

Circumnavigators Club The Log

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INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND in NEW YORK CITY

The Thirty-first Order of Magellan has been presented to:

MICHAEL PALIN



International President Bill Holm presents the Magellan Award to Michael Palin. Those who assisted in the presentation: (L/R) Tomas Maher-Naples Chapterpresident; Charles Stotts-Pacific-Northwest Chapterpresident; Joe Osentoski-Michigan Chapterpresident; Helen Jenkins-United Kingdom Chapterpresident; Board members Peter Mosse and Jim Forney; International Pastpresident Howard Matson; Honoree Michael Palin and President Bill Holm; International Secretary Lois Kahan; Jim Arimond, Chicago Chapterpresident; International Pastpresident Jeff Kelly; and Foundation President Greg Rider (not in photo but on the dais Shirl Kaslow and Ken Linsner).

The International Weekend of the Circumnavigators Club began with a Goodwill Reception on Thursday, April 23, at the world-renowned Explorers Club. Other events followed for the next three days including the International Annual Meeting, Photo Exhibit, Tour of Central Park, and a tour of the beautiful Morgan Library.

The featured event was the gala Magellan Award Dinner when members and guests from around the globe came to honor Michael Palin for his outstanding contributions through the world of media, and promoting friendship and understanding through global travel.

Friday, April 24, 2009

~ CHARTING THE COURSE ~

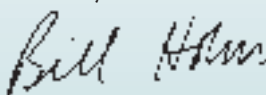
Dear Fellow Circumnavigators,

I hope you are all enjoying a restful summer. You may have heard about the trip our Club is sponsoring to Cuba next February. This is a great time of the year for a Caribbean trip. It is in conjunction with The Bringing Hope Foundation, Inc. which sponsors humanitarian and educational programs licensed to travel to Cuba in full compliance with US regulations. Our members will have a unique opportunity to meet ordinary Cubans and to understand the cultural and social issues that both join and separate our two countries. Please look at the itinerary and reservation form (one sheet) enclosed with this issue of *The LOG*.

In other news, our Firstvicepresident Esther Dyer is spearheading a membership drive to attract and encourage participation from the entire membership. We are enclosing a membership application with this issue to encourage you to invite a friend who qualifies for membership to join our ranks in our exclusive Club.

Please take a look at the Foundation report on page 27. Greg Rider, President of the Circumnavigators Club Foundation, is pleased to report that four exceptionally qualified grant recipients from prestigious universities are well on their way around the world journey of study and independent research. I encourage you to follow their journeys and studies on their blogs listed in the Foundation report. We should all be proud of our financial contributions to the Foundation and the wonderful job the Foundation is doing to further the Circumnavigators creed "to leave this world a little better than we found it."

Luck to you,



William P. Holm
International President

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Honoree Michael Palin kept the audience enthralled with his stories.

The Thirty-first Order of Magellan has been presented to:

MICHAEL PALIN

Friday, April 24, 2009

On April 24, 2009, Michael Palin became the 31st recipient of the Order of Magellan following such names as Peter Hillary and his father, Sir Edmund Hillary, Steve Fossett, Walter Cronkite, James Michner and Sally Ride. The event was held at the historic Union League Club on Park Avenue.

Michael Palin was joined by his wife, Helen. Members and guests had an opportunity to meet and chat with them during the social hour. When the Circumnavigators Club March played and the dinner bell was rung, everyone moved into beautiful Lincoln Hall. President Bill Holm welcomed everyone and asked that members stand to sing the Circumnavigators Club Song. It was a very meaningful few moments.

When dinner was finished, Peter Mosse, the member instrumental in Palin's receiving the Club's highest award, gave the following introductory remarks:

"Fellow Circumnavigators and welcomed Guests. Our Club, by definition, is truly international in scope. We know that what brings us together is the shared sense of wonder and fascination that we have all experienced as we have been fortunate enough to explore and circumnavigate this Earth of Mankind.

"It is only appropriate, therefore, that in looking for our Magellan honorees, we should cast the net widely, and not just in the US. We have all had a chance this evening to read the list of prior award recipients, individuals of great achievement in their respective fields. Each one of them has worked, through friendship, to leave this world a little better than he (or she) found it.

"Tonight I have the great pleasure and singular privilege of introducing Michael Palin as our 31st Magellan Award recipient.

"When the Club was founded in 1902, traveling around the world was a slow process, overland or by sea, and generally powered by steam. Since then we have entered the jet age and the era of globalization. We have witnessed the democratization of travel, with affordable airfares and round-the-world tickets, so these days most of us circumnavigate by plane. But not everyone, and we do have members and honorary members who have stayed on the surface of the earth to complete their journeys, as well as others who have used light aircraft, balloons, orbiting spacecraft and, more recently, a nuclear-powered submarine.

"No member, however, travels in quite the manner of our honoree tonight. We may delight in telling our friends and fellow Club members about our



☺ Evelyn Peterson visiting with ☺ Howard and Amy Matson.



Foundation President Greg and Kathy Rider.



President Bill Holm and Michael Palin welcome new members Barbara Hagstrom, Cynthis Bassett, Joshua Datko, David Mink, Lisa Morrison and Clyde Sies.



Board member ☺ Peter Mosse with Michael Palin. Peter was instrumental in contacting Mr. Palin to receive the award.

INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND

MICHAEL PALIN

The Thirty-first Order of Magellan Recipient



☺ Jim Schmitt and his wife, Carole Mancini, and Jim's daughter ☺ Lisa Morrison and her husband, Michael. All came in from Pennsylvania.



☺ Clyde and Cheri Sies with their children Christopher and Jennifer.



Presidents Jim Arimond and Tom Maher talk Chapter business.



☺ Jim and Sheila Forney with prospective members and dear friends Diane and Jerry Fishman.

interesting experiences around the world, but we do not typically travel with a view to cheerfully sharing those experiences with an audience of millions, bringing the world and our experiences into their living rooms. Unlike Michael, we don't travel with TV cameramen and a production team in tow.

"Our printed program tonight lists our honoree's major international travel documentaries and I won't recite them now. However, the list on its own does nothing to show Michael's astonishing resilience and stamina. These programs have taken him to 90 countries and one disputed territory ... and have apparently entailed 115,464 miles of travel ... now that figure excludes the Hemingway Adventure and I was wondering why the record there was incomplete ... but then I noted that on that trip he fired four guns, consumed five Papa Dobles and survived a cheetah attack, so that may help explain some of the poor record-keeping.

Let's look at modes of transportation. Here I have found the following:

Boats: 48, including barges, dhows, feluccas, outrigger canoes, reed boats, sampans and zodiac landing craft;

Trains: 18, plus one honorary train, the No. 52 trolleybus. Now, if there is anyone in the room who doesn't know what is so special about the No. 52 trolleybus, I can tell you later;

Vehicles: 38 of these including ... and how is this for a contrast ... a T-52 tank and an open-top stretch East German Trabi.

"Nor should we forget miscellaneous modes of transportation, where our intrepid explorer has entrusted his life ... to mules, camels, dog sleds, elephants, logs and hot air balloons.

"International travel can be hazardous to one's health and while roaming the world Michael has encountered his share of illnesses and accidents. Not just the obvious ones like Delhi Belly and Saigon Stomach; but cracked ribs; near drowning; a leech attack; camel poisoning; a close Maoist shave ... which incidentally I assume has nothing to do with choosing the wrong barbershop ... and, most intriguing of all ... being wrapped in plastic with Miss World. Now some of us might indeed wonder why being wrapped in plastic with Miss World would be a bad travel experience, but hopefully Michael will enlighten us on this point.



☺s. Mindy and Alec Sutherland enjoy cocktails with Margaret and ☺ Lynn Bartlett.



Honored guest Michael Palin is joined by his wife, Helen (C), and good friends Nancy Jones and Sherrie Levy.



Steve Rivellino and Marie Miles.

"Well, I think it will be obvious by now why our Club is so privileged to have Michael Palin as its 31st recipient of the Order of Magellan. But no one can introduce Michael without at some point saying ... and now for something completely different.

"I have, I think appropriately for us, concentrated on the international travel aspects of Michael's dazzling media career, but the reality is a much more diverse curriculum vitae and spectacular successes as a comedian, writer, film and TV performer, producer, radio personality. These talents appeared at an early age when, at 5 years old, he starred, in a female role, in a school performance of A Christmas Carol.

"By the time he got to Brasenose College at Oxford University in 1962, where he usefully majored in Modern History, he was, according to the official college record, "irrepressible". Marriage to Helen, whom we are so happy to welcome here with Michael tonight, followed in 1966 as his career began to gather steam, and from 1969 until 1974 lucky viewers in the UK were the first to see Monty Python's Flying Circus ... 45 glorious programs in all.

"Perhaps there were stirrings of wanderlust there in Michael's spirited performance in the Lumberjack Song, or in his portrayal of Third Bruce, the professor of logical positivism in the Philosophy Department at Australia's University of Woolamalo (where incidentally he was also in charge of the sheep-dip).

"Following Monty Python came numerous film credits and awards and in the year 2000 Queen Elizabeth honored Michael as a Commander of the Order of the British Empire; this for his services to television.

"And now, back for a moment to Monty Python. When, in December 1931, the Club's 368th member, composer John Philip Sousa, attended the annual dinner at the Hotel Astor here in New York, he dedicated a new march that he had composed for the Club. We have heard this Circumnavigators Club March already this evening. But the composer could hardly have guessed that there would be another connection between him and the Club some three quarters of a century later.

"The connection, as you will have seen in the program, is as follows:

Circumnavigator John Philip Sousa ... The Liberty Bell ... Monty Python ... Michael Palin ... and our Award Ceremony tonight.

"So at this point I would like to invite our 31st Order of Magellan Honoree, Michael Palin, along with our International President William P. Holm; our International Past Presidents; our International Board of Governors; our Officers; and our Chapter Presidents to step up to the dais for the presentation of the award."

President Bill Holm, assisted by the Board of Governors, Officers, and Chapterpresidents presented the Order of Magellan to Michael Palin.



Noel and Christine Hewitt get to know Carole Linsner.



Floy Barthel chats with Michigan Chapterpresident Joe Osentoski and his guest Lori Kao.



Noel Hewitt with our "Mass Games" presenters Sue Murphy and Suzanne Frye.

Michael Palin's Address to Circumnavigators:

"This is a great honour from a great group of people and I can't tell you how much it means to me to be surrounded by so many circumnavigators. It was 20 years ago that I made that journey – my first circumnavigation – since then I've been from North Pole to South Pole, round the Pacific Rim, across the Sahara and the length of the Himalaya but whatever the technical feats, traveling for me is about the people I meet.

"People are sometimes perplexed by the way in which I moved into travel documentaries via Monty Python. What could the two have in common they ask? Well the common denominator is, of course, a sense of humour which, along with anti-diarrhea tablets, is probably the most important thing you need to take with you when you travel.

"There have been frightening moments, as well as funny moments, in the past 20 years, like landing on drifting ice at the North Pole. There have been profoundly depressing places like Burugychag Gulag in the Kolyma region of eastern Siberia. But there's never been a moment when I regretted my decision to make these journeys.

"There are those who travel the world without ever really taking in its richness or diversity – who merely want to go somewhere which mirrors as exactly as possible their life at home, who choose a destination where they might perceive the risk or threat of being exposed to foreign-ness is reduced to the minimum. This is not for me, and I know that it's not for all of you here tonight. Travel for us is not about reproducing abroad what we can find at home – it's about appreciating and celebrating difference and diversity. It's not about the fear of other cultures or other religions – it's about the opportunity of understanding how others live.

"You only have to go to a village in Africa or a slum in Mumbai or Calcutta to see how nothing is wasted. Recycling is not an option – it's a necessity. A plastic bottle which we might toss away (and which incidentally will take 400 years to degrade) will be used and re-used. Packaging – which we might leave outside for the garbage truck to take away could make the difference between life and death for a family on the street.

"I don't want to fall into the trap of romanticizing poverty or demonizing those who create wealth, but I'm sure I have shared the experience of many of you here today when I speak of the enormous rewards of traveling the world with an open mind, to learn rather than condemn, to listen rather than lecture, to take the side road rather than the main highway.

"Some people find it very hard to believe when I say the more I travel, the safer I feel, but it's true. I'm a great believer in the importance of seeing for yourself, of not being panicked out of going anywhere, by media headlines.

"The golden age of exploration may have passed, the maps filled in and the explorer's role superseded by the satellite and the computer, but the human voice still needs to be heard. We need travelers to tell us from their own experience what is happening in Antarctica or in the ever-widening deserts. We need travelers to tell us what the depletion of the Himalayan glaciers means to those who live from their waters.

"Climate change is happening so fast and seems to be changing our world so profoundly that in a sense we need a new age of exploration to understand it. We need our best scientists to go to the scenes of great change and our best reporters to write about it.

"In many ways then, these times desperately need the true traveler – independent, inquiring, adventurous, humorous, courageous and insatiable. Ferdinand Magellan embodied all these qualities (I'm not entirely sure about the humour), and I think it's no coincidence that the Circumnavigators Club chose him and his name to embody their highest ideals and to mark their highest award – which I feel deeply proud and honoured to have received tonight."

After a standing ovation, the evening came to a close when everyone received a commemorative glass of the Magellan Award Dinner. ■

INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND Order of Magellan Dinner (continued)



President Holm leads in the singing of the "Circumnavigators Club Song."



Photo Exhibit Chairman Ken Linsner and
C. Andrea Bucher-McAdams.



Executive Director Helen Jost with her daughter Tracy Sancilio



C. Mary Brogan (R) with her table of friends – C. Jim Pirtle, Fran Judge, C. Josh Datko, Mary Ann Daly, C. Ray Olson, Marge O'Mara, C. Schirmer Riley, and Ann McLoughlin.



Great to see C. Barbara and George Sturm again!



C. Barb and Bill Roy from Naples meeting Michael Palin.



C. Helen Jost was delighted to catch up with member Laura Leslie

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Special thank you to C.s. Jim Forney and Astrid Langhorne for their contributing photographs.



☛ Gene McPherson (South Dakota) is introduced to Carole Linsner.



☛ Hertha and Charles Stotts, President of the Pacific-Northwest Chapter, with new member Clyde Sies and his wife, Cherie, (also from Washington) in front of the famous Explorers Club polar bear.



☛ Bill Freyd (Nevada) and his wife, Diane Carlson, are introduced to Board member Lois Kahan (NY). ☛ Freyd hosted the event at the Union League Club.

VISITING MEMBERS WELCOMED

Goodwill Reception Hosted at the Explorers Club

The Goodwill Committee, Officers and Board members welcomed out-of-town members at a cocktail reception held on Thursday, April 23. This was the beginning of what promised to be a memorable weekend. Chair of the Goodwill Committee Beverly Anderson sent greetings via postcards to every member participating in this weekend event. As you can see by the follow photographs, everyone enjoyed getting re-introduced and meeting some old friends.



☛ Governor Jim Forney with ☛ Marilu Ramirez and Barbara Hagstrom.

President Bill Holm always enjoys welcoming new members – certificates were presented to Marilu Ramirez and Brenda Repland.



☛ Barb Roy (Naples) deep in conversation.

Goodwill Reception **INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND**



CS. Ray and Karen Schlueter (Chicago). Karen is a member of the International Board.

CS. Ray Olson (DC), Marilu Ramirez (NY), Joan and Neil Curley (Naples), Sheila Forney (NJ), and Bill Roy (Naples).



Guests Rick and Jeri Crawford with **C.** David and Dorothy Mink (PA) and **C.** Bill Freyd (NV)

CS-three: Fontaine Gattie, Barbara Hagstrom and Anne Hughes.



Guest Helen Lowe with **CS.** Jim Pirtle (Indiana) and Anne Hughes (NY).



Members and guests all enjoyed wonderful conversation.



CS. Annie Atanian and Tom Peloso (Michigan Chapter)

INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING 2nd Annual Photo Exhibit — Friday, April 24 —

Our International Headquarters – The Williams Club – located at 24 East 39th Street in New York City was the location for the 2nd Annual Photo Exhibit and the International Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting started promptly at 11:30 a.m. with the reading of names of those members who passed over the horizon. Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

2008 Financial Report – Net Loss – (\$7,672) (includes unrealized loss on Vanguard S&P 500 Index Fund of (\$15,873).

Membership dropping and must be increased.

CircumBits-new e-mail monthly newsletter is gaining momentum – every member with e-mail will receive at no additional cost.

The LOG: Published four times a year or as the news develops.

Programs are the main draw to bring in new members. They must be interesting, enjoyable, and innovative.

Election of Foundation Directors to serve a three-year term: Lynn Bartlett, Joshua Laurito, John W. Leslie, Jr., Jeffrey P. Kelly, Peter Mosse, and Debra Taufen.

Officers elected to serve the Foundation for a two-year term: Honorary President John E. Johannessen, President Gregory Rider, Vicepresident John W. Leslie, Jr., Secretary Ariana Lazar and Treasurer Matthew Scholder.

Club Board of Governors elected to serve a three-year term: Beverly Anderson, Rolf R. Brown, Joshua Laurito, Howard Matson and Nicholas Miede.

Club Officers who continue to serve for one more year: President William P. Holm, Firstvicepresident Esther R. Dyer, Secondvicepresident Carol A. Narup, Secretary Lois M. Kahan, and Treasurer George W. Sanborn.

An idea for a Trip to Cuba was enthusiastically received.

For a complete set of the Annual Meeting minutes, please e-mail Headquarters – CircumClub@optonline.net.



President Bill Holm rings the ship's bell as Secretary Lois Kahan reads the names of those members who passed over-the-horizon.



Pastpresident Jeff Kelly (also remembered as the "centennial president") reports on the Club's Foundation. Jeff is a Scholar – 1979.



Chapterpresident Jim Arimond reports on Chicago.



Members attentively listen to the reports.



Charles Stotts, Chapterpresident of the Pacific-Northwest Chapter also reports.

2nd Annual Photo Exhibit **INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND**

PHOTO EXHIBIT and COCKTAIL RECEPTION

☪. Kenneth Linsner once again organized the Photo Exhibit for its second year. Members from around the world were invited to send in their photographs taken during their trips. They must be a certain size and in the categories of: Landscape – Flora and Fauna – Architecture – Human Interest. About 30 members participated and sent in their photos along with an entry-fee check payable to the Foundation. During the luncheon, everyone could view the photographs and had fun guessing which photos would win the ribbons.

Ken brought in two experts, Charles Rosoff, ASA and Aleza Tadri, AM for the contest who explained how photos are judged.



☪. Bill Holm introduces Chairman Ken Linsner, Photo Exhibit.



Long-time friends
☪s. Mary
Brogan and
Howard
Matson.



☪. Peter Mosse, Carol Mund, ☪s. Gene McPherson and Charles Mund.



☪s. Lee Barthel and Mary Brogan get acquainted with Tracy Sancilio, daughter of our Executive Director Helen Jost.



Members from Naples: President Tom Maher with Treasurer Joan Curley and Vicepresident Neil Curley.



☪. Ken Linsner introduces Charles Rosoff, ASA and Aleza Tadri, AM, judges of photographs.



Chapterpastpresident Lee Barthel (Michigan) shows off list of members interested in trip to Cuba.

All submitted photos were incredible; here are the “Best of the Best”:

Landscape:



3rd Place:
Elizabeth Manny
“Zig Zag” –
Nagasaki, Japan – 2008



2nd Place:
Thomas Maher
“Rainbow Over Niagara Falls” – 2008



1st Place:
Ralph Velasco
“Island Church”
Slovenia – 2007

Architecture:



2nd Place:
Elizabeth Hagman
“Old Sukhothai Ruins” –
Thailand – 2007



1st Place:
Marion Green
“Steps of Flowers”
– San Miguel, Mexico



3rd Place:
Lois Kahan
“Bridge to Somewhere” –
Isfahan, Iran – 1976

Flora and Fauna:



2nd Place:
Clelia Moraes
“Zebra” - Tanzania



1st Place:
Marilu Ramirez
“Birds” – India 2008



3rd Place
David Mink
“Zebra Tales”
– Tanzania

Human Interest:



2nd Place: Kenneth Linsner
“Mardi Gras Krewe”
– New Orleans, LA



3rd Place: Mimi Ragsdale
“Untitled” – Shanghai 1991



1st Place
Cynthia Bassett
“Huli Tribesman”
– Papua, New
Guinea 1984

INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND

Tour of Central Park...

The weather on Saturday morning was perfect for those who signed up for brunch and a tour of Central Park. All were delighted to see the sun shining and a beautiful day ahead. Arrangements were made for members to meet at the very popular Loeb Boathouse located by The Lake in the park.

Lois Kahan, who is a volunteer with Big Apple Greeter and takes visitors on tours of Central Park, volunteered to take a small group on tour as did President Bill and Anne Holm, who live in the area and visit the park frequently.

It was a very interesting day for everyone – there is just so much to see in Central Park.



Guide Lois Kahan (c) with Peter and Christine Mosse, Hertha and Charles Stotts, (Lois), Ray Olson, guest Bruce Haxthausen, and Joe Hassett.



Left around: Barbara Hagstrom, Lee and Floy Barthel, Joe Hassett, Circumwife Diane Carlson, Joan and Neil Curley.

Group enjoying brunch at the Loeb Boathouse.



Enjoying a rest stop – Joe Hassett, Annie Atanian, Floy and Lee Barthel. Benita Birch is in the background.

The Morgan Library & Museum



Front row: Tom Peloso, Annie Atanian, Lois Kahan, Circumwife Joanne Sachar, Ray Olson and Barbara Hagstrom. Back row: David Sachar, Bill Freyd, Hertha and Charles Stotts and a guest.

For those who were still in town, an 11 a.m. tour of the newly renovated Morgan Library and Museum was arranged on Sunday.

Members walked through this wonderful building and were able to ask many questions about the vast collections.

A bit of history – In 1924 J. P. Morgan, Jr. gave his father's extraordinary library to the public. The most influential financier in this country's history, Pierpont Morgan was also a voracious collector. He bought on an astonishing scale, collecting art objects in virtually every medium, including the rare books, manuscripts, drawings, prints, and ancient artifacts that are the core of The Morgan Library & Museum's holdings.

Anyone visiting New York City should not miss this fascinating museum.

After the tour, everyone enjoyed a wonderful lunch in the dining room of the library and said goodbye as they headed back home.



Chapter president Joe Osentoski

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

SUBMITTED BY CHAPTERPRESIDENT JOE OSENTOSKI

HIDDEN GEMS OF ASIA

Presenters: C. Barney and Florence Lucas

SPRING DINNER & ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING



Michigan Chapterpresident Joe Osentoski getting briefed by the hosts C. Bernard Lucas and his wife, Florence.

The Michigan Chapter held its first meeting of the year in Novi, at The Belmont Clubhouse of Fox Run Condos. This meeting was hosted by long-time members Bernard and Florence Lucas featuring their trip in the fall, 2007.

The evening started with hors d'oeuvres and wine, as 26 members and guests mingled while talking about their winter travels. It had been a long, hard winter in Michigan, but many members shared stories about their vacations in Florida and New York City.

The dinner menu was in honor of Michigan Chapter legends and stalwarts George Pierrot and Len Barnes, as the membership dined on Arctic Char (George's favorite), and rare Roast Tenderloin of Beef (Len's favorite). A letter written by Len talking about how he and George Pierrot would fish and hunt, including once serving moose to some unsuspecting friends, was shared by Chapterpresident Joe Osentoski.

The Michigan Chapter had its annual business meeting and three members were elected to its Board: Tom Peloso, Colonel Marion Matuszewski, and Tony Osentoski. Pasttreasurer Myrt Everett gave a brief financial report for Treasurer Charles Clemak indicating that the Chapter is doing fine.

Chaptervicepresident John Carroll, Foundation Co-ordinator, gave an update on Gabrielle Kleber's trip around the world. She is from Michigan State University, and her topic is "Our Oceans as a Dumping Ground." She will be presenting her findings at the October 8 meeting.

The main event of the evening was a slide presentation from hosts Barney and Florence Lucas. Their fall 2007 trip in conjunction with the travel group Nomads visited Korea (including North Korea), Tibet,

China, and Mongolia. Here is their story:

"Our trip, billed as the "Hidden Gems of Asia" was to have been an around-the-world one on the Nomads Travel Club's Boeing 727, flying to Asia via Helsinki, Finland, then east with a refuel stop in Siberia, Russia, to Ulan Bator, Mongolia for the first stop of the Asian tour, returning by way of Japan and Alaska. Less than 48 hours before our scheduled departure Saturday, September 22, 2007, Russia decided to deny clearance to fly over its territory! The flight then had to be re-planned to fly to Asia to the west over the Pacific via Alaska, cutting a day from the Mongolian visit.

"On the third day during what was to be a refuel stop at Seoul, South Korea, the crew discovered a leak in a hydraulic pump. No replacement was in the repair kit in the plane and none available in Seoul, so a pump had to be shipped from Detroit which would take at least a day or more. The trip directors quickly arranged to reschedule the Mongolian segment



C. Bob Everett, Louise and C. Al Thomas and Myrt Everett talk about the winter weather in Naples.

and do the Korean stop which was to have been the last, first, and change Mongolia to the last. A highlight of that was a day trip up to the Demilitarized Zone to get our passports stamped to say we had been to North Korea, too.

"Returning to the original schedule, the next stop was Chengdu, China, but on waiting for departure that morning with flight clearance from China, Chengdu airport refused a landing spot! Thus a day was lost at the Seoul airport and we spent the night at the Transit Hotel there while the crew tried to sort things out. The next morning, all was arranged, and we were on our way to Chengdu. Wouldn't you know, the Shangri-La Hotel was the nicest of the trip but we only got to spend one night there. The next day after the visit to the Giant Panda Breeding Research Base, we boarded a China Airlines flight to Tibet. After visits to the Dali Lama's Old Summer and New Summer Palaces, the feature was the climb up the steps of the Portola Palace.

"From Tibet we flew China Air back to Chengdu to pick up our Nomads plane to Guilin, China, where the highlight is of course, a boat ride on the Li River. The next stop was to be Shanghai, but a typhoon



Cs. Virginia Lagergren and Janet Skillman and guest Barbara Ludington getting ready to enjoy their delicious tenderloin of beef dinner.

HIDDEN GEMS OF ASIA

SEPTEMBER 22 - OCTOBER 13, 2007

Howard and Florence Lucas



was approaching the China Coast with heavy rains and high winds so it was decided to scrub Shanghai and stay in Guilin. The China tour guide quickly arranged a farm tour and obtained seating for a wonderful light show over the Li River at Yangshou with hundreds of performers. To give you an idea of the scope of the show, the choreographer was the same one that did the opening and closing ceremonies of the Summer Olympics at Beijing last year.

"Then finally we were on our way to Mongolia. After a day of touring Ulan Bator, it was on to the Gobi Desert.



Florence Lucas with a hungry Panda bear.



ON BUS TO LHASA

Because the Gobi air strip is too small for the Nomads 727, we flew there in a chartered Fokker 100. On landing there

was a fleet of small Russian four-wheel-drive vans which they called jeeps awaiting us for the two-hour drive to the Three Camel Lodge. The lodge had a large dining ger (Yurt in some areas), individual guest gers for each couple, and a club house lounge and bar with the shower and toilet facilities on the lower level. We lucked out, our guest ger had running water with a sink and toilet, although there was only cold water. Right after lunch we went for our first desert "run" into the Gobi in the jeeps. There were no specific roads. The drivers just sort of took off cross country in the general direction they wanted to go. That afternoon we had a camel ride on a Bactrian two-humped camel, then to what was my favorite site on the Gobi, the "Flaming Cliffs" where Roy Chapman Andrews made his first finds of dinosaur eggs and fossils.

"The next day's runs were to the Great Valley in the morning and the sand dunes in the afternoon. It started to become very chilly and was snowing when we returned to the lodge. A man came several times during the night to add coal to our little stove. We cuddled together in one bed to help keep warm. The next day, October 12, was departure back to Ulan Bator, but we awoke to around five or six inches of snow on the ground. There were no snow removal facilities at the Gobi air strip, so our charter plane was unable to come to pick us up until the sun melted and dried it enough for the plane to safely land. Rather than wait at the air strip, they held us at the dining ger of the lodge where it was warm and dry. The staff set up a large TV set with a CD player and we saw two movies and had lunch while waiting. When it was known the plane could come soon, we took the two-hour jeep drive to the airport.

"After we'd gotten back to Ulan Bator and boarded the Nomad 727 we were too late to reach our destination of Sapporo, Japan, as that airport closes at 10:00 PM and we would not be able to make it in time. Instead, our travel people in Detroit were able to find rooms in two different hotels in Osaka for us.

"Saturday, October 13, everything went smoothly. We took off from Osaka at 1:30 PM their time, made a quick refuel stop at Sapporo, went through customs and refueled, catered the plane at Anchorage, Alaska, landing at Detroit Metro at 3:30 PM Eastern time. Thanks to a 13-hour time difference and the International date-line we traveled 5,984 miles in just two hours!

With the changes needed from the various glitches encountered we traveled 22,102 miles, 2,559 more than the original planned trip.

"While disappointed it was not a circumnavigation, in spite of all the other problems encountered, some smaller ones not mentioned, more than any other journey we've been on, it was another very good experience.



Foundation Co-ordinator John Carroll and his wife, C. Mary Carroll, are attentive to Barney's talk about the Gobi Desert.

Cs. Claire and Rollin Allen hearing what it's like to take a trip with the Nomads from the Lucases.





Chapterpresident Thomas Maher

NAPLES CHAPTER (FLORIDA)



Guest Speaker Marvin Easton receives a token gift from Chapterpresident Tom Maher.

☪. MARVIN EASTON – Israel Today

Members and their guests attended a breakfast brunch at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club on April 5, 2009, to hear ☪. Marvin Easton, who recently visited Israel. Retired from IBM, ☪. Easton has circled the world at least 15 times, has lived in seven countries over a 14-year period, and has traveled to over 80 countries.

☪. Easton gave a very interesting talk about his recent trip to Israel where he had briefings on security, intelligence, and military matters. He met privately with incoming Prime Minister Netanyahu prior to joining group briefings by representatives of the Massad, Shin Bet and a Palestinian Arab agent. He traveled to the Syrian border in the Golan, a kibbutz on the Lebanese border, and an Air Force Base where he was briefed by three Israeli Generals. He also attended a Hamas Military trial and visited the Gaza crossing. (If you are interested in receiving an e-mailed copy of ☪. Easton's entire talk, please contact headquarters.)

Chapterpresident Tom Maher thanked ☪. Easton for an outstanding and informative talk to a record number of members and their guest in attendance.



☪. Marvin Easton presented "Israel Today".



☪. Jim Lungo and George Ponte enjoy the reception.

☪. Barb Roy and guest speaker Marvin Easton and his wife, Barbara.



☪. Berl Amann of Clearwater, Florida with his guest Madge.



First in line - ☪. Gloria Maher, Barbara Easton and ☪. Herb Rowe.



Ginny and ☪. Ed Newman along with others begin to gather at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club.

"The world is a book and those who don't travel read only a page."
— Saint Augustine

GETTING-TO-KNOW-YOU LUNCHEONS

"These luncheons have become a big hit with our members," exclaims Tom Maher, Naples Chapterpresident. "It is a great way to bring a small group of new and old members together to get better acquainted."

These get-togethers are held periodically and during the summer hiatus, more are planned. Here are some photos from current Getting-To-Know-You events:



Potential members Cort and Sarah McKee



Daniele and Michel Galmot chat with C. Jill and Bob Augustine.



Guest Tina Tulyer is with event planner C. Kathleen Burgess



Christine Tilly attended one of these gatherings as a prospective member and then became a member!

Guest Cynthia Gumpert is with C.s. Barb Roy and Gloria Maher.

Membership Drive...

International Firstvicepresident and Membership Chair **ESTHER DYER** is inviting all of our members, Chapters, and New York Metro to join in a membership drive to bring in qualified people with a goal of 900 in 2009 and 1000 in 2010. Our membership roster is currently at 850. This is what Esther is offering for the New York area and has invited all of the Chapters too consider doing something similar.

Circumnavigators who recruit and sponsor a new member will be invited to a special reception to introduce them to other new members at the home of Dr. Esther R. Dyer, Firstvicepresident of the Circumnavigators Club. This special campaign is designed to encourage members to actively seek out good candidates and to finalize their applications prior to December 31 – the reception will be scheduled early in 2010 and open to new members and their sponsors who have applied since July 1, 2009.

During your travels, visiting with your friends and family, or anywhere you are in the world, keep your Club in mind as we look for people who have circumnavigated the globe, who you feel would benefit and also become active in the Club, and who you would be proud to say you sponsored them.

(Don't forget that we offer token Club Cards to all of our members as shown on our Members Only page. They are very handy when talking about the Club.) An application for membership is enclosed with this issue.



Chapterpresident Maryann Hart

PACIFIC-SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

SUBMITTED BY C. BILL THOMPSON



Cs. Bob and Nancy Kronemyer celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.

DINNER MEETING HELD IN LA JOLLA

The Pacific Southwest Chapter dinner meeting was held on June 18 at the lovely La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club (LJB&T Club) overlooking the beautiful blue Pacific. The social hour and following dinner were emceed by Chaptervicepresident Bill Thompson.

Long time Board Members and Past Treasurer Nancy and Bob Kronemeyer were honored as they celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. Also recognized was the LJB&T Club member C. Betty Dow, who has been our Club sponsor for many years. She was not able to be present.

Our featured speaker was C. Dr. Virginia Foster who, along with her husband C. Rev. Arthur Hammons, traveled across Africa and gave a most interesting slide presentation.

Future meetings are scheduled for September 17 with Chef Bernard Guillas, the Club Chef, who has just published a successful book. He will be discussing his career at the LJB&T Club as seen from a different perspective.

The December 3 Holiday Party Dinner will also be quite exciting as speakers Bev & Buz Nason from Scottsdale, Arizona, will tell about their trip around the world for charity ... A Scavenger Hunt. They left San Diego with no clue as to where they would be going until they reached the other teams in Seattle.



Patsy Millard, Adele Meyers, and Peggy Fisher having a great visit.

New members Arthur Hammons and his wife, Virginia Foster, and guest Mary Walker (C).



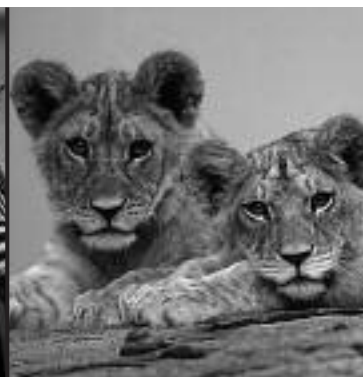
Ccouple Patricia and Robert Lijewski.



Enjoying the evening is guest Michael Lynch.



Cs. Inger Bisson and Colleen Lance – Circumfriends for many years.



CHICAGO CHAPTER

SUBMITTED BY C. CAROL NARUP

Chapterpresident James Arimond



WILD TIMES with CROCODILES, SNAKES, and SPEARS Presenter: Marilyn Laszio

On May 19, at Maggiano's Restaurant, the Chicago Chapter hosted what has to be the best attended event in our history. Ninety-five people (which included some thirty guests, some being prospective new members) came to hear a fascinating lecture entitled "Wild Times With Crocodiles, Snakes, and Spears: 25 years With the Sepik Iwam People in Papua, New Guinea." The speaker was Marilyn Laszio whose humor, depth of cultural understanding and ability to convey her insights made this event an unforgettable evening.

Ms. Laszio grew up on a small farm near Valparaiso, Indiana. In 1965, she left the US for Papua, New Guinea and traveled up the Sepik River in a dugout canoe with her translation partner. Their destination was Hauna Village, home of the Sepik Iwam people, a small tribal group numbering about 2,500 with a history of head-hunting, sorcery, and deep hostility toward outsiders. Marilyn learned the basic greetings with no written language, discovering verbs and nouns using hand signals and pointing. She spent 24 years living with the Sepik Iwam people, creating an alphabet for their previously unwritten language, translating extensive portions of the Bible, and teaching them everything from literacy to basic sanitation and health care.

After her lecture, Marilyn entertained questions from her audience and her responses were as fascinating as her lecture. This was a truly memorable evening and one that will long be remembered by those of us who were fortunate enough to attend.



Guest speaker Marilyn Laszio is welcomed by Program Chair David Gotaas and Chapterpresident Jim Arimond.



Membership Chair Karen Schlueter presents a membership certificate to C. Dan Peterson.



C. Marilyn Fischel, Jan Meyers, Eleanor Briggs, Jane Smith and Bob Bilhorn having a wonderful time.



2008 Foundation Scholar Harris Sockel receives a Certificate of Recognition from Foundation Co-ordinator Carol Narup.



C. Lois Kahan, who resides in both New York and Chicago, and who serves as the International Secretary, meets Scholar Sarah Graber.



C. Jim Franch gets a hug from C. Eleanor Briggs.



C. Richard and Jean Damisch with Ted Kazmer (C).



2009 Sam McAleese with guests Sheree and Asgi Fazaelas.



Interim Contact Ken Doyle

TWIN CITY/MINNESOTA CHAPTER

SUBMITTED BY C. KENNETH DOYLE



Calhoun
Square,
Minneapolis



Minneapolis
Queen

MEETING HELD APRIL 19 Banking issues discussed... SORRY NO PHOTOS!

The Minnesota model for our Circumnavigators Club meetings centers on casual dining surrounding a serious discussion of some educational, social, political, or financial issue in countries in which the members have traveled.

On Sunday evening, April 19, a merry band of Minnesota Circumnavigators gathered at C. Len Fernelius' lovely townhouse on the edge of downtown Minneapolis for chili, ciabatta, and good conversation. The discussion focused on the former Yugoslavia and contrasted the highly constrained banking structures of the Leninist era with the largely unfettered American structures in the light of contemporary pressures on the US financial sector.

C. Len, formerly Senior Vice President of the Minneapolis Fed and, more recently, banking consultant to several international banking agencies, reviewed the 20th century history of Yugoslavia and its successor independent countries. He described his experiences working with the Serbian and Bosnian monetary authorities. The essence of his message was that American banking should be neither the completely regulated socialist/communist disincentive system nor the capitalistic unregulated alternative some bankers desire. Recent practices (with derivatives and other off-balance sheet instruments, for example) prove the necessity of increased oversight and regulation, where necessary, of American banks.

SCUTTLEBUTT



C. **PETER HILLARY**, 2006 Magellan Award Recipient, wrote: "The South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula cruise is a wonderful adventure – the richness of the wildlife of South Georgia, the opportunity for a few hardy souls to retrace the intrepid Ernest Shackleton's footsteps across the island, the other-worldly wonder of Antarctica – and all this aboard the luxurious *Clelia II*. As combinations go, it doesn't get any better

than this!" If you would like to join Peter, please visit:

www.traveldynamicsinternational.com/pdf/AGNT%209221.pdf

HELEN GEYER, life member and the wife of our late international Pastpresident **BILL GEYER**, was recently inducted into the YMCA-Frost Valley Hall of Fame in recognition for her serving on its Board of Directors for 47 years. Helen was the first woman to be elected to the board to help in the expansion of including girls in the Frost Valley New York program. **HELEN** was also inducted into the James B. Colgate Society for her generous gift to the university to create and build the Geyer Center for Information Technology.



OVER THE HORIZON

James F. Calvert C1277LM

Washington DC Chapter

June 3, 2009

C. Vice Admiral James F. Calvert, the commander of the first nuclear-powered submarine *SKATE* to surface at the North Pole, died at his home in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. He was 88.

H. H. Lee L2089LM

Singapore Chapter

January, 2008

William J. Narup N4297

Chicago Chapter

April 25, 2009



C. Bill Narup is the husband of International Secondvicepresident Carol A. Narup. Together they managed the William J. Narup Co., a Chicago-based international marketing communications consultancy. Bill was active in the Chapter and always a familiar face at all the events.

He will be missed.

IN MEMORIAM

Walter Cronkite

*23rd Order of Magellan Recipient;
Respected Reporter and Journalist, Dies*

The world mourns the passing of Walter Cronkite. A legend in reporting and journalism, his peers all agree there probably won't be another like him. We lost a great American icon.

Circumnavigator Cronkite passed away on Friday, July 17, 2009, at the age of 92. He will be buried next to his beloved wife, Betsy, in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Circumnavigators Club mourns the loss of its 23rd Magellan Award Recipient. Over 300 Circumnavigators and their guests came to honor the most trusted man in America Walter L. Cronkite, Jr. on Saturday, December 13, 1997.

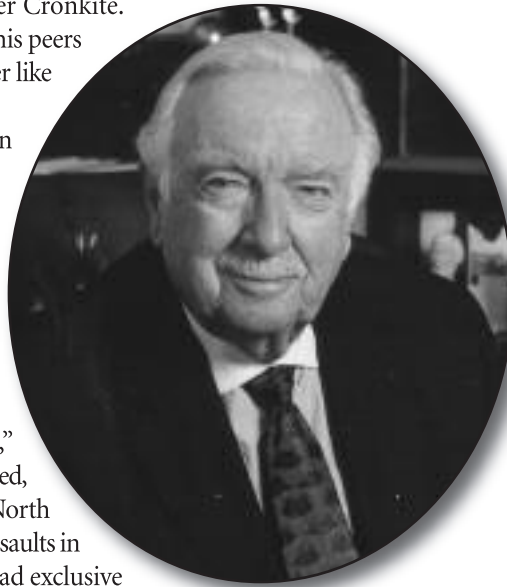
"There is only one person here tonight," International President Howard Matson announced, "who was there when Allied troops landed in North Africa, took part in the Normandy beachhead assaults in 1944, and covered the Nuremberg trials. He had exclusive interviews with most major heads of state, including all United States Presidents since Franklin D. Roosevelt; all aspects of the American political scene since 1952; the assassinations and funerals of President John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Senator Robert F. Kennedy; and the Vietnam War. He became regarded as an authority on America's space program."

Remembering that wonderful night President Matson continued, "Tonight we honor Walter Cronkite, who exemplifies our Club's creed 'To Leave This World A Little Better Than He Found It.'"

The audience came to their feet to applaud this man who reported on world affairs through television, where he was welcomed every night as the anchorman for CBS. His honesty, dedication, and warmth gave people a better understanding of what was really going on in the world – he was a true reporter of the news.

"And that's the way it is..."

After receiving the Order of Magellan, Walter Cronkite is pictured with his wife, Betsy, married over 60 years.



On December 13, 1997, International President Howard Matson presents the Order of Magellan to Walter Cronkite with the assistance of Charles O. Blaisdell (L), Robert L. Peterson, Thomas D. Flynn, Howard Matson, Walter Cronkite, Don P. Luther, Patricia L. Collins, A. Vernon Carnahan, and William H. Geyer.



Dear CircumBirch:

I enclose, as promised, copy of the poem I showed you entitled "Some Time At Eve," which I would like to re-christen "A Circumnavigator's Valedictory." I can imagine no more beautiful poem to be read at the funerals of our Circumnavigators.

Luck to You,
Circumpresident W. E. Peck

N. B. From "The LOG" July 1922.
CircumBirch is one of the Club's founders.



SOME TIME AT EVE

By Lizzie Clark Hardy

Some time at eve, when the tide is low,
I shall slip my mooring and sail away,
With no response to the friendly hail
Of kindred craft in the busy bay.
In the silent hush of the twilight pale,
When the night stoops down to embrace the day,
And the voices call in the water's flow –
Some time at eve, when the tide is low,
I shall slip my mooring and sail away.

Through the purpling shadows that darkly rail
O'er the ebbing tide of the Unknown Sea,
I shall fare me away with a dip of the sail
And a ripple of waters to tell the tale
Of a lonely voyager, sailing away,
To the Mystic Isles where at anchor lay
The crafts of those who have sailed before
O'er the Unknown Sea to the Unseen Shore.

A few who have watched me sail away
Will miss my craft from the busy bay.
Some friendly barks that were anchored near,
Some loving souls that my heart held dear,
In silent sorrow will drop a tear –
But I shall have peacefully furled my sail
In moorings sheltered from storm or gale,
And greeted the friends who have sailed before
O'er the Unknown Sea to the Unseen Shore.



Off to the Palace to Meet the Queen

By C. Peter Mosse

Circumnavigators are well aware that their illustrious Club dates back to 1902. By coincidence another fine club was founded that same year: The Pilgrims Society of Great Britain. With the mission of promoting good Anglo-American relations, the UK society soon spawned a sister organization in the US and since then both organizations have grown to attract stellar memberships including such movers and shakers as Henry Kissinger and Paul Volcker in the US and Baroness Thatcher in the UK.

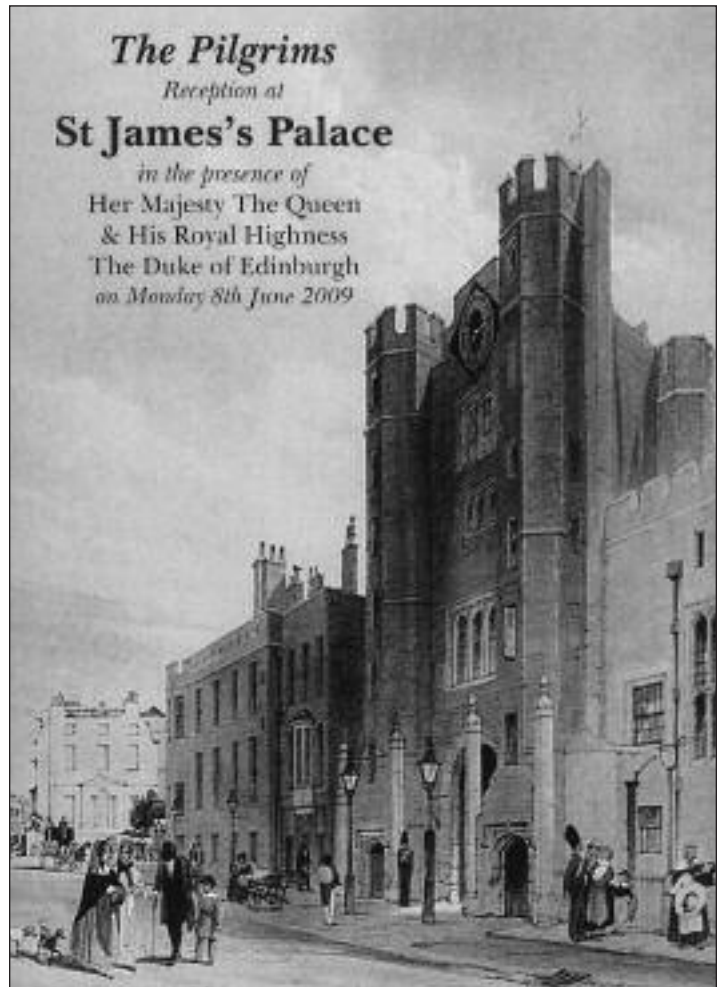
By tradition, the reigning monarch is Patron of the UK society and this helped me read between the lines when I received an email in February from the UK executive director. 'I can't give you any details yet' it read 'but if you and Christine happen to be in London on June 8, we are planning an event which I am sure you would not want to miss.' My intuition proved correct in mid-April ... a Reception, the invitation read, at St James's Palace in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.

Many Circumnavigators will have seen St. James's Palace, a Tudor structure not far from Piccadilly in London's West End that was built by King Henry VIII in 1532. It is steeped in history. In 1588, Queen Elizabeth I used the palace as her headquarters to direct the English fleet against the Spanish Armada and it was from the palace that King Charles I was taken to be beheaded in 1649. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert were married in the palace chapel in 1840 and that was also the temporary resting place of Princess Diana in 1997 while visitors came to sign the book of condolences.

Our instructions were to arrive at the palace at 5.45 pm with our tickets and two forms of photo ID. Dress was business attire, with short dresses or pant suits (and no hats) for the ladies. Cameras, cell phones, etc, were strictly forbidden. The tickets were color-coded and enabled stewards to direct the guests to whichever one of the state apartments they had been allocated to and everyone was expected to stay in the appropriate room until after the royal party had passed.

We had some additional instructions of a type that not everyone received: to make ourselves known to General Sir Richard Dannatt once we reached our appointed room, which turned out to be the Throne Room. Then the significance dawned on us ... we must have been selected to be presented to either the Queen or Prince Philip. General Dannatt, who will shortly retire as chief of the British army and become the 159th Constable of the Tower of London, an ancient office dating back to William the Conqueror (1066-87), explained the procedure with military precision: we should report back to him at a spot he identified at 6:25 pm; he would arrange his group of six people in an order that he could remember; the Royal Party would enter the room at 6:35 pm; and we would then each be presented in turn to ... the Queen.

"...if you and Christine happen to be in London on June 8, we are planning an event which I am sure you would not want to miss."



Announcement of the Reception at St. James Palace

Meantime we could enjoy canapés and champagne (in distinct moderation before meeting the Queen, of course), greet other Pilgrim members and admire the Throne Room. This chamber is furnished in late baroque style and dominated by three enormous portraits from the late 18th century,

presumably of royal family members, and by a large and very comfortably cushioned scarlet and gilt throne bearing the EIIR royal insignia. Foreign ambassadors to the UK are officially known as Ambassadors to the Court of St James

and this room sees use on formal occasions for the presentation of credentials to the monarch.

6:25 pm arrived and we reported back to General Dannatt. The room was astir as people positioned themselves for the great moment. The Queen and Prince Philip would enter at one end of the room and each would slowly proceed along one of two lines that were formed. These faced each other about 15 feet apart and extended from the entrance doorway to the doorway at the opposite end of the room leading into the next chamber. Stationed at intervals along each line were the group

GOODWILL CONNECTION



The purpose of the Goodwill Connection is to bring together Circumnavigators as they globe-trot. Please consider adding your name to the list of greeters – those who will welcome members to their city. Contact Headquarters, Helen Jost at (201) 612-9100 or e-mail: CircumClub@optonline.net to sign up to serve on the Connection.

Should you be planning a trip to a city where there is a member, please contact Helen with your arrival and departure dates and the hotel where you will be staying. She will be happy to contact the member for you.

- U.S.A. ■ ARIZONA Scottsdale, Sedona
 ■ CALIFORNIA La Jolla, San Francisco
 ■ DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 ■ FLORIDA Miami, Naples, Palm Beach
 ■ GEORGIA Conyers
 ■ ILLINOIS Chicago, Northbrook, Winnetka
 ■ MICHIGAN Detroit, Lansing
 ■ MINNESOTA Minneapolis
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 ■ NEW YORK New York
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 ■ SOUTH CAROLINA Hilton Head
 ■ WASHINGTON Seattle

AUSTRALIA Queensland, Brisbane

CANADA ■ MANITOBA Winnipeg
 ■ BRITISH COLUMBIA Victoria

GREECE Athens, Kifissia

NEVIS (W.I.) Charlestown

TAIWAN Taipei

THAILAND Bangkok

UNITED KINGDOM London

CIRCUMNAVIGATORS CLUB HAS A NEW WEBSITE...!

<http://www.circumnavigators.org>



The copy is new and the photographs are updated. There is a new Members Only tab that includes an up-to-date Membership Roster, Schedule of Events, and more. Please visit the

site <http://www.circumnavigators.org> and check out all the tabs.

leaders like General Dannatt, each with his or her party to introduce, while standing behind each line on each side of the room were the majority of the guests who were not fortunate enough to be on the introduction list.

A sudden hush fell and the doors at the far end of the room were opened for the royal couple to enter, escorted by the President and the Chairman of the Pilgrims. The moment was approaching! We couldn't see the Queen initially, though we could see Prince Philip, much taller and looking very dapper, but then the Queen came into view. She looked absolutely radiant in a bright purple dress suit with matching hat and long black leather gloves. We looked again ... she was shaking people by the hand! Almost before we knew it she had reached us and we were being presented to her by General Dannatt. We each acknowledged her friendly handshake with a slight bow. Even if it were not a breach of protocol to report a conversation with the Queen, I couldn't do it if I tried as I found myself mesmerized by her sparkling, bright blue eyes, the beauty of her porcelain complexion and the sense she conveyed of being completely at ease and of thoroughly enjoying herself. So I can't honestly remember how our conversation went.

And then it was over. She and Prince Philip moved on to the next room, the doors closed behind them. General Dannatt thanked his group for our disciplined and cooperative behavior and ... now where did I hide my champagne glass?



©s. Peter and Christine Mosse – photos were not allowed in the palace.

- **©. PETER MOSSE** GREW UP IN LONDON AND MOVED TO NEW YORK IN 1977. AFTER A CAREER IN INTERNATIONAL BANKING WITH THE ROTHSCHILD FAMILY, HE NOW WORKS IN HEALTHCARE WITH HIS WIFE, **©. CHRISTINE MOSSE**, WHO HAS HER OWN MEDICAL PRACTICE SERVING THE HARLEM COMMUNITY. PETER SERVES ON THE CLUB'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND IS A LIFE MEMBER OF THE PILGRIMS OF THE UNITED STATES.

An Unexpected Evening in Historic Milan

By *©. Ted Pitt*

MY brother Jeff, from Australia, and I had just arrived in Milan in the afternoon from a picturesque train trip through the Swiss Alps and the blissful Lake Como. We were getting settled in our comfortable, handy hotel Metropole near the main train station and were planning how to spend the time in Milan while we wait for my son to arrive from Toronto early the next morning. It was a beautiful crisp sunny winter afternoon, so we decided to walk to the Duomo square to people watch and soak up the history. We had both been in the city a few times before, so there was no hurry or excitement, just anticipation for the rich, colorful scenery and interesting architecture around the square and the Galleria shops and gourmet restaurants. "What do you feel like doing tonight?" asked my brother.

"Well, all the times I have been in Milan, I have yet to go to La Scala, the 18th century opera house which is world famous" was my reply.

"We will never get tickets for tonight if there is a performance!"

"I live in New York City, we always have day of performance tickets at the box office, usually returns."

"We will be walking past it, let's inquire what is on and availability."

A short while later we were looking at the poster on the exterior of the building announcing that Daniel Barenboim will be conducting the La Scala orchestra playing Beethoven No. 1 Op. 15 and Schoenberg Op. 5. We inquired at the main box office, "Would there be tickets for tonight?"

"Go to the side entrance and check at the window," was the reply in broken English.

We exited the grand main lobby and headed to the side of the recently renovated stately building under the columned archways. The door was locked but there was a well dressed white bearded man holding a clipboard milling about.

"Could you let us know how to buy tickets for tonight?"

In broken English "Come back tonight at 6 o'clock."

We then turned to leave to wander about the piazza in the late afternoon sun that was reflecting on the buildings, highlighting the burnt orange colors.

"But first, you have to put your name on my list!" he shouted after us, with an amused smile which I think was reserved for American tourists.

We gave him our name which was assigned number 73, and we headed off to have a coffee in the magnificent Galleria which I think was



©. Ted Pitt standing at the Galleria entrance with tourists dashing by.

the prototype for the modern American shopping malls. We returned at five thirty and tried to make sense of the crowd that had gathered around, like pigeons in Trafalgar Square. There did not seem to be any order or logic to how the process would work. We spoke to a couple of Americans who informed us that all tickets would be five Euros on a first come first serve basis. At six sharp the fun began with the crowd waiting in anxious anticipation of their number being called. As more and more people, mostly Italians, received a voucher they decided they did not have to listen. They proceeded to chat among themselves to await the commencement of the third process where one is called to the ticket window to receive the actual ticket for the performance.

It seemed like forever for us to wait for our name to be called and we would then stand in line to await our number to be called to approach the ticket window. There is one voucher per seat and each individual has to present himself to the window to get the five Euro ticket.

We made it! We then went back to the Galleria to a small restaurant to have dinner before the performance.

La Scala was all that I pictured it would be. Almost round, the interior is lush with gold and red velvet circulating up the five tiers of boxes facing the stage. In the middle of the hall is a massive dangling crystal chandelier, which one could not help but think of Phantom of the Opera and the stir it would cause if it came crashing down on the stage.

Of course, we were in the top balcony to the side, where they provide overhead handrails above the seats, similar to subway cars. Why? Because, if you want to see the whole orchestra, you need to stand up and lean over the person sitting in front. If you did not hang on to the rail above, you would lose your balance, and it is a long way down!

It was a magnificent evening. Daniel Barenboim played a grand piano, with the top off, while conducting the Beethoven piece. The Schoenberg piece was very dramatic with cymbals, four harps and heavy drums. Thoroughly enjoyable and totally unexpected!



This is the man allocating the tickets.

©. TED PITT IS A MEMBER OF THE CLUB FOR FOUR YEARS. BEFORE RETIRING HE WAS IN GLOBAL BANKING WHICH HAS TAKEN HIM ALL OVER THE WORLD. HE CURRENTLY LIVES ON THE UPPER EAST SIDE OF NEW YORK.

The Famous “Taj Mahal Bench”

In the last issue of *The LOG* there was a small article published with a photo of members Mimi and Duane Ragsdale (New York) sitting in front of the Taj Mahal. (Tom and Gloria Maher (Naples Chapter) had a photo in the issue before that.) During a telephone conversation with Mimi, she said that she wondered how many Circumnavigators might have sat on the same bench. From that very small article, we have received three responses plus two that are photos close to the bench. (We’d prefer you actually sitting on the bench.) If you have time and you know you sat on the bench, mail or e-mail your photo to Helen Jost. They’ll be published in the next issue!

Sitting on “The Bench”...

©. Priscilla Randall and her late husband, Ray, Delray Beach, Florida in 1997



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Not Quite Sitting on “The Bench”...

©. Martha Sampson, Pacific-Northwest Chapter, 1983



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Members Only: Information

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

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 24 for a list of participating cities.

CircumBits@optonline.net

CircumBits, the Club's new monthly e-mailed newsletter has been getting rave reviews. Why? Because CircumBits taps what is surely the Club's most unique and valuable secret asset: the accumulated travel knowledge of our members around the world. It has timely – and sometimes critical travel information that has come to our members attention or from situations they have recently encountered that might impact on upcoming travel plans of other members to affected areas. These might include such things as changes in visa requirements, inoculation requirements, signs of political unrest, changes in baggage limits, etc. – some things even your travel agent may not know – (and might not tell you even if he or she did). And then there is news about strange, exotic and exciting places to go and things to do that our members have discovered enough to tickle the imagination of even the most jaded traveler. And, CircumBits is free!

We cannot get this information to you if the Club doesn't have a current e-mail address on file. If you haven't been receiving CircumBits – May Vol. 2 will be our seventh issue – send your current e-mail address to Circumbits@optonline.net to see what you've been missing!

Luck to You!

☪. Jim Forney, Editor

☪. Karin Sinniger, Contributing Editor

CLUB CARD AVAILABLE FREE 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.

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*Through friendship,
To leave this world a little better
than we found it: Luck to You!*

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...

Contact headquarters for assistance or to answer questions: Phone: 201-612-9100 • email: CircumClub@optonline.net

Dear Fellow Circumnavigators: One of the highlights of the summer is following our Foundation Grantees as they carry out their travel-study projects and report their progress via email, postcards, and their blogs, whose web access information appears below. I'm sure that you will agree that your support of the Foundation's efforts to further international understanding pays excellent, long-term dividends. And, a glance at the following roster of officers and directors is tangible evidence of the active, ongoing involvement of so many of our Scholars in the Foundation's governance. Please give generously when you receive our summer appeal! — Luck to You! Greg Rider, President

YOUR 2009 FOUNDATION GRANTEES ARE NOW CIRCUMNAVIGATING THE WORLD DOING ON-SITE INVESTIGATIONS FOR THEIR TOPICS. THIS IS WHAT WE HEAR:



Mac in front of the pyramids – Egypt.

Mac Steele – Princeton University: June 25 – I had my first interview here (Mumbai) today, which ended up lasting three hrs. They had a young software engineer show me around (he was only 9 months older than me) and it was great to get his perspective on things.

It certainly made me worry that

if we don't improve our education system, people like him will be running loops around us in a few years. He even offered to accompany me on the train back to Mumbai, but I kindly passed when I saw that there were no doors on the train and the monsoon rains were raging. Blog: <http://aroundtheworldin80ishdays.blogspot.com>; Email: jmac@princeton.edu

Sam McAleese – Northwestern University: July 7 – Hello from



Santiago, Chile! I am staying with a family who are absolutely amazing. I wasn't in the house more than 15 minutes when the abuela "force-fed" me a delicious homemade apple pie. My trip so far has been amazing and I have enjoyed the most kind, most generous people I have ever met. Please look at my blog: <http://nucircumnavigator.wordpress.com> to see what I'm doing and all the photos taken. I can't

tell you how lucky I am, and how I appreciate the Circumnavigators support. Email: s-mcaleese@northwestern.edu

Gabrielle Kleber – Michigan State University: June 29: This past week I traveled north into Aboriginal territory in Arnhem Land with an international group of volunteers from Conservation Volunteers Australia. We spent 5 days picking up marine debris along the lovely coasts of the Cobourg Peninsula. Not only was it nice to have a few extra hands to help in cleanups, but I had a great group of really enthusiastic people to spend the week with. Blog: <http://gkleber.blogspot.com>; e/m: kleberga@msu.edu



Sabala Siva Basker – Georgetown University: July 9: I just got to Rwanda a couple days ago! I'm so excited to be here and to be staying with C. Elspeth Williams, a Georgetown alum who was a Circumnavigators Fellow in 2007. She and her friends all work with amazing NGOs and it's been really great to see what a difference recent college graduates can make.

Today I am busy setting up meetings with people from USAID and the National Unity and Reconciliation Commission. In this next week I hope to learn whether/how Rwanda has overcome the trauma of genocide. Even from my brief walk downtown, I was amazed at how happy and peaceful society seems. If I can identify the factors that have helped Rwanda move forward since the genocide, that may offer some guidance for countries that are still struggling with communal conflict. Blog: <http://sabalabas.blogspot.com>; Email: ssb39@georgetown.edu.



Sabala Basker and C. Elspeth Williams (2007 Scholar) outside the US Embassy in Kigali where they attended the Fourth of July picnic.

At the Annual Meeting of the Circumnavigators Club, the Officers and Board of Directors of the Foundation were appointed. They are:

OFFICERS – To serve a two-year term:

Honorary President John E. Johannessen
President Gregory Rider (Scholar 1971)
Vice President John W. Leslie, Jr. (Scholar 1975)
Secretary Ariana Lazar (Scholar 2001)
Treasurer Matthew Scholder (Scholar 2003)

DIRECTORS – To serve a three-year term-expiring 2012:

Lynn Bartlett; Joshua Laurito (Scholar 2003); John W. Leslie, Jr.; Jeffrey P. Kelly (Scholar 1979); Peter Mosse and Debra Taufen.

Directors currently serving are: Eleanor Briggs; Gordon T. Dale; Sarah Endline (Scholar 1993); Brian Evans (Scholar 1974); Adam Frankel (Scholar 2002); William P. Holm; John E. Johannessen; Howard Matson, Nicholas Miede (Scholar 2006); Alfred Morasso, Jr.; Gregory Rider and A. Park Shaw.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS • 2009

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

CHICAGO (Illinois)

July 26 (Sunday): C. Eleanor Briggs will once again host a luncheon at her lovely home in Glencoe.

September 17 (Thursday): Chicago Yacht Club - details to come

December 10 (Thursday): Holiday Party – Deerpath Inn in Lake Forest

Contacts: Marilyn Fischel (773) 477-1270 or David Gotaas (847) 441-7091

DESERT (Arizona)

Contact: Chapterpresident Rolf Brown (RBrown1@cox.net)

MIAMI (Florida)

Contact: Chapterpresident Patricia Lodge (phototravel@aol.com)

MICHIGAN

August 16 (Sunday): The annual "Summer Safari: Thailand" hosted by Lee and Floy Barthel at their home.

October 8 (Thursday): "Oceans as Dumping Grounds" presented by Foundation Grantee Gabrielle Kleber. Place: Bayview Yacht Club.

December 3 (Thursday): Holiday Party – Country Club of Detroit.

Contact: Chapterpresident Joe Osentoski, e/m: kwidjbo@hotmail.com

MINNESOTA (Twin Cities)

To be advised...

Contact: Ken Doyle (KenDoyle@umn.edu)

NAPLES (Florida)

May – October: "Getting to Know You" gatherings.

October 30 ~ November 2 (Friday to Monday): 3-Day Cruise to the Bahamas onboard the *Norwegian Sky*. For complete details please contact C. Pat Classen (239) 261-1177.

Contact: Program Chair Barb Roy (Broy55@comcast.net)

NEW YORK

July 18 (Saturday): Family outing (great for all ages): Tour the recently refurbished USS aircraft carrier *Intrepid* and museum. Luncheon to follow.

September 16 (Wednesday): Naples Chapter members Jill and Bob Augustine and Barbara Roy will give an illustrated program on their recent trip to Iran.

Contact: Executive Director Helen Jost (CircumClub@optonline.net)

PACIFIC-SOUTHWEST (San Diego, California)

September 17 (Thursday): Talk with Chef Bernard Gillas from the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club.

December 3 (Thursday): Holiday Party – Topic: "Going Around the World on a Scavenger Hunt".

Contact: Program Chairman Bill Thompson – 858-459-0601

PALM BEACH (Florida)

Contact: Chapterpresident Charles Klotsche (charlesklotsche@gmail.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

WASHINGTON DC

July 18 (Saturday): Guest Speaker – Paul Costello, Executive Director of the Center for Narrative Studies. Topic: "Terra Australis Incognita: Finding that Great South Land and discovering the power of stories and maps." Venue TBA

September 19 (Saturday): Dinner at the Cosmos Club – joint meeting with the Explorers Club – DC.

October 3 (Saturday): Luncheon honoring 2009 Foundation Grantee Sabala Baskar. She will talk about her project: "Is Ethnic Conflict Generational? The Impact of Memory on Ethnic Conflicts." Annual business meeting will also be held.

Contact: Chapterpresident Ellen Parke (703) 205-2449 or MParke@earthlink.net

UNITED KINGDOM

September 15 (Tuesday): Venue TBA

December 17 (Thursday): House of Lords luncheon. Details to follow

Contact: Chapterpresident Helen Jenkins (Helen@inspirewm.co.uk)

Enclosed with this issue: President's Letter About Cuba Trip, Cuba Itinerary and Reservation Form, and an Application for Membership (see page 17 for more information).

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