

Circumnavigators Club The Log

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THE 1ST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL PHOTO EXHIBIT

— *Photo Entry Fees Benefit the Foundation* —

Here are the first-place winners of the 1st Annual Photo Contest held in New York City on April 18 at the National Arts Club. The photographs came from the international membership. (The story continues on page 3.)

1ST PLACE – FLORA AND FAUNA



"Elephant" - Botswana, 1996.
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1ST PLACE – ARCHITECTURE



"Gables" – Tarpesti, Romania, August 27, 2007.
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1ST PLACE – LANDSCAPE



"Al-o-Tapu, Sulfer Lake" – Rotarura, New Zealand, November 2006.
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1ST PLACE – HUMAN INTEREST



"Fish on a Bike" – Montenegro, October 9, 2007.
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Dear Fellow Circumnavigators,

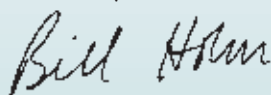
As I enter my second term in office I have come to appreciate my predecessors all the more. Al Morasso, Jeff Kelly, Howard Matson, Don Luther, and Patricia Collins all served as president of the Club during the last two decades, and were excellent role models of service to the Club.

I first became a member in 1990 while Pat Collins was president, and I was impressed by the vitality of the Club and the accomplishments of its many members. These distinguished past presidents were fond of extolling the rich history and traditions of the Club, the founding of the Club in 1902 by the three "immortals," the distinguished roster of members which included Admiral Robert Peary, William Jennings Bryan, Harry Houdini, John Philip Sousa, and the illustrious roster of Magellan Award recipients that we all know so well. The Club, originally a fraternity of privileged businessmen and world travelers, was known for its light-hearted and formal celebratory dinners.

The good humor persists today, and so do the formal celebratory dinners, but the Club has evolved into a truly global organization with men and women from all walks of life who enjoy coming together to share their experiences of learning "what the sun sees from setting to rising." It is this gathering of different men and women and our shared passion for travel and far-off places that makes our Club unique. Take the time to talk to any member you meet at one of our events and you will likely realize two things (1) what an interesting and unique experience that person had in his or her travels, and (2) the shared interest in people and places.

The Club, as it has grown and evolved, and our Foundation, which provides grants to help young people gain knowledge of the world, has made, and continues to make, a meaningful contribution to international goodwill, which is so important in this modern world. I look forward to my next two years in office and hope to see many of you soon.

Luck to you,



William P. Holm
International President

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THE 1ST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL PHOTO EXHIBIT

The International Program Committee chaired by C. Kenneth J. Linsner planned this first-time event. Members from Florida, New Mexico, California, North Carolina, New York, and New Jersey sent in 26 photos to be placed on exhibit for two weeks at the National Arts Club in New York.

C. Linsner handled every detail of this event and was delighted with the results of this first exhibit. "The Club has never done this before. Hopefully, next year at this time we will receive double the photos!" commented Ken.

He made arrangements for an outside professional to make the awards. She was Allison Wilbur, Director of the Nyehaus Gallery.

2nd PLACE – FLORA AND FAUNA



"Lines Against Natural Form", Dubai, December 5, 2007.
C. Elizabeth Manny, El Prado, New Mexico

2nd PLACE – ARCHITECTURE



"Ljubljana River Scene", Ljubljana, Slovenia, October 17, 2007.
C. Ralph Velasco, Newport Beach, California

2nd PLACE – LANDSCAPE



"Fishing Nets" Cochin, India, December 16, 2007.
C. Chapterpresident Tom Maher, Naples, Florida

2nd PLACE – HUMAN INTEREST



Human Interest ~ "Yak, Yak, Yak", Tibet, 1996.
C. Lois Kahan, New York, New York

THE 1ST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL PHOTO EXHIBIT

Other Circumnavigators who participated in this event were: Mary Lou Alford, Palm Beach; Esther Dyer, New York; Matthew Gormly, North Carolina; Marion Green, New York; Andrew Grover, New York; Bernice Heller, New York; President Bill Holm, New York; Ken Linsner, New York; and Mimi Ragsdale, New York.

\$600 was collected from the photo entry fees. These tax-deductible donations will be presented to the Foundation.

Members and their guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and wine as they looked at this wonderful display.



☪ Sue Murphy and her guest Dennis DeLisle.



Second-place winner
Lois Kahan in front of
"Yak, Yak, Yak."



☪ Peter Howanitz and his wife, Joan, found a seat.



International Program Chairman Ken Linsner explains where a photo was taken.



☪ Andrew Grover chats with ☪ Janet Purdy and prospective member Brenda Repland.



☪s. Shirl Kaslow, President Bill Holm, Lois Kahan and Ken Linsner having fun.



GREETINGS FROM SINGAPORE!

On Friday, January 18, 2008, the Singapore Chapter held its Annual General Meeting at the Regent Hotel at which we elected a new board of directors, including President Thiam-Huat Ang, Vicepresident William Cheng, Secretary Kei-jin Chew and Treasurer Peter Foo. This was followed by its annual dinner celebration. Besides great company, food and wine, the evening was filled with music and songs. Circumnavigators and spouses sang the oldies from the Beatles, Bee Gees, Eric Clapton, Hank Williams, Jr. and many more. ㊦. Loh Kai-Woh took to the stage, played the guitar and sang a few songs. His lovely nine-year-old daughter Jaz Loh, who was the 2007/8 Singapore National Violin Competition Junior Category 1st prize winner, delighted them with her excellent violin performance.

SUBMITTED BY ㊦. LO KAI-WOH



L-R: Kei-jin Chew, Loh Kai-Woh, William Cheng, Peter Foo, Ronald Zung, President Thiam Huat Ang, Tse-Kwang Quek, Richard Eu, Chung Meng Goh, Vincent Chen and Terence Ng.

Over the Horizon

TAN ENG-HENG

— Singapore —

March 21, 2008

On March 21, 2008, our dear friend and fellow traveler Circum Tan Eng-Heng crossed the Great Horizon. We made many trips together to China, some of these have been reported in *The Log*. This photo is taken in September 2006 at the Mirror Lake, JiuZhaiGou, SiChuan, China shows Circum Eng-Heng with his buddies.



Left to Right: Circum William Cheng, Circum Charles Toh, Dr Phay Seng-What, Circum Paul Chu and Circum Tan Eng-Heng.



Chapterpresident Rolf Brown

DESERT CHAPTER (ARIZONA)

SUBMITTED BY PAT FRY

Guest Speakers BOB and LOUISE McCALL, Artists

Artists Bob and Louise McCall were the honored guests at the Desert Chapter's January luncheon. Bob is a well-known space-age artist and has done huge murals all over the United States including the Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C. Louise does stained glass windows and still-life paintings. Together they are a wonderful combination of worldly and down to earth people.

Louise said, "While he's off dreaming in the clouds, I keep us grounded with my art of nature and earthly things."

Bob was commissioned by *Life* magazine to cover the fledgling U.S. space program. His documentation of this program has inspired scientists and the public alike. His imaginative and optimistic paintings have influenced our beliefs about what the human race is capable of achieving more than those of any other contemporary artist.

After the luncheon a brief business meeting was held for the purpose of electing new officers. Elected: President Rolf Brown; Vicepresident Jim Combellick; Secretary Jimmie Valentine; Treasurer Frank Nageotte; Membership – Michael Coccaro.

Outgoing Chapterpresident Nancy Bivenour said that it was an honor to have served the Chapter in this capacity and she truly enjoyed getting to know the members better during her time.



Chapterpresident Nancy Bivenour thanked speakers Bob and Louise McCall for their interesting talk.



President protem Rolf Brown presents outgoing President Nancy Bivenour with a commemorative plate. (Nancy's husband, Chuck, served as President prior to Nancy's term. Together, they served four years.)



Incoming President Rolf Brown (R) with Mike Cocarro, Foundation Scholar 2002, and Jimmie Valentine as Secretary.



Thank you for serving – outgoing Board: Brenda Tuxbury-Membership; Nancy Bivenour-President; Pat Fry-Secretary; Rolf Brown-Vicepresident-Al Crawford-Treasurer.

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CHICAGO CHAPTER

2007 Foundation Scholar Gives Final Report

On February 13, 2008, Chicago Circumnavigators gathered at Loyola Academy, Wilmette, for a festive social hour and dinner preceding the 2007 Foundation Scholar's presentation. Chris Ahern showed slides and told us about his 2007 study. His Executive Summary follows.

Chapterpresident James Arimond



Members Karen Schlueter, Francis Lynch, Barb and Jim Franch – all supporters of the Foundation.



Grantees Harris Sockel-2008 and Alex Robins-2006 chat with Cs. Bill and Carol Narup



Good friends Cs. Virginia Bransfield and Jane Smith



Enjoying the evening are Cs. Dave Gotaas and Don Parrish



Cs. Don and Jeneane Blom were highly impressed with Chris' talk.



Cs. Wendy Davis and Dave Clark – catching up.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CHRIS AHERN

2007 FOUNDATION SCHOLAR – NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

“PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE POLITICS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF ENGLISH AS A GLOBAL LANGUAGE.”

In the current era of instantaneous communication, global markets, and the intricacies of international relations, knowledge of a common language becomes increasingly relevant if cross-cultural understanding is to be achieved in any of these realms. English stands poised at a unique moment and position in history to assume its role as the first truly global language. Can we predict what form this language will take? Will it become multiple mutually intelligible dialects or a single standard form of the language? In other words, will English converge or diverge in the future? This question hinges upon the language policies enacted by governments as well as the Economic salience of the language in global markets.

To examine these two questions one can look at the results of such language policies and Economic power in the Portuguese empire and its worldwide linguistic legacy. The political legitimization of what were considered non-standard dialects in official, educational, and literary capacities, and the



Token flags of the countries Chris Ahern visited during his around-the-world trip in 2007. Foundation Co-ordinator Carol Narup made the presentation.

language policies of the government will offer a basis of comparison for English. Colonial language policy during the Portuguese Empire was one of discrimination. Portuguese was enshrined as the only official language, and language of education, regardless of the native language of the population. All other languages were left to survive by their own devices. In Macau this led to the decline of Patuá, a Portuguese-based Creole that was spoken by the descendents of Portuguese and Chinese heritage. Despite the cultural connection to the inhabitants of Macau, due to the influx of Chinese speakers this language became a minority language without extension to a larger community. In Goa, India, official status for the Portuguese language has

done little to maintain its presence in the former colony. The percentage of the population that can speak Portuguese has steadily declined over the last half century. This process was accelerated by the re-incorporation of Goa

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Chapterpresident Patricia Lodge

MIAMI CHAPTER (FLORIDA)

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATED AT TONY CHAN'S

The Chinese New Year was celebrated on February 3 at Tony Chan's Water Club restaurant on Biscayne Bay in Miami.

Following a delicious, gourmet Chinese luncheon, **C.** Laurie Kaufman introduced the new incoming officers to the membership and guests. They are: President Patricia G. Lodge; Vicepresident – Reginald Hayden; Secretary – John Budrew; Treasurer – Louise Grosse. We were pleased, as always to have Palm Beach member **C.** Tom Ambrose and his wife, Thora. Also attending the luncheon were Joey and Jay Adler of Miami Beach. Joey is submitting an application for membership and hopes to join the Miami Chapter.

Several members brought "treasures" from trips to China and elaborated on their travels and adventures. Chapterpresident Patricia Lodge showed slides from her trips to Beijing and Mongolia.



Chapterpresident Patricia Lodge with new member Amanda Hagan.



Applicants Jay and Joey Adler



Member Michael Spivack with **C.s.** Louise Gross and Laurie Kaufman.



Circumnavigator Akemi Spivack with **C.s.** Jack Budrew and Gary Padakis.



C. Tom Ambrose of Palm Beach with his wife, Thora, and their son Serge.



C. Mike Spivack and his daughter Brenda.



DR. KRISTINE STEWART SPEAKER

On March 30 the Miami Circumnavigators and guests enjoyed a delicious Italian buffet at Bertolini's restaurant in beautiful Key Biscayne. Following lunch and an exchange of travel stories Dr. Kristine Stewart spoke about her trips to Cameroon, West Africa and her work there. The title of her talk was "Myths and Realities of Conservation in Cameroon."

Chapterpresident Patricia Lodge and speaker Dr. Kristine Stewart.

C. Jan Novar with guest Bal Unjan, who will speak at Miami's June 29th event. He will talk about his four-month journey from Liverpool to Calcutta by motorcycle.



SUBMITTED BY CHAPTERPRESIDENT PATRICIA LODGE

WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER

Chapterpresident Margaret Ellen Parke



Chapterpresident Ellen Parke with Marshall and Fran Damerell and guest Nancy Mellem.



Chapterpastpresident Anne Kennedy chats with C. Del Petry.



Chapterpastpresident Al Olsen and C. Margaret Parke.



C. James Whalen and his wife, Nan.



New member Mitchell Davis is welcomed by President Parke.



Cs. Ginney May and Lois Billings.



New member Amanda Hubbard recounts her circumnavigation. Amanda now serves the Chapter as secretary.



President Parke presents membership certificate to Sam Watson.

Washington, DC Chapter Celebrates the Year of the Rat

A favorite tradition of the Washington Chapter is celebrating the Chinese New Year at the Seven Seas Restaurant in nearby Rockville, Maryland. This year, members and their guests gathered for lunch on Saturday, February 9, to mark the beginning of the Year of the Rat. It was a festive occasion at which we enjoyed an excellent meal and warm fellowship.

Rather than arrange a formal speech by an invited guest, Chapterpresident Ellen Parke chose to ask the Chapter's newest members to make brief, informal remarks about the around-the-world journeys that qualified them for membership in the Club. Mitchell Davis of Washington, Chaptersecretary Amanda Hubbard of Falls Church, Virginia, and Sam Watson of Alexandria, Virginia, took turns telling stories about their travels, including amusing anecdotes of odd or unusual events they encountered. Another new member, Nils Salvesen of Annapolis, Maryland, was unable to attend.

The Chapter will probably have an early summer event, although plans for it are not yet firm. As in years past, we will gather in September for a luncheon in honor of the Foundation grantee. This year the committee selected Grayson Badgley of Boise, Idaho, a Georgetown University junior, who will research "Small Scale Wind Energy Production: Toward the Sustainable Development of Island Nations" during his summer circumnavigation.



Chapterpresident Charles Klotsche

PALM BEACH CHAPTER

SUBMITTED BY C. JUDY BAILLARGEON

AN ENTERTAINING SEASON CONTINUES...

Speakers Susan and Brad Gary Present Iran, Oman and Dubai, and the Rovos Rail



Hosts C. John and Annette Ahern.



Guest speakers Susan and Brad Gary.



C. Dan and Ruth O'Connell.



C. Dyanne Tosi, C. Donna Hearon and her husband, Jim, and guest Carmen Bissell.



Chaptervicepresident Harrison Robertson and his wife, Barbara, enjoying the evening.



Cs. Dyanne Tosi and Natasha Consigli.

Starting off 2008, members and guests of the Palm Beach Chapter met at the newly renovated Saint Andrew's Golf Club in Delray Beach. This event was hosted by C. John and Annette Ahern.

Chapterpresident Charles Klotsche introduced Susan and Brad Gary of Palm Beach and Washington D.C. Susan and Brad had traveled extensively throughout the world, concentrating on many remote areas. Their presentation focused on three recent trips.

Iran – They were able to visit Tehran, Shiraz and Isfahan with an English-speaking guide. Susan arrived in Tehran in full Iranian dress including chador and a dark ankle-length dress. She said that, while it was uncomfortable, it was a requirement. On arrival in Iran, they were put through extensive security checks, but after that they found the people to be warm and friendly.

"English was spoken and written in all public areas," said Brad. "The areas we visited were not beautiful." They compared Tehran to a city the size of Los Angeles, enveloped in a smoky atmosphere. Everything was dusty and dirty. The pollution in the city was intense due to the number of cars on the road. Gasoline was a mere 40 cents a gallon there. The hotels have not been redone since they were built in the 1970s. Even the carpet and upholstery have not been replaced.

Shiraz – The highlight of the visit was the ancient city of Persepolis, two hours away. It had recently been restored. The Europeans uncovered it from the sand in the 1930s.

The prettiest city in Iran was Isfahan, where there were beautiful mosques and the Ali Qapou Palace. "We visited the market and found the 'best buys' to be miniature portraits, painted enamel lamps and of course the rugs!" continued Susan.

Oman, Dubai – "We flew to Oman, where we boarded the ship *Island Sky* to cruise the Persian Gulf. The former Yemen Ambassador lectured about the areas before visiting each of the destinations on the cruise that included Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Oman and Dubai," reported Brad. "One of the highlights was a visit to the University of Dubai for women only," said Susan. "The professors are brought in from the United States as they feel the education in the USA is the best in the world." Another highlight was tea with one of the princes of the U.A.E. One night was spent in Dubai at the Marina, where they enjoyed several water sports...and of course they took in the "old Dubai" with the Gold Souks – the "City of Gold" overwhelms one with the massive displays of gold. "At any one time 25 tons of gold are on display," marveled Susan.

Rovos Rail – Susan and Brad had previously traveled extensively in Africa. They decided to take the Rovos Rail which was very interesting and enjoyable. It was a two-week trip from Cape Town to Tanzania, including stops at Victoria Falls, Zambia and Zimbabwe and passing through many remote areas of Africa where the only time the locals see outsiders is when the train stops once or twice a year. The entire village turns out for the occasion. The owner of the train, Rohan Vos, accompanied them. There were some risks as the natives often board the train and help themselves to whatever is not tied down. The trip is considered a luxury experience as the train has been carefully restored to keep the beautiful Victorian ambience, and is about 100 years old as is the track it is on.

Many questions were asked after their presentation – especially from those thinking of taking one of these trips.



☛ Astronaut Robert Crippen with his wife, Pandora.



Guest Carol Pisses displaying the replica Sapphire of the Sea used in the movie *Titanic*. The necklace was presented to ☛ Evelyn Peterson.



First-Class Menu.



☛ Captain Charles Klotsche welcomed everyone aboard the *Titanic*!



☛s. Judy Schrafft and Paulette Cooper Noble and husband, Paul Noble.



☛ Bill Blanks and guest Joan Sherwood.

TITANIC Theme of Black-Tie Dinner

On Saturday, March 1, 2008, the Palm Beach Chapter held its second annual black-tie dinner dance at the Sailfish Club. The theme of this event revolved around the elegance associated with the maiden voyage of the *Titanic*. Cocktails were served around the pool. The poolside was decorated with historic nautical flags from the early 1920s. Ragtime music was by Scott Joplin, the entertainer who made such dances as the cakewalk and the two-step famous.

The dinner was held in the anchor room. The menu was an exact replica of the last dinner served on the *Titanic* on April 14, 1912.

During the evening, ☛ Evelyn Peterson was presented with a replica of the Sapphire of the Ocean featured in James Cameron's movie the *Titanic*. The original used in the movie was from Harry Winston and cost \$22 million.

Chapterpresident Charles Klotsche was the master of ceremonies and he portrayed Captain Smith, the *Titanic's* captain, reciting many of the unique features of the *Titanic* and its crew. Period dancing followed dinner.

Season Finale...



Chapterpresident Charles Klotsche and guest speaker ☛ Dan O'Connell and his wife, Ruth.

The Palm Beach Chapter closed its season on April Fool's Day. A luncheon was held at the Sailfish Club. Approximately 65 members and guests attended for a lecture offered by ☛ Dan O'Connell, recently returned from a three-week cruise sponsored by Harvard University entitled "World Leader Symposium on Rising Global Powers: China and East Asia." The cruise featured such well-known names as the former President George Bush and several former cabinet members.

☛ O'Connell gave a very informative talk on how rapidly those in China and East Asia are coming to the forefront, both economically and militarily. O'Connell is a professor at Florida Atlantic University, specializing in international relations and comparative politics.



Enjoying the luncheon along with about 60 members and guests are Nancy Green, Bill Kelly and Joan Farley.



Chapter president Thomas Maher

NAPLES CHAPTER (FLORIDA)

Naples Chapter Hosts Multiple Events...

SUBMITTED BY C. BARB ROY

Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos and Thailand

On January 24, C. Carson Beadle presented slides on Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos and Thailand during a brunch with over 60 members and guests. Cs. Mary and Carson Beadle joined C. Barb and Bill Roy for this trip that turned into quite an adventure.

Their trip started by walking across the Thai border into Cambodia in a driving rain storm. Following this was a seven-hour drive on a deeply rutted mud road to Siem Reap. Arriving at the end of the bus run, they were escorted to their hotel on a motorcycle and tuk tuk. "It was quite a memorable first day!" exclaimed Carson.

In Siem Reap Barb and Bill Roy were joined by their Cambodian adopted son Barang, and his wife. They would travel together for the rest of the trip.

Highlights of the trip included dinner at Barang's apartment in Phnom Penh with his wife and all close family members. The ladies had been cooking all day and we were treated like royalty. It was a very warm occasion as we all shared the evening with our Cambodian friends.

We went with Barang to an elementary school located about 1½ hours into the countryside. The school was starting their new semester and they were honoring Barang because he had given them pencils and pads of paper. In this school only one in four children had a pen to use. It was quite a sight to look out at about 300 students and parents sitting on hard chairs in the yard looking up at us sitting on the porch.

Hue, Vietnam was the next stop. It was interesting to wake up early and see the novices and monks walking along the street with their bowls to gather sticky rice from the natives. We took the overnight train from Hue to Hanoi which was quite an experience. Four people shared a sleeping compartment. Two Vietnamese ladies had grabbed the two bottom bunks, so we had no choice but to take the upper bunks!!!

In Hanoi, we stayed in the Chinese section, in a small hotel. Walking the streets, shopping, museums and dinner at a very nice Chinese restaurant run by an American, were some of the highlights.

Visiting a beautiful elephant farm in Luang Prabang was an adventure in Laos. The farm, set in the mountains with a wide cascading river of water running over the smooth rocks and puddling into a natural swimming pool, was really a lovely setting. Barang and Kunthea, his wife, were the only ones brave enough to jump in this chilly water.

Chiang Mai, in northern Thailand, offered some wonderful shopping and a great day riding elephants, oxen and carts and rafting down the river.

All in all, it was a trip not to be forgotten.



President Tom Maher and Pat Classen greet Miami Chapter president Patricia Lodge and member John Budrew.



C. Mary Elizabeth Beadle with her mother

IMPROMPTU GATHERING...

After the performance of the Moiseyev Russian Dance Company, C. Kathleen and Mike Hawryluk invited Circumnavigators and the entire cast to their home for dinner.



Cs. Barbara Roy and Gloria Maher with members of the cast.

The director of the dance company, C. John and Mary Nice, C. Mike Hawryluk and the dance instructor.

Trekking in Rwanda for the Mountain Gorillas

A lovely brunch was arranged on Sunday, February 17, at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. There were 48 members and guests assembled for the social hour, followed by brunch.

☪. Phyllis Mueller was introduced and her topic was "Trekking in Rwanda for the Mountain Gorillas". She started her illustrated talk by saying there were 19 members in the group that was made up primarily of members of a museum in Chicago.

"We all met in Rwanda, and assembled in the morning with all our gear. We were introduced to the young men who wanted to be our porters. Most of the group hired a helper to carry their backpacks and help them through the dense undergrowth that they had to trek through.

"The first mile was flat ground where people farmed and then we began our trek up the mountainside. There are seven families of mountain gorillas that have been habituated to tourists and where trekkers can safely view them. We were divided into small groups and each group was assigned a family to view. The mountain gorillas have their breakfast and then roam to another area for rest and lunch. This is the time when we could view the families."

Phyllis said that she had to climb up 10,000 feet through difficult terrain with much undergrowth to get up to the gorillas. She continued, "Each family has the dominant and only male that is head of his family.

He is a silver-backed mountain gorilla. The female gorillas and young gorillas are with him. As you approach with the group, the guide gives a couple of distinct grunts with his voice. The male gorilla grunts back to signal acceptance that you can watch them. There are distinct rules about seeing them: only 20 minutes at the site; do not point or take out food; do not take a flash picture, no loud noises. The females and babies go about their business. The male sits in one spot and observes what is going on. If he bares his teeth, that means he has had enough of these visitors!" Time to leave...

The audience was captivated by the experience and thoroughly enjoyed ☪. Mueller's presentation.



Chapterpresident Tom Maher and his wife, Gloria, now also a member, with guest speaker ☪. Phyllis Mueller and Mary and ☪. John Nice.



Guest Sue Rutherford with Chapterpastpresident Pat Classen.



☪. Mary Ann Roberts and her daughter Terry.



Program Chair Barb Roy with speaker Mueller.



"1,000 Things To See Before You Die!" and a special certificate were presented to ☪. Phyllis Mueller by President Maher.



Designated photographer Bill Roy and ☪. Phyllis Mueller.



New member Gloria Maher chats with ☪.wives Mary Nice and JoAnn Sohn.



Officers of the Chapter: Treasurer Joan Curley, President Tom Maher and Vicepresident Neil Curley.

NAPLES CHAPTER (Continued...)

Entrepreneur Tom Monaghan “Tells it like it was...”

On Sunday, March 9, fifty-six members came to the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club for brunch and to hear speaker Tom Monaghan. The founder of the well-known Domino's Pizza has recently created a town named Ava Maria built just outside of Naples.

Here is his story as told by Mr. Monaghan: At the age of four, his father died and he was orphaned. Tom was sent to a foster home and brought up in Catholic schools. In the tenth grade, he went into the seminary to become a priest, but ended up being kicked out and “almost” didn't finish high school.

After graduating from high school, Tom joined the U.S. Marines for three years and received three years of college education.

“I was always a dreamer,” he confessed to us. “One night, with a little time on my hands I mapped out my future: spiritual, social, mental, physical and financial.”

With his plan worked out, Tom and his brother decided to buy a small hole-in-the-wall pizza place with a down payment of \$500.00. “I was really stupid,” he said. “We advertised for pizza delivery and we didn't even have a phone! It wasn't easy – we almost went broke.”

The company did succeed however, and in a big way. “We became the first to deliver pizzas. We built the concept of franchises into our company. A store had to be in business successfully for one year and then they could apply for a franchise. The franchisee needed to put no money down, and Domino's would even loan them start-up money.” Domino's Pizza became a very large privately owned business and made 54% of all pizzas in the United States.

In 1985, Tom bought the Detroit Tigers, who won the World Series in the first year. At this time, everyone was after him to be on boards, speak, and be on talk shows.

“I started to lose focus on my business,” he said. “There were ups and downs. I came back to Domino's ‘to right the ship.’” He finally decided to sell the company to private investors. In 14 weeks, the company was sold to Mitt Romney.

Today, after internalizing and realizing for himself that “pride is the greatest of all sins”, Tom distanced himself from ostentatious luxury. Selling his fleet of planes, antique cars, and expensive toys, he focused on building the best possible Roman Catholic university he could.

In just over two years, Tom Monaghan built a university, student dorms, homes, stores, a golf course – everything beautifully detailed. His town was named Ava Maria, and is located near Naples, Florida. High standards, morals, achievement and values are the focus.

Tom Monaghan is a great example of the American dream.



Chapterpresident Tom Maher thanking speaker Tom Monaghan for an enlightening talk.



Program Chair Barb Roy with Tom Monaghan and Chaptersecretary Jean Sneed.

Ms. Ralph and Jackie Ohlers, Lis and Ms. George Ponte and Ms. Sophie Classen enjoy getting together.



Ms. Gloria and Tom Maher with speaker Tom Monaghan and Ms. Neil and Joan Curley, who serve as Vicepresident and Treasurer of the Naples Chapter.



New members L/R front: Mary Elizabeth Beadle, Rachael Jacks, Patricia Anderson, Sophie Classen and Suzanne Haworth. Back L/R: Charles Maud, Roberta Patton, Jeff Carrier, Gloria Maher (wife of President Maher) and John Fishwick. Inset: Eugene Sohn.

NEW MEMBERS PARTY

Our Naples Chapter has done an outstanding job to bring in new members. Recently, they hosted a new members' party. This gave them an opportunity to get to know one another better and to understand the purpose of the Circumnavigators Club and its Foundation.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

Chapterpresident Maryann Hart



☪. Betty Dow – “The Funniest Things That Have Happened During My Travels”

On Thursday, March 20, on a perfect evening, 50 Circumnavigators, prospective members and guests filled the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club’s Walnut Room. They came to enjoy fellowship and a gourmet dinner, induct new members and to hear ☪. Betty Dow speak about the funny things that happened during her lifetime of travel.

Chapterpresident Charles Stotts and his wife, Hertha, from the Pacific Northwest Chapter in Seattle, Washington, were greeted with a warm welcome. They brought as guests Tom and Joan Paschall. In 1989 Charles and Hertha were sailing their small boat in the South Pacific Ocean when they discovered the Paschalls, who had been shipwrecked 30 days before on a tiny atoll. Resourceful travelers, the Paschalls had rigged up a tent and ate coconuts and crab. The Stotts stayed until a freighter came and took the Paschalls to Tonga. The two couples have remained friends ever since. They all represent the love of global travel and adventure of all Circumnavigators.

☪. Betty Dow sponsored this event at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club. Her audience thoroughly enjoyed her views about travel and many of her comments brought laughter. Betty has been a business woman, teacher, radio broadcaster, wife, mother, and community leader. Her many friends will testify that Betty will continue to live so that through friendship, the world will be a little better than she found it.

Chapterpresident Maryann Hart ended the evening by quoting Erma Bombeck, who said, “When you start to look like your passport picture, it is time to go home.”

— SUBMITTED BY CHAPTERPRESIDENT MARY ANN HART



Sponsor Betty Dow exemplifies the Circumnavigator character of intelligence with wisdom, generosity with discernment, beauty with character, and a positive attitude towards life.



Dedicated officers: Treasurer Nancy Kronemyer and Vice President of Membership Bob Kronemyer greet guests at the door of each meeting.



(L to R) Tom and Joan Paschall and ☪s. Hertha and President of the Pacific Northwest Chapter Charles Stotts were welcomed guests to the event.



Circumnavigators Ralph Velasco and Len Fisher welcome Mera Kelley into membership.



Chapter President Maryann Hart (L) presented membership certificates to new members Mera Kelley, Barbie Reynolds (visiting from San Francisco), Cristull Hasson and Alice Whittemore. Assisting were Vice President of Programs Bill Thompson, Treasurer Nancy Kronemyer, Vice President of Membership Bob Kronemyer, Publicity Chair Len Fisher and Colleen Lance, contact member for the San Francisco Chapter.



(L to R) Circumnavigator Quinn Matthewson and guests Lonie and Doug Ward enjoy the social hour before dinner.

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Circumnavigators Club represented at The New York Times Travel Show February 29 – March 2

The word is out about the Circumnavigators Club! So many people have never heard of our organization, so the international Board decided to take a booth at this famous travel show. Many people were drawn to the booth and stared at posters of our Magellan Award recipients, our Chapter activities, our Foundation grantees and more. Club brochures and LOGs were distributed to people who wanted to know more. Questions were asked and answered by volunteer Circumnavigators who manned the booth.

Our volunteers were: Mary Brogan, Larry and Barbara Brown, Jim and Sheila Forney, Bill Holm, Helen Jost, Lois Kahan, Josh Laurito, Ken Linsner and Carole Weaver, Howard Matson, Arthur Ruhl, George Sanborn, and Jessie Thomas. Thank you all for a great job!



International Pastpresident Howard Matson (the show was his suggestion) with volunteers Lois Kahan and Jim Forney are ready to chat with world travelers!



There was always fun to be had during the day and helper Carole Weaver found a buddy.

International President Bill Holm anchoring the Club banner.

OVER THE HORIZON

Harold Demarest D998LM

*Bloomington, New Jersey
July 2, 2007*

☪. Harold Demarest passed away on July 2, 2007, two days before his 96th birthday.

☪. Demarest was a member since 1952.

He was an outstanding member and a loyal supporter of our Foundation.

Harold had a wonderful career in Tonkin cane, a business that was started by his father. The business continues today. His story is of interest – here is the website: www.tonkincane.com.

The Club appreciates their loyal members and when one of them passes over the horizon, they leave a void. They have *“left this world a little better than they found it.”*

Robert Edward Burr B4646

*Hendersonville, Tennessee
2008*

Frank A. Flower F4166

*West Palm Beach, Florida
December 17, 2007*

Eugene G. Gallant G4407

*West Palm Beach, Florida
January 21, 2008*

Edward E. Hogan H3939

*Corpus Christi, Texas
September 10, 2007*

Irwin Jacobs J4300

*Brooklyn, New York
March 17, 2008*

Arthur Novacek N1268LM

*Fort Lauderdale, Florida
February 10, 2008*

Douglas H. Soutar S3645

*Litchfield Park, Arizona
Desert Chapter Pastpresident
March 3, 2008*

GOODWILL CONNECTION

The purpose of the Goodwill Connection is to bring together Circumnavigators as they globe-trot. The following is a list of locations where a member(s) will greet you. You can contact them direct by logging on to the private Membership Roster or e-mail Helen Jost, Executive Director, at CircumClub@optonline.net for contact information.

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	■ CONNECTICUT	Westport
	■ DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	
	■ FLORIDA	Miami, Naples, Palm Beach
	■ GEORGIA	Conyers
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	■ MICHIGAN	Detroit

■ NEW MEXICO	Albuquerque, Taos
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GOODWILL CONNECTION IN ACTION...



SINGAPORE GREET'S NAPLES

☞ Vincent Chen, Pastpresident of the Singapore Chapter, hosted a beautiful Chinese dinner at the famous Asia Grand Restaurant. Seven Singapore members and their wives met two couple from the Naples, Florida Chapter, who were on a 47-day cruise aboard the Cunard *Queen Victoria* maiden world cruise. The conversation was entertaining and lively. May Chen chose the special 10-course menu and accompanying wine including Peking duck, prawns and pork ribs.

Seated L/R: Diane Quek, May Chen, ☞ Ann Gautraud, ☞ Vincent Chen, and ☞ Lorna Craig. Standing L/R: ☞ William Cheng, ☞ Billie Lee, John Gautraud, ☞ T. K. Quek, ☞ Ronald Zung and David Craig.

☞ Beverly Anderson is chairperson of the Goodwill Committee in New York. When ☞ Marian Tonjes of Albuquerque, New Mexico said she was going to be in town for a few days and wanted to meet a few members, Bev called international board member Anne Hughes to join them for dinner at The Williams Club. Enjoying a few hours together are Anne Hughes, Bev Anderson and Marian Tonjes.



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INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CHINESE NEW YEAR Celebrated at the Golden Unicorn – New York City

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Life Member Steve Holzel and his wife, Pat, (R) with good friends Bob and Nancy Roth.



Guest Robert Kerrigan gets acquainted with Circumnavigators Marion Green, Mary Brogan, Tom Small, Andrea McAdams and Anne Hughes.



☺ Bernice and Milt Heller chatting with ☺ Boardmember Lois Kahan.

A wonderful time was had by all celebrating the Chinese New Year on February 1. Circumnavigators and guests made their way to downtown Chinatown in the pouring rain to enjoy a very festive evening.

Are you a rat? If you were born in — 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996 — here is how you are described: people born in the Year of the Rat are noted for their charm and attraction to the opposite sex. They work hard to achieve their goals, acquire possessions, and are likely to be perfectionists. Their ambitions are big and they are usually successful. Compatible people for the Rat are the Dragon, Monkey, and Ox.



International Pastpresident Howard Matson and his guest Joyce Hergenhan.



Program Chairman Kenneth Linsner with his daughter Lara.



☺ Lois Schine (C) chats with Margaret Nicolais and Stemmi Goldman

2008 The Year of the... RAT



☺. Peter and Christine Mosse with their young guests Ivy Tan, Edwin Lee, and Thu Tuyen To.



☺. Rose Everett and dear friend Arletta Newton



☺. Ken Linsner with his fiancée Carole Weaver.



☺. Treasurer George Sanborn and Edwin Lee.



☺. Marie Miles and good friend Richard Harms.



☺. Board member Peter Mosse (R) with long-time members Michael and Margaret Nicolais.



Slicing the Peking Duck.



International President Bill Holm thanking everyone for attending.

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Return To The Indian Ocean

by C. Al Morasso

In 1902 the Circumnavigators Club was organized by James Birch, Jr. and John D. Morrison as they crossed the Indian Ocean on the *S.S. Barbarossa*. On their return to New York, together with E. H. Patterson, the Club was founded by these “Three Immortals”.

One hundred and six years later Costa Line offered a most interesting cruise itinerary to the western islands of the Indian Ocean at very attractive rates. Quick to subscribe were Circumnavigators Sheila and Jim Forney and frequent traveling companions Ann and Glen Southerton and coincidentally Circumnavigators Betty and Al Morasso.

The original itinerary called for a round-trip cruise from Mauritius to the Seychelles, Kenya, Mayetta, two ports in Madagascar, and Reunion. Due to uprisings in Kenya, that call was cancelled, and a third port in Madagascar was substituted. Travel books state that all of these areas share the same climate – a hot, wet summer from November to March, which is also the cyclone season. Based on our first half February cruise on the *Costa Marina*, these statements were most accurate. In fact Betty and Al lost a pre-cruise day when their flight from Johannesburg to Mauritius was cancelled due to a cyclone.

We joined the 775 passenger *Costa Marina* in Port Louis, Mauritius, the six of us being among the roughly 5% of the English speaking passengers. Announcements were made in order of the native language of the most numerous people. After two weeks of hearing the PA run through German, French, Italian, Spanish, and then English, we found that toward the end of the cruise we had all learned a little of each foreign language.

Mauritius was first known by Arab trades but since the 1500s was visited and/or ruled by the Portuguese, Dutch, French, and British until independence was granted in 1968. With an area of 790 square miles and a population of about 1.2 million, this densely populated volcanic island financially relies on a thriving but declining sugar crop and tourism. The rugged mountains in the interior contrasted with the beautiful beaches and flora. Philatelists know of the island due to its famous red one-penny and blue two-pence stamps issued in 1847, and the stamp museum in Port Louis.

We sailed northward about 600 miles through seas still disturbed by the recent cyclone to Port Victoria on the island of Mahé in the Seychelles. The Seychelles consists of about 115 non-volcanic islands covering 171 square miles with a population of about 81,000. The capital Victoria has a population of about 23,000 and boasts intriguing downtown and lovely botanical gardens. A short trip around the island ranged from beautiful beaches to excellent vistas from the 2,200 foot peaks in the interior. Some chose to visit the beautiful second largest Seychelles island of Praslin by high-speed catamaran. Rough seas had most of the passengers concerned more about their stomachs than seeing the wonderful sights. The Seychelles were uninhabited until the 18th century and spent most of the time under British rule until independence came in 1976. Although tourism plays a significant role in the island's economy, industrial fishing is primary. This was evident from the pungent aroma originating from the world's second largest tuna canary located very close to the *Costa Marina's* terminal.

We then proceeded 120 miles westward to the tender port of Mamoudzou, the capital of Mayotte, one of four major islands that comprised the former French Comoros Islands. The other three declared their inde-

pendence in 1975 and 1997 but Mayotte voted to remain a territorial overseas collectivity of France. Mayotte is 145 square miles with a population of about 200,000 and economically poor. It is famous for its diving opportunities on the encircling coral reef and the multitude of ocean species of fish and sea life. Unfortunately, weather reduced much of the water activities. The euro was the local currency and communication with the locals was most difficult without some knowledge of French.

Only 100 miles eastward was the small tropical island of Nosy Be, Madagascar's leading tourist destination. Madagascar, less than 300 miles off the southeast African coast, is the world's fourth largest island (over 225,000 square miles) with a population over 16 million. Despite its proximity to Africa most of its inhabitants are descendants of Malaysian and Polynesian seafarers who arrived on the island 2,000 years ago. Thus many of their customs, traditions and language have Oriental origins.

While all the islands visited are famous for their spices, Madagascar stands out with its worldwide supply of pepper, nutmeg, cloves, cinnamon, saffron, vanilla, and the like. Nosy Be with a population of 40,000 has beautiful beaches, sugar cane fields, and rum distilleries. Hell-Ville, named after a French admiral, is its main town and port and could well be avoided during the rainy season.

Nearby, on the northern tip of Madagascar, is Diego Suarez, once a large French naval base until the island secured independence in 1960. It lies on a large, picturesque bay which some compare to Sydney and Rio de Janeiro. In the middle of the bay is the island of Nosy Lona known as pain de sucre (sugar loaf) in French. Both comparisons stretch the imagination as far as the writer is concerned. Diego Suarez still has colonial buildings exhibiting the French influence but most are in disrepair.

Slightly to the south was Tamajave having a population of about 200,000, our last port in Madagascar. A variety of transportation awaited us including dilapidated mini-vans and pousse-pousses (rickshaws) and their challenges were to avoid knee deep potholes which are characteristic of this huge island. The Bazary Be (big market) was a must see as it sold fruit, vegetables, spices, seafood, meat and poultry, flowers and handcrafts.

A short voyage of 235 miles eastward brought us to the French island of Reunion and its commercial harbor of Le Port. Reunion is officially an Overseas Department of Finance, used French postal stamps and the euro for currency, and has the atmosphere of France with a tropical twist. Roads and infrastructure are well maintained; even the tortuous access to its volcanic, mountainous interior. Hundreds of impressive waterfalls and beautiful flora abound during the wet season. I would seriously consider a return to this lovely island during the dry season (late April to October) and a revisit to the beautiful village of Hell-Bourg (named after the same French Admiral) high up in the cirque de salazie.

Less than 100 miles away, we returned to Port Louis, Mauritius. The six of us enjoyed two days at a resort on Grand Baie on the northwest coast of the island where we could observe beautiful beaches, sugar cane field, Hindu temples and rugged mountains. Betty and I returned home via Johannesburg and the others via London.

To recap, when authorities say that the best time to visit this beautiful area of the world is during the dry season from late April through October – believe them! ■



Pastpresident Al Morasso and his wife, Betty, with Sheila and Jim Forney

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CENTENNIAL BOOK – The First Hundred Years – If you have not purchased this wonderful book, now is the time to do so. It is a compilation of ten decades of history – the Club's early years, the people who made it happen, the travel stories from the beginning of the century (1902) to the centennial present (2002), when the Club received its whale's tooth gavel, how the phrase "Luck to You" came about, how the Chapters got started This 425-page book is full of every aspect of interest about the Club. It also includes an account of the founding of the Circumnavigators Club Foundation – how and why it came about, who its first Grantee was, and how it has grown since. Price: \$85 plus shipping



MEN'S CLUB TIE – A slightly new look for our gentlemen. This handsome 100% silk Club jacquard-woven tie is now available in blue and red. The tie is beautifully detailed with the Club's logo and globe which is enhanced with double-gold angular strips. Price: \$50 plus shipping.

CENTENNIAL LAPEL PIN – crafted after the Club's original pin with hand-polished globe, matte gold background and years 1902-2002. Centered on the pin two CCs for Circumnavigators Club. Price: \$12.50 plus shipping



Cultural Learnings of Kazakhstan for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of America

By C. Anne M. Hughes



Kazakhstan, the largest of the five newly independent Central Asian States which we visited in 2006, is, believe it or not, the ninth largest nation in the world, approximately the size of Western Europe. It is as flat as a pancake, an immense grassy steppe and partial desert with a few mountain ranges on its southern and eastern borders, but sparsely populated, with only some 15 million people. During the Second World War, under Stalin, it was used as a dumping ground for hundreds of thousands of dissidents and nationalities in the path of the onrushing Nazis, including Chechens, Volga Germans, Ukrainians, Koreans and others Stalin suspected might want to defect to the enemy. Now, with independence, which it declared on 16 December 1991, there is a considerable out-migration, but many Russians and others, habituated to the country, have decided to remain and throw in their lot with the newly independent Kazakhstan.

It is really amazing how Central Asia, with its long history of being a vital link between East and West – an indirect cause of the discovery of America when the land routes to China were imperiled, and one of the reasons for the construction of the Great Wall of China because of constant raids by the warring steppe tribes – seemed more or less to vanish from the face of the earth after the Russian conquest in the nineteenth century and is just now, after independence in 1991, triumphantly re-emerging on the world scene.

Central Asia first entered Western consciousness when Alexander the Great conquered it and married a Sogdian (or Uzbek) princess, Roxane. For centuries, across the immense grassy steppe, unobstructed by frontiers or barriers of any kind, roamed horse-based nomads and their herds waging ferocious but intermittent tribal wars. It was the northern route of the Silk Road, through which lengthy caravans of camels slowly plodded from oasis to oasis loaded with the exotic riches of the East, especially silk, and the furs of the West. Out of this area burst the Mongols under Genghis Khan, who went on to establish the greatest land empire the

world had ever seen until the last of the three hordes was finally conquered in the 19th century. But the whole area seemed to vanish out of sight in the nineteenth century with its conquest and absorption by the Russians.

Relations between the Russians and Central Asia have always been fraught, especially under the Communists, when forced collectivization

was imposed under the First Five-Year Plan (1928-1932), the goal of which was to eliminate private property and to put an end to the nomadic life-style of the Kazakhs and the Kyrgyz. The effect was disastrous, since most people simply slaughtered their herds rather than give them up, resulting in famines in which millions of lives were lost to starvation and widespread disease. Then from 1927 through the 1930s came the purges of untold numbers of Central Asian rebels. Starting in 1924 national borders were imposed on people who before had no concept of national frontiers and they became the states we know as Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan. (My visit to Central Asia in September and October 2006 took me to all five, beginning with Kazakhstan.) Islam was suppressed. In 1954 came Nikita Khrushchev's Virgin Lands scheme to put Kazakhstan's enormous steppe under the plow. Initial gains soon dwindled

as the fragile soil of the steppe literally blew away in the unceasing winds of Central Asia.

When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991 all five "Stans" declared their independence and each struck out on its own. Kazakhstan is now one of the world's top ten oil and natural gas producers and the sixth largest grain producer in the world with untold mineral wealth. All the world's countries, especially China and India, are vying to make deals with it. Meanwhile it has joined the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and NATO. Nowadays it has nuclear and space installations such as Baykonur, where the Russian cosmonauts used to launch their space shuttles and which is now leased to the Russians.

When we stepped off the Lufthansa plane in Almaty on 26 September



Author Anne M. Hughes in the unceasing wind of Central Asia.

2006, we found a beautiful, modern, low-rise city of 1.3 million people, founded only in 1854 as a Russian frontier fort established when the Kazakhs were still nomads. It is Kazakhstan's largest city but not its capital, which was moved in 1996 to Astana because it is earthquake-free. The wide boulevards are lined with trees and to the south rises the Zailiysky Altai range making a superb backdrop for the city. It is a startlingly modern city, very cosmopolitan. Everyone in our party was startled to see our hotel, which was as modern and as up to date as the latest Hilton. It was aswarm with visiting Prime and Foreign Ministers, businessmen, financiers and oilmen from Russia, China, India, the United States and other countries all eyeing Kazakhstan's prodigious riches in oil and natural gas. The Kashagan oil field is as large as the North Sea field and is estimated to hold 13 billion barrels of recoverable oil, the largest non-OPEC find in more than 30 years. An International Banking Convention was meeting at the hotel. Under the Russians, the city was called Alma Ata, which means "Father of Apples" because apples, which originated in Central Asia, were taken to Greece by Alexander the Great, along with wild apricots and walnuts and a particular genus of tulips without stems.

Kazakhstan is 51% Moslem, but not fanatic, and the mosques and madrassahs are being rebuilt with imams and funds from abroad. The Kazakhs and the Kyrgyz are the same Turkic people and speak the same language. They are pure Turks (the Turks of Turkey are a mixture of Turks



Kazakh Concert

and the people who were living in Asia Minor at the time of the Turkish conquest in 1453). Their women have never worn veils.

The city, which was virtually free of cars under the Soviets, now even has traffic jams and the streets have had to be widened and their names have been changed from Communist to Khazak historical figures.

Our first sight-seeing trip was to the main square, Registan or Republic Square which was built in 1982, and depicts the Father of Heaven, the Mother of Nature or the nation and the children (the future) in the form of a boy on horseback.

By the way, "Kazakh" is the same word as "Cossak" and means "free man".

We also visited the Russian Orthodox Cathedral, St. Nicholas, which was built in 1909 and used as a stable for Bolshevik cavalry, but has been reclaimed by the Russian Orthodox Church and reconsecrated in 1980. Naturally everything had been stolen but was refurnished by other churches and lit by sacred fires from Jerusalem sent by Israel.

That evening we went to dinner and a concert of Kazakh music, which differs completely from Western music as it is played on very different instruments and is based on the sound of horses' hooves.

We also saw Kazakhstan's greatest archeological treasure: the Golden Man, a warrior's costume found near Almaty. It is made of over 4,000 separate gold plates, most probably dating to about the 5th century BC and is now housed in the Museum of Gold and Jewelry in the Central State Museum.

After our all-too-brief visit to this fascinating city we had to pack up and drive to the Medeu Gorge to see a winter sports complex at Chimbulak, a ski resort which it is hoped will attract a future Olympics. Then we went on to Kyrgyzstan.

The 2007 movie referred to in the title- perhaps you know it - was banned in Kazakhstan.



A Kazakh singer in national costume.



Father of Heaven statues in Registan Square, Almaty.

■ ANNE M. HUGHES IS A LONG-TIME CIRCUMNAVIGATOR. SHE IS RETIRED AS THE CHIEF OF THE EDITORIAL SERVICES AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND CURRENTLY IS SERVING ON THE CLUB'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE OF *THE LOG*. THE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN BY HER FRIEND JOAN BARNES.

Around The World Times Three By Air And By Sea

by *Dr. David W. Smith, D.O.*

There are few people who have been given the opportunity/pleasure of circumnavigating the globe. Rarely does anyone have the unique opportunity to repeat the pleasure three times, all in different circumstances.

It was in 1987 when I received an unsolicited circular in the mail marketing a trip around the world on a chartered Concorde. I looked a little more closely for details, which included the price, the proposed stops, and some of the activities to be included, such as cocktails at the Sydney Opera House, dining in Hong Kong, touring the Taj Mahal, ballooning over Kenya, London theater, and more. Sounded exciting! My wife thought the proposed adventure was “rather expensive” at about \$28,000 per person. The timing was not necessarily good. Arrangements would have to be made to cover my office practice. Simple conclusion? We didn’t do it.

I received the same circular a year later. The price had increased, but this time my decision was made and I asked my wife if she would like to accompany me. Big decision, but I received a positive, but reticent, response. Date and reservations were confirmed and intense planning and preparations were underway. We were moving forward together inasmuch as no one else whom we knew was invited.

The time came and we were off to New York City to board the Concorde at Kennedy International Airport. We were two of 12 to board in New York, flying subsonic west to Dallas and Oakland to board the remaining passengers before heading off to Honolulu @ Mach II (1,500 MPH). I was permitted into the cockpit when leaving New York for takeoff, a very special and thrilling opportunity. We were in row 17, on the port side of the plane, our reserved seats for the remainder of the journey.

Landing in Honolulu was a special event: our own hanger, a band to receive us, a lei for each of us, along with cocktails and special buses to transport us. Wow! We were received like royalty. This reception scene was to be repeated many more times throughout the trip. The Concorde created excitement wherever it landed. This was especially true when we were preparing to land in Christchurch, New Zealand. Our entire trip was being narrated by one of the pilots, who was making his final circumnavigation on the British Concorde. He advised us that there were 30,000 people at the airport in Christchurch to receive us since the Concorde had never landed there before. We circled the airport at the request of the mayor before landing to greet a huge reception. A colored picture on the front page of the local newspaper was noted the next morning. This kind of excitement was the standard for the remaining journey.

Over the 21 days we enjoyed stops in Honolulu, Christchurch, Sydney, Hong Kong, Dehli, Nairobi, and London before returning to New York City. We also had refueling stops in Papeete, Guam, Bangladesh, and Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Traveling at 1,500 MPH, with a full capacity of 96 passengers and baggage, the Concorde can remain aloft for only 3-1/2 hours without refueling.

Each city visited included many special events/tours, and was accompanied by many great experiences. This was one of those “once in a lifetime” events, which carries very special memories even more so now that the Concorde was taken out of service without a replacement and placed in the museum after a very unfortunate crash in 2003.

As a special addendum to this adventure, we met two other couples, one from Kansas



Xian, China – Dr. David and Lynn Smith with the farmer who discovered the Terra Cotta soldiers.

City, Missouri, and one from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, with whom we now share a great neighborhood together in Rancho Mirage, California. This ultimately has continued over the past 10 years. Lynn and I along with Jack Casey, Mary Lou Butcher, Lu and Carole Vaughan all live within a block of each other – all members of the Circumnavigators Club and Mission Hills Country Club.

Well, as if one time were not enough, we were invited to share another circumnavigation with members of the Michigan Chapter in 1992, this time by scheduled airline, arranged by Drs. Lee and Floy Barthel of Detroit, along with the Detroit American Automobile Association. Ports of Call this time included: Honolulu, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore, Paris, London, Boston, and New York City. All of this was in celebration of the 90th Anniversary Around-The-World Trip September 24 – October 17, 1992. This trip included transit through the Chunnel from Paris to London, which was a new experience crossing the English Channel. Air transportation was generally slower, less luxurious, and required more time in airports. We made more new friends and enjoyed more delightful experiences.

Fifteen years pass. No thoughts about another trip around the world, that is, until another unique opportunity presented itself.

This past spring, while wintering in Southern California, my wife and I hired the services of a computer consultant for our home computer system. During our visit, we spoke a lot about travel experiences. Our friend, Rita Enders, shared our love for travel and spoke of her interesting experiences, including a “Semester-At-Sea.” She was very enthusiastic about her experiences, having traveled the previous two world voyages with “Semester-At-Sea.” She was traveling again on the Fall 2007 Voyage, and suggested we might want to join her and her companion Judy Lunn, who will be employed to run the Information Technology Center on board the ship. After hours of discussion, Rita thought we might enjoy the experience. We would be leaving Ensenada, Mexico, August 27 and returning to Miami, Florida, December 7 with 700 students, 27 professors, exploring 12 ports of call, five continents, 14 major seas and the Suez Canal,



Emperor David and Empress Lynn at the Great Wall of China.

spending two to five days at each port. These land-based tours can be conducted as independent travel or as an arranged tour by SAS - all of this on board a 600 ft. modern ship, M.V. Explorer sponsored by the University of Virginia. This program represents a full semester's opportunity for study by students. As Life Long Learners (LLL), we could audit any course on a space-available basis throughout the voyage. No tests! How good is that?

It was not easy to make a 3-1/2 month commitment to this program. A suite on the top deck among faculty was available, but meals were on a tray line with students. Cost was \$30,000/person in a suite; land-based tours were extra. Overall, a very good value. After all, we are not getting any younger. "Okay, we'll go!"

We drove back to Ohio, spent three months doing summer things and packing slowly as we went. We drove back to Rancho Mirage beginning on August 15, where packing really started. Supplies and meds for 3-1/2 months, for three to four different climates were necessary. We had a comprehensive packing list to direct us.

Time to leave for San Diego, and Enseñada, Mexico, the next morning, August 27, with six suitcases and seven Bankers Boxes, including three cases of water and a case of wine. We were finally on our way. To make a long story short, we made it to the ship in Enseñada, and we were on our way to Honolulu that evening. Lynn arranged the suite, David collapsed the Bankers Boxes, and everything stored very well. The arrangements were very comfortable.

The detailed description of this voyage is probably beyond the scope of this article. I have a schedule of ports with time spent at sea and in port. Having two to five days docked in a port provided extended opportunities for exploration far and wide.

Touring could be independently conducted or guided. As a case in point: we docked at Quindao, China, then flew on to Beijing and Xian before flying on to Hong Kong 5 days later to meet the ship. Much time for exploration was available to us during those 5 days.

Classes were conducted while we were at sea. The students were very engaged and committed to the rather intense academic schedule necessary to complete a full semester's requirements for a minimum of 12 credit hours, while on the voyage. Grades would be transmitted to their home university.

In port, students were free to travel as desired, many traveling independently, usually in small groups. Prearranged guided tours were available as well. Some had requirements to complete, living with families or doing a service requirement for a course they were taking.

The overriding theme for the voyage was to gain valuable intercultural experience with people across the world, learning cultural characteristics, the traditions of each country visited, and gaining respect for cultural differences.

There was an abundance of activities on board the ship for the benefit of everyone. We were a shipboard family. Students and faculty treated us very well. We were even invited to lecture and to participate in some of the class work. For those graduating on board the ship, a first-rate graduation ceremony was provided on the evening before landing in Miami. I had the honor of being invited to deliver the commencement address to the graduates.

One hundred six (106) days later, even though we were tired and ready to go home, we were



Circumnavigatorsall: Jack Casey, Mary Lou Butcher, Lu and Carole Vaughan, Lynn and David Smith, Floy and Lee Barthel.

somewhat emotional and sad to leave our new shipboard friends and extended family. A detailed directory was provided as we were leaving the ship to help us hold on to these new friends.

So, how do we compare our experiences, three times around the world? Let's try.

CONCORDE JOURNEY:

- 7 Ports in 21 days, 3 days per port.
- Welcomed like royalty at each port.
- World class tours, all conducted.
- Traveling at Mach II, short flights.
- Changed my retirement plans.

SCHEDULED AIRLINES:

- Good price
- More time in the air and in airports
- Guided tours arranged by the Michigan Chapter/AAA
- A few new ports of call and new experiences.

SEMESTER-AT-SEA:

- 106 days on ship 600' long w/900 passengers.
- More ports of call.
- Expanded travel and exploration time.
- Greater inter-cultural experiences on a world campus.
- Traveling with 700 students from 260 universities and 27 countries.

In conclusion, these three circumnavigations were all very different in more ways than I can meaningfully describe. We feel extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity. Regrettably, the Concorde is no longer in service after a crash in 2003, ending a near 30 years of service. It has not been replaced. It is now in a museum.

I cannot rank these three voyages in any certain order. All were very different, but equally magnificent.



M.V. Explorer – Semester-At-Sea

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IMPROVING YOUR TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHY

“Capturing the Essence of a Place” (Part Two) by © Ralph Velasco

In Part 1 of this two-part series (*The LOG* No. 4, 2007) I outlined how to very simply improve your travel photography by considering several basic points, no matter your experience level or type of equipment. That foundation

now leads into Part 2 and should allow you to plan for and capture the essence, or spirit, of the place you are looking to introduce to viewers through your photography. Although you'll likely want to capture the iconic, or “postcard,” shots of the locations to which you'll be traveling, one thing I'd like to reiterate from my previous article, because it's just as relevant here, is to always attempt to capture images that are unique. I know that if you push yourself to do this on each and every photographic outing you take, your artistic eye will continue to develop and your images will improve, much like a muscle that requires exercise.

To be sure, attempting to capture the essence of a place can feel like a daunting task, especially in a large city like Madrid or an expansive region like Patagonia, so the first thing you'll want to do when arriving in your new place is to get your bearings. In my experience, getting the lay of the land is best accomplished through extensive research done before, and often during, a trip. Simply by taking one of the many bus or tram tours offered in most large cities, or by hiring a guide or following a self-guided walking tour presented in many guide books, you'll be able to get a pretty good feel for what the city's highlights are and in turn what you should be shooting. Keep in mind that the majority of guided tours aren't designed to take advantage of exceptional photo opportunities, which should be your ultimate goal if photography is going to be a major part of your trip. The idea is to get an overall sense of your subject and to come back to the most interesting places at your leisure, preferably in a variety of weather conditions and at different times of the day in order to attain the best light.

By presenting a full range of images to those back home you'll be sure to minimize the chances of creating an uninspiring slideshow for your viewers. There's nothing that will put your viewers to sleep faster than 300 slides of nothing but people, or monuments, or even the most beautiful landscapes. The trick is to mix it up and keep the audience's interest from start to finish by providing a sampling of each of the parts that make up the whole.

GET YOURSELF ORGANIZED

Interesting photography is a direct function of planning and research that's designed to put you in the right place at the right time. By developing a shot list that you can easily follow and plan around you'll be far ahead of the unorganized photographer who is just out to shoot whatever he may stumble upon. Spontaneous photo opportunities will surely present

themselves along the way, but you'll be way ahead of the game with a plan in place, especially if your time is limited.

The following is a list of shots that will allow you to cover a city or place very thoroughly and help you stay organized, in turn making the most efficient use of your time on the ground. Shooting some categories (Neighborhoods or Street Scenes) is going to be easier to accomplish than others (Establishing Shots), but if you can get a select number of keepers from the majority of categories listed here, you'll have the basis for a dynamic presentation.

THE SHOT LIST

Establishing Shots: Seek out opportunities to hike or take a cable car up to the highest point in the city you'll be traveling in. Take a spin on the London Eye, or even venture up in the highest building or monument offering a public space from which to shoot. Ascend the elevator to the top of the Eiffel Tower, or climb the stairs leading to top of the dome at St. Peter's in Rome for a breathtaking view of the scene below. Upon approaching Dubrovnik from the south by road there is a commanding view of the Stari Grad, or Old Town, as it juts out into the sea and so I made a special point of asking the cab driver to pull over so I could capture what is often called “the jewel of the Adriatic” from above.



Establishing Shot: Dubrovnik, old town – Croatia

An Establishing Shot gives the viewer an overall sense of the place you are about to present with your photography and provides the perfect set up for the rest of your presentation.

Architecture: In many places, the architecture you'll encounter will immediately tell the viewer where you are. The unique structure of the traditional buildings in Bangkok, Thailand, for instance, will be a dead giveaway to any person who is familiar with this place because their color and design will speak volumes. Additionally, most travelers are familiar with the distinctive buildings that line the canals in and around Venice and so when shooting there you'd certainly want to include a series of images highlighting the ornate windows, bright colors – and decay – of this once powerful city. While attempting to capture a whole building or



Architecture: Rialto Bridge on Grand Canal, Venice, Italy.

row of structures in a unique way, at the same time be sure to hone in on the details. A stunning photo of the overall site at Machu Picchu (another example of an Establishing Shot) should certainly be followed by close up images of the remarkable workmanship that went into the detailed stonework that makes up the ruins. By calling attention to the geometrically correct trapezoidal doorways and windows and stressing the intricacies of the joints and corners where the stones meet you'll convey to your audience the respect you had for the workers who carved the stones by hand.

Markets: The local market is one of the first places I seek out when traveling. It's at these markets, many of which can be over 1,000 years old, that you'll often capture the locals buying their daily provisions. In Mexico, images of neatly displayed hot peppers, or braided women in colorful embroidered blouses making tortillas, will instantly be recognizable to your viewers. Even the seemingly mundane subject of a vendor in Manhattan serving up steaming hot dogs if shot correctly should whet the viewer's appetite. If you seek them out, and your research should have provided insight as to where the best markets are located, wandering specific areas will provide a great opportunity to capture some candid shots of the merchants and their clientele.

Street Scenes: Look for distinctive design elements or surroundings that will provide an interesting background for your photography. If you come across a distinctive stone wall, or an ornate wall mural, be prepared with your camera and wait for a person to walk into the frame to provide scale and human interest. After a while you'll blend into the scene and hardly be noticed as you capture these moments. Like a spider waiting for its prey, let a variety of subjects come to you and then fire away.

Also, on a hot summer day look for the local children cooling off in the open fire hydrant or people sitting on their door stoops enjoying the sun. In other words, look for everyday life, especially when it's in contrast to that to which your viewers may be accustomed. Surely they'll be fascinated.

People: With the possible exception of architecture, few categories on your shot list will sum up a place more than its people. In a region like the highlands of Peru, the cities, large or small, are living museums. You'll find the local men, women and children dressed in bright colors and donning unique hats representative of their particular village. Many places throughout the world still boast exceptionally interesting characters that will add to any portfolio. Look to capture the painted faces of the Aborigines in the outback of Australia or the Russians in their long coats and big fur hats in Red Square. It's perfectly acceptable to capture what might be considered a cliché once in a while, as long as you are continually thinking about how you can make that cliché into a variety of unique images that will compliment your audience's overall experience. Hint: Because we are used to seeing people in everyday life at eye level, one very simple way to avoid a cliché is to shoot your subject from odd angles, such as from off to the side, from above or below.

Monuments and Landmarks: It goes without saying that landmarks such as the Charles Bridge in Prague, or monuments like the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., should be on your list, but again, chances are your viewers have seen all the iconic shots of these and the other places you might be traveling. There's nothing like the feeling you'll get, however, when your audience gives out a collective sigh of appreciation, or better yet, verbally comments on how uniquely you were able to capture an otherwise routine shot of "just another monument". To make this happen, get all around your subject at different times of day and in different sorts of weather conditions, it will be worth the effort, I assure you.

Skylines: The skyline of many cities has often been equated to their signatures. Chicago, for instance, has a skyline that is recognizable throughout the world, as is that of Sydney or San Francisco. Make an effort to seek out locations that will allow you to capture the entire city in a single shot, or with a series of shots stitched together into a single panorama. In Chicago, ideally you'd want to venture out to the Adler Planetarium, which sits at the end of a long peninsula and provides an uncompromising view of the city's unique skyline from the Shedd Aquarium in the south all the way out to Navy Pier in the north. This is a postcard shot to be sure, but it's a must for any travel photographer looking to capture the



Skyline: Chicago panorama - Illinois

Street scenes – Stari Grad Street – Kotor, Montenegro



People: The waiting waiter – Budapest, Hungary



essence of this city world renown as having given birth to the skyscraper.

Storytelling Close-ups and Detail Shots: Well thought out close-ups and shots of specific details will tell the viewer exactly where they were captured, but ideally will still make him or her think at the same time. A well composed shot of a liter beer stein and a large soft pretzel screams “Bavaria,” or a woman’s hand clutching an elaborate silk-wood fan will tell your audience it must be Spain, but without being too obvious.

Get in close and let the details reveal themselves to you, and in turn, your viewers. I know from experience that the keepers you get in this category will be some of the most satisfying images you’ll capture.

Neighborhoods: Capturing distinctive neighborhoods like Montmartre in Paris or Coyoacan in Mexico City will be worth any extra legwork. Exploring these established districts of two very large cities will allow you to break up into more manageable slices what could be an otherwise overwhelming task. Focus in on two or three neighborhoods that are of most interest to you, ones that could possibly provide subjects for any of the other categories on your shot list (Markets, Streets Scenes and People, perhaps). Zoom in on the elements that subtly reveal these places to your viewers. Perhaps it’s the ironwork of the railings on the porches and windows or the unique street signs and lamp posts.

CONCLUSION

The goal of any traveler looking to document a trip should be to capture the overall essence of the place to which he or she is traveling. Giving yourself the lofty but attainable assignment of capturing 10 to 20 keepers from each of the above categories, or at least the majority of them, will allow you to come back with a well-rounded collection of images



Market: Flower market – Ljubljana, Slovenia

that will keep your audience interested in just about any slideshow you might put together.

To be sure, the above list is not comprehensive. Feel free to add or eliminate categories as you see fit or as the location dictates. A series of animal shots would certainly be appropriate for your portfolio if on safari in Africa, or when traveling in the southwestern part of the United States you’ll likely want to add an Outdoors category, being sure to include the grand landscapes, rugged mountains and magnificent canyons and arches that are characteristic of this region of the world.

Remember, photography is an art and there are no hard and fast rules when it comes to being creative, and anyway rules are made to be broken. If you push the envelope by stretching your photographic skills each and every time you travel, great results are sure to happen.

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FLASHBACK:

EXCERPTED FROM CIRCUMNAVIGATORS CLUB: THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS.

The First Hundred Years

CENTENNIAL

AROUND-THE-WORLD-TRIP

On September 25, 2002, Circumnavigators and friends departed Los Angeles, California on the much anticipated three-week plus trip in celebration of the Club's 100th anniversary. Their first stop was Singapore where they were warmly greeted and entertained by our Singapore Chapter.

Singapore Chapterpresident Ronald Zung presents a souvenir to Maryann Hart, President of the Pacific-Southwest Chapter.



Formal photo of the fifteen Centennial Trip Delegation: Standing L/R: Bob Wulf, Jayne Teagle-Keith and Jane Smith, Charles Walters, Geraldine Roberts, Sherry and Bob Myers, Lee Barthel, Carol Murray, James and Barbara Franch. Seated L/R: Kathleen Wulf, Maryann Hart, Betty Bright and Floy Barthel.



On the way to visit a village built on Cambodia's Tonle Sap River. Breakfast in Cambodia; Lunch in Thailand; Dinner in Myanmar!



The *Circumnavigators Club March*, now registered, is shown here with Sousa's notation on becoming a Circumnavigator.

No. 25561

To Circumnavigators Club

The Circumnavigators Club

March

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

I am a member of the Circumnavigators Club for the following reasons: I went from New York to London on a tour in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales; sailed from Plymouth to Tenerife, sailed again from Tenerife to Cape Town, toured South Africa, sailed from Cape Town to Australia, toured that country, sailed from Melbourne to Tasmania, toured that country and sailed from there to New Zealand, toured that country and went from New Zealand to Hong Kong, from Hong Kong to Yokohama, from Yokohama to Vancouver, British Columbia, from British Columbia to New York.

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© John Philip Sousa's notation on becoming a member.

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.

Members 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 20 for a list of participating cities.

CircumBits – A new email service to bring important travel information to you Circumbits@optonline.net

The purpose of Circubits is to collect, organize, and bring information directly to the e-mail inboxes of members everywhere on a regular basis – about once a month initially – interspersed with emergency alerts when deemed necessary. We also hope to address the needs of all members who, for geographic or other reasons, are not affiliated with any one of our Chapters.

Here is what you do: e-mail information on any unexpected problems you encounter anywhere in your travels that you wish to share with other members to circumbits@optonline.net. If you find an interesting travel deal, or a trip you are interested in and that other members might join you – send the information along with any related Internet links to us at circumbits@optonline.net to be included in our next newsletter. One word of caution here though: Circumbits is not to be used for advertising or commercial purposes; it is strictly for a free exchange of information between Circumnavigators.

For our part we, too, will be on the lookout for important information and interesting travel information, alerts, etc., and between us we should be able to put together an interesting and useful vehicle.

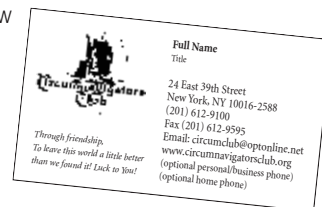
Initially every member, for whom we have an email address for will be on our mailing list. However, to be sure we've got you on our list, it is suggested you email your address to us at circumbits@optonline.net: And conversely, if you don't want to be on our list, notify us and your address will be promptly removed.

— Master of Circumbits – CC. Jim Forney

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.



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 With Spring in the air, it's a busy time for our four 2008 Foundation Grantees as they make final preparations to embark upon their global research projects (see more below). Although the task of planning and funding complicated around-the-world itineraries is becoming increasingly more challenging as fares rise and tensions heighten in many parts of the world, we are gratified that the young scholars chosen to represent the Club and Foundation have demonstrated considerable ingenuity and adaptability in surmounting potential obstacles with the able guidance of Foundation Executive Director Helen Jost and the Chapter Foundation Co-ordinators. And speaking of grantees, don't miss 2007 Princeton Foundation Scholar Molly Jamieson's talk at the Annual Meeting on May 15th.

I am pleased to report that the Club's first (and hopefully annual) photography contest, held in April and organized by Club Program Chairman Ken Linsner and his committee, raised \$600 for the Foundation from entry fees.

While the Foundation's finances are sound, we depend upon the generosity of the Club's membership to support our grants. If you have already responded to our January appeal, thank you! If you have not, please consider doing so now.

– Greg Rider, Foundation President

2008 Grantees *En Route*

Starting mid-May, our four Grantees will be leaving with much excitement and anticipating on the travel-study trip around the world. If you'd like to contact them during their journey, please feel free to do so.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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back into the Indian Union and the status of English as an official language. In Cape Verde the lack of official support for Crioulo, another Creole language, did not force the language to disappear due to the cultural connections to the language. These three instances all demonstrate the complex interaction between official status, cultural connections, and economic viability.

The process of making legitimate non-standard forms of Portuguese starts along the lines of what is currently occurring with Mozambican Portuguese and ends with the state of the language in Brazilian Portuguese. The language goes through several stages of adaptation to local necessities, and after a codification of artificial or organic origins, the adoption of this form of the language marks it as a politically legitimate form of the language. No single country or language community can claim Portuguese or English as their property. These languages have become larger than their countries of origin and have been appropriated in a global context by millions to be used as a first, second, or foreign language. In the case of English the number of foreign language speakers will soon be larger than native speakers.

Every speaker of the language has a stake in the language, and thus the right to contribute to the use and development of the language. This points to the development of increasingly divergent forms of English. Some have suggested the creation of a 'standard' English common to all the dialects in order to mitigate the variation and ensure mutual intelligibility. Establishing a 'standard' form, to be learned and used in tandem with a local dialect or language other than English as desired, would allow the natural evolution and adaptation of the language to continue while still facilitating international communication. It would be impossible to halt the variation of any language via legislation or any other official policy, as is shown by the failure of Portuguese language policy. Creating a 'standard' dialect, which is available to all, but not the native dialect of any language community, creates an egalitarian linguistic space that can affirm the commonalities shared by all the inhabitants of the English-speaking world while still allowing them to maintain their own distinct identity through their own language or dialect of English. An alternative to this would certainly be to let well enough alone and allow a 'standard' to be created organically. The entire English-speaking community would, theoretically, eventually reach an implicit consensus on what form would be common to all. Regardless of the approach taken to English in regards to official policy, the next half-century holds an interesting opportunity to observe the spread and further development of a truly global language. We have only to wait and see what it will become, and it should be with eagerness that we await the long heralded arrival of the day in which humans from every corner of the world can speak to each other directly. It will not be a return to Eden, but it will certainly be an era of unprecedented communication, and hopefully a newfound mutual understanding. ■

EXPAND OUR FOUNDATION GRANTEE PROGRAM – CONTINUE TO GIVE GENEROUSLY.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS • 2008

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

BRITISH COLUMBIA (Victoria)

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CHICAGO (Illinois) www.chicagocircumnavigators.org

April 24 (Thursday): C. Lois M. Kahan – "Romania and Moldova" St. Ignatius

June 11 (Wednesday): Dr. Michael Lewis "One World: Look, Imagine, Connect"

July 25 (Friday): Circumnavigators Foundation Luncheon hosted by C. Eleanor Briggs

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

Summer Hiatus

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MIAMI (Florida)

April 13 (Sunday): "Around Cape Horn" by C. Jan Novar

May 18 (Sunday): "Saudi Arabia" by Cecilia Rokusek.

June 29 (Sunday): "Liverpool to Calcutta by Motorcycle" presented by C. Bal Unjan

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

MICHIGAN (Detroit) www.circumnavigators@homestead.com

July 20 (Sunday): "Cuisines of the Continents" hosted by C. Floy and Lee Barthel

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

MINNESOTA (Twin City)

May 11 (Sunday): Social event

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

NAPLES (Florida) – Summer Hiatus

November 16 (Sunday): Bob Perkins – "Taking the Tain from Beijing to Tibet and on into the Hinterlands"

December 10 (Wednesday): Holiday Party

Contact: Virginia Newman (239) 261-3056

NEW YORK CITY

April 18 (Friday): First Annual Photography Exhibit featured at the National Arts Club

May 15 (Thursday): Annual Meeting ~ Dinner ~ Program at The Williams Club.

June 14 (Saturday): New Jersey Highlands – lighthouse visit and luncheon

September 10 (Wednesday): C. Ted Scull – "Sea and Rail Circumnavigation – 1968)

December 11 (Thursday): Holiday Party at the Friars Club

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

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST (Seattle, Washington)

February 9 (Saturday): C. Charles and Hertha Stotts will give an illustrated program on their trip to China in the fall of 2006. Place: 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

March 20 – June 19 – September 18 – December 11: Venues to be forthcoming

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

PALM BEACH (Florida)

April 1 (Tuesday): Luncheon with guest speaker C. Dan O'Connell

Summer Hiatus

Contact: Chapterpresident Charles Klotsche (561) 803-0000 or e/m:

charlesklotsche@gmail.com

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA (California)

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

SINGAPORE

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

Contact: Chapterpresident Thiam-Huat Ang (65) 6766-3966 or e/m:

ath8289@yahoo.com.sg

UNITED KINGDOM

June 3 (Tuesday): Luncheon honoring Chapterpastpresident Peter Inchcape

September 17 (Wednesday): Venue to be advised

December 17 (Wednesday): Christmas luncheon at the Oriental Club

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

WASHINGTON DC

February 9 (Saturday): Celebrate The Year of the Rat – Seven Seas Restaurant in Rockville, Maryland.

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

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