then largely wooden city. But few seem to make it to one of the most picturesque spots in the entire Venetian lagoon: the island of Burano.

The island is a 40-minute ride in a high-speed vaporetto from St. Mark's Square. Zooming across the calm waters of the lagoon is an experience in itself. A spectacular bonus is fabulous views of the iconic Venetian skyline from the water, seeing it as early mariners would have done centuries ago.

But once one arrives at the island of Burano, one finds another world, a rainbow of color. For photographers like me, it's one huge photo op. The island became important in the 16th century when women there began making lace so renowned for its superb quality it began to grace church altars and cathedrals across Europe. Although lace-making still flourishes on the island, the little community of less than 3,000 souls is now best known for its brightly colored cottages, painted to conform to an ancient, mystifying color system still enforced by the local government.

It's an easy morning stroll around the flat, tiny island of quiet canals, shaded squares, wooden bridges and narrow streets, then it's time for lunch. A perfect lunchtime stop is the legendary *Al Gatto Nero* (Black Cat). Occupying most of the sidewalk adjacent to a narrow canal, you can believe its seafood couldn't be fresher. Better still, a vaporetto will deliver you directly to its door or pick you up there to take you back to your hotel.

It's a beautiful way to spend the day, walking amid rainbows of color.



OUR OWN MARATHON MAN

BY C. FRED SEELY

Circumnavigators get around by air and sea. Perhaps both. Or maybe they add land transportation for a portion of their round-the-world trips.

But ... on foot?

Today you meet fellow Circumnavigator Steve Fuller, a Kansas City attorney whose legs and lungs have taken him all over the world. He has been to the earth's heights and depths. He has run in Antarctica and on Mount Everest, and is planning to run in the upcoming Polar Marathon.

He has run almost 200 marathons and, at 67 and in good health, might double that before the lungs, legs or desire give out. "I guess everything will come to an end," he says. "I'm starting to feel a few more aches and pains. But, my doctor isn't worried, so I'll keep running until my body tells me to quit."

Fuller is a marathoner, a rare breed indeed, people who think running 26.2 miles is not much more strenuous than a set of tennis, not much more time-consuming than a rush-hour commute. He is the guy on your block who, once a year, leaves home on a Saturday morning for the local marathon wearing what appears to be his underwear and reappears late in the day looking like a person who somehow got run over by a herd of horses.

Fuller joined the jogging craze in the mid-70s, running around his neighborhood. He graduated to a few local short runs and, in 1978, decided to see what a marathon would be like. He found out in the Detroit Marathon: it's very, very difficult. He couldn't finish.

"I didn't finish my second marathon, either," he said, "but that made me determined."

He finally finished one in Kansas and found out that marathons are a worldwide thing.

"I love to travel," he said. "Why not do both?"

Marathons have been around seemingly forever when, back in 490 B.C. Greek messenger Pheidippides ran from the Battle of Marathon to tell his Athens bosses that the Persians had been defeated. That distance was 26.2 miles and that's what they run today. (Any runner looks for a better outcome than Pheidippides. After running the distance without stopping, he burst into Athens, exclaimed "We have won!" and fell over dead.)

The go-to for runners is marathonguide.com where you find hundreds of runs in every corner of our planet. Guess a place which, you say, simply can't have a run, and you'll probably be wrong. Easter Island? Iraq? Machu Picchu? Beirut? Faroe Islands? Afghanistan? Siberia? Marathons in all. (They run on ice in Siberia, by the way.)

Fuller, who describes himself as having an “addictive personality,” became an addict. With a willing wife and two understanding kids, off he went ... and he's still going. Fuller has run the distance in all 50 states. He has run a marathon on every continent (yes, there is an Antarctic Marathon.) He has twice run the Mt. Everest Marathon, where the course starts at 17,000 feet. He has run on hostile territory (Cuba and North Korea); in tiny places (Macau); in big places (Mongolia); in high heat (Myanmar); in cold weather (Switzerland). He has run in places where hardly anyone saw him (Rwanda), where people lined the streets to cheer (Viet Nam) and where 80,000 people were herded into a stadium to see the start and finish (North Korea).

He's headed for very cold weather this fall when he goes to Northern Greenland for the Polar Marathon. “They say it will be very cold. Can't imagine, but we'll see.” His favorites? “I guess I'm a big city guy: Paris, Chicago, New York, Boston, Athens, Greece.” He's had enough of Third World countries though a Libya run seems appealing, he said. “You never know what you're getting into:” he said. “The hottest I've ever been was the Mt. Kilimanjaro Marathon in August. You'd think that wouldn't be anything but cold even though it's in Tanzania.” Sometimes his races aren't just the traditional distance, “I ran around Hovsgol Lake in Mongolia: 60 miles.”

The most interesting, he says, was the Mt. Everest Marathon, which he ran twice.

“The race seemed just a side event,” he says. “We were driven from the Kathmandu Valley to a small town, then we hiked up to the Everest base camp. It turned out to be more of a 16-day camping trip than a run.”

It was an ordeal. It took a week to get acclimated, almost everyone got sick from the food and altitude and the race course wended along rocky paths going down the mountain. It took Fuller 7 ½ hours, far more than his usual four.

North Korea has had a marathon for 20 years or so. Who knew?

“It's called the Pyongyang Marathon and was really an interesting experience,” said Fuller. “It was a seven-day trip around North Korea. The marathon started as a showcase for the world's top runners but gradually they've opened it up to people on my level.”

“They started and ended from a huge stadium. There were 60-80,000 people in the seats and you can figure out that they weren't there because they liked watching people start a race, then sitting for four hours, then watching people finish. They were somewhat enthusiastic but maybe they had to be.”

His bucket list starts with the Dead Sea Marathon. He hasn't run in Singapore or Hong Kong, either.

“I know this isn't a normal way of seeing the world but it's great because I see the world from places that few others do,” he said. “Guess I'm a bit crazy, too.”



IRAN

EXOTIC, FRIENDLY & FASCINATING

BY C. CAROL GREEN
NAPLES CHAPTER



The tour group took a turn and crossed the bustling street in Isfahan, Iran. Paula O'Connor didn't.

Twenty minutes later, Paula, Naples Circumnavigators Chapter member, was still walking, trying to find either her 13 missing tour mates or her hotel as the cars and Farsi-speaking strangers rushed by.

Headlines ran through her head: "Senior American Lady Lost in Iran." It didn't help that she wore a scarf and a long tunic as recommended by her travel agent. She was a tall, blonde striking woman who was clearly not an Iranian.

But a smart woman, even in Iran, knows to ask for directions. So, she told two local women she was lost. But she couldn't remember the name of her hotel. The women came to her rescue. They took her to a nearby hotel, where the desk clerk looked at her room key. There was no hotel name on it. But from her description he managed to figure out where the key came from. A shopkeeper next door insisted on driving her to her hotel, refused payment and seemed quite happy to help.

How could a place everyone said was so bad seem so good, so warm, so inviting? The Iran that Paula saw was exotic, friendly and fascinating, and she felt comfortable, even lost on the streets of Isfahan. She knew the ayatollahs were dark shadows behind the scenes. The people she met wouldn't discuss them, the embargo or the recent nuclear treaty. She saw only one "Down with the U.S." sign. Instead, the people she met told her they were glad that friendships with Americans might again be possible after so many years of estrangement and that they were glad she was in their country.



As she continued to ponder the fickle turns of history, Paula and her group spent time in fabulous cities and ancient historic locations throughout Iran and admired the splendors that still exist in a land of contradictions that few of us now understand. Despite the religious conservatism that has gripped the land since the ayatollahs seized it in the Islamic revolution of 1979, the ancient treasures are well preserved and respected and are open to tourists from around the world. Even the remnants of wealth and excess

from the era of the shahs are preserved. People in the cities had cars, cell phones and television sets (only certain culturally conservative channels from other countries were permitted). Throughout the trip, Paula's group stayed in four- or five-star hotels.

They visited Tehran and learned that, in the overall scheme of things, it is not considered an old city. Rather, most of it has been rebuilt in the last twenty or so years. Today it is a bustling modern metropolis and is Iran's largest city. Its many modern museums had attractions that were all explained in English as well as Farsi (Persian).

A highlight for Paula was seeing the Grand Hall in the Golestan Palace where the last Shah, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, was crowned in 1967. The walls and ceilings looked as if they were completely covered with diamonds, but they were actually lined with small mirrors cut to give a shimmering effect.

They visited Kerman, where the livelihood for many centuries depended on its position on the Asian trade routes, and Mahan in the same province, where they saw a museum and shrine that contains the mausoleum of Shah Nematollah Vali, the renowned Iranian mystic and poet. The dome of the shrine, originally built in 1436, is covered with blue tile and is flanked by twin minarets. Also in Kerman Province was Rayen, a preserved medieval city that is in an oasis molded from the red clay of the surrounding desert.



BITS & PIECES OF PERSIA

Travel Tips

Legalities: Travel to Iran is legal for Americans. A visa is required.

Dress code: There is a modest dress code. Paula wore slacks, long-sleeved tunics and scarves.

Social: Liquor and alcoholic beverages are illegal.

English: Besides Farsi, English is taught in schools and universities, and is spoken on the street.



They stopped in Yazd, which Marco Polo had visited en route to China, describing it as the “good and noble city of Yazd.” It was a major stop on the international caravan routes to Central Asia and India. The architecture of Yazd was perhaps the most traditionally Persian to be found, preserved by the dry climate and spared from the devastation of the Mongols. Yazd had winding streets, blue-tiled domes, soaring minarets, covered bazaars and many wind towers and was watered by underground water channels.



Sixty thousand Zoroastrians still live near Yazd. The group visited the Ateshkade, where the sacred flame has been burning since 470 A.D.

Isfahan, where Paula was briefly lost and where she discovered the open heart of Iranians, is considered one of the most beautiful Iranian cities and has an exquisite collection of buildings, as well as outstanding shopping at the fifth largest shopping mall in the world.

The Friday Mosque in Isfahan, where the tiled portal is crowned by twin minarets, the tallest in the country, was probably the best preserved mosque in Iran. The portal’s façade was decorated top to bottom with dazzling blue tile work, and it offered vaulted ceilings and lofty domes. The mosque displayed more than 800 years of Persian religious architecture from the 11th to the 18th centuries.

Best of all was Persepolis, the ceremonial capital of the Achaemenid Empire and perhaps one of the most beautiful and spectacular archaeological sites surviving today. Nearby is Shiraz, the city of gardens and the tombs of two famous poets, Hafez and Sa’di, whose work still graces every Iranian home.

Given how much there is still to see in this fascinating, friendly country, it may not be long before Paula draws up plans for a return trip. Iran, anyone?



FESTIVAL THAT'S HARD TO WATCH

BY C. JANET RESTARICK



While living in Malaysia, my husband Henry and I witnessed one of the most bizarre religious events on earth. Thaipusam, it is a Hindu festival that occurs once a year at the Batu Caves, north of Kuala Lumpur. This is when the Hindu devotees seek absolution for past sins and fulfill their vows and pledges for prayers that have been answered. This was a very moving and shocking experience for both of us. About 1.5 million people attend Thaipusam, making it one of the largest religious gatherings in history. The Hindu pilgrims come from all over the world. The Thaipusam procession begins early in the morning when the faithful prepare themselves for their sacrifices by bathing in the nearby Sungei Batu River and then enter into a trance.

They know they will have to endure the intense pain of their penance created by their self-mutilation and punishment of their bodies. Their procession takes them from the river to the Temple Cave at the top of the Batu Cave Mountain. It will take them eight to ten hours to undertake the pilgrimage. At night the dark mass of human shapes moving by the light of smoking torches creates a surreal atmosphere. The smell and smoke in the air from the drugs, incense, and torches overpower the stench created by all the close contact with other humans. At times it was hard for me to breathe due to the huge mass of people and the lack of oxygen in the air. On the day of the festival, the devotees shaved their heads, which was part of their penance for their past sins.

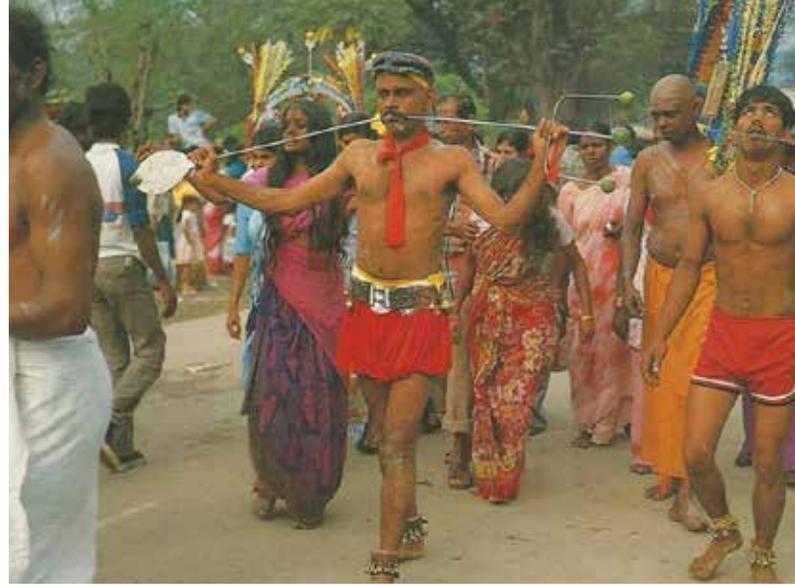
Another part of their penance or self-punishment is the mutilation of the body and flesh by piercing the skin, tongue or both cheeks, with long skewers. This was most shocking. Large hooks were hooked into and through the back torso of some of the male faithful. The point and depth of the incisions vary thus creating different levels of pain. The painful reactions from

the devotees was chilling. Thaipusam is a self-mutilation, self-torture sect of the Hindu religion. The level of pain they inflicted upon themselves is important to fulfilling their particular vows. The faithful have also cleansed themselves through prayer and by fasting for 48 days. The fasting is a combination of a strict vegetarian diet and drinking nothing but coconut milk. Apparently, the coconut milk is a blood coagulant. It also foamed from their mouths giving them a rabid appearance.

During the procession to the temple, some had an absent look in their eyes and were in a trance due to their dreadful pain and rigid fasting. Some howled. Some screamed in terrible agony from their self-torture. Some drooled and foamed at the mouth in anguish. Some jumped around like mad monkeys making monkey sounds while shaking their heads back and forth in a frenzy. I was aghast. It was insanity. Dante's Inferno. It was hard for me to believe what I saw. It was like being in a terrible nightmare and I wanted to wake up somewhere else. A spear pierced through the tongue or both cheeks prevents participants from speaking and gives them a greater power of endurance to make it to the end of this gruesome pilgrimage. Some of the spears were 12 feet long and the ends were decorated with flowers and peacock feathers from India. During this penance and self-mutilation there was no blood; if they bled, it is believed that they cheated on their vows and did not fast. This was all hard for me to watch and just unbearable to witness at times. Due to the human press of millions of people, we were stuck within the inner circle of one family. They seemed to accept us into their circle and we witnessed the entire procession through their eyes. The father did the body piercing for the family. It was at this time he held the tongue of his son with his fingers and pierced it with a three-foot spike just a few feet from my eyes. I was horrified. The son just stood there in a trance like a zombie frothing at the mouth. He tried to pull his tongue back into his mouth, but the spike wouldn't allow it. It was horrid

and macabre to witness and the shock of my being so close was unnerving. Everything was bizarre and unreal. We were the only outsiders in the crowd. The mother of the family is the sin bearer. She was the one that has to carry a large urn of coconut milk on her head during the procession to wash the family's bodies once inside the temple. As the procession went on for hours, I witnessed the most outrageous acts of devotion and sacrifice that I could ever imagine. Now the mother became physically exhausted due to her fasting. When we reached the foot of the mountain stairs which led to the Temple Cave, she was in a pitiful state. Our lady had been carrying her family urn of coconut milk for about six hours now. It was here that she had to start the arduous climb of 272 stone steps straight up and into the Mountain Temple. Some women were so weak they were climbing up the stairs on their bloody knees. They had to make this climb alone. Her family cannot physically help her in any way. They could only offer words of encouragement to help her to the top and into the Temple. This was the most moving part of Thaipusam: the women attempting to get to the Temple at the top of the mountain with their urns of milk. My heart went out to these women. If they die here, they die. I did not understand the pleading words of encouragement from the family members, but I could sense, feel, and hear the tones of their voices to know their meanings. The pain in the ladies eyes made it agonizing for me to watch. I would close my eyes to the horrors. I was thankful that my God did this for me years ago.

Once inside the Temple, priests attended to the Hindu devotees seeking absolution. Consecrated ash was sprinkled over the various hooks and skewers piercing the devotees' flesh before they were removed. When the spears were removed, they were pulled all the way through and out of the cheeks or tongue. There was no blood or scar left on their skin. The urn of coconut milk was used to bathe all the family members, symbolizing the washing away of sin. In spite of their gruesome self-mutilation of the body and their devotion and spiritual accomplishments, this was one of the most moving and emotional experiences Henry and I have ever been through in our travels.





Roosevelt (right) on River of Doubt 1914

As one of the rapidly developing BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) countries, it has the largest economy and population (206 million) in Latin America. Until recently, the old Amazon city of Manaus with 3 million population was accessible only by air or sea, but now has a paved road to Venezuela. In 2011 the Intercoceanic Highway was opened between Sao Paulo and Lima, Peru, crossing the Andes at 16,000 ft. This 3,500 mile paved route, which gives Brazil its first land connection with the Pacific for exports to China, can be covered by thru-bus in five days. In Brazil I travel by bus to really see the country---- to date having covered about 6,000 miles with my adventurous daughter Natalie. Long distance buses are first class, safe and punctual. Like other artistic and colorful things in Brazil (mosaic sidewalks, Carnival floats/costumes, etc.) bus exteriors are frequently decorated with interesting and brilliant artwork.

Brazil is topographically diverse (the climate, the agri-crops and the abundant natural resources), as is the ethnicity of the population. While the Amazon Basin and the northern coasts are hot and tropical, much of Brazil is dry and arid, while other areas lie on a 3,000-4,000 ft. plateau offering cooler temperatures. Most large population centers including Sao Paulo (21 million) and Brasilia (3 million), both of which I have visited, were founded on this healthier upland plain. In the south at higher altitudes, annual freezes and snowfalls are the norm with a record snow depth of six feet. Cool coastal Atlantic waters at this latitude even support a habitat for sea lions. The population is highly multi-cultural with millions of European immigrants, especially Italians. Brazilian Germans are also found in large numbers in several "Germanic style" cities in the southern state of Santa Catarina, where the second largest Oktoberfest is celebrated. The 1.5 million Japanese ethnic group is the largest outside Japan with most living in Sao Paulo.



Tom Ambrose has travelled extensively to Latin America for decades. See his story on Cuba in the last issue of The Log (available online). Here he paints a portrait of Brazil.

**BY C. TOM AMBROSE
PALM BEACH CHAPTER**

After Fidel Castro nationalized my company in 1960, I left Havana and joined the exodus of Cubans to Miami. My next foreign assignment was in South America in the early 60s, again in search of petroleum, this time in the then-pristine Amazon jungle of eastern Colombia near the frontier with far western Brazil. Here I had the opportunity to contact and photograph the primitive but friendly Cofan indigenous tribe which differed from the fierce Aucas (Huaorani) who were still on the attack against those who dared enter their territory located in nearby Ecuador. In 1964 I visited the Colombian Amazon port of Leticia which offered boat service across the great river to Benjamin Constant, Brazil. While this was my first entry into Brazil, I also entered overland from Venezuela, Paraguay and Uruguay in later years.

As the largest country in Latin America and a little larger than the contiguous United States, Brazil shares frontiers with ten countries requiring good international relations and border control, both a challenge.

Tom with Ocelot in 1963





Beautiful Iguazu Falls

One of Brazil's greatest sites is Iguazu Falls and the best place to view wildlife is the open savanna-like Pantanal, the largest seasonal wetland on the planet. On a recent visit I saw cute Capybaras (rodents to 130 lbs.), anteaters, flightless rheas (ostrich-like birds), caiman, tapir, parrots and jaguar tracks. In 1913 President Theodore Roosevelt hunted jaguar here en-route to the River of Doubt, which he explored 950 miles downriver by canoe, and later named it Rio Roosevelt. (see Pantanal and the Rio locations on map). In 2011, I planned an expedition to locate the source of the Rio Roosevelt, but failed in my search and instead pushed on to document the center of South America near Cuiaba, Brazil (Google: Thomas N. Ambrose, Geologist --- "Overland to the Geodetic Center ---" to read my PDF Brazil report).

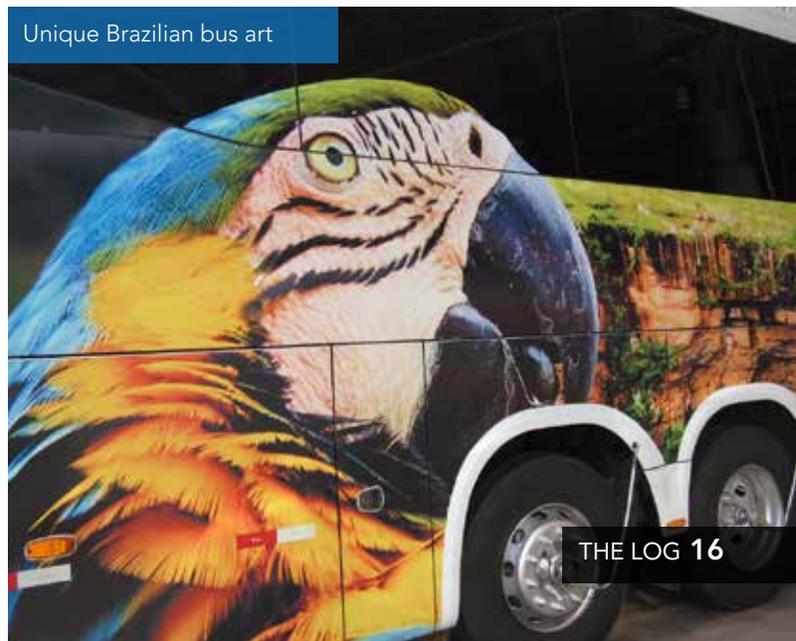
While I never attended Carnival in Rio de Janeiro, I have recently visited the Barra da Tijuca area, where the main events of the 2016 Olympics will be held along with the Maracana stadium which holds 80,000. I also visited the exclusive Rio Yacht Club, located below Sugarloaf Mountain. On another day I traveled two hours up the Atlantic coast, to the fashionable beach resort of Buzios where French actress Brigitte Bardot resided in 1964. Beyond the Olympics, it appears that Brazil will continue to have economic problems due to current low commodity prices, especially in oil where big offshore production totals 3 million barrels/day. Present political disarray and corruption may continue as long as there are 28 political parties trying to outdo each other in Brasilia. But not to worry, the country has been in trouble before ---- suggest you enjoy a Caipirinha, the national cocktail and go see the new movie: *Rio, I love you!*



Tom at Rio Yacht Club



Capybara in Pantanal Wetland



Unique Brazilian bus art



AROUND THE WORLD ON A WEEKEND

BY C. FRED MYERS - NAPLES CHAPTER

For veteran travelers, it's not only a matter of going to new places but also about how all the pieces can unexpectedly come together to create the exceptional.

It was 40 years ago that I noticed an easy-to-miss seven-line item in the Wall Street Journal reporting some tickets had already been sold for a Pan Am flight set to go around the world faster than any other commercial flight in history. That's all it took for me to eventually succeed in joining the 97 other people on the passenger roster.

On Friday afternoon, May 29, 1976, there was an exciting welcome-sendoff party at Gate 6 in the Pan Am terminal at JFK with speechmaking by several dignitaries including Pan Am's board chairman William Sewell.

After a group picture, we boarded and Liberty Bell took off in a mix of low clouds, fog and light rain.

The plane broke into the blue. Next stop New Delhi for refueling, on to Tokyo to refuel again, then back to New York by Sunday afternoon.

I wondered. Is this really happening? I looked at my ticket again, it plainly showed JFK to JFK and I was reminded how all this had come about.

When Pan Am received its new Boeing 747s it told Boeing, yes, it's a beautiful plane but can you give it more range to make possible such non-stop runs as from New York to the Far East? Boeing's answer was to shorten the plane by 47 feet, juice the engines, tweak the flaps and tail and call it the 747-SP. Pan Am took delivery of their first 747-SP in March, 1976.

Pan Am then decided to emphasize the capability of its new 747-SP by trying for a new around-the-world speed record. The day before the big flight, they flew the plane to Indianapolis where First Lady Betty Ford christened it "Liberty Bell."

So here I was, on Liberty Bell heading east with its 98 passengers and two Pan Am crews. During our two-day return to New York we would see the sun rise and set six times.

As soon as the seatbelt sign was turned off, I did what most everyone else did, roam the plane to become acquainted with my fellow passengers to create an intense and enduring feeling of camaraderie.

We were all the same. Yet, each of us in our own right was special. As one passenger said: "There sure aren't any introverts on *this* plane!"

Pay \$1,800 (equal to \$7,600 in 2016) to go nowhere? Well, you would if you had the desire to be part of a "first" or if you were an aviation enthusiast or a diehard adventurer. Or maybe it was a matter of chance.

Leonard Hovea, superintendent for an electrical contractor in Atlanta, had merely made a passing comment he would sure like to make that flight. A few days later, fellow employees surprised him by giving him a ticket paid for by his boss along with a tee shirt sporting the words: "Around the world with Leonard."

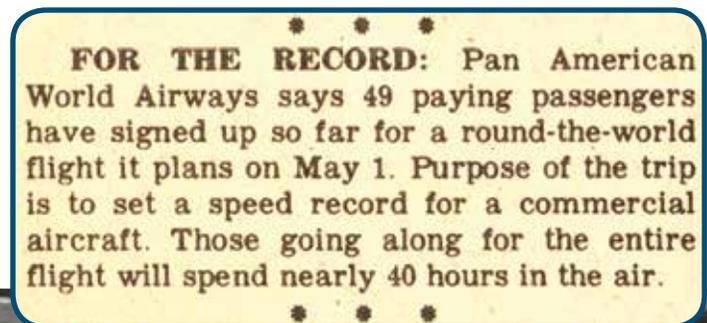
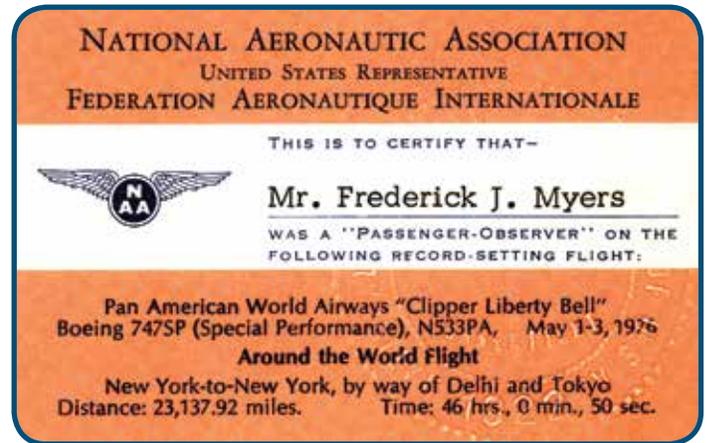
No commercial flight had ever kept people in the air that long. So Pan Am supplied a wide array of movies, magazines, books and games. But little of it was used. Everyone was having too much fun getting to know each other, telling stories and sharing emotions. In effect, we had created an airborne community.

There was also a feeling of spontaneity such as at the Tokyo airport where strikers unexpectedly threatened to ruin the record-breaking attempt by detaining the plane. As precious minutes ticked by and Pan Am negotiated with the strikers, passengers in the rear cabin suddenly broke the tension by singing "The Battle Hymn Of The Republic."

To set a record, the plane had to travel a minimum of 22,858 miles, the length of the Tropic of Cancer. Liberty Bell flew 23,138 miles in a total elapsed time of 46 hours and 50 seconds.

That record, included in the 1977 edition of the Guinness Book of World Records, stood until 1991 when a Concorde did the trip in just under 31 hours.

So what was the hardest part for me after returning to New York? Convincing the unbelieving clerk at the Commodore Hotel at 42nd and Lexington that I spent my weekend flying around the world.





ROUND THE WORLD AGAIN

Circumnavigators Lion and Donna Curran recently made their fourth trip around the world. Planned as a trip from Pennsylvania to Singapore, they decided to go all around the world again and re-experience the joy of circumnavigating. Here is their story.

BY C. LION CURRAN

It's such a privilege to travel around the world. We Circumnavigators are fortunate, indeed. This life experience happens to few people. It enriches our life. So, another reason we went around the world was because the experience doesn't pale. It remains a defining journey, chock full of peak experiences, all happening to those of us who travel full-circle around the globe.

I now invite you to travel a little with Donna and me on our most recent circumnavigation. On this trip, we connected with an old friend in Seattle. We travel to see how people live which our friend and family showed us. We learned how people live on the northwest of the North American continent. We watched sea-planes land in Vancouver harbor while enjoying beaver tails [a pastry] and coffee at a comfortable pier-side cafe.

Then in Hawaii, we snorkeled with giant Pacific sea turtles within sight of Diamond Head and Waikiki. They were as long as I am tall. "Wow!" is how I describe that swim. When our helicopter pilot turned sharp right onto the Na Pali Coast on Kauai, I immediately recognized it as "Kong's Island," which I remembered from the movie. For the rest of the flight, I was a twelve-year old boy again!

Next the island of Majuro in the Marshall Islands, where we visited Bikini City Hall, talking with officials and citizens from the island of Bikini, the island to which they cannot return due to radioactivity. Then, we were on a ship that sailed 1500 nautical miles with an engine out and a typhoon 350 miles to the north. Watching people lie face-down on the deck chairs reminded me that Cicero fled to sea to escape Mark Antony's sentence of beheading, but was so sea-sick that he gave up and returned, preferring execution.

Onto Saipan, we stood with a group of veterans in silence, in pouring tropical rain, in front of the memorial commemorating the fallen in the World War II battle over the island. No one would have dared to complain about the weather. Our next stay on Guam, many wedding ceremonies brightened our stay. It's a destination-wedding place for young Japanese and Koreans. It was just wonderful to see all the beautiful young married couples and their entourages so giddily happy as they posed for photos all over the island.

On the island of Palawan, Philippines, the St. Paul River is one of the world's longest underground rivers. Our guide push-poled an outrigger canoe two kilometers into the earth on this subterranean river. There were still two kilometers of navigable river ahead when we turned around with another four kilometers of river beyond the last navigable point. Picture it: traveling by boat straight into the earth with only flashlights to guide you. Borneo was next and we stopped in Kota Kinabalu (Sabah), Bintulo (Sarawak), & Bandar Darussalam, (Brunei). Brunei is a gem of a place, with comfortable accommodations, good food and friendly people, many of whom speak English. It is ruled by a sultan and is considered the strictest Muslim





country in Asia, so no alcohol and Death to Drug Traffickers signs posted everywhere. It also has perhaps the best place to experience the Borneo rain forest, at Ulu Temburong National Park. To get there from Bandar, we had to go by auto taxi, water taxi, truck and long-boat. It was worth it. Climbing to the top of a canopy walkway, we saw the most pristine rain forest still existing in Borneo, all primary forest, never burned or cut. Once we arrived at Singapore, we had sailed across the Pacific Ocean, the single most important organizing principle of the Earth's geography. In the words of child-star Jackie Cooper, "Boy, that's a lot of water!"

Dubai is the "New Middle East". It is one big spectacular Arabian Nights experience, from its luxury hotels (the Burj Al Arab is the only 7-star hotel in the world), its sights (from the 124th or 140th floor of the Burj Khalifa it's said that you can see the arc of the earth on a clear day, which we didn't have), its food (Qbara restaurant by Raffles Hotel for the best Middle Eastern food I've ever enjoyed). From Dubai, we headed for Barcelona, the Great Enchantress, where Antonio Gaudi erected his still unfinished expiatory temple, the Sagrada Familia. It is magnificent. Inside the temple, the light and the color further enhance the effect that Gaudi sought, which is that it is all a dream. Inside the temple, the visitor has access to an unreal world, a dream world, hidden from the eyes of our pragmatic, materialistic society. Tour groups file in, do a quick walk around with their guide and leave. But this is a place to sit and meditate, to feel the unseen world that—to the believer—underlies the contemporary secular world. To that person, it is heaven. So, our last stop before heading home was in heaven. It's nice there.

Thanks for sharing our journey.



RANDON

Imagine losing count of how many times you have been around the world. This is the situation for Erik Meyer of the Naples Chapter who estimates that he has circled the globe 70 or 80 times. Here Erik describes some of his favorite stops along the way.

BY **ERIK MEYER**
NAPLES CHAPTER

The inherent advantage of extensive corporate global travel is that there are always weekends to see something unusual and new. During the weekend layovers in Europe, Asia and Latin America, I used the time to visit places other than the usual tourist destinations like London, Paris, Rome or Tokyo. Over a ten-year period of circumnavigating, I toured many exotic and unusual places on three continents. The RTW (Round-the-World) tickets allow unlimited stopovers when circling the globe.

Lijiang in the Northwestern Yunnan Province of China near Tibet has become a popular tourist destination with spectacular natural scenery. The town was built during the end of the Southern Song dynasty (1127-1279) and the beginning of the Yuan Dynasty (1279-1368) at the place where the Jade River breaks into three branches. About 65 percent of the people presently living in Lijiang are Naxi people of Mongolian heritage. Lijiang became a UNESCO World Heritage area in 1997.

Guilin in South Eastern China is among the most scenic areas in China and the most popular tourist destinations for both Chinese and international travelers. The main attractions are the limestone mountains eroded into fantastic shapes, similar to the famous Sugar Loaf Mountain in Rio de Janeiro. Fishing with cormorants on the Lee River is an important source of food.

The Terra Cotta Army of thousands of clay soldiers was created during the reign of China's Qin dynasty (221–207 BCE). The site was discovered in 1974 by a group of farmers attempting to dig a well near the modern city of Xi'an in Shaanxi Province in Central China. The tomb of the Terra Cotta Army was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1987.

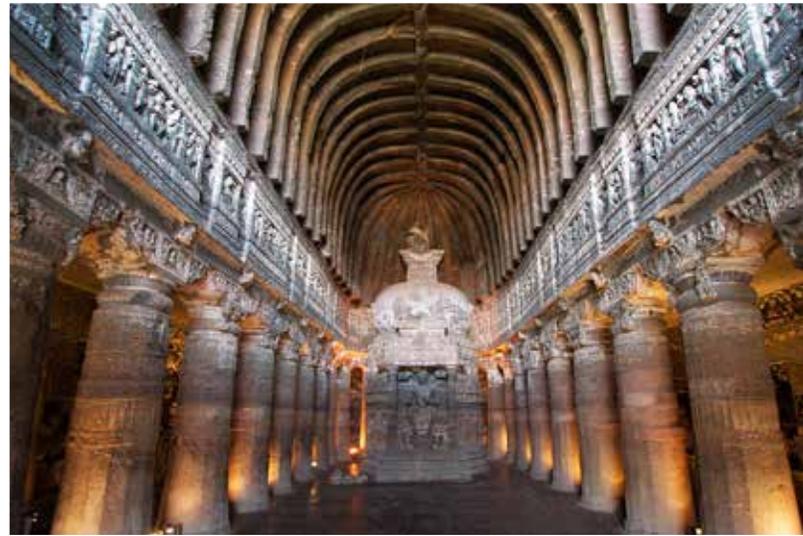


4 STOPS



AROUND THE WORLD

Aurangabad in India is located about 300 miles east of Mumbai. Nearby are the famous caves of Ajanta and Ellora. The Ajanta Caves, 30 spellbinding Buddhist prayer halls and monasteries carved into a horseshoe-shaped rock face in a mountainous region of Maharashtra state, were discovered by accident in 1819 by a British officer on a tiger hunt. They were created about 500 A.D. and were designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Ellora caves represent one of the largest rock-hewn monastic-temple complexes in the entire world. The Ellora caves, unlike Ajanta, have the distinction that they were never lost to oblivion. Ellora is also famous for the largest single monolithic excavation in the world. They date back to a period about 753-57 A.D.



Cinque Terre consists of five villages (“cinque terre” means “five lands” in Italian) which cling to the Ligurian cliffs along Italy’s western coast. It is in the Liguria region of Italy, to the west of the city of La Spezia, and comprises five villages: Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola, and Riomaggiore.

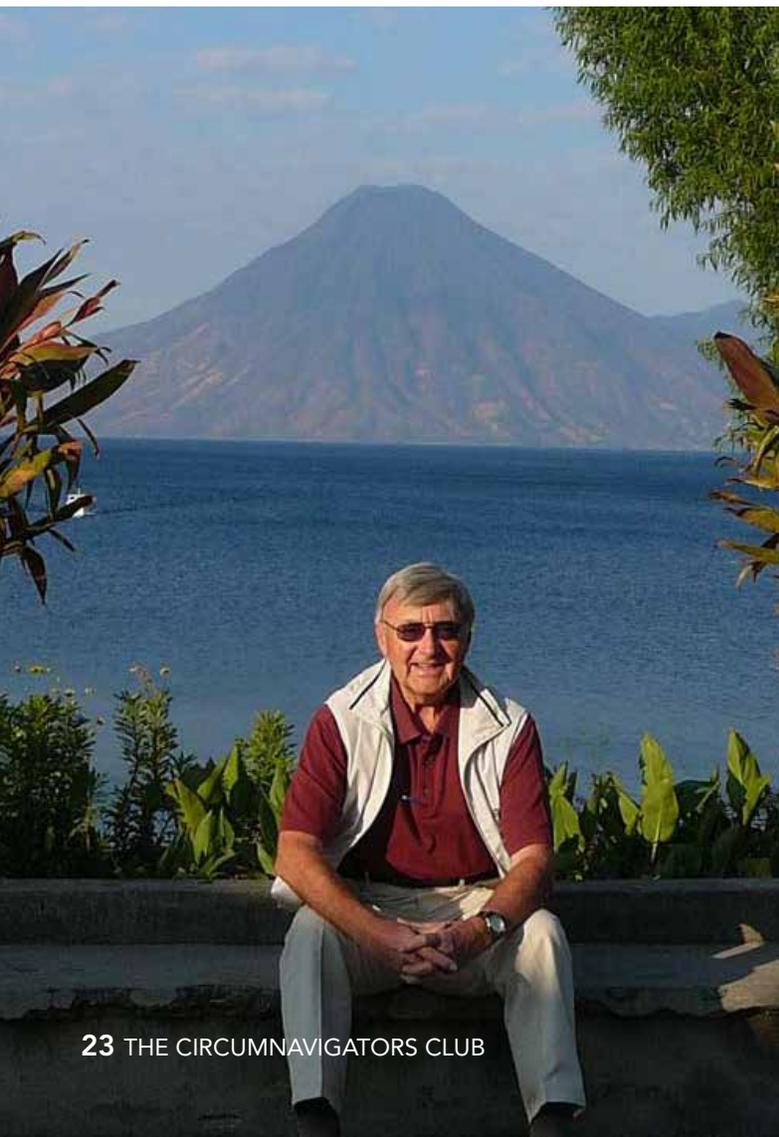
The villages can be visited by rail on a convenient day ticket from La Spezia. The coastline, the five villages, and the surrounding hillsides are all part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Foz do Iguaçu in south western Brazil is located on the border with Argentina and Paraguay. In 1549, a Spanish explorer found the falls while traveling down the river. They are massive falls and compete with the Angel Falls in Venezuela, the Victoria Falls in Southern Africa and the Niagara Falls in the US/Canada as the greatest water falls in the world. They should be visited from both the Brazilian and the Argentinian sides to grasp the enormity of these natural wonders.



RANDOM STOPS AROUND THE WORLD

The Pantanal has the greatest concentration of fauna in the Americas. In the center of the South American continent, south of the Amazon basin and east of the Andes, lies an immense landlocked river delta. For the abundant and diverse plants and animals living there, the flood pulse is normal and life giving. The Pantanal is one of our planet's most spectacular wetland systems. This area is an unparalleled wildlife sanctuary of spectacular beauty, an ecological paradise containing hundreds of species of birds, thousands of varieties of butterflies, myriads of brightly colored flowers, and shoals of fish. Capuchin and Howler monkeys, capybaras, toucans, anacondas, caimans and tapirs help create an aquatic theater of sights and sounds. During the wet season, all transport takes place on rivers and streams. During the dry season, some of these streams turn into unpaved roads.



Antigua Guatemala was the cultural, economic, religious, political and educational center for the entire Central American region of Spanish America and later became the capital of Guatemala. In the space of under three centuries the city acquired a number of superb monuments. Antigua Guatemala is one the earliest and most outstanding examples of city planning in Latin America in which the basic grid plan, dating from 1543, has been maintained.

It survived natural disasters of floods, volcanic eruptions and other serious tremors until 1773 when a massive earthquake destroyed much of the town. At this point, authorities ordered the relocation of the capital to a safer region, which became Guatemala City, the county's modern capital. The city lay mostly abandoned for almost a century until the mid-1800s when increased agricultural production, particularly coffee and grain, brought new investment to the region.

Today's claim to fame are the Spanish language schools. Close to 100 schools exist in the city, making it the most important industry and employing thousands of teachers and landlords for students.

In Our Circle

IN OUR CLUB'S 114 YEARS, WE HAVE HAD MANY NOTABLE MEMBERS PAST AND PRESENT. THIS COLUMN FEATURES THE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED OUR CLUB.

“THE GREAT COMMONER”

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

BY C. DAVID A. MINK



Every year since 1910, the Circumnavigators International President has tapped the historic whale's tooth gavel to open the Club's annual meeting. The gavel was given to the Club by the iconic and legendary member William Jennings Bryan, orator and politician, who ran unsuccessfully for U.S. President three times and served as Secretary of State.

Bryan obtained the gavel on an extensive voyage to South America, which was described in a front page article in the New York Times. “He’s a Circumnavigator”, the paper proclaimed. On presenting the gavel, Bryan said that, as a tooth, it was appropriate for the Club:

“...because the club seems to enjoy good eating, as I could judge from the dinner which it gave. But the tooth is appropriate for another reason; namely that it the the tooth of a whale, and a whale is not only the king of the ocean but it is a great traveler. It is a circumnavigator of the first water, and I am sure that the whale from whose jaw this tooth came would feel honored if it knew that this part of his anatomy would find an honored tomb among the treasures of the Circumnavigators Club.”

Regarded as one of the most famous Americans of his time, Bryan was active in the Club for many years. He is one of a dozen or so Circumnavigators portrayed on a postage stamp. His long career ended with the controversial Scopes Monkey Trial, featured in the movie *Inherit The Wind*. Bryan died in his sleep five days after the trial ended in 1925.





IMAGES OF ITALY





chapter highlights

CHICAGO



On April 5th Chicago Chapter Vice President of Membership Jeneane Blom welcomed new members Jim and Mary Houston at the historic St. Ignatius.

NAPLES



Chapter President Barbara Roy,
C. Ann Compton and C. Lee Abrams

The Naples Chapter hosted a luncheon on March 20th at the Pelican Bay Club featuring guest speaker and Magellan Award recipient Ann Compton.

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST



C. Clyde Sies with wife Cherie, C. Hertha Stotts,
Chapter President Charles Stotts, C. Johann Duenhoelter,
Trudy Kong, C. Steve Sogg and C. Melvin Kelso

Pacific-Northwest Chapter members recently took a trip to Victoria, BC to tour Hatley Castle. The 40 room 1908 former country home of coal Baron James Dunsmuir. They all had the pleasure of meeting C. Henri van Bentum and his wife Natasha who joined them for dinner at a Victorian restaurant.

PALM BEACH



The Palm Beach Chapter hosted a cocktail reception, presentation and board meeting for International Club Officers and Board Members on March 12th. It was a wonderful weekend enjoyed by all.

SINGAPORE



Singapore Chapter President Graham Bell welcomed new member Michael Palmer and presented him with his membership certificate at their April luncheon meeting.

WASHINGTON DC



Chapter President Samuel Watson welcomed new members Rhea Schwartz and Paul Wolf and presented them with their membership certificates.

The Washington DC Chapter enjoyed a Chinese Lunar Luncheon on February 20 at the Chinese Garden Restaurant.

UNITED KINGDOM

United Kingdom Chapter members and guests enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Savile Club. **C.** Don Rees told stories about his encounter, virtually eyeball to eyeball with a crocodile in Sri Lanka. **CS.** Michael and Sue Hoey spoke about their exploits in Costa Rica.



C. John Constable, UK Chapter President Helen Jenkins (wearing the Circumnavigators Club blazer badge) and **C.** Don Rees

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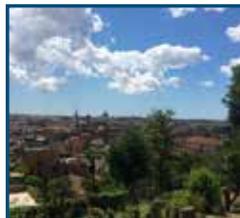
(CAPTIONS) STARTING WITH TOP LEFT:



Colorful Cinque Terra by Erik Meyer



Black and white marble studio by Roger Weatherburn-Baker



Rome skyline by Katie Koontz



Venice gondola by David Mink



Venetian canal by Sue Murphy



Gondolas at night by Tom Gregory



Roman columns by Henry Restarick



Fleet of rowboats by Paul Buescher

Goodwill Connection...

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
PANAMA – Republic of Panama
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
NEW MEXICO - Albuquerque, El Prado
NEW YORK - New York
PENNSYLVANIA - Philadelphia
SOUTH CAROLINA - Hilton Head
WASHINGTON DC
WASHINGTON- Seattle

United Kingdom Chapter Welcomes Members from the U.S. at their Holiday Lunch at the House of Lords

On December 7, 2015 UK members and guests gathered at the House of Lords for their traditional holiday lunch. International Past President Peter Mosse, from New York attended the lunch and had the pleasure of presenting new member, Nick Alexander with his membership certificate. Also visiting were Henry and Janet Restarick from Louisiana.

☪. Henry and Janet Restarick at the House of Lords ▼



UK Chapter President Helen Jenkins, ☪. Nick Alexander and Past President Peter Mosse



☪. Charles Stotts, Natasha Bantum, ☪. Henri van Bantum and Hertha Stotts

Pacific-Northwest Chapter President Visits Canada

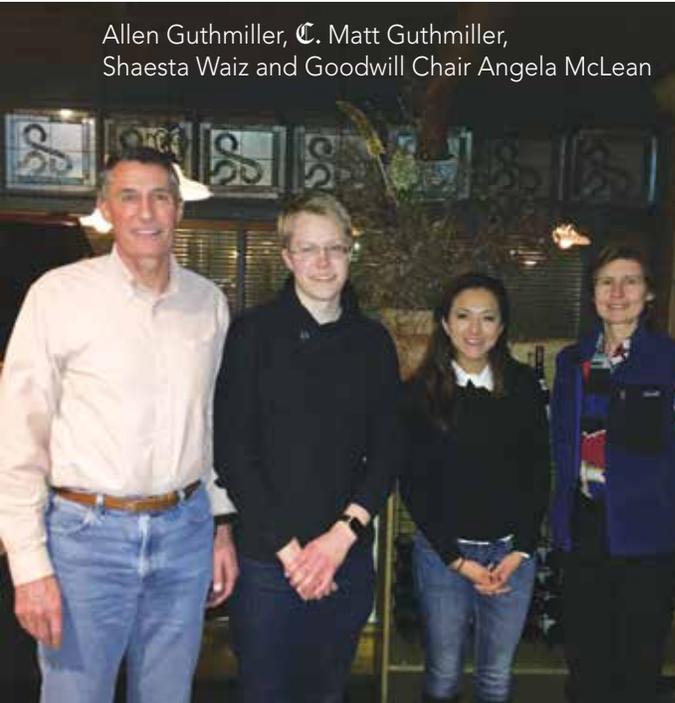
Pacific-Northwest Chapter President Charles Stotts and his wife Hertha took the "Coho" ferry from Port Angeles up to Victoria in British Columbia, Canada where they treated Henri and Natasha van Bantum to dinner.



..... Around the World



Allen Guthmiller, C. Matt Guthmiller, Shaesta Waiz and Goodwill Chair Angela McLean



Goodwill Chair Welcomes Matt Guthmiller in Wichita, Kansas

Matt Guthmiller flew to Wichita, Kansas with his father, Allen Guthmiller, in the same plane with which Matt had set his record-breaking solo-circumnavigation the previous year, the 1981 Beechcraft Bonanza. They were met by Goodwill Chair Angela McLean and also joined by Shaesta Waiz, who will attempt in the summer of 2016 to

C. Angela McLean and C. Matt Guthmiller standing in front of the Beechcraft Bonanza



set a new Guinness World Record as the youngest woman to fly solo around the world. Shaesta was in Wichita for 3 days of flight safety training at the Beechcraft headquarters. The four of them had dinner together in Wichita's historic Old Town.

Matt and Allen stayed overnight in Wichita, departing the next day, January 7th.

Matt Guthmiller Continued Journey to Naples

Matt Guthmiller flew his plane to Naples, FL to speak to Chapter members at The Club at Pelican Bay.



Naples Chapter President Barbara Roy with C. Matt Guthmiller

Chapter Members Attend New York Event

Pacific-Northwest Chapter members William and Maria Mason attended a dinner and program on Turkey at Ali Baba Terrace in New York City.



From left to right: C. Kevin Short, C. Mimi Ragsdale, C. Lois Kahan, Cs. William and Maria Mason, C. Brad Vogel, C. Barbara Hagstrom



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Kay Ahern



Retired in Paradise Valley, Arizona, Kay had an outstanding career in physical therapy. She received the Golden Apple Award from Health Volunteers Overseas organization for commitment

and leadership. She completed 17 overseas assignments in six countries. She earned her degree at the University of Minnesota.

Betty Alvarez



Betty lives in Naples, Florida, with her husband Marcelo, also a Circumnavigator. Now retired, Betty had a distinguished career in nursing, specializing in diabetes education. She

worked in New York, Philadelphia and Miami. The Alvarezes lived in Brazil for seven years. She speaks Spanish and Portuguese and serves in a variety of civic and professional organizations.

Annette Balian



A retired community activist in Detroit, Annette is now retired in Naples, Florida. She has long been involved with activities in the field of arts, including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the

Detroit Institute of Art.

Gwendolyn Beck



Living in Arlington, Virginia, Gwendolyn has a career in finance and gerontology. She wrote a book *Flirting with Finance*. She has made television appearances on Lifetime,

PBS and numerous ABC affiliates. She is an active volunteer for Arlington Agency on Aging.

Peter Bell



A former geophysicist living in West Palm Beach, Florida, Peter has 550 published papers and two books, and a medal from NASA. Peter has lived in many places around the

world, including Shanghai and Trinidad. He has engaged in yacht racing, having owned eleven sailboats and participating in the Newport to Bermuda race five times.

Jefferson Brooks



"Jeb" is CEO of The Brooks Group, one of the world's top sales training firms. Living in Greensboro, North Carolina, he has appeared in numerous publications and written four books. His

passion for travel has taken him to 36 countries and all seven continents. A graduate of Washington & Lee University, he is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Steven Clift



Practicing gastroenterologist in North Little Rock, Arkansas. His long career in this field includes founding Arkansas Gastroenterology, PA, being a governor for the American College of Gastroenterology for

Arkansas, and serving as Chief of Medicine at Baptist Health Medical Center in North Little Rock, Arkansas. He is a member of various clubs, including The Explorers Club and the Travelers Century Club, and is also a lifetime Eagle Scout National Association member. Aside from traveling, Steven also enjoys photography, reading, scuba diving and snow skiing.

Connie Corasanti



From Utica, New York, Connie is now living in Naples, Florida after a career in marketing and teaching. Since retiring to Naples, she has been active in many civic activities, with an emphasis on art. She

circumnavigated in 2013.

Nelson de Goes



Circumnavigator from Sao Paulo, Brazil, who currently lives at the Jersey shore. He has worked as a computer consultant for major companies and started a construction company in the Philadelphia area. Nelson was a part of the

first F1 Brazilian Racing Team in Europe, traveled around Europe as a travel assistant to a group of professional tennis players, and is currently setting up a photo exhibition at the United Nations in New York. This August, Nelson is planning on volunteering at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Paul Dostart



With a law degree from the University of Houston, Paul has a distinguished career as an attorney, practicing in La Jolla, California. He has received numerous

awards and distinctions, and is very active in legal organizations in California.

Alexander Dreyfoos



A resident of West Palm Beach, Florida, Alex, along with his wife Renate, completed an exciting 24-month odyssey on their unique catamaran yacht, *Silver Cloud* last year. The circumnavigation took

them to numerous ports around the world, much of their time spent exploring and scuba diving. With a distinguished business career, Alex is engaged in many civic and philanthropic activities. They also enjoy a home in the Adirondacks.

Steven Fuller



Steven lives in Kansas City, Missouri where he practices law and has served as a judge. He has taken his love of travel seriously, having visited 255 countries and territories at last count. He is a Platinum member of the Travelers'

Century Club. Amazingly, he has run 190 marathons on all seven continents. He was the first American to run a marathon in all 50 states.



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Patricia Garvey



A New Yorker with a long business career there, Patricia and her husband John, a Wall-Street executive, moved to Naples, Florida. After John passed away, she

began to engage in serious world travel with Naples Circumnavigators. She has now traveled extensively in Asia, Africa and Europe, and still finds time to keep up her tennis game.

James Gribbon



James is now retired in Ponte Vedra, Florida, after a distinguished career with Lockheed Martin for which he served in Singapore for 23 years.

James was introduced to the Circumnavigators by our Singapore Chapter President Graham Bell. James was an officer in the American Club there. He and his wife Beth also have a home in the Adirondacks.

Michael Hodish



A native and resident of Connecticut, Mike is a dentist in Norwalk. During his education, his travel bug led him to an internship at the University of London, facilitating his

backpacking through Europe. He has traveled extensively ever since, fueling his other passion—photography. He lives with his wife Julia, a native of Shanghai. He also enjoys skiing and flying.

James Houston



A resident of Chicago, James has retired from a career in corporate finance. One of his passions is music, including choral singing as a member of the chorus of the Chicago

Symphony Orchestra for 25 years. In his extensive travels, he has visited 70 countries and all seven continents.

Mary Houston



Living in Chicago with husband James, Mary is retired from a career in education. Like James, she is passionate about music and has participated in several musical

organizations. The Houstons enjoy musical performances and festivals around the world and continue to add to the list.

Jeanne Ivins



Retired from Chicago, Jeanne now lives in Naples, Florida. In 1995, Jeanne and her late husband made a three-month circumnavigation, visiting 23 countries. Since then,

she has traveled extensively in Europe. She enjoys golf, tennis, and bridge.

Moya Keys



Born and raised in Nottingham, England, Moya is a retired attorney currently residing in New York City. Over the years Moya has co-authored various law books, and

is a member of St. George's Society of New York and Daughters of the British Empire. She recently completed her circumnavigation over the course of ten years, which included cities such as Prague, Lisbon, Cairo, Cape Town, and Hong Kong.

Justine Kirby



Justine Kirby is a lawyer, who completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand and her graduate studies at Harvard Law School. Justine is now an in-house

lawyer at J.P. Morgan. She is an accomplished traveler, has started to learn French, and is an amateur photographer. Currently, Justine is a member of the Travelers' Century Club, the Asia Society, the Kiwi Club of New York, and the New York Flyers.

Tasha Kostantacos



Tasha works with technology companies to launch and promote innovative, meaningful solutions, particularly in the healthcare and life sciences markets. She lives in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Tasha's interest in exploring the world and its diverse cultures

was piqued by an opportunity to work in Europe for an emerging software company. She lived in Europe for almost 15 years, thoroughly enjoying the opportunities, friendships and challenges presented through the expat experience. She appreciates the arts, great cities, nice wine and food, and hiking, golf, yoga and swimming.

Sean Laurell



A technology executive living in Strongsville, Ohio, Sean has traveled the world in his profession, having circumnavigated earlier this year. He is responsible for technology teams

around the world. His many interests include military history and geography.

Myra Morrison



Completed her circumnavigation in 2014, visiting cities such as Hanoi, Saigon and Copenhagen alongside her husband, C. Jim Morrison. The couple has been married for 58 years, and during that time they have had the opportunity to travel and live

around the world. Living in Naples, Florida, Myra is an active member of her community, including the Junior League, the Naples Florida Garden club, and has been heavily involved in the churches she has belonged to over the years. Teaching and golf are also important parts of Myra's life.

Norman Olsen



Norman is a business executive with extensive experience in developing and managing international partnerships and alliances for high tech companies. Having spent over 10 years based in Munich Germany, Norm is now a resident of Portsmouth,

New Hampshire. He enjoys skiing and hiking and has been active in a number of community groups including Rotary International, and the World Affairs Council. Norman holds a BA in Political Science from Bates College, Lewiston, ME and an MBA from Northeastern University, Boston, MA.



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Michael Palmer



Joining our Singapore Chapter, Michael is a practicing attorney and former politician in that country. He served for several years as a member of the Singapore Parliament. He is involved in a variety of civic and professional activities.

Susan Reickert



An art historian, curator and global humanitarian, who has been Knighted twice for her humanitarian work on behalf of children. In 1999, Lady Susan received the Prestigious Ellis Medal of Honor together with First Lady Hillary Clinton, Astronaut/Senator John Glen and Chief Justice William Rehnquist. She travels internationally to aid children in need and uses art as a means of understanding and peace. Currently, Lady Susan is a member of several organizations and boards of directors, including the English National Opera, the St. George's Society of Palm Beach and the International Visitors Council.

Stephen Reynolds



With degrees from Harvard and Harvard Medical School, Stephen worked as a physician for many years. He now lives in North Palm Beach, Florida, with his wife Doris. Stephen has a boatful of sailing accomplishments, including his longest continuous voyage of nearly 28,000 miles from Miami to Hong Kong and beyond.

Frederick Rustmann



After a distinguished career with the Central Intelligence Agency, Frederick now works as a consultant in the Palm Beach, Florida, area. Most of his career with the CIA was served overseas and his expertise in espionage and counter-intelligence has led to many media interviews and his book *CIA, Inc.* He has also written two novels.

Wolfgang Schulz



Wolfgang was born in Germany and lived there during World War II and the early post-war years before moving to Columbia where he worked as an executive for United Fruit Company. He and his wife Mary Anne moved to the United States in 1989 and became American citizens. They now live in Naples, Florida, where he enjoys photography, golf and volunteering.

Lisa Susnar



A native of Milwaukee, Lisa now involved in the fields of law and real estate in Palm Beach, Florida. She was Assistant State Attorney for Palm Beach County for ten years. Travel tops her list of hobbies and interests. She has visited six continents with upcoming plans to explore Antarctica. Besides hiking, biking and camping, she enjoys cooking recipes from other cultures.

Bob Tan



Bob Tan is an accomplished accountant and business leader in Singapore. Chapter President Graham Bell describes him as a "pillar of Singapore society" with numerous civic and professional awards. He is also president of the Singapore Golf Association.

Vincent Von Zwehl



Born in New York, Vincent now lives in Naples, Florida, after a long, successful business career. Vincent and his wife, Connie, are "snow birds" with a summer home in Connecticut. Vincent is involved in a number of civic and social activities in Southwest Florida.

Curtis Watson



A native of Tennessee, Curtis was a football star at the University of Tennessee in the late '60s and early '70s. Known as the *Crossville Comet*, he still holds several university rushing records and went on to play in the National Football League. He was a US Navy pilot and member of the elite "Blue Angels" Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron before embarking on a 28 year career as a pilot for FedEx. He has been inducted into both the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame and the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame. He now lives in Marco Island, Florida.

Nancy Wyckoff



Nancy is retired in Naples, Florida, after a long career in the fashion industry, a profession that allowed her to travel much of the world. She is involved in many civic and social organizations in Southwest Florida, and she participates in ballroom dancing competitions in Florida and other states.

Welcome to our Club



114 YEARS & STILL GOING

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE CIRCUMNAVIGATORS CLUB

EDWARD HAMILTON PATTERSON

BY C. HOWARD MATSON

This new column will profile those leaders who built our Club and carried on the mission, "Through friendship, to leave this world a little better than we found it."

Our first President Edward (Ned) Hamilton Patterson was born in 1852 in Ireland and settled in the then-rural Westchester County (NY), a suburb of Mount Vernon. He was one of the "Three Immortals" who founded the Club in 1902.

Along with his brother who lived in New Zealand, Patterson formed a firm that imported commodities into the United States. The major products were kauri gum and China wood oil used in the manufacture of paints and varnishes. The firm's trading empire covered much of Asia.

The firm, located at 7 Cedar Street in Manhattan, was the meeting site for the Three Immortals, which included Joseph Morrison and James Birch. Frequently they continued their meeting in a Spanish restaurant, Las Dos Americas, at 100 Pearl Street.

In addition to being one of the Club founders and its first president, Circumnavigator Patterson also assumed the role of Treasurer, a position entitled "Money Changer." Immortal Joe Morrison recounted in a 1933 interview, "...on a few evenings we met in Ned Patterson's Mount Vernon home. There we talked in his combination billiard and trophy room, for Ned was a sportsman as well as businessman. There the eyes of the stuffed heads of his quarry looked tolerantly down on us as we talked business, sipped drinks and swapped experiences."

On April 18th, 1910, President Patterson welcomed William Jennings Bryan upon his arrival in New York City harbor and at a formal dinner at the Hotel Astor. As a token of thanks for the warm reception by the membership, Bryan presented our famed and historic whale's tooth gavel.

On August 13, 1935 Patterson died at his country home in Dunraven, NY. He was buried in the family plot in Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla, NY. His will, published in the New York newspapers, listed his estate at about \$115,000, an amount worth about \$2 million in today's dollars.

Club members owe a debt to these early travelers who found like-minded, adventurous and dynamic individuals to form a group to exchange their knowledge and experiences. That is the basis of the Circumnavigators Club.



Past President Peter Mosse was published in Railroad Heritage Magazine. He wrote about the first hundred years of rail art and his own collection that consists of 150 original works from 25 countries.

Another **Past President Al Morasso** reports that he and C. Dorothy Post Mink celebrated their 70th and 50th reunions respectively for West Orange High School, NJ. Other graduates include Circumastronaut Twins and Magellan Award recipients Mark and Scott Kelly.

OUR MANHATTAN HEADQUARTERS IS HARD TO BEAT

BY C. ROGER WEATHERBURN-BAKER
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR



It has to be one of the best deals in town: A two-room suite at a prestige address in Manhattan for less than \$500 a night. And it comes with three dining rooms, a rooftop terrace and three bars; a 40,000 volume library; a pool, squash courts and a gym.

It's the 138-room Yale Club of New York City and it's available for your use whenever you wish as the official headquarters of the Circumnavigators Club. Located at 50 Vanderbilt Avenue across the street from Grand Central Terminal, the 22-story building is the largest college clubhouse in the world, a wonderful old building with an impressive history.

The Old Yale Alumni Association was officially formed in March 1868. Initially, it held meetings, events and elegant, multi-course annual dinners

at various prestigious locations around town, including Delmonico's, credited with the creation of Lobster Newberg and Baked Alaska, and regarded at the time as one of the finest restaurants in the country.

But soon, alumni from Ivy League schools across the northeast began to realize they needed their own

spaces. A clubhouse building boom began. A New York Times reporter described the closing years of the 19th century as "*an era when every man of any known consequence is more or less a club man.*" Harvard built at 27 West Forty-Fourth Street, where they entertained men from Yale lavishly. But not to be outdone, the Yalies built one of their own, opposite the Harvard Club, and bigger and better naturally. It opened in 1901.

"Members flocked to the bar," it was said, "enjoyed lively games of pool, dined extravagantly, broke into song when the spirit moved them, attended operas and plays together and embarked on outings, including skating parties and trips to horse shows."

In elegance and design, the building was in keeping with other Midtown clubhouses of the era. The first floor boasted an oak-paneled grillroom, while the second floor featured a library and lounge. Higher floors accommodated dining rooms large and small and a dining hall that could seat 400. But it wasn't enough. A decade later club leaders decided to move.

They leased a 70-by-100 foot lot from the New York Central Railroad on Vanderbilt Avenue, which is their home today. At first sight then, the location seemed undesirable. It was adjacent to the noise, smoke and steam of huge aboveground rail yards, which presented formidable construction challenges. Their proposed clubhouse would have to be built

atop two tiers of railroad tracks that ran deep beneath the property. But the area had promise.

Entrepreneurial developers had big plans for new hotels and office buildings. Beaux-Arts and Art Deco styles rose all around the recently covered rail lines and yards. By the time the Yale Club opened its doors in 1915, other landmark neighbors were up or taking shape. The Biltmore and Commodore Hotels were joined by the Roosevelt Hotel and then the Graybar, Chanin and Helmsley Buildings in the golden years of Duke Ellington, Babe Ruth and the Roaring Twenties.

The Yale Club soon entered popular culture. Nick Caraway, the narrator of F. Scott Fitzgerald's 1925 classic, *The Great Gatsby*, was a Yale graduate. In chapter three of the classic tale, he describes dining most evenings at the Yale Club and then going to the club library to study investments and securities. Another Fitzgerald character, Anson Hunter, spent a summer living in the club in the short story *The Rich Boy*.

Surviving Prohibition, the Great Depression and World War II, the club has faced many challenges in its lifetime, but the 100-year old architectural dowager has endured graciously, understandably helped with a few nips, tucks and facelifts along the way. All told, club leaders have spent more than \$45 million on capital improvements over the last 15 years alone.

Throughout it all, the club has carefully maintained a strong sense of place and fraternity.

Old black-and-white photographs of the New Haven campus and team portraits of bygone eras line the corridors. Bulldog mascot pillows and college crests abound. The Yale Club logo is even embossed on all doorknobs in all guest rooms and suites. Oil portraits of distinguished alumni like William Howard Taft, Gerald Ford, Bill Clinton and both G. H. and G.W. Bush grace the walls of the main lounge. Here, gentlemen in custom-made suits still sit in deep Chesterfield armchairs poring over the day's press and ordering drinks from liveried waiters.

The recently redesigned Tap Room especially retains a collegiate charm, and the cozy, family-friendly Grill Room serves such delights as Bulldog Burgers and Yale Club Lager. But one of the nicest restaurants in midtown happens to be on the 22nd floor. The Terrace offers the perfect place in spring, summer or fall to enjoy a rooftop cocktail or dinner with a view indoors or al fresco.

With single rooms costing around \$220 a night depending on season, we're very fortunate to have such an historic, convenient, comfortable and inexpensive retreat available to us. And we don't have to go halfway around the world to enjoy it.





FOUNDATION *news*

OUR FOUNDATION SCHOLARS ARE ON THEIR WAY AROUND THE WORLD.

Log onto their BLOGs and follow them along the way. We wish them the best of luck!



Buen Retiro Park in Madrid

Carlyn Harris
Arizona State University

Itinerary: Guatemala, Spain, the Netherlands, India, South Africa and New Zealand

BLOG: <http://caughtthetravel-bug.wordpress.com>



La Casa Rosada in Buenos Aires

Tara Mittelberg
Northwestern University

Itinerary: Argentina, Brazil, South Africa, Ghana, Malaysia, and the Philippines

BLOG: <http://sites.northwestern.edu/urg/blog/tara/>



On the equator in Quito, Ecuador!

Ryan Sudo
Georgetown University

Itinerary: Ecuador, Peru, Norway, Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand and Canada

BLOG: <http://indigenouseducation.wordpress.com>

2015 Georgetown University Scholar Reports on her circumnavigation



▲ Hannah Gerdes begins her presentation

Chapter Past President Samuel Watson and International President Ellen Parke represented the Chapter and the Foundation at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service when our 2015 Foundation Scholar, Hannah Gerdes, gave an oral presentation of her Senior Honors Thesis, based on the research she did while circumnavigating last summer.

Dr. Joanna Lewis (director of the thesis program for Science, Technology, and International Affairs), International President Ellen Parke, Hannah Gerdes, Assistant Professor Emily Mendenhall (Hannah's mentor), and C. Samuel Watson





FOUNDATION PRESIDENT'S *LETTER*

Dear Fellow Circumnavigators:

Nothing makes the Foundation's work more worthwhile than the positive impact our grants have on furthering global understanding and friendship. The accompanying note from last year's Foundation Scholar from Georgetown, Hannah Gerdes, is a case in point. The excitement, enthusiasm, and seriousness of purpose of our grantees in planning, executing, and utilizing their around-the-world travel-study projects for post-graduation endeavors are a continued source of inspiration – and pride – to everyone involved in the grant program. Over the past 45 years, the Foundation has enabled 131 young scholars like Hannah to make positive and meaningful contributions to international scholarship while enriching their own lives in the process.

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of the membership of the Naples Chapter, we are delighted to announce that Florida Gulf Coast University will participate in the grant program for the first time for the upcoming grant cycle, a direct result of the Foundation's goal of providing grants to chapters based upon levels of giving by their memberships. FGCU will join co-funding participants Georgetown and Northwestern Universities in the 2016-2017 grant program.

Please track the progress of this year's grantees via their web logs and keep an eye out for the upcoming summer appeal.

Luck to You!

Greg Rider

What is Hannah Doing Now?

In November, I was accepted to the United States Peace Corps, to serve as a Community Health Educator in Burkina Faso, for the next 27 months (June 19, 2016 to September 2018).

The 2015 Circumnavigator's Grant, which enabled me to research depression during pregnancy around the world, has given me language and experiences to better understand and express why I'm drawn to global health: because the disparities in health around the world -- between the rich and the poor, between high-income countries and low- and middle-income countries, are unjust. And compassion for other humans makes me want to work to reduce that disparity. The Peace Corps is an incredible opportunity to gain on-the-ground experience in global health, in a responsible way. When I found an opportunity to contribute to community health education in francophone Burkina Faso, with a particular focus on girls' empowerment, it seemed like the perfect fit.

When I found out that I had been accepted to the Peace Corps, my heart leaped – initially, I was simply excited. That night, however, I began to think about all the risks and challenges involved with volunteering with the Peace Corps, and I felt scared. However, I was ultimately motivated to join because the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers that I talked with assured me that no matter how many difficult and disheartening moments they experienced in the Peace Corps, their service was worthwhile.

Thank you very much for your generosity, in providing me with the Circumnavigator's Grant.

Hannah Gerdes



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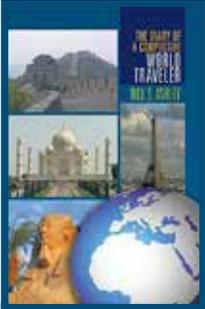
International President **Ellen Parke** was surprised and honored to receive the prestigious Rath Award from her alma mater, Hollins University, on the occasion of her 45th class reunion in June. It is given annually to an alumna for her service to the university.

Continuing his European genealogical visits, International Past President **Howard Matson** visited the Ploiesti Romania archives where he

spent seven hours and discovered the handwritten birth record of his grandmother, Fannie Hechter Matson, from April 1891.



Washington DC Chapter member, **Bill Ashley**, finished a continuation on his book, *The Diary of a Compulsive Traveler*, which was originally published in 2011. The update continues his travels from 2011 – 2016. His book is available as a hardback, paperback, or an ebook on Amazon.com.



United Kingdom Chapter President **Helen Jenkins** has taken part in a survey “How Welsh are you?” Part of the survey is to provide a DNA sample to trace her ancestry. Helen was delighted to discover she developed from original cave artists. It is amazing how being creative traveled down through the centuries. Helen is very artistic!



Alex Bozzette

We were saddened to learn recently of the passing of Alex Bozzette, the 2011 Foundation Scholar of the Washington, DC Chapter. Alex graduated from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in 2012. His research topic for the Foundation focused on the global effort to diagnose multi-drug resistant tuberculosis. He conducted interviews in Ecuador, Peru, Tanzania, Ethiopia, India, and Vietnam. In 2014, Alex received a Master of Science in Public Health Promotion from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. At the time of his passing, he was working for the Population Media Center in Burlington, Vermont. Alex's work was dedicated to making the world a better place. One of his



family's favorite quotes from Alex is “everyone, everywhere deserves to be healthy.” We couldn't agree more. Alex was a humanitarian and a great ambassador for our country and the Circumnavigators.

OVER THE HORIZON

Bozzette, Alex,
Burlington, VT

Schmidt, Donald J.,
St. Petersburg, FL

Wood, Dyane D.,
Little River, SC

Lim, Richard Kee-Ming,
Singapore

Schoenfeld, Wayne,
Studio City, CA

Lucas, Bernard,
Novi, MI

Vincent, George C.,
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

UP ON THE ROOF

THROUGH MY LENS

Tips from a travel photographer

By **C. Roger Weatherburn-Baker**
Naples Chapter

I'm not sure why, but I think I must have a thing about roofs. I seem to take a lot of photos of them. In doing so, I've learned that roofs can tell you a lot about a place. For example, someone once told me you can tell at a glance whether a picture was taken in the north or south of Europe by the color of the rooftops.

Cold gray rooftops, often using slate tiles, are found in the north. Warm, terracotta tiles are usually found in the south.

Look at the photo of the gray roofs of the town of Dreux an hour or so west of Paris. For me, the wide variety of the tiles, their age, textures, shapes and angles, makes for an interesting shot but it also tells me we're in the north.



The second photo of the glorious village of Roussillon in the south of France beautifully illustrates the warm glow of the villages there that draws thousands of admirers every summer. I framed this photo with a clump of lavender to really nail the locale as Provence.

The rooftops in my third photo are completely different but also give a clue to their location. The flat or domed roofs are something of a giveaway, but look at the walls. There's your real clue. They're made of variations of the pale Dolomite limestone so plentiful in and around this city. It's known as Jerusalem stone.

They say walls have ears.
But roofs can speak.

