

Circumnavigators Club The Log

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PETER HILLARY *Receives Highest Award*



Peter Hillary is presented with the 30th Magellan Award. Assisting are L/R: Ray Olson (Pastpresident-DC Chapter); George Sanborn (International Treasurer); Jeffrey Kelly (Pastpresident); Anne Hughes (Board member); Charles Stotts (President-PNW Chapter); Lois Kahan (International Secretary); Carol Narup (Secondvicepresident); Maryann Hart (President-PSW Chapter); Charles Blaisdell (Pastpresident); Jim Arimond (President-Chicago Chapter); Honoree Peter Hillary; William Holm (President); Howard Matson (Pastpresident); Esther Dyer (Firstvicepresident); John Carroll (President-Michigan Chapter); Patricia Lodge (President-Miami Chapter); (Board member Connie Wingate hidden); Tom Maher (Vicepresident-Naples Chapter); Karen Schlueter (Board member from Illinois); and Peter Mosse (Board member).

30th Magellan Award Dinner
NOVEMBER 17, 2006 NEW YORK CITY

~ CHARTING THE COURSE ~

Dear Fellow Circumnavigators,

I want to thank all those who attended the Magellan Award dinner at the Union League Club in New York City last November to honor Peter Hillary. We had a wonderful time at this gala event and Mr. Hillary delivered a timely and exciting speech.

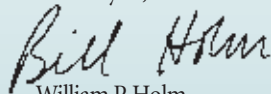
We are looking forward now to the International Meeting next March 11-15, 2007, hosted by our own Naples Chapter. March is a beautiful time of the year in south Florida. The event at the Naples Grande Resort & Club promises to be interesting and fun thanks to all the hard work of the members of the Naples Chapter. In addition to enjoying the company of fellow Circumnavigators and the beautiful Naples area, we will have important club business to attend to as members gather from our far-flung chapters. I encourage all of our membership to attend what is sure to be an outstanding International Meeting in Naples in March.

Our Historic Book – *The First Hundred Years*, edited by Pastpresident Jeff Kelly – is about to go to press. The Board is reviewing the most recent quotes from our printing representative and we hope to have the printed volume ready for shipment soon.

I had the distinct pleasure of meeting some of the candidates for the Circumnavigators Club Foundation around-the-world travel-study grant in New York in January. The intellectual quality and enthusiasm of the students applying for this prestigious award is truly amazing. The Foundation adds great meaning and vitality to our membership in the Club. The opportunity to travel around the world to conduct original research on an academic project of global significance is a unique opportunity which the Foundation offers to those very deserving students who are selected for the grants.

2007 is in full swing and we are all looking forward to the opportunity to gather at events in our different Chapters as the year unfolds.

Luck to you,



William P. Holm
International President

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ENCLOSED

During 2007 we invite every all Circumnavigators to invite one person who qualifies for membership in our Club to join our organization. Prospective members should be interested in the Club's programs, value the opportunity to meet like-minded travelers and the person must be of the same character and will actively support the activities of the Club and its Foundation. Please refer prospective members to our website at www.circumnavigatorsclub.org.

Thank You!

30th Magellan Award Dinner

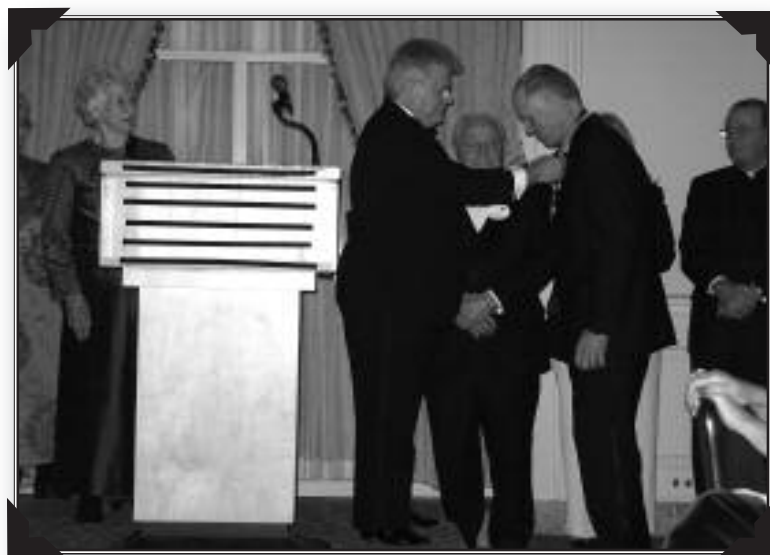
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Whenever the Order of Magellan is presented to an outstanding individual who has left a mark in the world, there is more excitement and expectation than at any other event held during the year. Circumnavigators come from cities and Chapters around the world to enjoy the sights of New York, participate in the events planned for them, and to wind up the weekend with a gala, black-tie dinner at the historic Union League Club on Park Avenue.

On November 17, members from Manitoba, Canada, California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Washington and Washington DC came to meet and greet Peter Hillary, the 2006 recipient of the Order of Magellan. Our honoree enjoyed meeting our world travelers who enjoyed having their photograph taken with him. Peter was most congenial and truly enjoyed the evening. Many of our members remembered when his father, Sir Edmund Hillary, received the award in 1983 for his exploration feat of being the first person to climb Mt. Everest.

During his "Thank you" speech Peter Hillary explained that he always felt that adversity and challenge can make you thrive: it just depends on how you look at things. Peter was honored by the Club for his continued work as a humanitarian: a member of the Himalayan Trust, an organization that assists the local people of the Mount Everest region, where 42 schools, hospitals and medical clinics were built. He was also honored as an explorer: "There is nothing more inspirational than a great adventure," exclaimed Hillary. And he should know! He not only climbed Mt. Everest but he reached the South Pole overland, and accomplished the first high-altitude traverse of the Himalayan Range, a 3,000-mile route from Mt. Kanchenjunga in Sikkim through Nepal and India to K-2 in Pakistan.

■ SPECIAL THANKS FOR ADDITIONAL PHOTOS RECEIVED FROM ANGELA ADDARIO, MARYANN HART AND CAROL NARUP.



Chairman of the Magellan Award Committee Howard Matson places the Magellan medal on Peter Hillary. Carol Narup, Charles Blaisdell and Jim Arimond look on.



Ms. Peter and Christine Mosse (R/L) with their guests Matthew Krysinski and Manijeh Azmoodeh.



Chicago Chapter well represented: Schirmer Riley, Carol Narup, President Jim Arimond, Wendy and Scott Davis, Mary Lou and Robert Rain, Karen and Ray Schlueter, and Jim Pirtle.

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Around the famous Union League Club globe are the Michigan contingent: Lee and Floy Barthel, Annie Atanian, Joe Osentoski, Mary and John Carroll, and Tom Peloso



Ms. Wendy Erb (Colorado and New York) and Hertha Stotts, Seattle, WA.



Ms. Andrea Butcher-McAdams gets acquainted with visiting Ray Olson.



Ms. Lynn Bartlett with his wife, Margaret. Lynn serves as a Director of the Foundation's Board.



Ms. Anne Marie Brownell (C) with her guests Cynthia Ely and Susan Cooke.



New Yorkers three: Ms. Suzanne Frye, Beverly Anderson and Sue Murphy.

Chapterpresident Maryann Hart brought in a very special book (a biography of Peter's father) that included a photo of him at age 7, and his family. Needless to say, he was delighted to see it again.



Ms. Bernie McDonnell and wife, Linda, with Sonia Driscoll (C), whose late husband, Bob, was very active in the Philadelphia Chapter.





International President Bill Holm gives welcoming remarks to an attentive audience.



A President of the Circumnavigators Club is always greatly honored to welcome new members. President Holm welcomed Josh Laurito, Foundation Scholar, and Ken Linsner.



Cs. Evelyn Peterson, Patricia Lodge, Jan Novar and Ken Linsner. Patricia and Jan are from the Miami Chapter and enjoyed chatting with Evelyn, who lives in Connecticut and winters in Palm Beach. Ken Linsner is New York's Program Chair.



A wonderful group of Circums: Wendy Erb, Jim Arimond, Anne Holm (wife of President Bill), Bill Peterson, Maryann Hart, Jan Novar, Jeff Kelly and Muriel Dorff.



Mary Brogan enjoys dining at the table with **Cs** visitor Jim Pirtle.



Peter Hillary has his personally autographed book entitled In The Ghost Country available for the guests. **Cs.** Joe Osentoski, Angela Addario, John and Mary Carroll are first to take a copy.



A slide of Sir Edmund Hillary talking by cellphone with his son, who was atop Mt. Everest in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Sir Edmund's climb.



Goodwill Reception Held at the Friars Club

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Hostess Shirl Kaslow made the arrangements to hold a Goodwill Reception for our visiting Circumnavigators at the famous Friars Club of New York. It is a wonderful building filled with photographs of stars, musicians, comedians, and others. Some of the rooms are named after celebrities like Frank Sinatra, George Burns (a smoking room), and Milton Berle. During the cocktail reception, Shirl escorted some of the members around the building so they could enjoy the ambiance of a very enjoyable place.



Guest Carola Collier enjoys meeting Cs. Annie Atanian, Tom Peloso, Mary Ann Munson, and Shirl Kaslow.



Cs. Karen and Ray Schlueter, Illinois ~ Lee and Floy Barthel, Michigan.



Jim Pirtle and Robert Rain with Patricia Lodge and Maryann Hart.



Cs. Irwin Jacobs standing with Anne Marie Brownell (Winnipeg, Manitoba) and Gene O'Rourke.



International President Bill Holm introduces Cs. Shirl Kaslow as the hostess for the evening. Listening to Bill's welcoming remarks are Cs. Robert Rain (IL), Angela Addario (MA), and Lee Curran (PA)



International Treasurer George Sanborn (3rd from left) and International Vicepresident Esther Dyer (R) find that their guests knew one another from years ago. L/R – Ivan Thornton, Valerie Vicente, Consuelo Scarpetta, and Alfredo O'Campo.



Gearing into a festive couple of days: Jim Pirtle, Schirmer Riley, Neil and Joan Curley (Naples), Tom Maher (Naples), Beverly Anderson, Floy and Lee Barthel (Michigan), and Gloria Maher.



C. Theresa Reilly welcomes Jim Pirtle and Schirmer Riley of Indiana.



Getting acquainted are Wendy Davis, Wendy Erb and Mary Lou Rain.



☾ Bernice Heller chats with Irwin Jacobs about her latest dance steps.

Circumpresconnect Meeting Held

Chairperson Carol Narup endeavors to bring together Chapterpresidents or their representatives at least once a year for the purpose of discussing issues and lending assistance and insights to one another. On the morning of November 17, such a meeting was called. At this meeting ideas for growing membership and developing new and interesting programs were discussed.



Present at the CircumPresConnect Meeting were: Maryann Hart, President-Pacific-Southwest Chapter; Lee Barthel, Pastpresident-Michigan Chapter; Patricia Lodge, President-Miami Chapter; Charles Stotts, President-Pacific-Northwest Chapter; Hertha Stotts; Carol Narup, Chairperson, and Bill Narup; Jim Arimond, President-Chicago Chapter; Tom Maher, Vicepresident-Naples Chapter; Donna and Lee Curran, representatives for Philadelphia, and International President Bill Holm.

International Board Meeting and Luncheon

All members were invited to attend the Board of Governors Meeting held at the Williams Club. The meeting began at 11:30 a.m. About 40 attended while others were off to various parts of New York City.

After the meeting, members and their guests were invited to a wonderful luncheon. During the luncheon, the Chapters were asked to give reports. The luncheon was over about 2 pm so there was still time to enjoy city sights.



International President Bill Holm gives welcoming remarks at Board Meeting.

A new mode of transportation in New York City is the rickshaw. ☾s. Carol and Bill Narup, Chicago Chapter, decided they were brave enough to try one out. We hear that they thoroughly enjoyed the ride. (Photo sent in by Carol Narup.)



During the luncheon, ☾ Theodore Scull was welcomed as a new member.



Chapterpresident Vincent Chen

SINGAPORE CHAPTER

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER Friday ~ January 19, 2007

The Singapore Chapter held its Annual General Meeting on January 19, 2007. After the AGM, our spouses joined us for our traditional black-tie Annual Dinner.

The Mandarin Hotel, which was established by our Chapter's Co-founder the late C. George Lien, as usual spared no efforts in giving us the fine cuisine and service that contributed to a wonderful evening. The hotel will be closing for major renovation later this year, so this marked the end of an almost 40-year-old tradition of holding our Annual Dinners at the Mandarin. As such it was a nostalgic evening for many of our members.

In keeping with this mood, we had a sing-along of old favorites – led by Pastpresident Terry Ng and accompanied by pianist Danny Koh. We even sang – or attempted to sing – “The Circumnavigators’ Song”! Terry was in his element as he cracked his jokes and sang solo numbers including “On the Street Where You Live”. Pastpresident Loh Kai Woh also took the mike to contribute his jokes and a rendition of “The Young Ones”. Everyone had a very enjoyable evening.

At the AGM earlier in the evening, C. Vincent Chen was re-elected President. Among others elected to office were: Ang Thiam Huat as Firstvicepresident; John Kirkham as Secondvicepresident; John Wang as Secretary and Ng Ser Hai as Treasurer. Pastpresidents Paul Chu, Ronald Zung, Terry Ng and Goh Chung Meng were re-elected to the Board of Governors.

The Singapore Chapter holds luncheon meetings on the second Thursday of each month which are hosted by four Circumnavigators each time. The luncheons are held in different venues and are characterized by good food, fine wine and great fellowship. Visiting Circumnavigators are always welcome.



Chapterpresident Vincent Chen with two long-serving members Pastpresidents Richard K.M. Eu and Chan U Seek.



Cs. Loh Kai Woh telling his jokes with C. Lim Soon Hock supporting.



Cs. Charles Toh, George Chang and William Cheng enjoying dinner.



Pastpresident Terry Ng leading the sing-along.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Interim Chapterpresident Colleen Lance



Luncheon Hosted by Member

☪. Jean Bartlett and her husband, Bill, hosted a luncheon for the members of the San Francisco Bay Area in December. Everyone enjoyed getting together and especially meeting and greeting new member Ben Kuckens.

Welcoming ☪. Ben Kuckens: Gale Forrest, Jean Bartlett, Colleen Lance, Inger Bisson, Ben, Betsy and Jeff Lance.



INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS HOLIDAY SOCIAL HELD AT THE WILLIAMS CLUB



Happy Holidays! Seated: Bernice Heller, Irwin Jacobs, Anne Hughes and Rose Everett. Background: Helen Jost, George Sanborn, Mary Farrell, Mary Brogan, Esther Dyer, Lois Kahan, President Bill Holm, Marion Green, John and Vera Blankley, Marge O'Mara, Sheila and Jim Forney.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were served to members during a wonderful two hours of socializing and catching up. There was a fun grab bag offered to those who brought a gift – some were quite interesting. Everyone enjoyed the time together and when departing, expressed wishes for a happy and peaceful 2007.



Grab bag winners were Mary Farrell winning pretty jewelry and Irwin Jacobs with a bag of delicious pistachio nuts.



Chapterpresident Nancy Bivenour

DESERT CHAPTER (ARIZONA)

Marshall Trimble – Arizona's Official State Historian

This cowboy singer-storyteller was the guest of the Desert Chapter in October. Marshall Trimble has performed with Rex Allen, Waylon Jennings, Jerry Lee Lewis and the Oak Ridge Boys. He is well known by many in Arizona and it was President Bivenour who was able to invite him.



Marshall Trimble – singer/storyteller.



Members and guests enjoy a splendid luncheon at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort.

Gregg Sapp – Entrepreneur and Adventurer

NOVEMBER 16 MEETING AT SCOTTSDALE PLAZA RESORT

Members and guests attended a luncheon program to meet and greet Gregg Sapp, a recognized leader in the Phoenix real estate industry for 30 years. "My love for setting and accomplishing goals started early in life with my Boy Scout experience. The travel bug also bit me early on."

"I have now been on two Mt. Everest expeditions, as well as climbing the highest mountains on six continents," continued Mr. Sapp. "I have also crossed the Sahara Desert on a camel, dived for sunken treasure in the South Pacific, and celebrated America's bicentennial with a 2,000-mile mule trek from Phoenix to Vancouver."

Gregg set the pace for the luncheon with that introduction, which then turned into a fascinating story of travel and adventure. His wife, Laurie, also loves the outdoors.



Chapterpresident Nancy Bivenour thanks speaker Gregg Sapp and presents him with a token gift.



☛ Dorothy Ness is welcomed by President Bivenour and presented with a membership certificate.

SCUTTLEBUTT

The world is indeed getting smaller, at least to Circumnavigators. In June 2005, my wife, **HERTHA**, and I had just arrived in Skagway, Alaska, by ferry to begin several weeks of driving around our largest state. Of course the main attraction in Skagway is the historic White Pass and Yukon Railroad, which winds its way up the steep, and somewhat scary, mountain pass made famous during the great Yukon gold rush. As we waited to board, who should we bump into but **☛. PETER MOSSE**, of New York, and his mother, over from England. The first time we met Peter was when he, with wife **CHRISTINE**, were with us on the Circumnavigator Club's Moscow, Star City and river cruise to St. Petersburg. It seems that Peter is a very serious steam train buff and had traveled all the way to Skagway expressly to ride that train. And then, two years later, we end up traveling together again, half a world away!

Submitted by **CHARLES STOTTS**.



☛. JIM ROGERS was recently written about in *The New York Sun*. The title of the article was "The Indiana Jones of Investment" as he, along with his Circumwife, **PAIGE**, and their three-year-old daughter tour the world as he talks about commodities. Many of you have met Jim and Paige as they have given programs about their year-long trip around the world in 1999-2000 in their bright yellow SUV diesel hybrid Mercedes-Benz. Jim has written several books the latest being *Hot Commodities: How Anyone Can Invest Profitably in the World's Best Market* – Random House.

C. WALLACE DENNY TURNS 100!

A special birthday cake for a special Circumnavigator.



Christmas Brunch Held In The Wrigley Mansion

Everyone dressed in their holiday finery to attend a gala champagne brunch. Long-time Circumnavigator Wallace Denny was the honored guest who was recognized for his 100 years on earth. Here are the photos from this special event:



Chapter president Nancy Bivenour with honored guest C. Wallace Denny.



Harpist Adrienne Bridgewater performed songs popular in merry olde England during Christmas season.



Twin members Jennie and Terri Frankel with President Nancy Bivenour.



Life member Park Shaw with President Nancy.



Chapter Officers: L/R – Al Crawford, Treasurer; Brenda Tuxbury, Membership; Patricia Fry, Secretary; Nancy Bivenour, President.



L/R: Chapterpastpresident Mel Kelso, C. Hertha Stotts, Treasurer, Jeanne Hoskins - the same Jeanne who last year celebrated her 90th birthday at 90 degrees N. Guest C. Helen Jenkins and Chapterpresident Charles Stotts.

We had the great pleasure of welcoming our first Pacific Northwest Chapter Goodwill visitor **HELEN JENKINS**, who is the U.K. Chapter Secretary. Helen notified us by e-mail that she would be in Seattle for a meeting and that she would like to meet those of us who would be free. It would be Helen's first time in Seattle so we agreed that we would show her around the area. On December 11, despite gale force winds and heavy rain, downed trees and widespread flooding, we saw a fair bit of Seattle, including a drive over the world's two longest floating bridges. After visiting the nearby 268-foot-high Snoqualmie Falls, which were really thundering because of the heavy rains, we returned to the airport area for lunch. We welcome all fellow Circumnavigators when they find themselves in our little corner of the world.

GOODWILL CONNECTION ... IN ACTION

EAST MEETS WEST: It is always a pleasure when Circumnavigators from different nations can meet and share their travel adventures. Such was the case for the Augustine family of Naples, Florida, who had lived in Singapore and were returning after a sixteen-year absence.

(Top row left)- C. Terry Ng, Chapterpastpresident; Paige Augustine and C. Ronald Loh Kai Who. (First row left)- Robert Augustine, C. Jill Augustine, and C. Ronald Zung, Pastpresident and member of the International Board.



Naples Chapter Vicepresident Tom Maher heartily welcomes Circumnavigator Tom Tobin, Desert Chapter, when he came to town for a few days. They enjoyed lunch at the Club of Pelican Bay and talked about travel...what else!



Chapterpresident Margaret Ellen Parke

WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER

Annual Co-Event with Explorers Club-DC Held at the Cosmos Club – November 18, 2006

The Cosmos Club on Embassy Row in Washington DC was the venue for the annual joint meeting with The Explorers Club.

The evening's entertainment was provided by Explorer Ralph Naranjo. For ten years Mr. Naranjo held the Vanderstar Chair at the U.S. Naval Academy and oversaw the sail training, seamanship, and navigation program for midshipmen. He worked as technical editor of Cruising World magazine and has written two books and numerous features and technical articles for a variety of marine publications. He is currently working on a seamanship book for McGraw-Hill, and lectures on a variety of marine topics.

Naranjo gave a slide presentation "Across Three Oceans." It chronicled the five years that his wife, Lenore, and their two small children traveled the world with him on their 41-foot sloop. Their west-bound voyage through trade-wind latitudes included stops in off-the-beaten-path archipelagoes as well as New Zealand, Australia, and Africa. Ralph's stories of remote tropical landfalls, pelagic seabirds and small craft adventures were inspiring. Many of his slides were breathtaking due to their sharp, Kodachrome 64 color, and their artistic composition.

36 Circumnavigators and guests attended the dinner.



New members receive certificates from Chapterpresident Ellen Parke. L/R Bonye Norton, Ginny May and Bob Atwater.



Circumgals
Margaret Parke,
Jean Berner and
Betsy Ruderfer.



Guest Nancy Mellem with **Cs.** Shirley Eustis and Luella Murri.



Chapterpastpresident Ray Olson with **C.** John Ploumpis and his wife, Elizabeth.



C. Virginia May introduces herself to visitors
Cs. Jim and Sheila Forney of New Jersey.



Speaker Robert Naranjo
with **C.** Bill and Lois
Billings.



Chapterpastpresident Jack Bluestein, Ellen
Parke, Fran Damerell and Millie Bluestein.



Circum Jean Berner with Chaptertreasurer Fran Damerell and
Chapterpastpresident Marshall Damerell and Explorer Ron Ritter.

CHICAGO CHAPTER

Chapterpresident James Arimond



Holiday Celebrated In The Windy City

The evening was warm with the holiday spirit when Circumnavigator Marilyn Fischel opened her home to her world-traveler friends on December 7.

Ms. Fischel was happy to show her fascinating apartment with its floor to ceiling windows showcasing a spectacular view of Lincoln Park, Lake Michigan and the Chicago skyline. Marilyn's apartment is a museum of travel treasures collected from her trips around the world. She perfectly displayed her collections, one of which was a unique collection of hotel keys and another of Buddhas gathered from around the world.

There was good conversation all evening long while members enjoyed the hospitality of a Circumnavigator who brought her travels home.



♣s. Don and Jeneane Blom with member Peggy Simonsen.



♣hostess Marilyn Fischel and ♣ Adele Zunas enjoy the evening.

2006 Foundation Grantee Alex Robins, Northwestern University, with Co-ordinator Carol Narup and President Jim Arimond.



Planning Meeting Held



♣s. Carol and Bill Narup hosted the Chicago Chapter's first Board Meeting of 2007. The meeting was called to discuss and formalize plans for the coming year. Board Members are as follows: Kneeling-Robert Bilhorn and Matthew Reilein. (Matt is a Foundation Scholar). Standing: Don Parrish, Scott Davis, Carol Narup, Jim Arimond, Barbara Franch, Marilyn Fischel and Karen Schlueter.



Chapterpresident Jim Arimond with guest Sharon Seagran and ♣ Peggy Simonsen.

OVER THE HORIZON

H. Fred Campbell C2170LM
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
December, 2006

William L. Kasper K943LM
Fort Pierce, Florida
January 6, 2005

Ralph J. Oravec O2632
New York, New York
February 28, 2006

Anne M. Coy C4104
Lanthann, Florida
May 25, 2006

Howard R. Lewis L4447
Providence, Rhode Island
July 10, 2006

Kenneth Pasley Smith S2717LM
London, England
November 6, 2006



Chapterpresident Patricia Classen

NAPLES CHAPTER (FLORIDA)

WHO HAS BEEN TO TAJIKISTAN?

Getting into the full-swing of activities, the Naples Chapter invited Bob Perkins to tell them his travel story of Tajikistan. On Sunday, November 12, 48 members and guests assembled at the Club at Pelican Bay for a wonderful afternoon slide program.

Bob Perkins, who enjoys traveling to remote areas of the world, traveled through Tajikistan in a Russian jeep with a driver and an interpreter. The country is mountainous and very cold. The people he met were very friendly and opened their homes to him. His accommodations consisted of sleeping on a mat under many blankets.

Driving through the mountains was treacherous at times. At one point, when they had reached the top of a pass through the mountains, they got out to look at the view. When they returned to the jeep it would not start. It was very, very cold and desolate in May. Thankfully, the men got the jeep started!!

The people he met ate game animals. Bob did not feel it was safe to eat this meat, so his meals consisted of yogurt, flat bread, cucumbers and tomatoes. During the time he was traveling in this area, they saw only twelve cars, and for four days no cars at all.

Bob joked that he had hoped to get into Afghanistan. At one point, a mountain stream was the only obstacle that separated Afghanistan from Tajikistan but he could never find the stepping stones to get across to say he was in Afghanistan also!



☛ John Nice with his wife, Mary (R), and guest Rona Saunders.



Wow! It is great getting together: Tom Maher, Sandra Matheis, Chapterpresident Pat Classen, Pat's guest Carol Decker, Richard Matheis and Gloria Maher.



☛ Louise Davis enjoys the afternoon with her guest Bob McCausland.



Chapterpresident Patricia Classen welcomes new member Moira Fennessey.



☛ Jill Augustine with her husband, Robert. Everyone was gearing up for the International Meeting to be held in Naples in March.



Bob Perkins (C) with Bill Roy and Chaptersecretary Barb Roy.

OVERLAND FROM NEPAL TO TIBET

GUEST SPEAKER ~ BRYNN BRUIJN

To initiate 2007, about 40 members of the Naples Chapter were delighted to get together for an afternoon brunch on Sunday, January 21, at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. The guest speaker was Brynn Bruijn, a former freelance photographer, whose photos can be seen in European and American magazines including Town and Country, Harper's Bazaar, Cosmopolitan, Travel and Leisure and National Geographic, to name a few.

Ms. Bruijn shared her experiences traveling overland from Nepal to Tibet. She had been introduced to the Dalai Lama many years ago and it was at his suggestion that she met a guide to take her into Tibet. The excellent slides she presented illustrated this amazing trip.

Starting in Nepal, Brynn and her guide loaded up on the staples they would need for their trip. Herbal medicines for altitude sickness and stomach problems turned out to be very important. They started out on the first leg of their trip in a bus packed with varieties of back packs and livestock. (This particular year, the monsoon season turned out to be one of the worst in history.) As they reached the mountains, they had to start trekking as vehicles could not get through. They had to climb 610 kilometers to get across the mountains. Not only that, but since they were not able to get a visa they were careful in certain areas not to be seen by the Chinese.

At the top of the mountains, they rented a jeep and driver who could only drive forward. The roads were deep with mud and boulders making them almost impassable. When they couldn't drive any further they stayed with the local Tibetans.

They finally arrived in Lhasa where they were able to rest up and

replenish their supplies. The Potala palace, former home of the Dalai Lama, is a welcome landmark for travelers to Lhasa. The temple was built between 1645 and 1693. The Jokhang Temple, founded in approximately 650 AD, is the most sacred and ancient of Tibet's temples.

They left Lhasa for the Northern Plateau. The nomads live in tents made from yak hair, moistened and beaten until thick and cold-resistant. This is where they stayed. They ate mostly yogurt, cheese, meat and barley meal. They had taken along peanut butter, but it was still a pretty hard go.

It was during this part of the trip that they experienced a mud slide. Warned by the local townspeople, they sped across the road directly into the path of sliding mud and rock. The back wheels nearly missed the pull of this incredibly fast moving earth which would have swallowed the jeep in seconds. They were headed for the Turdrun Monastery. It was freezing cold. A monk wrapped her in blankets and gave her a special tea. (Recipe: one small cup of strong tea, 1 teaspoon of Tabasco.) Brynn said that no foreigners were allowed in the prison camps developed by the Chinese for the educated and intelligentsia, but with a few bribes the guide was able to get them into the camp. The prisoners work around the clock and no one ever leaves, including the children in the camp. Brynn ate only bread and water for an entire week.

The next day they started for Shalu, one of the oldest teaching monasteries in Tibet. The walls were decorated by Tibetan and Nepalese painters using candlelight. Brynn took pictures of all the walls. 380 volumes of handwritten fundamental texts of Buddhism were still in the monastery. The Chinese had thrown many of the famous books in a big pile in a hole. Fortunately, they were still intact.

After a Q&A, Brynn Bruijn was applauded for her wonderful and exciting presentation.



Ms. Virginia Newman and Lorna Craig with guest speaker Brynn Bruijn.



Chapterpresident Pat Classen presents a membership certificate to Ms. Kathleen Burgess.



Bill Roy and guest of honor Bruijn.



Guests Reg and Sandra Buxton enjoy the afternoon event.



Ms. Mary Nice, Jean Sneed and guests Sue and Bob Reynen.



Mr. Jim Lungo with his wife Kay.



Chapterpresident John Carroll

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Pierette Simpson Sets The Record Straight, 50 Years Later

The scene is a warm, cozy library on a rainy, cool fall evening on October 4, 2006. The place is the Fairlane Club nestled in the woods within the shadows of Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan. The time is 8:15 p.m. and 42 people are seated on the edge of their chairs listening to a chilling travel journey that nobody would ever want to experience.

How would you like to be a nine-year-old immigrating to the USA, unable to speak English and having to fight for



Guest speaker Pierette Simpson addressing the audience about her surviving the sinking of the *Andrea Doria*.



Michigan Chapter Board Members Tom Peloso and Mary O'Connor as well as guest Mary Emery.

your life amidst the dark and deep Atlantic Ocean? Well, Pierette Domenica Simpson not only survived the dramatic collision between the *Andrea Doria* and the *Stockholm*, but was able to share a compelling story that dispelled myths, mystery, and misunderstandings. Her enthralling account of what happened on the night of July 25, 1956, intrigued her Circumnavigator audience for 30 minutes, and stimulated countless questions and generated discussion for quite some time afterwards.

Pierette's vivid description of the collision made one really wonder how two luxury liners could have collided in the open sea. Her account of the rescue showed how terrifying this could be for the passengers. She gave a vivid description of how passengers escaped the sinking *Andrea Doria* by climbing down a rope ladder into the lifeboats. Pierette spoke of her playmate who died in the rescue attempt when her head hit the hard wood of the lifeboat. Chaos was everywhere that night and yet most people survived the tragedy.

There were 46 people who died on the *Andrea Doria*, plus 5 people from the *Stockholm*, in what turned out to be the greatest sea rescue in maritime history.

The passion that Pierette displayed for setting the record straight was uncompromised. She not only lived through this tragedy, but provided a convincing argument that the Italian ship should never have been rammed. Pierette concluded the evening by signing her book *Alive On The Andrea Doria* and told us to be on the lookout for a movie down the road.



CS. Jim Trebilcott (Chapterpastpresident) and Jack Maxwell discussing the day's business.



Mary Carroll talking over the recruitment activities for the Foundation Grantee with Board members Roger McNeill and Joe Osentoski.



CS. Robert Spehar and Charles Clemak catching up on their latest travels.



Pierette Simpson autographing a copy of her book *Alive On The Andria Doria*



Chapterpresident John and Mary Carroll with the guest speaker.



CS. Sandra Karmazin and Nancy Truinier waiting for dinner.

Michigan Chapter Celebrated the Holidays

Special Fund Raiser Held for Our Foundation – Nets \$4,167

Circumnavigators met at the Country Club of Detroit on December 7 for their annual holiday party that served as a Foundation fundraiser. This year, members of the Detroit Chapter of the English Speaking Union were invited to this festive occasion. There are many Michigan Circumnavigators who are also part of the English Speaking Union. Our chapter board member Tom Peloso also serves as their chapter president.

The room at the Country Club of Detroit was beautifully decorated and very cozy with a 20-foot Christmas tree, lots of greens, fireplaces at both ends, and a huge mechanical nutcracker. Music throughout the evening was provided by Phil Kelly playing on a Steinway grand piano with Keith Mailnowski on bass. Over 60 people listened to holiday tunes through the cocktail hour and during dinner.

Ms. Mary Carroll, along with her committee of Annie Atanian, Len Barnes, Lee Barthel, John Carroll, Marion Matuszewski and Mary O'Connor secured over 40 items to be raffled off during the evening. The prizes were accommodations at The Grand Hotel, Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, and The Inn at Bay Harbor all located Up North in Michigan. Numerous area restaurants provided gift certificates for dinner, and countless businesses donated products, from books to jewelry to clothing accessories. The performing arts in the Detroit area came through with tickets to the theatre, the opera, and the symphony.

Certainly one of the highlights of the meeting was the actual raffle. Mary Carroll, who is the Foundation Co-ordinator, spoke to the group about the importance of contributing to the Foundation through this raffle. She gave an update about how the Michigan Chapter is in the final stages of selecting a grantee who will be traveling this summer around the world. Afterward Annie Atanian and Floy Barthel went around to the tables to accept last-minute donations. This flurry of activity kept the Treasurer duo of Bob and Myrt Everett extremely busy. By the end of the evening the Everetts collected \$4,167 on behalf of the Circumnavigators Club Foundation. So many people left the Country Club of Detroit with their hands full of gifts and future opportunities for good times.



Host couple Mr. Roger McNeill and wife, Marcy, along with Foundation Co-ordinator Mary Carroll, Ms. Esther Craley and her guest Palmer Heenan, Mayor of Grosse Pointe Park.



Treasurer Couple Myrt and Bob Everett waiting to greet the over 60 attendees at the Country Club of New York



Enjoying some holiday cheer are Ms. Marion Matuszewski and his wife, Eileen, and Lee Barthel.



Discussing holiday plans are guest Jane Kiraly, Ms. Mary O'Connor and Floy Barthel.



Mr. George DeClerk with his wife, Evangeline, having a good time. George DeClerk is the oldest member of this Chapter.



Chapterpresident Maryann Hart

PACIFIC-SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

Chapterpresident Maryann Hart e-mailed in the photo-album of the Pacific-Southwest Chapter's Holiday Celebration on December 7, 2006, at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club. She hopes that you will enjoy her account:



☺. Leonard Fisher (L) and two of his four sons ☺. Brittin Fisher and ☺. Kent Fisher gather with family members to celebrate the holidays. Len is Vicepresident for publicity in our Chapter. Len was a Pan American pilot when his sons were young. They would individually accompany him on his globe-circling trips staying behind at a regular stop with the station master for a week until Len came back through. All four boys say this was the most wonderful way imaginable to grow up. Three of his sons are now Circumnavigators. Seated are Nancy Nolan, Erin Judd, Mary Kehrer and Katie Cress.



☺s. John Berg and his wife, Margo, Sheila Purdy and her husband, Neil, and Betty Down in front.



Guest Dr. Nenad Marovec and Chapterpresident Maryann Hart discuss their future trips. Dr. Marovec is a professor of history at San Diego State University.



☺. Estelle Dunst and her husband, Lou (L), brought as guests Arthur Collingsworth and Brian Simmons. Arthur lives in Prague six months of the year and the other half in San Diego. He shared stories of his lifetime of travel. (In 1966, Arthur joined the Circumnavigators Club when George Pierrot was organizing a chapter in Michigan.)



Retired Circumnavigator Naval Captain Catherine Edgerton visits with retired officer ☺. Quinn Matthewson.



Retired Naval officer Warren Cormier is presented with his membership certificate by ☺s. Bob and Nancy Kronemyer as his wife, Josephine, looks on.



The beautiful Walnut Room was completely decorated with a 10-foot Christmas tree, poinsettias in abundance, and red roses everywhere. Members and guests enjoyed the authentically dressed Westminster Carolers singing holiday songs.



Dr. Ernest Latham and his wife, Della.

TABLE MOUNTAIN CLIMB

Why would you want to do that?

By C. Helen Jenkins



Helen Jenkins from Cardiff Wales is Secretary of the UK Chapter.

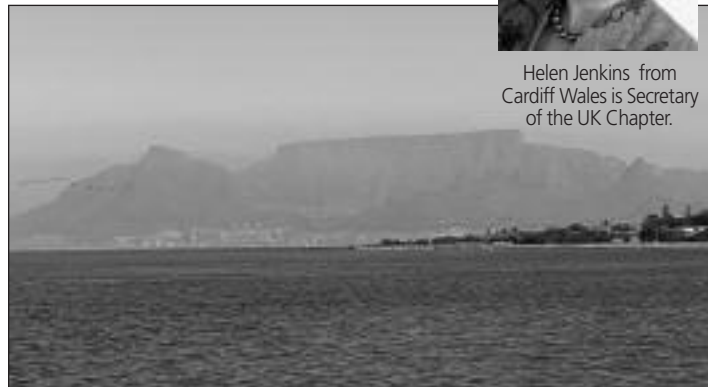


Table Mountain, Cape Town

At precisely 3:05 pm on the afternoon of October 21, 2006, after five hours of walking through indigenous woodland, clambering over rockfalls, ascending vertical ladders and trudging up rough wooden steps we arrived at the summit of Table Mountain in Cape Town, South Africa, over 3,000 feet above sea level, tired, hot, drained but ecstatically happy with an overwhelming sense of achievement.

Of course this didn't really all begin for me at 10 am at Kerstenbosh Botanical Gardens that morning but a few months earlier in July 2006.

I serve on a foundation board whose aim is to halt the cycle of violence within one generation because it is all too often the case that victims of violence in childhood become perpetrators of violence in adulthood.

Overtaken by the excitement and enthusiasm of the other attendees and, because it seemed a good idea at the time, I signed up for the walk, committing myself to the £1,000+ travel costs and the aim to raising £5,000 in sponsorship.

The realization then dawned on me that, over the years as my business and volunteer commitments have taken over, my life has become more sedentary. Extremely busy but with little or no exercise, I used to be a great walker in school and as a student, out of necessity rather than pleasure, and this has stood me in good stead but I have never taken part in any sport... I have a creative/artistic background... and really have an aversion to gyms and the like.

So on the recommendation of a friend I took on a personal trainer. This has been wonderful because together with the help of Bernadette I have trained, prepared, become fitter, healthier, trimmer and ready to take on the challenge of Table Mountain.

The beauty of this is that I have been able to complement my working life and not hinder it. Getting fit and ready has slotted into my daily routine of running my business. Once a week Bernadette comes to my home where I work from, and brings all the varied gear we need. We also go walking on some occasions. We have reviewed at what I thought was a

healthy diet and tweaked it so good habits are being formed. I cut out the four C's and my motto is: No Cheese, No Crisps, No Cake and No Chocolate. (Although they are allowed occasionally as the exception rather than the rule.)

I began to ask myself when could I walk to meetings rather than drive, walk up stairs and not use the lift and these occasions became often more and more. I took my trainers with me wherever I went and fitted in a brisk walk between meetings, arriving with a clear head about what to discuss and with healthy, rosy cheeks.

I talked to friends and clients gaining support and new social contacts about the walk and now go walking in the beautiful mountains of Wales with a friend.

A month before we left for South Africa our group met to go on a practice walk together. We had not met before so not everyone knew everyone else but we got on famously, all with one common aim and cause.

The morning of Thursday, 19 October, arrived. We met at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff and travelled to Heathrow together. We arrived in Cape Town on Friday and walked on Saturday. In this short time we had created a great bond and an overwhelming sense of support and commitment to one another and our sponsors. The group included captains of industry, leaders in sport, business owners, and mothers who had left their children for the first time so they could help others in need. It could not have been a nicer group of sharing, caring individuals, each helping one another when the inevitable "wall" hit. But we made it. We all made it and it was, after months of preparation, a fantastic feeling.

The celebrations that night were happy, long and very social, but I had to leave on Sunday to fly back to London. I arrived at 6 am on Monday to take a midday flight in true Circumnavigator style to Tokyo, Japan, where I was attending the first committee meeting to prepare for the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) Experience Conference in Tokyo April 2008. MDRT is the premier international organization for financial advisers. ■



Reaching their goal. Helen told us that the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Duke of York invited her to a reception of February 20 at the St. James's Palace to recognize her charity work.

EASTER ISLAND

By C. Judy Schrafft

Their blind eyes stare landward towards the silhouetted volcanic cones, quarries that gave them their form, never looking at the sea from where their creators came. Instead, these moai, the enigmatic stone statues found only on Easter Island, a far-flung oceanic peak seemingly a million miles from anywhere, stand guard as they always have over the spirits of the original Rapa Nui who drifted here so long ago.

So long ago, in fact, that their history has been lost in time and can only be cobbled together like a patchwork quilt, remnants gleaned from oft-told tales by the few remaining descendants of the cataclysms or catastrophes that decimated the island and its original settlers.

Their earliest migration from somewhere in Polynesia, several thousand miles to the west, is dated through carbon analysis of ancient cook fires at around 400 AD, and the Rapa Nui language, fast disappearing, is similar enough to present-day Tahitian that it is understood there. But nowhere in Polynesia, except for the vaguely similar stone marae or ceremonial centers in Hawaii and other ancient outposts, do similar monuments exist, and Easter Island's statues are unique in the extreme. Why, for instance, are these stern thin-lipped countenances so different from the sensuous features of true Polynesians?

These portrayals of early gods, or possibly early kings, were conceived, hewn from quarries of lava rock, and erected by a culture that possessed no wheel, no iron or bronze tools, no draft animals to assist in their transport, and only ropes made from vines or plant fibers. By sheer strength of will and body, with devotion and limited manpower, as the island's population never exceeded 20,000 or so, these monuments, some reaching the astounding size of up to and over one hundred tons, were not only moved to their places of honor, but were then lifted onto high platforms and crowned with separate heavy rock topknots. But moving these monoliths was only part of the work, which in its entirety is enough to make one believe in Eric VonDaniken's Chariots of the Gods and his theories about extraterrestrials. Beneath the moai were long, elevated platforms of basalt blocks and boulders from yet another far-off quarry, with each moai planted on its own smaller round basalt base. Then each statue was crowned with a hat or stylized topknot of a different color, a reddish lava rock, also weighing many tons, originating in yet a different quarry. Only then were the eyes, large enough to be mistaken by later explorers as ceremonial bowls, fitted into place. Made of carved white coral, their pupils were of shiny black obsidian from another quarry, and irises of the same red scoria, the volcanic rock of their hats.

These guardians of their people, lined up in numbers from a few to as many as fifteen, stood on ceremonial ahus always facing in the direction of the settlement of their tribe or clan, looking landward. Of the more than 400 ahus on Easter Island, none faces the deep Pacific Ocean that crashes upon the cliffs of its coast.

Mysteries abound of this tiny speck of a volcanic peak only five miles at its widest point and fifteen miles in length. How did the inhabitants find it? How did they make landfall? How did they create and move monuments of such dimensions so many miles? And how did they die?

Since the discovery of Easter Island, called also Isla de Pascua and Rapa Nui by Captain Roggeveen of the Dutch East India Company on Easter Sunday of 1772, the world has marveled and wondered, and sent expeditions in later years to attempt to answer these questions.

Captain James Cook arrived in the eighteenth century and in 1950 Thor Heyerdahl, who sailed the *Kon-Tiki* from the coast of Peru to Easter Island to prove, erroneously, that it was settled by South American natives. Terry James of California Polytechnic University, an archaeologist and linguist, says, "The Polynesians had the impetus to voyage. They discovered every speck of land in the Pacific..."

What is known is that ultimately their land and their resources were decimated over the centuries, certainly by overuse, possibly by natural disasters, and perhaps by just plain bad planning. Indigenous trees were used for building material, for cooking fires and, in one popular theory to explain how the moai were moved, as rollers to be used under the monuments. All of these depredations made the inhabitants captives on their island as they no longer had the material to build seagoing rafts or canoes.

The volcanic rock-strewn terrain resisted traditional farming methods and no natural food sources existed aside from lizards, birds, sea turtles and other riches from the ocean. However, in its isolation even the sea's largesse was limited by lack of nutrients flowing from the forbidding geologically new island, and its distance from any large land mass discouraged

migratory routes of large sea life. The western coast of Chile, to which the island belongs, is almost three thousand miles away, as is French Polynesia. Only Pitcairn Island, 1,000 miles westward, the island of Captain Bligh's Bounty survivors can be thought of as a neighbor. Easter Island is as alone as an island can be, and the fact that its early settlers survived and prospered despite the lack of familiar surroundings and amid harsh conditions is a tribute to their ingenuity.

The moai building phase ended around 1680, however, and the fragile culture crashed down, moai, prosperity and population as well. The land was used up, the trees to build vessels to escape were gone, and conflicts between different lineages created hostilities and internecine warfare. We can only imagine the ferocity of these battles, naked and grotesquely painted natives going after each other with wooden clubs and obsidian knives. Starvation and, it is thought, even cannibalism reigned. Warring tribes toppled each other's moai.

In 1872 only 175 inhabitants remained, and the gene pool was extremely compromised. Fortuitously, marine exploration brought



Judy Schrafft with moai – Easter Island

ships and their crews to this sad, blighted island where visiting sailors were only too happy to oblige the native women who pleaded for some new genetic strains. Unfortunately, at the same time the ships also left behind diseases from the outside world, the large quantities of *Rattus Norvegicus*, those same rodents that plague American cities and which feasted on the few remaining coconuts thereby eliminating coconut palms from the island. Introduced diseases took their toll and slave traders took their selected individuals. It seems amazing that the population actually grew, and now stands somewhere around 3,000. Of these, the original Rapa Nui are in the minority, having been augmented by Chileans and others who now see Easter Island becoming a paradise once again.

Introduced species of trees and plants over the last two centuries have made an island of dry brown vacant vistas into a verdant green oasis with groves of eucalyptus and cedar trees. Farms produce vegetables and fat sweet melons from the rich volcanic soil. Wild horses, descendants of animals brought by later ships, dot the landscape, and dairy and beef cattle roam alongside them.

The only town in Easter Island, the small seaside enclave of Hanga Roa, now boasts French, German and Italian bistros, two rustic discotheques, a Chilean bank branch, food shops and souvenir emporiums, a 1-hour film processing shop and three internet cafes which keep natives and visitors in touch with the world as there is no television or telephone connection with the mainland.

The morning I left from the open-air flight terminal, the flag was flying at half-staff. Why, I wondered, only to find that the Pope had died several days before. Four flights a week from Santiago and Tahiti bring adventurous tourists who camp in groves or on rocky promontories, scuba dive in impossibly clear waters, and stay in any number of small hotels, guesthouses and B&B's of all comfort levels. Four-star is unknown, but hospitality is a constant.

The Easter Island mystique was brought into world focus by the 1950 voyage of the *Kon Tiki*, a reed boat captained by Norwegian Thor Heyerdahl, who received the Magellan Award in 1981. Although his theories of colonization from South America have been disproved, he nevertheless put Easter Island on the map, so to speak.

One of Heyerdahl's early co-adventurers and former Explorers Club president, John Loret, was spending his fiftieth anniversary year on the island as the head of our Explorers Club expedition, his thirteenth trip to the island.

During these years he and others have been responsible for discovering, disinterring and repositioning many of the over eight hundred moai scattered about the island. To bring a long-interred moai to light after many centuries is an archaeologist's dream. Teams of diggers gradually pare away layers of soil, threaded with roots and grasses, to slowly uncover a huge empty eye socket, an elongated ear, a stylized loincloth, all created of volcanic tuff from the same quarry, Rano Ruku, which is the source of every moai on the island. In all cases, the huge statues had to be transported across hilly and rocky terrain to their final positions on a tribe's ceremonial ahu, a long stone platform of intricate design.

As in all primitive architectural monuments worldwide, from Stonehenge to Macchu Pichu to the Egyptian pyramids the creators had no modern tools or methods. The distances these moai or blocks or slabs



Moai still in the ground at the quarry.

had to be moved are a major miracle and a matter of great conjecture by students of monolithic architecture.

Were the Easter Island moai "walked" into place by pulling them with ropes of natural fibers up to fifteen miles? This is the predominant theory as the bottoms of the moai seem to be worn down or purposely rounded. Others feel they were rolled on logs, still others subscribe in puzzled exasperation to the unscientific theory of extraterrestrial help. As all other theories seem literally unbelievable, one is almost inclined to adopt the latter view.

To compound the comprehension of these labors, the basalt quarry from which the ahus were fashioned using large boulders and rocks is even further away. These stones, while smaller, were denser and heavier than the porous rock of the statues and also had to be hauled great distances. Hand tools of the same hard basalt were used to dig the softer rock of the moai. In between all these various quarries a hillside of glassy black volcanic obsidian provided smaller hand tools for carving wood, preparing food and general smaller projects. Pieces of obsidian and even entire tools can be found in the remains of rocky habitations near each ahu site.

Early Polynesian settlers had to be not only tough, strong and ferocious, but brilliant as well. They deduced over the twelve or so centuries of occupation the uses for each form of available rock: heavy basalt for bases, black volcanic tufa for moai, red volcanic rock for topknots and obsidian for the small stuff.

Obviously Easter Island, the most isolated inhabited place in the world, is not a vacation destination for everyone, but for those intrigued by the mystery of a lost culture and with an interest in archaeological phenomena, this is as good as it gets. That it can be visited en route to Tahiti is also a plus, as the same plane can drop you off and pick you up a few days later on its return, quite enough time for an amateur sleuth to ponder the yet unsolved tale of the last Rapa Nui.

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Members Only: Information

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

Another great tab: BULLETIN BOARD: we encourage you to use one of the primary functions our website has to offer. It is the Bulletin Board that brings people together in order to discuss topics of common interest, trips you are planning, etc. The Bulletin Board is an online discussion forum to share your thoughts, messages, and post Club announcements.

Williams Club Facilities: All members in good standing may use the facilities at the Williams Club, 24 East 39th Street, NYC – centrally located between Park and Madison Avenues in the heart of Manhattan. The Williams Club has overnight accommodations (price includes continental breakfast) and dining facilities during the week. Our members are exempt from the “guest fee charge.” Rates change periodically so please call for current rates at our Club office (201) 612-9100. Reservations are made for you with no deposit necessary. Upon arrival, payment is required by credit card.

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■ To post a new message:

- Go Directly to The Bulletin Board to access the messages
- Click on “Club Forum”
- Click on the “New Topic” tab to enter a new message (Subject and Body message is mandatory for the message to be posted.)

■ To reply to a message:

- Select the message to which you would like to reply, bringing the message on screen
- Select the “Post Reply” button

The Williams Club will send a letter of introduction to the reciprocal club requesting the use of its facilities for the Circumnavigator. There will be a minimum charge of \$50 for usage up to two weeks. This usage fee applies to all forms of club access (dining, hotel accommodations, fitness facilities, programming, etc.). All accounts must be settled at the host club upon departure.

Here is what you need to do:

- Go to the Internet and type in www.williamsclub.org. Click on the Reciprocal Club tab. There you will see a long list of national and international clubs by geographical area and in alphabetical order. Decide on the club where you would like to stay or have dinner, etc.
- Contact the host club directly and make your reservation.
- Contact Helen Jost at CC headquarters and advise her of the reciprocal club's name and requested dates for club visit/use. At that time you will be charged \$50 – check is payable to the Circumnavigators Club.

The Williams Club will then write a letter of introduction on your behalf.

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE As we participated in the selection process recently for the 2007 grant recipient from Princeton University (see below), my fellow selection-committee members and I marveled at the exceedingly high caliber of students that apply for the Foundation's around-the-world travel-study grants. Thanks to your generosity, the grant program has become a prestigious and highly sought-after feature of the junior-year academic programs of some of this country's leading centers of international studies. More and more of our grant recipients are incorporating their research projects into their senior theses for which they receive academic credit. We can all take a tremendous amount of pride in the creativity, scholarship, good citizenship, and seriousness of purpose of our Foundation Scholars. Please continue to support this worthwhile effort! – Greg Rider, Foundation President

2007 GRANTEES SELECTED

It is with great enthusiasm that we report that four students, currently in their junior year of college, will be circumnavigating the globe this summer investigating their specific research projects. They are required to travel for at least ten weeks and visit a minimum five countries and three continents. Because of your generous giving, your Foundation was able to award four around-the-world travel-study grants for this year.



Molly Jamieson with the New York Metro Selection Committee: (L/R) Club President-Director Bill Holm, Pastpresident Jeff Kelly (Foundation Scholar '79), Director Adam Frankel (Scholar '02), Director Connie Wingate, Pastpresident-Director Howard Matson, Molly, Foundation President Greg Rider (Scholar '71) and Director Lynn Bartlett.

The **New York Metro Area** competition this year was conducted at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University which agreed to co-fund the grant. Adam Frankel, 2002 Foundation Scholar-Princeton, coordinated the effort. Four students were selected as finalists from the initial group of applicants. On Saturday, January 20, **MOLLY JAMIESON** was selected. Her topic: "A Comparative Evaluation of Microcredit Programs around the World: Poverty Alleviation in Rural and Urban Areas. Molly will visit Turkey, Ghana, Bangladesh, Russia, Bolivia, and Ecuador.

The **Chicago Chapter** was delighted to report that they have chosen **CHRISTOPHER AHERN** as their Grantee. Co-ordinator Carol Narup reports

that Christopher is an outstanding student at Northwestern University. His topic is: "The Legitimization of Creoles in the Former Portuguese Colonies and its Implications for the Future of English as a Global Language".

ELSPETH C. WILLIAMS was selected in December as the **Washington DC Chapter** Grantee. Her topic: "Care for Our Next Generation: Investigating Orphanages and Community-Based Programs for AIDS Orphans". Elspeth is a student at Georgetown University's School of Foreign

Service although for the second half of her junior year she will study in Cape Town, South Africa. DC's Co-ordinator Brian Evans (Scholar '74) worked closely with Elspeth on the details of her trip. She will visit Maseru, Nairobi, Kiev, Moscow, Calcutta, Phnom Penh, Beijing, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, and Santo Domingo.

The **Michigan Chapter** completed their selection process. **NICHOLAS MICINSKI** was the winner from Michigan State University. He will study: "A Survey of Muslim Diaspora and Minority Communities Around the World". Mary Carroll, Foundation Co-ordinator, is working with Nick to have his itinerary finalized.

FOUNDATION SCHOLAR DAN DOZIER, Georgetown '05 - e-mailed: "I just wanted to thank you again for all of your help and support during the course of my Circumnavigators experience, and to let you know that I have recently been hired at EuroPanache, a luxury travel services company with offices in New York, Paris and Sydney. I am living in Paris and am helping the company launch a new travel agency, WorldPanache, dedicated to serving the Anglophone expatriate community in France. All of this is a product of my Circumnavigators Club Foundation award and the research I did for my thesis on international tourism. I am also trying to incorporate the principles of my research on sustainable development into the practices of this new and exciting venture. Check out my company's website at www.europanache.com (and coming in 2007, www.worldpanache.com)! Feel free to let the Circumnavigators around the world know that their foundation is having such an impact on the lives of its Scholars."

A reminder from our year-end appeal letter: You may not be aware that the U.S. Congress recently made it attractive for senior members of the Club to donate to the Foundation. On August 17, 2006, President Bush signed into law the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Under the new law, IRA holders aged 70½ or older may make up to \$100,000 of tax-free distributions to qualifying charities in each of tax years 2006 and 2007. Effectively, the new law permits a married couple with individual IRAs to distribute up to \$400,000 to charities between now and December 31, 2007 without paying income taxes on the distributed amounts. It isn't often that the government gives "freebies," but the new law enables donors to move a substantial amount of assets from their taxable estates tax-free. What a wonderful opportunity to join the ranks of the Foundation's Leadership Council - with the help of Uncle Sam - by making or pledging gifts of \$10,000 or more!

EXPAND OUR FOUNDATION GRANTEE PROGRAM – CONTINUE TO GIVE GENEROUSLY.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS • 2007

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

BRITISH COLUMBIA (Victoria)

Contact: Henri van Benthum (250) 477-3474 vanbentum@gmail.com

CHICAGO (Illinois) www.chicagocircumnavigators.org

February 8 (Thursday): Foundation Grantee Alex Robins "Drawn East: A Comparative Study of Political Cartoons from Around the World" – Loyola Academy.

April 26 (Thursday): "Trans-Siberian Railroad Adventure" presented by C. Lois Kahan at St. Ignatius.

June 5 (Tuesday): "Our Visit to India" by C.s. Scott and Wendy Davis – Chicago Yacht Club.

July 27 (Friday): Foundation Fundraiser hosted by C. Eleanor Briggs.

Contact: Bob Bilhorn – (773) 271-3099 or BobBilhorn@aol.com

DESERT (Arizona)

Venue ~ Scottsdale Plaza Resort (unless noted otherwise)

February 15 (Thursday): Christa Sadler – Rafting the rivers

March 15 (Thursday): Barbara Hatch – Veterans History Project

Contact: Chapterpresident Nancy Bivenour (480)948-2895 or e/m: chancy1@yahoo.com

MIAMI (Florida)

February 18 (Sunday): Nicholas Moss, 2006 Foundation Grantee, will give his report on his topic: Investigating long-term rehabilitation of poor communities after a natural disaster. Place: Surf Club.

Contact: Chapterpresident Patricia Lodge (305)365-5251 or e/m: phototravl@aol.com

MICHIGAN (Detroit) www.circumnavigators@homestead.com

Contact: Chapterpresident John Carroll (313)824-6564 or e/m: mdwc31a@yahoo.com

NAPLES (Florida)

February 18 (Sunday): Guest Speaker Herb Rose – Topic: Greenland and the Canadian Arctic.

March 11-15 (Sunday-Thursday): International Meeting

April 22 (Sunday): TBA

Contact: Virginia Newman (239) 261-3056

NEW YORK CITY

February 16 (Friday): Chinese New Year's Celebrating "The Year of the Pig" – The Cottage, downtown.

April 18 (Wednesday): "Borneo" presented by C.s. Jim and Sheila Forney. – The National Arts Club, downtown.

May 17 (Thursday): Annual Meeting Dinner Program. Members only for the meeting. Guests welcome to dinner-program.

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST (Seattle, Washington)

Contact: Chapterpresident Charles Stotts (425)432-1119 or e/m: Sto99@msn.com

PACIFIC-SOUTHWEST (San Diego, California)

Location of Programs: La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club

March 15 (Thursday): "People and events in the life of a Circumnavigator" presented by Arthur Collingsworth.

Contact: Chapterpresident Maryann Hart (858)483-0248 or e/m: mhart@san.rr.com

PALM BEACH (Florida)

February 11 (Sunday): Featured speaker is David Lawrence, former publisher of the Miami Herald. Cocktails and luncheon will be hosted at the Bath and Tennis Club in Bulfstream.

March 17 (Saturday): Black-tie dinner dance at the Sail Fish Club.

Contact: Chapterpresident Charles Klotsche (561) 803-0000

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA (California)

Contact: Colleen Lance – sfcolleen@aol.com or Gail E. Forrest at chestfield@yahoo.com.

SINGAPORE

Monthly luncheons are held on the second Thursday of each month.

Contact: Chapterpresident Vincent Chen 65-6344-9700 – vchen@singnet.com.sg

UNITED KINGDOM

Luncheons are scheduled about 1 p.m. – Locations to be advised.

March 27 (Tuesday): Luncheon at the Garrick

Contact: Chaptersecretary Helen Jenkins – helen@inspirewm.co.uk or 44-2920-755179

WASHINGTON DC

February 24 (Saturday): Celebrating Chinese New Year at the Seven Seas Restaurant in Rockville, Maryland.

Contact: Chapterpresident Ellen Parke (703)205-2449 or e/m: MEParke@earthlink.net

INTERNATIONAL MEETING ... MARCH 11-15

LAST CALL!! You don't want to miss this event! We have a wonderful group attending and the events will be exciting. Meet fellow travelers from all over the USA. Contact Pat Classen at 239-261-2072 or Tom Maher at 239-293-9142 for more information.

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