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PHILADELPHIA WEEKEND • SEPTEMBER 14–16, 2007

— FEATURING —

“KING TUT AND THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE PHARAOKHS”



Cs. and guests met in the rotunda in front of the magnificent statue of Benjamin Franklin for the tour of the boy pharaoh collection. L/R: Phillip/Jan Meyers (IL), President Bill Holm (NY), Betty Morasso (NJ), Anne Holm (NY), Ginnie May (MD), Jean Berner (DC), Al Morasso (NJ), Anne Hughes, Theresa Reilly, Beverly Anderson and Shiril Kaslow (NY), Ray Olson (DC-partially hidden), Ellen Parke (DC), Dorothy Morris, Jim/Sheila Forney (NJ), Lois Kahan (NY), Kathryn Angelis (AZ), Kavita/Jessie Thomas, Arthur Ruhl and Muriel Dorff (NY), Linda McDonnell (PA), Grant Thorn, Ken Linsner (NY), Bernie McDonnell (partially hidden) with son Scott (PA), Roberta Whittaker, Jane/Dennis Thorn (partially hidden), Ralph Whittaker and Marcella Hanafin (NJ).

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Dear Fellow Circumnavigators,

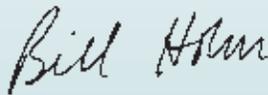
I hope everyone had a relaxing summer. We are enjoying balmy weather here in New York this fall. It feels like summer hasn't ended, except the days are getting shorter and the obligations of work press upon us.

I was happy to hear from several of our Foundation Grantees as they made their study trips around the world. Their enthusiastic postcards from far-off places added to my postcard collection. Their words of gratitude at the tremendous opportunity the Foundation had given them were sincere, and their awe at the experiences they were having was reminiscent of many of the experiences we have all had in our travels around the world. It was nice to hear from our Grantees, and we look forward to welcoming them at various Chapter events as they report on their travels and the study projects they undertook.

Earlier this fall, a group of Circumnavigators met in Philadelphia to visit the King Tutankhamen exhibit at the Franklin Institute. Those who attended were treated to a weekend of different activities, capped by a tour of the exhibit on a Saturday morning and a wonderful dinner and a chance to socialize at the venerable Union League Club of Philadelphia on historic Broad Street in the evening. Our thanks go out to event organizers Sheila and Jim Forney. Their efforts really made for an enjoyable weekend and it reminds me that without the efforts of volunteers in our Club who take the time and employ their creativity in organizing events like this in all our Chapters across the country, this Club would not be as much fun to belong to.

I hope to see you all at our upcoming events as Circumnavigators gather to attend an interesting social event, to see one another, and to carry on the traditions of our Club.

Luck to you,



William P. Holm
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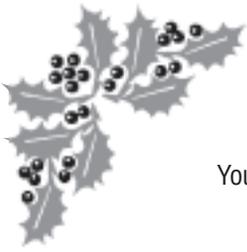
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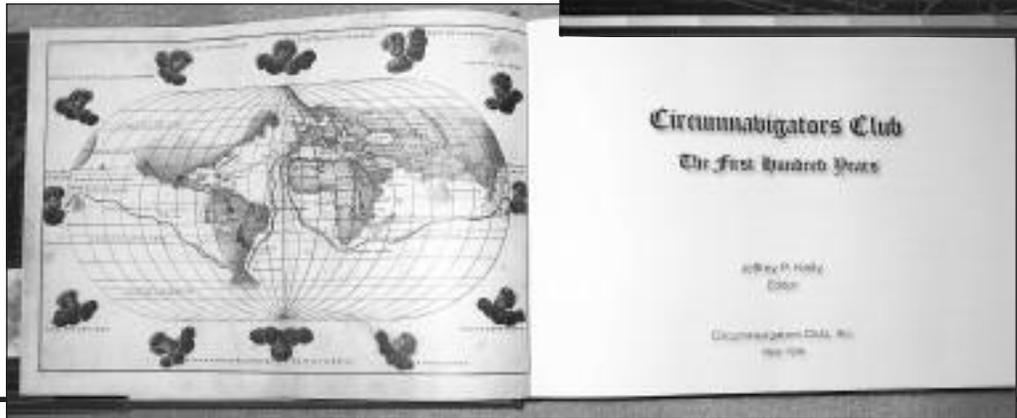
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Holiday Gift-Giving Ideas!

You might like to consider giving one or all of these items to your favorite Circumnavigator as a holiday gift, or perhaps an upcoming birthday or anniversary surprise:

Centennial Book: The beautiful Circumnavigators Club centennial book entitled The First Hundred Years. This coffee table book covers the history of the Club from 1902 to 2002. It includes many travel stories and stories about our famous members. . .did you know that Harry Houdini was a member? It tells about William Jennings Bryan presenting the Club with its whale's tooth gavel. Many of our members have purchased the book and have commented on how outstanding it is.
Cost: \$85.00 plus shipping.



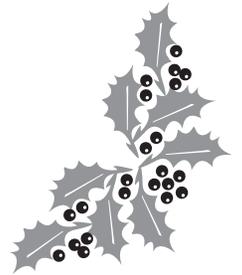
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Lapel Pin: This beautifully designed pin is crafted after our original lapel pin as described in the historical LOGs. The ultimate in emblem design, our pin is made in 24k two-tone gold plating, and is about 5/8" in diameter. It also features a high hand-polished globe with matte gold background and years 1902-2002. Centered on the pin are two blue enamel CCs. The pin is held in place with a military clutch.
Cost: \$12.50 plus shipping.



Club Cards: a business-style card with your name, telephone number and e-mail address FREE to our members. This card is just the thing to have with you when you are traveling and talking with someone you'd like to invite to become a member.

For the future: The Club is currently looking into a new Club tie and a lady's Club scarf. Watch for this in upcoming issues of *The LOG*.

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“KING TUT AND THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE PHARAOHS”

By **☪** Helen Jost



The weather-perfect weekend was planned so members and guests could select on the reservation form the events they wished to attend. Most stayed for the entire weekend that began on Friday night, September 14, at City Tavern and some visited for one day – Saturday – that included the main event of seeing the King Tutankhamun Exhibit at the Franklin Institute and having a wonderful dinner party at the exclusive Union League Club on South Broad Street.

☪s. Sheila and Jim Forney of Brick, New Jersey, came up with the idea and handled the details. **☪** Jim O'Brien says he is a Brooklyn boy who moved to Philadelphia and never left. He was absolutely delighted that a group of Circumnavigators were coming for a visit and offered to host a dinner at his club – the Union League Club of Philadelphia.

The weekend started with most of our members staying at the very reasonable and very nice hotel Club Quarters. These arrangements were made by **☪** Connie Wingate, who also serves on the Program Committee. After checking in, members hopped the bus or waved down a cab for the ride down Chestnut Street to historic City Tavern.

We were greeted by staff in Colonial dress and directed to a private room and balcony upstairs. The place was packed with visitors to the city. We were told that the tavern first opened its doors in 1773, when Philadelphia was the largest, most cosmopolitan city in British North America. As the impending Revolution started to rise, City Tavern became an important meeting place. In 1774, members of the first Continental Congress used it as a gathering place. Thirteen years later, the Constitutional Convention held its closing banquet there. At some point, City Tavern burned but was reconstructed so that it captures the atmosphere and ambiance of its 18th century beginnings.

Saturday morning we decided to have breakfast in a little 24-hour place on 18th Street. From there we hailed a cab, and met everyone at the Franklin Institute for a 10 a.m. self-guided tour of the Tut Exhibit. Some rented the headsets which were helpful in understanding what we were looking at. This exhibit included 130 artifacts – 50 major pieces directly related to Tut, all but two came directly from his tomb. The other 80 objects were found in graves of other 18th dynasty royals. The tour took over two hours as there was so much to absorb and see. We learned so many things – how embalming and mummification were done, for example seeing photos of the actual tomb which Howard Carter discovered in 1922.

Some stayed to visit the rest of the Franklin Institute with its IMAX theater, etc. and other taxied to the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, to see Amarna, the royal court where Tutankhamun grew up 3,300 years ago. This royal city arose, flourished and vanished in hardly more than a generation.

Viewing the artifacts at this museum gave one a deep appreciation for archeologists when we saw a beautiful vase that had been smashed and meticulously reassembled and restored to its original beauty.



The Franklin Institute on North Street – is recommended as a place to visit.

FRIDAY NIGHT – CITY TAVERN



☪. Jim O'Brien and Betty Morasso talk about the wonderful history of Philadelphia. Jim hosted the Saturday night dinner at the Union League Club of Philadelphia.



☪. Anne Hughes, Lois Kahan and Jan Meyers have fun with "Colonial man".



Organizer of this weekend event Sheila Forney with Ginnie May, Phillip Meyers, Ellen Parke (President of the DC Chapter) and Jean Berner.



☪. Gloria Olson is reviewing the Revolutionary War menu.

Chapterpastpresident Ray Olson (DC) with Jersey Girls Dorothy Morris and Marcella Hanafin.



Dinner is served!



University of Pennsylvania – AMARNA, the royal court where Tutankhamun grew up 3,300 years ago.

SATURDAY NIGHT – UNION LEAGUE CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

Saturday night members and guests enjoyed an evening of elegance at the Union League of Philadelphia, founded in 1862. The building occupies an entire city block and is located in the center of the cultural district. The club was established as a patriotic society to support the policies of President Abraham Lincoln. The club has hosted U.S. presidents, heads of state, industrialists, and visiting dignitaries from around the world. The League has a distinguished art collection, artifacts imbued with heritage and culture, an historical chronicle of Philadelphia's unique imprint upon the American landscape from the nineteenth century to today. (*Excerpted from the Union League Club's brochure.*)

Winding down the weekend, after checking out of the hotel on Sunday morning, we enjoyed a delicious brunch at the Moshulu, a four-masted sailing ship now a restaurant docked on the Delaware River. Pronounced Mo-shu'-lu, she was first launched in 1904, and had a long and exciting career on the seas working the ports of Europe, Mexico, Australia, America and Africa. She was confiscated by America in WWI and by the Germans in WWII. She was purchased in 1968 in Naantale, Finland for restoration and conversion into a restaurant. Visiting this wonderful ship was a perfect way to end a perfect weekend and for heading back home to Arizona, Illinois, Maryland, Tennessee, Washington DC, and of course, New Jersey and New York.



Ms. Lois Kahan and Jim Forney enjoy a good story.



Anne Holm telling Linda McDonnell about her trip from New York to Pennsylvania on the Chinatown bus. It was great!



RL International President Bill Holm with DC contingent Chapterpresident Ellen Parke, Ginnie May and Pastpresident Ray Olson.



Our gals catch up ... Theresa Reilly, Anne Hughes and Betty Morasso.



Circums all: Beverly Anderson (International Chairperson) extending Goodwill to Ken Linsner (Program Chairman), Lion and Donna Curran.



Winding down the evening was a fun introduction by President Bill Holm of Pennsylvania members Linda and Bernie McDonnell and Donna and Lion Curran.

SATURDAY NIGHT – UNION LEAGUE CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA



♣s. Arthur Ruhl enjoys getting to know Shirl Kaslow and Gloria Olson.



♣s. Mary Brogan (C) and Jean Berner (R) tell Marge O'Mara about the Circumnavigators Club.

♣. Bernie McDonnell and guest Roberta Whittaker had a bit of a reunion. After a brief chat, it was learned that Roberta taught school in Glenside, PA when Bernie was in 5th grade. Roberta had dated Bernie's 5th grade teacher!



New York member Muriel Dorff brought her niece and family for the weekend. Grant, Jan and Dennis Thorn had a wonderful time...as did Muriel!



Linda McDonnell with Gloria Olsen who came from Tennessee. We understand that Gloria will soon publish a book consisting mostly of international recipes.



The Washington DC Chapter was well represented by Chapterpastpresident Ray Olson, Ginnie May, Jean Berner and Chapterpresident Ellen Parke.

SUNDAY BRUNCH – MOSHULU



♣s. Jim and Sheila Forney on deck of the Moshulu. The Forneys next trip is to London prior to the maiden voyage of the Queen Victoria.



A partial view of Moshulu.

■ SPECIAL THANKS TO JIM FORNEY AND ELLEN PARKE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION OF PHOTOS.



Chapterpresident Maryann Hart

PACIFIC-SOUTHWEST CHAPTER



(L to R) Jim Stone, speaker from the San Diego Museum of Natural History, speaker C. Colleen Lance, Chapterpresident Maryann Hart, and speaker Delle Willett from the San Diego Museum of Natural History enjoying the ocean view at sunset in anticipation of the evening's program.



International business-woman Cristull Hasson and her physicist husband, Dr. Victor Hasson, pause before the fireplace in the Walnut Room of the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club.



Dr. Ann Sturgis, Maryann Hart, Dr. Sheila Sohn, and Dr. Alice Rainig call themselves "Selected Sisters" since sharing a memorable trip to Spain.



C. Connie Piper and husband, Jim, drive over an hour from San Clemente. The Pipers are circumnavigating before the holidays that will qualify Jim for membership. Listening to their itinerary are Erene Rallis, Kay Walsh, and Marty Ferris.

The early evening of September 21 along La Jolla shores presented a calm surf, an air temperature of 74 degrees and a cloudless azure sky. This was the setting for the first quarter dinner meeting of the Pacific-Southwest Chapter at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club. Forty-two members, prospective members and guests attended a special meeting that featured two speakers.

C. Colleen Lance had come to speak of her travels that have taken her to every country, territory and island group in the world. She heads the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter.

To begin Colleen said that she was not interested in "collecting countries" for some record but as for a life-long ambition, for her interest and fun in seeing other countries and talking with people.

Colleen's travels began when her youngest child went away to college and she was, at last, free to roam the world. She went to London to join 16 passengers on a bus ride that would cross Europe, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, and finally Kathmandu, Nepal, to the end of the \$5,000 ride on the same bus. From there Colleen went to Thailand, Hong Kong and Tokyo before returning to San Francisco.

From that beginning Colleen has taken countless trips often traveling ten months out of the year. At home in San Francisco Colleen had a business in real estate development planning, designing, contracting and marketing numerous projects around San Francisco.

During her travels she has had her share of adventures and misadventures. Returning from Australia through Fiji she took an inter-island cruise on the ship *Blue Lagoon*. At anchor off an island, Colleen went scuba diving. When she surfaced, the dive boat had left her alone in the water and was headed back to the ship! Far off on the horizon there was a speck. With no alternative, Colleen started swimming. The speck turned into an island resort. She was spotted from the beach and a crowd gathered to see who this swimmer was coming out of the sea. "Look! She doesn't even have any flippers!" The resort radioed the ship that turned around and came back to pick up a very tired Colleen.

Another time Colleen was in Taormina, Sicily. It had been 17 months since she had seen her son Jeff who had been riding his bicycle around Africa. His familiar voice hailed her from across the street, a total coincidence.

The wonderful stories Colleen shared enthralled her audience. When asked how she managed as a single woman alone traveling the world she replied as follows.

"I've been in a lot of situations. I tell myself, 'Don't panic. Look around. How am I going to get out of this? I NEVER ask, 'What if?'" Asked what lessons she has learned, Colleen replied, "The world is not as nice as it used to be." She advises, "Do as much as you can, to learn as much as you can. Look for the good. The world has many wonderful people. If you try to understand them they will be nice to you. However, some, especially young people, are not nice. Avoid the bad guys. Don't let them stop you from going."

And finally, "If I can survive in San Francisco, I can survive anywhere."



Prospective members Dr. Ernie and Della Latham especially appreciated the evening program that had two such fine speakers.



Prospective member Ruth Yansick assisted in the preparations for the evening's meeting.

Dead Sea Scrolls at the San Diego Natural History Museum

A newly assembled exhibit of the Dead Sea Scrolls at the San Diego Natural History Museum has been so well received that the Board of Directors decided to add a museum speaker to this meeting while there is still time to view the exhibit.

The Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit was gathered from Israel, Russia, and Great Britain. This library of over 90 manuscripts, some complete scrolls, most in fragments, were among those discovered between 1947-1956 by Bedouin and archaeologists. The scrolls have been mired in controversy and conspiracy theories ever since.

Finally in 1990, any scholar could access a complete set of scrolls photographs. A few years later, the public could buy a CD-ROM with the images of all the Dead Sea Scrolls. Sixty years after emerging from the darkness of the caves, the scrolls continue to generate interest, conflicting theories, and fascination.



Estelle Dunst and her husband, Lou, have been speakers for the Pacific Southwest Chapter. Estelle, a professional chocolatier, supplied chocolate Torahs to top the evening's dessert in honor of the Jewish New Year.



Len Fisher and Quinn Matthewson, listen to the travel plans of Club member Ralph Velasco. Ralph will speak and show photographs at the next meeting in December.

Submit Your Stories and Photos Electronically!

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Chapterpresident Margaret Ellen Parke

WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER

Foundation Grantee Elspeth Williams Is Honored

By Chapterpresident Ellen Parke



Token flags representing the countries she visited were presented to Elspeth Williams by Jim Whalen (Selection Committee), Chapterpresident Ellen Parke, and Bryan Kasper, Georgetown University Assistant Dean.

On Saturday, September 22, members and guests of the Washington, DC Chapter gathered for lunch at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn in Arlington, Virginia to honor Elspeth Williams, the 2007 recipient of the Raymond M. Dinsmore grant of the Circumnavigators Club Foundation. Elspeth, a native of Seattle, is beginning her senior year at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, majoring in International Politics. The topic of her research was "Care for Our Next Generation: Investigating Orphanages and Community-based Programs for AIDS Orphans."

Elspeth's journey began in January 2007, when she left Washington to spend a semester studying at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. During the summer months, she traveled to Kenya, India, Thailand, Cambodia, China, Brazil, and Argentina before returning to the U.S. In her presentation to the Chapter, Elspeth talked of her experiences interviewing public health officials and families affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The message she shared was one of hope, particularly for those children who have access to antiretroviral medications. After graduation next spring, Elspeth hopes to work in the field of international development.

Representing Georgetown University was Assistant Dean Bryan Kasper, Elspeth's academic advisor. Elspeth's family in Seattle was unable to travel to Washington for the event, so her good friends (and roommates) Kate Guerin and Allison Shapiro came along to support her.

During a short business meeting, the Chapter elected officers for the coming year – Ellen Parke as President, Bill Billings as Vice President, Fran Damerell as Treasurer, and new member Amanda Hubbard as Secretary. Chapterpresident Parke recognized Mark Detweiler for his dedication in serving as Secretary, then Vicepresident of the Chapter for a combined total of ten years.

2007 Foundation Grantee Elspeth Williams talking to DC members about her trip.



Assistant Dean Bryan Kasper with Pastpresident Jack Bluestein and his wife, Millie.



Elspeth invited two of her college friends to her presentation. They are Allison Shapiro and Kate Guerin with Jim Whalen.

Luella Murri and Katharine Thompson, guest of President Parke.



Interim Contact Ken Doyle

TWIN CITY/MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Newest Chapter Holds First Gathering...

On a bracing autumn evening in Chaska, Minnesota, just west of the Twin Cities, members of our newest chapter gathered for dinner at the beautiful lakeside home of Circumnavigators Jim and Mary Alice Mayerle.

Members regaled one another with stories mainly about their experiences in Asia from Siem Reap to Singapore (see Circumnavigators Mayerles' article in the 2007[2] LOG). They talked about how to make the best use of their combined experience and expertise to advance and

strengthen the Chapter. Plans for the future include regular social get-togethers, often thematic, often with invited experts to lead the group in discussions of particular social, economic, and political issues around the world. Many of the members are also interested in working with the Foundation to sponsor round-the-world travel/study grants.

These newest Circumnavigators all report great conviviality and excitement about their new venture.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER



Chapterpresident John Carroll

Benvenuti!!! Al Safari Estivo Agli Bartheli!!!



Happily displaying the Circumnavigators Club flag are hosts Floy and Lee Barthel.



Chapterpresident John Carroll with newest members Claire and Rollin Allen.

Cs. Floy and Lee Barthel hosted 55 people at the annual summer safari for the Michigan Chapter of the Circumnavigators. The picture perfect afternoon of August 12, 2007, saw Circumnavigators and guests wander throughout the spacious grounds of what used to be the estate of Ralph Polk I, II, and III. The Polk family was in the publishing business and were the original owners of this estate located 25 miles from downtown Detroit and six miles from Novi.

Each summer, Lee and Floy create a theme for this event and this year it was Italian. Before dinner, attendees meandered the grounds, which feature beautiful gardens, spectacular artwork, and 13 classic cars. There are over 50 bronze statues of a variety of animals that one would see while traveling the world. Each of these gets re-waxed every year. There are six marble statues that were commissioned by the Barthels when traveling to Vietnam. These statues depict different dance styles, and rumor has it, that one of these is modeled after Lee!

After dinner, guests wanted to hear about some of the history surrounding the estate. Lee told everybody to gather around underneath a huge tree that provided shade and an outstanding view of the grounds. Lee got up on a band-directors's perch and proceeded to provide an historical perspective of the only place he has lived. He began by talking about the special relationship his family had with the Polk Family. Lee grew up on the estate, as his father was the caretaker. Lee lived in a beautiful burnt red colored home on the estate from 1939 to 1965. This home is about 100 yards from the house that he and Floy have been living in since '65.

The grounds are so spacious that they contain garage space for each of the 13 restored cars. Lee was mentioning that he has decided to keep his fleet at that "lucky number," so that each of the vehicles has a spot to go to at the end of the day. The fleet includes such notable nameplates as Rolls, Bentley, Mercedes, LaSalle, and he and Floy manage to drive all of the restored vehicles on a regular basis according to a rotational schedule.

The attendees peppered Lee with a variety of questions and his answers always came with a colorful story that only Lee can deliver. Needless to say, everybody enjoyed the commentary about this estate that used to be in the countryside, but is now part of the suburban sprawl of metro Detroit.

This summer safari event was highly successful not only because of the venue, but also because three individuals chose to complete an application for membership.



Floy talking travel with **C.** Charlie Walters and Geraldine Roberts.



Cs. Louise and Al Thomas enjoying their Italian cuisine.



Lee making the point that the homestead was originally owned by the Ralph Polk Family.



C. Ralph Glenn giving a tour of the property to his guests Dr. and Mrs. Rodgers.

The house where Lee grew up. It has been completely restored.



A section of the beautiful grounds giving one an idea of what the Barthels like: sundial (art); marble sculptures from Vietnam (dancing); and classic cars of course!



Chapterpresident Vincent Chen

SINGAPORE CHAPTER

Mid-Year Event Held

by **C. Terry Ng**, Pastpresident

The Singapore Chapter had its Mid-Year Dinner at the House of Hunan on 20 July, 2007.

Hunan food is spicy, quite salty and a nice change from the other regional cuisines of China. It has become very popular in China partly because Hunan is where Mao Tse-tung, the revolutionary leader of China, hailed from.

We had 49 members and spouses in attendance and we started off the evening with an introductory talk by the chef of the restaurant. The nine-course dinner was accompanied with liberal amounts of wine, some brought from the private cellars of our members.

All in all, it was a most enjoyable evening.



Seated: Mrs Christina Stanley, Circum Christopher Hayes, Mrs Katherine Hayes, Mrs Veronica Co, Circum Steven Tan, Circum Terry Ng; Standing – Circum Ralph Stanley, Circum Stephen Co, Circum Douglas Tan, Circum Stephen Von Peltz, Circum Vincent Chen



Mrs Gloria Lee, Mrs Carolyn Yeo, Circum Michael Yeo, Circum Richard KM Eu, Circum Hsuan Owyang, Mrs June Owyang; Standing – Circum Ronald Zung, Circum Peter Lee, Circum Raymond Kwok.



Ms Karen Zung, Circum Ronald Zung, Mrs Lynden Loh, Circum Loh Kai Woh, Mrs Diana Quek, Circum Quek Tse Kwang, Mrs Angeline Lee, Circum Lee Kum Tatt.

UNITED KINGDOM CHAPTER



Chapterpresident Peter Inchcape

SUMMER COCKTAIL PARTY

C. Graham Searle, Treasurer of the UK Chapter, hosted a summer cocktail party at his home in Knightsbridge London. About 20 people attended including members from the Travelers Century Club and Graham's children. **C.** Helen Jenkins and guest Michael Isaac join Graham in this photo. Helen reports that they are working to strengthen the membership of their Chapter. A December 5 luncheon is planned at the Oriental Club.



CHICAGO CHAPTER



Chapterpresident James Arimond

Annual Foundation Fund-Raiser Luncheon Hosted by **☉** Eleanor Briggs

On Friday, July 27, Eleanor Briggs hosted the Chapter's annual Foundation luncheon in her lovely Glencoe home bordering the grounds of beautiful Skokie Country Club. Over 50 members and guests enjoyed the lovely afternoon. Christopher Hayden, assistant provost for students at Northwestern University was the special guest. At this year's luncheon, almost \$4,000 was raised for the Foundation – a record for the Chicago Chapter!

Foundation Co-ordinator Carol Narup writes, "Our other big news regarding Foundation Scholars is that our 2006 Scholar Alex Robins, a dynamic, extremely talented young man, is up for a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University. We have been asked to write a letter of recommendation for him as his Circumnavigators' Around-the-World Travel-Study Grant was a life-changing and enriching experience for him. Receiving this grant was certainly a factor in his being chosen by Northwestern University to apply for a Rhodes Scholarship. We are all rooting for him as he would make Cecil Rhodes proud."



Chapterpresident Jim Arimond presented Alex Robins, 2006 Grantee with his membership certificate.



Foundation Co-ordinator Carol Narup and Chapterpresident Jim Arimond with assistant provost for students – Christopher Hayden.



Having a good chat: **☉**s. Jay Freedman, Adella Zunas and Carol Nolan. Standing are Olin Sethness and **☉**. Dick Damisch.



Host **☉** Eleanor Briggs with members Peggy Simonson and Wendy Davis.

OVER THE HORIZON

James M. Mitchelhill M3878

Albuquerque, New Mexico

July 13, 2006

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CHICAGO CHAPTER (Cont.)

Visit to Hot Spots: Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Kashmir Presented by **C. Don Parrish**



Guest speaker Don Parrish with 2006 Scholar Alex Robins and 2007 Grantee Chris Ahern.



Cs. Bill and Carol Narup enjoy the beautiful Chicago Yacht Club with **C.** Dorothy Meyers.



Members David Gotaas and Cody Sweet.



Guests Laura and Mike Allen, **Cs.** Ray and Karen Schlueter with guest speaker **C.** Don Parrish and **C.** Marilyn Fischel.



Cs. Carol Nolan, Adele Zuna and Jan Smith

On September 11, 2007, **C.** Don Parrish was the featured speaker at the Chicago Chapter's dinner meeting. Don is a life member of the Circumnavigators Club and long-time Board Member of the Chicago Chapter. Don's talk covered the contiguous area from Kashmir, a 75% Muslim enclave in the north of India, to Pakistan, to Afghanistan, to Iran and to the Kurdish part of Iraq. He visited those places in the fall of 2006 with a group of five tourists and returned to Afghanistan in 2007 as part of a trip to Central Asia.

Don's talk was apolitical and gave members and guests a first-hand impression of what life is like there. Don used both PowerPoint slides and iPhoto slideshows featuring the panning and zooming technique – giving motion to still photos. Don used an astounding 532 photographs in his 70-minute presentation.

Kashmir, described as "Paradise on Earth", has extensive Indian army foot patrols and some of the tightest security at airports on the planet. Many people live on the water, and Don stayed on a floating hotel. Mosques are built of wood and have signs to turn off cell phones. The gardens built by the Mongols/Mughal four centuries ago are outstanding.

In Pakistan, where most of the people wear traditional dress, he visited Islamabad, Rawalpindi, the Khyber pass, Peshawar and Lahore. To visit the historic Khyber pass, located in the tribal areas next to Afghanistan, required taking a government rifleman. Gandhara is famous for its Greco-Buddhist art, some show a mixture of Buddhism and Zoroastrianism. Lahore is filled with splendid buildings constructed by the Mongols including the gorgeous Badshahi mosque.

Afghanistan, one of the poorest countries of the world, has vast amounts of Western aid fueling a building boom in the safer parts of the country. Yet in places like Balkh, the winter headquarters of Alexander the Great, scenes of wizened turbaned men on donkeys are the same as 2500 year ago. 500 years ago the Mongols ruled India from Kabul. Today girls are back in school, yet most women are still wearing burkas.

Iran is a sophisticated country with many people who are extremely pro-American and against their government. Women, including tourists, must be covered. Persepolis is a wonder of the world with its stunning stone carvings. In Isfahan, we visited a church, a fire temple and a synagogue. One unique gym features a mixture of Islam and group exercise to drum music.

The Kurdish part of Iraq is both stable and prosperous. Our small group took dozens of photos of smiling merchants and other people. The highlight was an unplanned visit to a home. We saw a man returning his sheep to their pen and asked if we could see inside his home. With a genuine hospitality that was truly amazing, he invited us into his home, sat on the floor and answered our questions for over an hour. We learned that he lived there with his two wives, his two sons and their families for a total of 25 people. He had 300 animals.

This meeting was held at the Chicago Yacht Club on a magnificent fall evening. Well over 50 people attended including two of our scholars – Alex Robins, 2006, and Chris Ahern, 2007, who each spoke briefly to the group.

Remembering STEVE FOSSETT

On September 3, 2007, James Stephen Fossett took off in a single-engine Citabria Super Decathlon from the Flying M. Ranch, Nevada, mid-morning that Monday. He was due to return within a few hours. He never did...

Circumnavigators around the world now pay tribute to an exceptional man. He was born on April 22, 1944, in Jackson, Tennessee. Although he was a very successful businessman, his passion was for adventure. He was an accomplished aviator and sailor, and broke more records than one can recall without looking at a long list.

On October 31, 2003, the Club honored Steve Fossett with its 28th Order of Magellan at a gala black-tie dinner at the Union League Club in New York City. His wife, Peggy, was with him. Steve was selected to receive this award "in recognition as the first to solo around the world in a balloon." After the award was given, he talked about his flight and answered many questions from the audience. Here are just a few Q&As:

Q: What were your living quarters like aboard the balloon?

A: "It's like camping out in the sky. I have a fair amount of room in the capsule, sleeping bag – a bed – navigation table and equipment. The food I ate was mre's (meals ready to eat) or military rations and whatever junk food I brought along. The bathroom facilities were not the greatest consisting of a bottle and a bucket."

Q. Because of the high risk involved in your varied feats, does religion or prayer come into play?

A. Yes, there is a spiritual component. Planning is very methodical – these projects are dangerous endeavors. My crew and I work hard to reduce the risks involved in these flights. Most of the work is really all in the planning.

Q. How does your wife handle your drive to break records?

A. It has been suggested that my wife, Peggy, should receive an award. A friend suggested that the award might be named "The Forbearance Award".



International Pastpresident Al Morasso presided over the dinner

honoring Steve Fossett. He wrote in a letter recently, "Betty and I fondly remember the evening of October 31, 2003, when we shared the warm company of Peggy and Steve Fossett. I was honored to present such a worthy individual with our Magellan Award. Steve's daring exploits and achievements are legendary and his continued contact with the Club is truly appreciated by fellow members."

International Pastpresident Jeff Kelly, who was the first to contact Steve about the Magellan Award, said recently, "Steve amazed me at how incredibly calm and methodically determined he seemed to be in pursuing his adventures...but what really wowed me was that in all my conversations, he was always focused on the next venture!"

Circumnavigator Helen Jenkins from our United Kingdom Chapter said that this was the first Magellan Award Dinner she attended. She writes, "That night he came across as a gentle, humble man with a massive sense of adventure, pushing out all the boundaries and an inspiration to us all. He had time for everyone...being in his presence was an uplifting and memorable experience."



The Magellan Award being presented to Steve Fossett by then President Alfred Morasso.



Steve Fossett accepts the award.



Thank you **C**. Jean Damisch (C), who made the initial contact for Steve Fossett to receive the Magellan Award. With Jean are Chicago's Chapterpresident Carol Narup, International Board member Richard Damisch, (Jean), the Fossetts – Steve and Peggy.

The Calgary Stampede and Drive to Banff and Lake Louise

by C. Bernice Heller

IT is billed as “The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth: The Calgary Stampede” and it is clearly that. I have never seen anything to equal the excitement of the parade and the chuck wagon racing event with 36 drivers going head to head during nine heats of heart-stopping action. The spectacle continues with the evening show on the Trans Alta stage featuring the 180 young Canadians of the Calgary Stampede. The show is a 90-minute musical celebration entitled “The Spirit of 1912” and includes Trans Alta’s lights, which light up the night, a world-class finale and an awesome fireworks presentation.

When we were invited by a friend who lives in Calgary and whom we met several years ago on a *Queen Mary 2* cruise, I immediately accepted and called all the hotels for reservations. Every hotel was booked! When I told my friend Heather Wilderman that we would have to decline the invitation, she came up with a plan. We would stay at her condominium in the city and she would stay with a friend. Heather lives in a suburb 40 miles away from the Stampede stadium. It was a very generous offer and we accepted it gratefully. The apartment was a magnificent two bedroom with a view from the 16th floor equal to a similar view from New Jersey to New York across the Hudson River with towering high-rise buildings.

We arrived in Calgary on July 4, 2007, and were picked up at the airport at 12 a.m. The plane was one hour late and Heather was there to take us to her apartment. I was overwhelmed by her generosity. The next day after a good night’s rest we were taken to our reserved seats to watch the parade. It lasted three hours and featured floats, marching bands in handsome costumes, and wagons led by special Clydesdale horses decorated with metal. Pink is the color that dominated the clothing. Everyone wore a cowboy hat. It was colorful and beautiful. The celebration lasts from July 5 to 15, although we left on July 8 to drive to Banff and Lake Louise.

After the parade we returned to the stadium to watch the chuck wagon racing event. There is over \$1 million in prize money making the GMC Range Land Derby the world’s premier chuck wagon event. One of the rodeo ranching traditions, the tie-down ropers, was banned at the Calgary Stampede because of cowboys who are activists pushing for an end to rodeo events after a calf’s legs were broken last May.

The spotlight and the climax of the 2007 Calgary Stampede Grandstand Show features stunt motorcycle riders soaring over a group of singing young Canadians while hundreds of fireworks light



C. Bernice and Milt Heller buying cowboy hats.

up the night sky. The theme of this year’s show was a celebration of 1912 but watching it was the Spirit of Las Vegas. While the show manages to capture the grandeur and entertainment of a Vegas show – one minute you are watching the chuck wagon races, the next you could be in the big room at the Mirage Hotel – its theme is deeply rooted in Stampede heritage.

The two-hour musical revue is built around the Spirit of 1912, the first year of the Calgary Stampede. It features an array of energetic performances led by the singers and dancers of the young Canadians at their 39th Calgary Stampede. 1,200 young people performed

in bright costumes. Acrobats, a ventriloquist from Las Vegas, and a string instrumentalist from Cirque due Soleil also performed. The show was fantastic! We had a special interest because Heather’s two granddaughters were singers and dancers in the show.

The stage is a \$6 million high-tech wonder. There were seven video screens, a production control room feeding programming to each screen, three onstage elevators and specially built traction units around the stage. The fireworks and pyrotechnic displays top \$1 million, the material coming from Spain, China, India and France.

As we drove to Banff and Lake Louise, we were exhilarated by the scenery of the Canadian Rockies: the glaciers, mountains and lakes. We had lunch at the Banff Hotel. We continued on to Lake Louise, where our friend was able to get a one-night room reservation facing the lake. We awoke early the next morning, looked out the window and saw a most remarkable view of the reflection of the mountain in the lake. The side of the mountain was covered with lovely white snow, which in turn was memorably and exotically reflected in the beautiful lake as the rising sun slowly rose above the mountain. ■



Cowboys and girls parading in their pink shirts.

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, **Helen Jost at (201) 612-9100** or e-mail: **CircumClub@optonline.net** to sign up to serve on the Connection. Should you be planning a trip to a city where there is a member, please contact Helen with your arrival and departure dates and the hotel where you will be staying. She will be happy to contact the member for you.

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BERNICE HELLER and her husband, **Milt**, had just returned to London after spending eight days in Blackpool watching the international ballroom competition, when they were able to meet with



DAN O'CONNELL from our Palm Beach Chapter had plans to travel to the Far East with a visit to Taipei, Taiwan. Our "Connection" lined him up with **JOHN LEE** and they enjoyed a wonderful visit. After being picked up at the hotel, John

LORED PETER INCHCAPE, Pastpresident of the UK Chapter, for lunch. Peter had just come from visiting his daughter and new granddaughter. Here is a photo of Peter and Bernice in front of the Paddington Hotel.

took Dan to a small, elegant restaurant called Tainan Tan-tsu-mien Sea-food Restaurant. There they enjoyed wonderful food and good conversation.



Dr. J. T. Quattlebaum - 1981

Our Goodwill Committee chaired by **BEVERLY ANDERSON**, has been sending out postcards to members living outside the Chapter area as a way of keeping in touch. Bev recently received a response to one of her cards from **JAMES T. QUATTLEBAUM, MD**, of Beaufort, South Carolina. He recounted how he first circumnavigated...

Pan American World Airways distributed a brochure in 1980 that advertised "Around the World for \$999." I bit hard and started planning. Late member Dr. Herbert Berger heard of these plans and offered to put me and my late, first wife, Judy, up for membership in the Circumnavigators Club when we got back.

JFK was icebound, and we waited onboard an hour to take off, but 747 first-class was new to me, and I had no complaints. In Frankfurt, they had had some previous experiences with Christmas, and a circum-ambulation was appropriate. In Karachi, even when Jimmy Carter was President, the airport was heavily patrolled by troops with automatic weapons, and transit

passengers could not leave the plane. Our stewardess offered to make an exception for us, but we went upstairs instead and talked with the pilots.

The Delhi-Bombay train ride was special, as was the ringing in of the New Year overlooking the Gateway to India in Bombay, the Authors' Lounge at the Oriental Hotel in Bangkok, a Singapore Sling at Raffles, and the Peak in Hong Kong. In Tokyo, there were ice carvings in the park and a coming-of-age event for young girls in the Imperial Hotel.

Legislator, now Congressman, Neil Abercrombie welcomed us with leis to Hawaii, and a few days later, Ronald Reagan was sworn in as President in Washington.

Circumnavigating seemed such a lark that we saved up and went back the other way in 1984, starting with Sir Edmund Hillary speaking to Circumnavigators at the Princeton Club, and culminating aboard the ship Indian Pacific from Sydney to Perth.

Pan Am started its sad decline, so my last circumnavigation used Air France and Qantas to see Darwin and the Great Barrier Reef, Tahiti and Bora Bora. I admit that I am very much a dilettante circumnavigator, but I loved it, value the Circumnavigators, and mourn Pan Am.

**Keep your fellow members in your Goodwill Circle! Share your stories, updates and personal triumphs.
Email Helen Jost at Headquarters – circumclub@optonline.net.**

Hostelling Through Spain with My Two Granddaughters

By *C. Barbara Roy*

■ 1 EURO = \$1.40

Yes, it can be done and with the cost of travel in Europe today, hostelling is one good way to share the world with your grandchildren and have a ball!!

On June 25, I left Naples, Florida, on Delta Airlines to fly out to San Jose, California, to pick up my ten-year-old granddaughter Hayley. Early the next morning we were starting our two-and-a-half-week trip together traveling through Spain. Our itinerary: Madrid, Barcelona, Andorra, Granada, Tarifa, Morocco, Seville, Córdoba and back to Madrid.

Leaving at 7 a.m. the next morning, we flew to Chicago, where we met my second granddaughter Stephanie, who is age 14. Stephanie, in four years, has traveled to 25 countries with me. In Chicago, I called my son on his cell phone to tell him we were in the international line for our flight. The line was very long and, fortunately, Stephanie arrived when five people were in front of us. Yes, I now had my crew together and we were checked in and ready for our long flight to Madrid.

Flying on American Airlines, we had good bulkhead seats. Two movies - "The Painted Veil" and "Grease" plus dinner, a continental breakfast and sleep, occupied our time. We arrived in Madrid about 1:30 p.m. after a stop-over in Brussels for two hours. We had to go through immigration in Brussels because it was our first stop in Europe.

As we stood waiting for our luggage, a nice lady from our flight noticed us and redirected us to another carousel. It seemed there were two flights coming in from Brussels on two different airlines and we had the wrong one.

We arrived in Terminal 4 in Madrid and found our way to the Metro. It saves money to buy ten tickets at a time, so I bought three sets of tickets for \$10.50 each in the dispensing machines. I had gotten 100 Euros at the ATM machine in the airport. We took Metro #8, #6 and #2 to arrive at the Opera Metro station. We asked a man on the street to direct us toward the Los Amigo Hostel on Calle de Campomanes. The Lonely Planet Guide for Spain showed a map where the hostel was located. (I use Lonely Planet for ideas on travel and places to stay and things to see. The prices, phone numbers and web sites are listed in the book for preplanning.)

The Los Amigos Hostel is located on the 4th floor and is very well maintained. We were glad we had reservations as it was full. There were four bunks in a room, it was clean, and had a balcony overlooking the street. A young lady from Detroit was sharing our room. There were four lockers you could put your things in and lock. For a \$2.80 deposit, you could rent a lock. Breakfast was included. A kitchen, dining room, and community room were for the use of everyone. There were refrigerators and shelves available for groceries. We were directed to put our name and room number on the contents of our packages. Breakfast was simple but okay.

We found out from our roommate where there was a grocery store. We picked up milk, peanut butter, strawberry jam, Ritz crackers, cheese, apples and fruit. After our shopping, with our larder full, we took a nap after our long flight.

Chueca is an area that is supposed to be eclectic, with a lively mix of people, good restaurants; it sounded like a fun place to start our adventure so we off we went to the Metro. As we exited, we were caught up in the



Hostelling in Spain. *C. Barbara Roy* with her granddaughters Stephanie, age 14, and Hayley, age 10.

midst of a huge crowd. There were large stages with entertainment and rock bands. We found this was the beginning of the huge gay parade in Madrid! After snaking through the crowds we decided to go back to our area and have dinner. (Before we left on our trip, we talked about how important it was that we always have our eyes watching out for each other and that we stay close to each other.)

We ate at Gino's at a table on the sidewalk. We were in our bunks at 12:30 a.m.

The next day, we had to activate our train passes and make reservations for travel to Barcelona. There are two train stations and we went to Chamartín. No one spoke English at the information desk. A nice man helped us find the machine to get a number. A large electronic board flashes numbers and ticket windows. We drew our number and waited our turn. Finally, at the ticket window we found out that only the 6:25 a.m. train had any room, so we reserved our seats and validated our train passes. We also made night reservations to go from Barcelona to Granada. On this venture, we had a bunk to sleep on for \$42 each in addition to our train pass.

We rewarded ourselves with ice cream at McDonald's. This is probably the best place for less expensive food.

Siesta time in Spain means that the stores close from about 2 until 5 p.m. It is very hot and everyone has lunch and relaxes during this time. During siesta time, we would watch movies on Stephanie's DVD player, play cards, talk with fellow hostellers, rest or read. One evening, we ventured out to walk to Plaza de Mayor. This central square is mostly for restaurants and people watching.

Hayley made a big decision to leave her heavy suitcase and carry only her small backpack. We could rent a locker for 13 days for \$2.80 a day at the hostel. We were coming back to Madrid anyway before leaving for the USA and could pick up her bag then.

We tried to get to bed earlier but there was a lot of noise on the street. The girls ended up watching movies until we had to get ready at 4:30 a.m. to get to the Atocha train station. Being so early, the Metro was not working, so we had the hostel call us a taxi. The train left at 6:25 a.m. exactly on time and we arrived in Barcelona at 10:30 a.m. The girls were tired.

In Barcelona, you can take the green Metro directly to Passeig de Gracia. The Centrum Hostel is across the street as you exit from the station. It is a six-story attractive building. It is very busy here and without reservations we would not have had a room. Our large room had eight beds with our own bathroom. Hayley was surprised to see five young men staying in our room. Equally, I'm sure they weren't expecting grandma with her grandchildren as roommates. The hostel had three computers which were free for use. The kitchen is small but has adequate cooking utensils, three stove tops, a microwave and a refrigerator. The dining/social room is very large. They served breakfast and there is a bar where you can buy drinks. We received a bottom sheet and a pillowcase when we arrived. No top sheet or blanket. We used our own towels as blankets.

The first morning we found the bus station next to the train station and bought our tickets for Andorra (\$130). We stayed three nights in Barcelona. This morning, after doing our necessary errands, we went to the Aquarium, which is located at the base of Las Ramblas. The Aquarium cost \$53 for the three of us, is a large building and has excellent displays of a variety of fish and animals in the sea. The large tanks of water are on both sides and over the top of the walkway. One can sign up to wear regular diving gear and swim through the fish. We saw a group swimming through. In addition, there are rooms with specialized displays of unique fish such as sea dragons and fish as small as hairs.

After leaving the Aquarium, we went down the wide walkway called Las Ramblas and had lunch at one of the outdoor cafes lining the walk. We found a big market that I had been to 24 years previously.

The next day, we made plans to go to the Science Museum, the Park Guell and the famous La Sagrada Familia Church.

We had written down the name for the Science Museum and when we asked for help, we were directed to a bus for Tribidabo, Parc d'atraccions. There were many families standing in the line which made sense to us. The bus took us a long distance and made no stops on the way. When we arrived on top of the highest hill in Barcelona, there were cars parked for at least a mile on each side of the road. "This must be some museum", I thought. Well, it turned out that we had arrived at one of the oldest theme parks in Europe which is built on the side of the hill with six different levels and a variety of exciting rides. The entrance fee was \$82.60 for the three of us. We could have had the price discounted by the price of the bus ticket if we had known, also over age 65; if you don't participate on the rides, it is free. The grandchildren had a great time and rode on every ride except the kiddie rides. We had made sandwiches and had a picnic on the picnic tables with many of the other families. One can catch the special bus in front of the El Corte department store next to Las Ramblas by the hostel.

When we arrived back downtown, we went downstairs at the El Corte department store where we bought groceries for dinner. The hostel cost \$110 for three. It's the Metro and entry tickets for events that added up.



Playing cards during "down-time".

This evening, after dinner, and talking with our new dorm mates from Scotland, we went to see La Sagrada Familia, a very famous Gaudi-inspired building which everyone must see when coming to Barcelona.

We rose early at 6:45 a.m. and we left for Sants Staci3n for our bus trip to Andorra. The bus trip takes about three hours. The trip starts into the Pyrenees Mountains and the scenery is beautiful. The roads are nicely paved and marked. On the way, we were sidelined for about an hour and a half when our bus broke down. Another bus picked us up for the continuation of our trip. Ram Todd, a friend, picked us up and we went to his apartment which is near the center of town. The views out his windows show the street scenes which are reminiscent of Austria and the back windows look into the mountains. Flower boxes and pots of flowers are in front of many buildings. The architecture with brick, cement arches and polished wood makes for a very desirable upscale standard of living. All nationalities converge on Andorra as it is a tiny country 10 by 14 miles and tax free. About 8 million tourists visit each year to purchase goods and go to the beautiful ski resorts. A red cable car goes from the town center up to the ski lifts. We enjoyed our time there. We were able to catch up on the computer, watch some television, eat out at restaurants and drive around the area. Stephanie and Hayley made dinner one night. We were served our courses in high style; it was fun for the girls.

We left Andorra on July 4 for the three-hour return bus trip to Barcelona. We arrived about 6 p.m. Our overnight train for Granada was to leave at 9:30 p.m., so we rented a locker at the train station, stuffed our suitcases in it and headed for Las Ramblas. We enjoyed the crowded street scenes with mimes, entertainers, shops of beautiful flowers, animals and touristy items. We ended up at the end of Las Ramblas where there is a statute and small park filled with pigeons. We had a picnic of ham, crackers, peanut butter, cheese and apples. Hayley bought pigeon feed and spent at least an hour entertaining herself with the pigeons. They would land on her hand and arm they were so tame.

Our 9:30 p.m. train was about two hours late. This was very unusual and surprising. When we boarded the sleeper train. Stephanie and Hayley slept together in one coche and I slept in the other coche. The beds were comfortable, the bathroom clean and we all slept pretty good. In the morning, since we were so late, they gave us all a free breakfast in the dining car of the train.

When we arrived in Granada, we walked down to the main street, hailed a taxi for the Hostal Britz at \$71.40 a night for the three of us for a nice room with bathroom. (Hostal denotes a less expensive hotel, hostel usually dorm type facilities). From our windows we looked down on an

Hostelling Through Spain with My Two Granddaughters (cont.)



How many 10 year olds have held a snake? In Spain?

outside restaurant and a main square. We dropped our bags, and walked up a steep hill to the Alhambra. The tickets for the three of us were \$42. The long line in the sun to get a ticket, the designated times we could visit certain sections, and the crowds everywhere made the event difficult when traveling with children. When we left, we took bus 32 down to the centro and found our Hostal Britz. We were ready for a nice shower and rejuvenation. After a siesta, we wandered around near our hostel where we found many narrow alleys selling touristy and Moroccan items. Hayley was very excited with her purchase of “big girl” dangling earrings for \$7.20.

After our little shopping spree, we stopped at an outdoor café, had drinks and a plate of tapas. We topped this off with ice cream cones. That night, we enjoyed our beds (double and single pushed together) and just talked. We really enjoyed this talking before we go to sleep time.

In the morning, 6:30 a.m., we took a taxi to the train station. The train left at 7:15 a.m. for Algeciras where we took the 30-minute bus for Tarifa. We used our train pass for the four-and-a-half hour train ride.

We arrived in Tarifa bus station and had to walk about eight blocks to the entry gate into the old city. It is very, very windy!! Inside the gate, following the map from Lonely Planet, we found the Hostal Afrika. Our room was up three flights of steep steps. The bright room held three beds with a partition, and a private bathroom. We had two windows bringing in sunshine. There were small ants along one baseboard – that wasn’t too pleasant.

We found a ticket office for a trip to Morocco the next day. We signed up for a tour which included bus, guide, and lunch for \$75 each. They neglected to tell us that our ticket needed to be stamped at the dock for entrance to the boat. We arrived at the dock one half hour early for departure and found a long line. We were told there was no more room on the 11 a.m. ferry and we would have to wait until the 1 p.m. ferry. When we finally came up to the ticket lady, she said, “Wait, I think I can get you on the 11 a.m. ferry”. We were the last three to get on the ferry. The trip takes about 45 minutes in a fairly large boat. There is food on the boat. The crossing was smooth.

Let me digress to our arrival in Tarifa. After depositing our luggage in our room, we went back to the bus station for the bus to the camps

along the ocean. Tarifa is known for kite surfing. The large camp, about 10 kilometers from town, has an ocean front set up for huge crowds, mostly young people. The surfing is unbelievable with hundreds of bright surf kites criss-crossing across the waves. The wind was high at about 25 - 30 mph kicking up the sand. Back from the water about 100 yards was an oasis with shrubs forming an area free from wind with a huge movie screen showing the surfers doing various tricks. There was also a restaurant and bar close by. Stephanie and Hayley went into the ocean for a few minutes close to the shore, but we had to leave and get out of the wind. We had a drink, watched the movie for a while and walked back to the bus stop to return downtown. That night we found a small take away Greek restaurant for dinner. It was very cool that evening.

Arriving in Morocco, we were met by our guide. We all wore little red tabs to denote our tour group. This is a popular trip and our bus was full. We were taken through the new section of Tangiers, close to the embassies where the homes were large and beautiful. We went by the home of the Princess and King. Both had high fences with beautiful flowers. We were warned not to take pictures of the soldiers standing guard by the gate. We stopped at a small corral with camels. For \$1.40 you could take a small ride and get your picture taken. Our lunch was at a tour restaurant. A small band played, the seats were cushions on the floor and cushions at your back. After lunch, we visited the Medina which is not a *souq* but streets with small homes leading up to a large concrete fortress-type building. Inside the courtyard was a man with a snake and musicians to charm the snake.

After walking through some small alleys, we were taken to a carpet shop. The English-speaking guests were directed to one area with a guide. We were shown a variety of carpets and educated on the difference in value for the carpets. Next, we were taken to a spice shop where a very interesting man informed us about the different spices and how they were used for cooking, medicinal and cosmetic purposes. I bought some curry powder.

We were told to watch Hayley carefully in one area which is known for human trafficking. We certainly felt safe surrounded by our tour group. At the end of the trip, we were taken to a nice verandah overlooking the harbor. We told our guide we would like to go back into the souq. He sent one of our guides with us to help us and get us back to the group.



Eating healthy at a minimal cost

Hayley bought three pairs of earrings for \$14. Upon returning to Tarifa, we put on our jackets, checked our emails at the internet store next to our hostel, and found a small café for dinner.

That evening, Stephanie gave us a pedicure and we watched a movie on her DVD player. These are fun times together. Hayley reminded me that she earned a special treat on the boat by agreeing to carry my small backpack downstairs the next morning. I kept kidding her about getting her muscles ready to get this bundle down the three flights of stairs. By 9 a.m., the next morning, we were up, showered and on our way to the bus station. We had our breakfast on the way.

When we arrived in Seville, by way of Cádiz, we caught a taxi for our hostel called Oasis Hostel at Plaza Encarnación 29 ½. The cost \$75.60 for three. The hostel offers four high-speed internets for guests free, a nice kitchen on the roof with a small pool and sitting areas, free breakfast, coffee and tea all day. Our very light dorm room for eight was outfitted with wooden bunks and had its own bathroom. It was very clean, friendly and nice.

That night we went with the directed group from the hostel to two tapas restaurants and a free flamenco show. A real show – no glitz but well done. The only cost for the evening was for what you ate and drank. We walked back to the hostel as a group at about 12:30 a.m.

The next morning, after a good breakfast, we walked up to bus C2 on the circle to go to Isla Magica, a huge theme park. Upon arriving, we found that it was closed on Mondays. Making lemonade out of lemons, we walked back toward the center of town. There were many small stores. At one point we saw McDonalds and Burger King and realized that our hostel was within the next block. It was very hot in Seville and we enjoyed the pool, reading and talking with the other hostellers. In the evening we walked back down through the shops. To bed early as we were tired and knew we would be up early for the train to Córdoba.

We caught bus 32 outside our hostel for \$1.40 each and arrived at the train station with no problems. We saw a fast train leaving in 12 minutes for Córdoba. I quickly bought three tickets with my Visa \$56 and we found track 6. Our seating was very plush and it was only 45 minutes by train.

Arriving in Córdoba, we found a nice taxi man that took us to our hostel El Reposo de Bagdad located down a narrow alley in the old Judaiá area – only \$63. Three single beds, bathroom, very clean and nice. Arriving early, we left our luggage in the office and were directed to the Centro area. With a map, we found our way through the mazes of streets to the center of town.

The center of Córdoba has small streets radiating away from the small park. There were many stores and many had signs in them *rebajo* which meant big sales. It was a shoppers paradise for less expensive items. We went back to the hostel a couple of hours later as it was getting hot! We enjoyed watching movies again. It was a great way to have quiet times.

There were many small cafes with tables on the sidewalk. That night

we shared a dinner and had drinks. Somehow, what we have for dinner costs between \$28 - \$35 and this is with sharing some of the food. When we buy groceries, the cost would run around \$12.50 for the three of us. See, it can be done if you think creatively, and one can still have a lot of fun! We enjoyed cooking in the hostels.

On our last day in Spain, we took the train from Córdoba to



Carrying your own luggage is a must.

Some Rules For the Road:

1. Carry your own things.
2. No is "No".
3. Draw for something everyone would like.
4. Always be ready and leave on time.
5. Travel light.

Madrid using our train passes. (I would not buy the train passes again because the distances are short and you need to buy reservations and we found that can cost between \$50 - \$150.00. I think the trains are nice but the buses are also very nice and a lot less expensive.) We found the "left luggage" lockers. We all put our backpacks and suitcases in one locker for \$6. Catching the Metro, we bought a ticket for 10 rides which would get us around Madrid and to the airport. Our first step was Chueca and then we made our way to the Opera stop. There is a nice walkway with shops and restaurants. We ambled up the walkway and purchased our last gifts for our relatives and friends.

We gave Hayley the job of finding our first hostel where her suitcase was in a locker. After retrieving the suitcase we made our

way back to the Atocha train station and picked up all the rest of our luggage in the locker at the station. The trip to the airport is quite long on the Metro. We were going to stay at a hotel close to the airport since we were leaving early in the morning. The hotel Kris Cazadora, two miles from the airport, is a three-star hotel and cost \$103.60.

We got our wake up call at 4:15 a.m. and caught our taxi at 4:45 a.m. for the quick ride to the airport and our first flight to Heathrow and on to Chicago and then California. All in all with layovers, we would be with the airlines for 24 hours.

Hostel traveling wasn't always easy, but the closeness and adventure is a great experience to have with your grandchildren. I started when they were 10 years old and expect the best. It works, try it!!

■ BARBARA ROY IS THE SECRETARY FOR THE NAPLES CHAPTER. BARB AND HER HUSBAND, BILL, ARE TRUE ADVENTURE TRAVELERS – ALWAYS OPEN AND WILLING TO TRY SOMETHING NEW. BARB SUBMITTED THE ARTICLE TO ITN AND SENT US A COPY TOO. WE THOUGHT YOU'D ENJOY READING ABOUT HER INNOVATIVE WAYS OF TRAVELING WITH HER TWO GRANDCHILDREN AND A RATHER SMALL BUDGET. WHAT AN EXPERIENCE FOR THOSE GIRLS! WHAT A GRANDMOTHER!

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 you will need a **CC** username 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.

Circumnavigators are eligible for introduction by the Williams Club to its Reciprocal Clubs: This is a wonderful opportunity for all members of the **CC** in good standing to be introduced to other reciprocal clubs.

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. See page 17 for list of participating cities.

BULLETIN BOARD INSTRUCTIONS

Members can use the Bulletin Board for **Post/Reply/View messages** by accessing the Bulletin Board through the **Members Only** link. To post new messages and reply to a previous message, you **must** first register by clicking on the button shown

■ 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

CLUB CARD AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS!

Any member in good standing can now have a personal Club Card sent to him/her at no additional cost. It will be mailed on a sheet of 10 with your name and your home phone, business phone, fax or e-mail address (select two forms of contact). E-mail this information to CircumClub@optonline.net along with your mailing address. That is all there is to it. (Allow four weeks for delivery.)

When you meet someone who is eligible for membership, just give them a Club Card... see page 3 for more information.

Notice to Members:

The Circumnavigators Club is a private organization. It is the strict policy that our Membership Roster may not be used for any commercial or charitable solicitation purpose. Thank you...

FOUNDATION NEWS

President's message What follows in the Foundation News is a remarkable elucidation of the tangible benefits of your Foundation's efforts to further the cause of international understanding. The multi-generational Foundation Scholars highlighted below are but a few remarkable examples of the energetic and gifted grant recipients who have characterized the Foundation's grant program since its inception. From Bruce Magid (Foundation Scholar, Georgetown, 1972) who, after a distinguished career in international business, has been recently named to the prestigious post of Dean of Brandeis University's School of International Business, to Molly Jameison of Princeton University, who just completed her 2007 Foundation-sponsored travel-study project, all of our Foundation Scholars are tremendously deserving of the financial support which our membership – that means you – provides. I hope that you agree that our Scholars are, indeed, a credit to the Circumnavigators Club! – Greg Rider, Foundation President

Grant Awarded to Princeton University

Your Foundation is delighted to report that the fourth \$9,000 grant for 2007-2008 has been awarded to Princeton University, a participant in our university co-funding program. The first three around-the-world travel-study grants for the ensuing year were awarded to the Chicago Chapter (Northwestern University), the Desert Chapter (Arizona State University), and the Washington DC Chapter (Georgetown University). Each of these schools has begun the process of soliciting research proposals from students in their junior classes on topics of international significance.

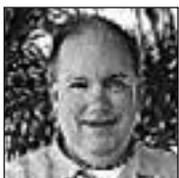
What have our Foundation Scholars been up to?

Here is where they are...note the date they received their grant. They have all said that their experience of traveling around the world while in college has benefited them during their careers.



BRUCE R. MAGID, PhD – Scholar 1972

Bruce joined the Brandeis University International Business School as its new dean in July 2007. Dean Magid is a graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. He holds a multidisciplinary PhD in international economics, business law, and comparative politics from the Fletcher School at Tufts University. Bruce writes that, "I suspect that I am the only dean of an international business school among the Foundation recipients, and sometime if you are short a speaker, I would like to share my odyssey from Foundation recipient to international banker to a second career as a dean of an international business school."



MANUEL A. MIRANDA – Scholar 1981

Manny is a U.S. diplomat and a graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. From a recent e-mail: "I am leading projects based in the Baghdad Embassy to improve the ability of the government of Iraq to pursue legislation. I am also lead on projects involving the Council of Ministers, the Prime Minister's office, and ...for fun... I work with the Iraqi Bar Association to transform the Iraqi legal profession to prepare it for a bright future. The gift that the Foundation gave me 26 years ago, when I visited 17 countries, informs everything I do now and has shaped everything I have done. And, I have always repaid the generosity of Raymond Dinsmore, Winston Chen and others by helping younger people as best I can."



DAMIAN STAMER – Scholar 2004

August 31, 2007 e-mail: Greetings from Budapest. I will be here for nine months as a Fulbright Scholar, a grant that was a direct extension of my Circumnavigator research. I will be working in the Ludwig Museum helping build their volunteer program while also taking art classes at the Hungarian Academy of Fine Arts. Damian graduated from Arizona State University – Honors College.



NOVELLE L. STUBBS – Scholar 2004

Novelle is currently attending The Moritz College of Law at Ohio State University. She is a J.D. Candidate for 2009. She wrote, "I hope that all is going well. I am contacting you because I am interested in making a donation. As I finish my schooling, I would like to become a more active member both financially and administratively." Novelle is a graduate of New York University.



DOUGLAS GIBBONS – Scholar 2005

September 25, 2007 e-mail: "I live in California now and work for a biotech company specializing in cancer immunotherapies. I do miss my days at Michigan State and the trip of my lifetime two years ago!"



MOLLY JAMIESON – Grantee 2007

Princeton University – "Sitting at my desk back in Princeton, my trip this summer already seems like some sort of amazing dream. I visited several micro-credit organizations in developing countries that aim to alleviate poverty by giving very small loans (starting at \$20) with very low interest rates to women who are then able to start small businesses. One woman owns a bakery in the Andes of Peru, another sells snacks out of a cart in a dusty cinder-block neighborhood of Ecuador; in Cairo, female entrepreneurs struggle to define their new lives in a culture that is not always supportive of their financial and personal independence. A credit union on the coast of Ghana gives loans to women who sell household items and sew dresses, but it has low repayment rates and lacks resources to further support its clients so they can repay their debt. In rural Bangladesh, two friends who once struggled to put two meals on the table for their families each day now own and operate a fishery in a bright green and lush village in the Gazipur district. Right beside the modern and beautiful downtown sections of Bangkok, a slum of thousands of homes straddles a train track; it is damp and swelteringly hot, claustrophobic and unsanitary — these slums are where Thai women, mostly Buddhist, receive small loans from a local Christian ministry and sell food to men working on nearby construction sites. The hundreds of women I met were generous and resilient beyond imagination. Most travelers never get to see the places I saw or meet the people I met; my research enabled me to explore those parts of countries that their governments would rather not advertise, but those same parts make me want to get back on a plane and see more of the world as soon as I can. For that, I cannot thank the Circumnavigators Club Foundation enough."

EXPAND OUR FOUNDATION GRANTEE PROGRAM – CONTINUE TO GIVE GENEROUSLY.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS • 2007-2008

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 Bentum (250) 477-3474 vanbentum@gmail.com

CHICAGO (Illinois) www.chicagocircumnavigators.org

December 6 (Thursday): Holiday Party hosted by Cs. Lucinda and Dick Kaspersion

Contact: Chapterpresident Jim Arimond (847) 920-2735 or e/m: jarimond@loy.org

DESERT (Arizona)

Meetings will be held at the Orange Tree Golf Resort in Scottsdale

October 25 (Thursday): Speaker-Emily Kile on "Highlights of Tanzania"

November 15 (Thursday): Speaker- Patricia Rhymer on "Adventure in Namibia"

December 16 (Sunday): Christmas Brunch – Place: Chaparral Suites Resort

January 17 (Thursday): Artists Louise and Robert McCall

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

MIAMI (Florida)

October 28 (Sunday): Luncheon-Program at the Maroosa (Mediterranean) restaurant, Coral Gables. Members will bring a photo of where they traveled over the summer for publication in *The LOG*.

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

MICHIGAN (Detroit) www.circumnavigators@homestead.com

October 25 (Thursday): 2007 Foundation Grantee Nicholas Micinski is the guest speaker.

December 6 (Thursday): Holiday Party/Foundation Fundraiser will be held at the historic Dearborn Inn.

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

MINNESOTA (Twin City)

Contact: Kenneth Doyle (612)298-6820 or e/m: KenDoyle@umn.edu

NAPLES (Florida)

November 11 (Sunday): Club at Pelican Bay – Guest Speaker Carol Decker "Traveling Through India" – Election of Officers

December 12 (Wednesday): Holiday Party at the Wyndemere Country Club

January 27 (Sunday): Speaker Andrena Wodhams will talk about the "DaVinci Code Journey" – Naples Sailing and Yacht Club

Contact: Virginia Newman (239) 261-3056

NEW YORK CITY

October 24 (Wednesday): Festive Oktoberfest will be celebrated at the Silver Swan Restaurant.

December 11 (Tuesday): Holiday Cocktail Party at the historic National Arts Club downtown.

February 1 (Friday): Chinese New Year celebrates "The Year of the Rat".

Contact: Helen Jost (201) 612-9100 or e/m: CircumClub@optonline.net

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST (Seattle, Washington)

November 10 (Saturday): Speaker: President Charles Stotts – Slide presentation on China. Dinner at the Sheraton Bellevue.

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

December 11 (Tuesday): Holiday Party

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

PALM BEACH (Florida)

November 6 (Tuesday): Luncheon at the Sailfish Club

December 2 (Sunday): Cocktail Party for the Achillis Freedom Team hosted by C. Anita Pollak

Contact: Chapterpresident Charles Klotsche (561) 803-0000

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA (California)

Contact: Jean Bartlett –njbartlett@attbi.com or 408-866-8474.

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

December 5 (Wednesday): Luncheon at the Oriental Club

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

WASHINGTON DC

November 10 (Saturday): Joint dinner with the Washington Group of the Explorers Club for dinner at the Cosmos Club near Dupont Circle in DC. This event has become a tradition for over 15 years.

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

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