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Paul Costello is an educator and writer from Australia, where he has worked for many years developing curriculum and method in Creative Writing and Religious Education. In more recent years, his work has involved homeless youth where he founded Rosies – Friends on the Street, a youth-to-youth volunteer corps that continues to work in six major cities along Australia's east coast. Inspired by his study with the founder of Narrative Therapy, Michael White, Paul came to the USA to research narrative method and its application to pastoral counseling, education and community renewal.

Since moving to the USA, Paul has worked with communities and organizations that are in transition, gathering their stories and helping them grieve and move on. He also worked for 5 years with the Shalem Institute for Spirituality where he was part of their unique Group Spiritual Direction Program, and he currently offers spiritual direction to individuals and groups.

He has been a guest lecturer at many colleges, including American University, Catholic University, Trinity College, Loyola College, UVA and Queens University Belfast. He currently directs the Washington-Ireland Program for Service and Leadership (formerly called the Young Leaders Program) that brings over 30 university students from Northern Ireland and Ireland to the USA each summer. He is Founding Director of the Center for Narrative Studies, and holds degrees in Literature, Theology, Education and Creative Writing.

Paul is an enthusiast and perpetual student of the narrative idea. He is pursuing projects that harness the new web technology because he believes the web can help resurrect the story circles that used to lie at the heart of vibrant community life, and become an exciting new way to connect people.

Paul Costello – Pioneer Narrative Theorist Honored Guest at the Arts Club of Washington



Chapterpresident Ellen Parke offers a token Club flag to guest speaker Paul Costello. Chapterpastpresident Jim Whalen invited Mr. Costello to speak.

of those personal journeys and the lessons learned along the way, the Center's vision is to bridge the gap between cultures and conflicts.

Mr. Costello transformed narrative theory into practice by directing the Washington-Ireland Program from 1998 to 2008. Through this program, the Center brought together young persons from both sides of the Northern Ireland conflict to share their stories of conflict and tragedy, helping the participants to find common linkages between the groups and individuals, thereby breaking down damaging stereotypes and building a prologue to a new shared story. The U.S. Congress and the Northern Ireland Assembly publicly recognized his efforts to build peace between the groups through narrative practice. The Center has expanded the program to focus on South Africa reconciliation, and this year added in a program to bring Israeli and Palestinian young people together to build additional narrative platforms for peace and recognition.

Washington Chapter members and guests on July 18 were treated to a special luncheon with Paul Costello, the Executive Director of the Center for Narrative Studies. Narrative theory and practice is an evolving field focusing on using the power of personal stories to explore the effects those stories have on personal and group perspectives, identity development, and future growth. By harnessing the power



Speaker Paul Costello talks about narrative theory and practice.



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Spotlight On Our Washington DC Chapter

~ CHARTING THE COURSE ~

Dear Fellow Circumnavigators,

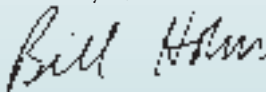
I hope you are all enjoying a pleasant fall. We are pleased and honored that Simon Winchester, the noted British writer who now lives in Massachusetts and Scotland, has accepted the Magellan Award, the Club's highest honor, awarded to him for his significant contributions to literature and international understanding. The Magellan Award will be presented to Mr. Winchester at a gala black-tie dinner at the Union League Club in New York on December 10, 2010, so please mark your calendar! Board members Anne Hughes and Howard Matson were instrumental in making contact with Mr. Winchester to extend the invitation, and we are grateful for their efforts.

Our Chapters have been active. The cool weather here in New York City makes me think of Florida, and our Chapters there – Miami, Naples, and Palm Beach – all are gearing up for the season, as is our Desert Chapter in Arizona. The Washington DC Chapter had their annual joint dinner with the Explorers Club Washington Group, which was well attended. Helen Jenkins, President of the United Kingdom Chapter, reports that the holiday luncheon at the House of Lords in December is oversubscribed and the Chapter has had to resort to a waiting list. The House of Lords luncheon is a wonderful event in London, and new member/Magellan Award recipient Michael Palin plans to attend. Our Chapters in Chicago, Michigan, the Pacific Northwest, the Pacific Southwest, and Singapore have all had interesting activities and meetings.

The New York metropolitan group was delighted recently to receive a visit from Naples Chapter members Barbara and Bill Roy and Jill and Bob Augustine, who gave a fascinating illustrated account of Iran, then and now.

Yes, we have great times in this Club, particularly at gatherings when we get together and exchange tales of the many experiences we have had in this vast and interesting world. It is my duty to report, however, that our membership has been declining for the last several years and the board is actively looking for ways to increase membership. New applications are vital, and we ask all of our members to invite their well-traveled friends to our gatherings and to join our ranks. This is a unique and wonderful organization, and membership is a privilege that we wish to share with others!

Luck to you,



William P. Holm
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WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER

BY CHAPTER SECRETARY AMANDA HUBBARD

Chapterpresident Margaret Ellen Parke



Mr. Costello entranced the group with his discussion of how his own journey, and that of his ancestors, illustrated the power of personal narrative as a way to bind us all together in ways that relate personally and substantially to where each of us come from, and how we arrived at today's destination. Based on our decisions about the paths taken and the obstacles overcome to reach those destinations, our stories intertwine into a rich pattern of culture.

As Mr. Costello related, "We carry the marks of our journeys with us. If we find the right story, we can find the future."

As an illustration of his point, Mr. Costello shared part of an email he received from Ms. Sabala Baskar, the 2009 recipient of the Circumnavigators Club Foundation Raymond M. Dinsmore grant and Georgetown University. Sabala wrote from Rwanda, where she was staying with 2007 Scholar Elspeth Williams, sharing stories of their travels. Sabala has spent the summer researching the topic, "Is Ethnic Conflict Generational? The Impact of Memory on Ethnic Conflicts", as she circumnavigated. She presented highlights of her research at a lunch in her honor on October 3.



All Chapterpastpresidents: Front: Jerome Bluestein and Anne Kennedy. Back: Ray Olson, Jim Whalen, Ellen Parke, Marshall Damerell and Alfred Olsen.



Cs. Ginny Mae, Bill Ashley, Ray Olson and Del Petry get caught up.



Cs. Jean Berner and Anne Kennedy offer information about the Club and Chapter to guest Patricia O'Shea.



Cs. Bill and Lois Billings (Bill took most of the pictures for this event.)



Guest Elizabeth Jackson with Cs. Shirley Eustis.



Chapterpresident Ellen Parke catches up with guest Patricia Cookson, Shirley and Cs. Mark Detweiler, and Ray Olson.



Prospective members Patricia and Charles Cookson with President Parke.



Cs. Ellen poses with her mother, Cs. Margaret Parke, and Life Member Al Olsen.



WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER (continued)

SUBMITTED BY CHAPTERPRESIDENT ELLEN PARKE

ANNUAL GALA WITH EXPLORERS CLUB – DC

On Saturday evening, September 19, Washington area Circumnavigators and guests joined the local Explorers group for their annual dinner at the Cosmos Club on Massachusetts Avenue. The event is a long-standing tradition of the Chapter, dating back to the early 1990s.

Chapterpresident Ellen Parke presented a membership certificate to new member Calvin Young, a photojournalist with a long and distinguished career in private industry, the Federal Government, and the District of Columbia government. He is a resident of Fairfax Station, Virginia, and was accompanied to the dinner by his wife Bernadine, daughter Christine, and guest J. Wesley Tann II.

The speakers following dinner were Piotr Chmielinski and Andrew Pietowski, who have been kayaking the rivers of South America for over 25 years. Most famously, in 1979 they survived the river that carves the world's deepest canyon – the Colca, in Peru. To this day, they are the only explorers ever to navigate the Colca's narrow upper stretch, where frequent impassable stages require brutal portages, and where the canyon walls rise to heights of 14,000 feet, leaving no possibility of hiking out. Dazzling as those achievements were, they were utterly eclipsed five years later by



Chapterpresident Ellen Parke presents C. Calvin Young his membership certificate. His wife, Bernadine, smiles proudly.

Chmielinski's conquest of the Amazon, when he became the first person to paddle the length of the largest river in the world.

After the dinner, they shared the experiences of their return to Colca Canyon in 2006 and their ongoing efforts to teach English to the natives of the Colca Valley so they may benefit from the influx of tourists.



Dr. Wendy Fibison, Cwife of Chaptervicepresident Samuel Watson (currently in Iraq) and C. Henry Armour.

Bernadine Young and guest J. Wesley Tann II.

Life Member Henry Armour (R) with prospective member Fred Crouch.



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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2010

THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB
New York City

Look for complete details
in an upcoming issue of *The LOG*

CUBA TRIP UPDATE...

Twenty-one Circumnavigators will participate in the Bringing Hope humanitarian effort to Cuba during the week of January 30 – February 10, 2010. Members from Florida, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, and Washington are participating.

The trip will be led by Tony Ransola, President of Bringing Hope Foundation, Inc. which brings humanitarian supplies to independent charities in Havana.

The group will meet in Miami on Friday, January 29 for departure to Havana the following morning. They will stay at the 5-Star Hotel Parque Central in Old Havana. Highlights of the tour are seminars by Cuban experts on culture, society, the arts and Cuba today; private dance rehearsal, a choral concert and a performance at Gran Teatro de la Habana; visit to local charities to deliver donations; enjoying home cooking in private homes.

If anyone is interested in visiting Cuba and was not able to make this trip, please contact HQ and let us know what time of year is good for you.

PACIFIC-SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

Chapterpresident Maryann Hart



Pastpresident Maryann Hart presents a membership certificate to new member Bernice Stark and Chaptervicepresident Bill Thompson smiles for approval.



TALK WITH CHEF BERNARD GILLAS

The members of the Pacific-Southwest Chapter met on September 17 at the lovely LaJolla Beach and Tennis Club.

Everyone was charmed by the TV & radio personality Master Chef of the LBT Club, Chef Bernard Guillas. Chef Bernard shared from his soon-to-be-released book *Flying Pans*.

He told of his travels to over 52 countries and cooking for noted restaurants and personalities, including the President of Georgia. He also entertained our members and their guests by recounting a party for Julia Childs' 84th birthday at which she held court until well after midnight.

New member Bernice Stark was presented with her certificate by Pastpresident Maryann Hart. Also, honored were **CS.** Robert and Nancy Kronemyer for their more than 30 years of service as volunteers and board members of popular Meals on Wheels program for the home-bound.

The timely e-mail of "CircumBits" news arrived to be discussed by attendees.



Flying Pans author and guest speaker Chef Bernard Guillas.

CS. Bob and Nancy Kronemyer with Dr. Lindsey Morin and Chaptervicepresident Bill Thompson.



Gracious host for the LaJolla Beach and Tennis Club, **CS.** Betty Dow.



New member Bernice Stark gets acquainted with Neil Purdy, Pauline Bruce, **CS.** Sheila Purdy and Kevin Bruce.



CS. Virginia Foster and Cristull Hassen chat with guest Gary Wayne.



CS. Alice Whittemore with her prospective member guests Heather and Ron Jagodinski.

INTREPID: Sea, Air & Space Museum The Most Inspiring Adventure in America

On July 18, Circumnavigators took part in a private tour of the *USS Intrepid* under beautiful blue skies. Family members and friends shared in a fun-filled day touring the newly refurbished aircraft carrier while hearing inspiring historical stories. In addition to being one of 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers built during World War II, the *USS Intrepid's* notable achievements include being the first US aircraft carrier to launch aircraft with steam catapults, and being the recovery ship for a Mercury and Gemini space mission. Because of her prominent role in battle, she was nicknamed “the Fighting 1”, while her often ill-luck and the time spent in dry dock for repairs earned her the nicknames “the Dry 1”, or the “USS Decrepid”. After the tour, members enjoyed a boxed lunch provided by the museum, while others dined at Le Petit An Deux Trios. What a terrific family outing!



Forty members and guests attended family day at the Intrepid: Sea, Air & Space Museum. This group are: Betty Morasso, Margaret and Lynn Bartlett, Milt and Bernice Heller, Noel Hewitt, Connie Wingate, Anne Hughes, Shirl Kaslow, Suzanne Frye, Bill Humphries, Robert Kerrigan, Christine Hewitt, Al Morasso, Diana Amendolara, Joe Mulligan, Tracy, Frank, Michael, Luca and Emma Sancilio, Christian Tecchio and Helen Jost.



Children in front of one of the many helicopters on display.



Another group were Paula, Deb and Jack Kadaner – visiting from Massachusetts, Helen Jost, Deb and John Taufen, Beverly Anderson, Sheila and Jim Forney, Laura Leslie and Michael Choothesa, Arthur and Sephrai Ruhl, Wesley and Audrey Besse.



Luncheon at Le Petit Un Deux Trios restaurant. L-R around are Jim and Sheila Forney, Audrey and Wesley Besse (back to camera), Beverly Anderson, Diana Amendolara and her granddaughter Kristen Rainer, John and Deb Taufen, Margaret and Lynn Bartlett (not seen), Shirl Kaslow and Connie Wingate, Arthur and Sephrai Ruhl and Laura Leslie with her guest Michael Choothesa.



Cs. Beverly Anderson and Deb Taufen on the flight deck.



Blue Angel jet on display.

Remembering Walter Cronkite

By **Dr. David W. Smith, DO, Canton, Ohio**

The scene was at the Union League Club in New York City on the evening of December 13, 1997. My wife, Lynn, and I were attending an annual social event of the Circumnavigators Club where Walter Cronkite was to receive the “Order of Magellan Award”, a special honor given for outstanding contributions to society over an extended period of time. This award is given on a regular basis by the Circumnavigators Club as special recognition.



I had not had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Cronkite previously. I enjoyed the induction ceremony and the remainder of the evening with friends and making new friends among other Circumnavigators present. When it came time to leave for our hotel, **Dr. Howard Matson**, International Pastpresident, met me with a handshake and a smile on his face.

He pulled me aside. “Dr. Smith, we have a problem. You ordered a limo for your return trip to the hotel. The limo is here but Mr. and Mrs. Cronkite are in it. Would you mind taking them home?” “Of course!” was my response. “We will indeed give them a lift home.”

When getting into the limo, Mr. Matson made the appropriate introduction, and we took our place in the limo with our special guests. During the introduction, Mr. Cronkite learned that I was an orthopedic surgeon. He and his wife, Betsy, mentioned having a total joint replacement surgery some weeks before. Needless to say, conversation was easy from that point until we arrived at the Cronkite residence moments later. Mr. Cronkite apologized for the inconvenience and said that he would send me a special thank you in the mail, a signed copy of his book. My response! “The pleasure was all mine.”

This was a fun and delightful moment in our experience as Circumnavigators.



GOODWILL CONNECTION



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

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

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Dr. David Smith along with his wife, Lynn, of Canton, Ohio met with new member **JAMES K. BIDWELL** (L) and his guest Marcia Tully for the purpose of welcoming him into the Circumnavigators Club. David reported that they had a wonderful visit and now have great new friends. James Bidwell lives in Cuyattoga Falls, Ohio – not far from Canton. He is an engineer. David is an orthopedic surgeon, retired.

IRAN: Our first-hand experiences

Presented by C. Jill and Robert Augustine and C. Barbara and Bill Roy – Naples Chapter



C. Barb Roy talking about the present day Iran and its people.



Robert Augustine kept the audience spellbound.

New York was delighted to welcome guest members from our Naples Chapter to come to International to speak to the membership about experiences they had while living in Iran for two years (1977-1979), returning to Tehran in 2008, and a fresh view about the people of Iran.

An invitation was extended by the Program Committee to the Augustines and the Roys and they graciously accepted. On September 16, members and their guests came to the wonderful Colbeh Restaurant to welcome our speakers and to enjoy wonderful mid-eastern cuisine. Robert Augustine spoke about Iran's national goals – 1970s vs. today. (Robert is a retired AT&T executive hired by the Iranian government to advise and upgrade its telecommunications system in 1977.) Under the Shah's government, the emphasis was on modernization and bringing the country into the 20th century. He and his family had to evacuate the country in 1979 as the Islamic Republic came into power. Today, the government is looking outward and seeking a more prominent place in the world stage.

C. Jill Augustine talked about key historic events that shaped the Islamic Republic of Iran. She spoke of the religious customs of the Shi'ites and the religions which came before and after Islam as well as women's rights during the reign of the Shah and now under the current government.



International President Bill Holm thanks C. Barbara Roy, Robert and C. Jill Augustine for an outstanding presentation on Iran – past and present.



Foundation Director C. Lynn Bartlett is seated with C. Troy Trujillo of Colorado. Troy is the Foundation's 1989 Scholar from the University of Miami and was in town on business.



Program Chair Sheila Forney talks about upcoming events in New York City: Oktoberfest on October 22 and the Holiday Event on December 19.



Executive Director C. Helen Jost with honored guests C. Jill and Robert Augustine and C. Barbara and Bill Roy.

If you have not read the Augustines article entitled “1977 Iran/2008 Iran – Fond Memories Recalled” published in *The LOG No. 1-2009*, please go to our website at www.Circumnavigators.org, click on *The LOG*, click on 2009 No. 1 – read pages 16 – 19 for a very interesting read.

☪. Barbara Roy, along with husband, Bill, joined the Augustines in Tehran. They felt the warmth of the people they met, but had to wear head covering when going outside and actually arrived at the airport dressed with the head gear. Barbara commented that she only brought one small suitcase because she didn’t have to think about wearing different outfits. One of the few interesting facts was that boys and girls are kept separate – if they want to marry, there is a ritual they must follow. During their engagement, they talk about life together – if they divorce and there are children, the husband usually gets custody. During the wedding, there is much celebration – however, the men are in one room, the ladies in another.

There was a very lively Q&A and the following is an example:

Q: What do the Iranian people think about Americans?

A: They like Americans, especially the young people. They can’t figure out why we want to come visit their country. They want to come to America.

Q: What kinds of restrictions are there today?

A: Children can marry at age 13 (it used to be 9); women must keep their heads covered; women’s testimony in court is worth half of a man’s; there is segregation of the sexes; women can be stoned to death for adultery; women are not to get custody of their children; there is contractual marriage.



Goodwill Chair Beverly Anderson.



A sumptuous buffet by COLBEH restaurant.



☪. Anne Hughes is with her guest Isabelle Goldberg.



☪. Nigel Hawkins with his guest Micaela DeLigniorles and ☪. Barbara Hagstrom



☪s. Barbara Ball and Sheila Forney.



☪s. Bernice Heller and Lois Schine with guest Mrs. Goldman (C).



International Pastpresident Al Morasso is with his granddaughter Melinda Reger.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PROGRAM COMMITTEE, THE AUGUSTINES AND THE ROYS, AND COLBEH FOR MAKING THIS A MEMORABLE EVENING.



Chapterpresident James Arimond

CHICAGO CHAPTER

SUBMITTED BY CHAPTERPRESIDENT JAMES ARIMOND

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☪. ELEANOR BRIGGS HOSTS AN ANNUAL LUNCHEON

On Sunday, July 26, ☪. Eleanor Briggs once again opened her beautiful home for a special luncheon to raise funds for the Circumnavigators Club Foundation. Thirty-three members and their guests were in attendance and an additional twelve, who were not able to attend, sent in contributions.

We were also pleased to welcome several members of the Northwestern University administration who assist the Chicago Chapter in the annual selection process to determine the recipient of the Around-the-World Research Grant. Also in attendance were two of our previous recipients – Alex Robins (2006) and Chris Ahern (2007), now both members of the Chicago Chapter.

“A final word of thanks to our wonderful Eleanor Briggs, who has hosted these luncheons for over a decade.” Eleanor is often heard to say “I love the Circumnavigators!” President Arimond responded, “The Chicago Chapter and all the members whoever met you, love you too. We thank you profusely for everything you have done to enhance our Around-the-World Scholar Program.”



Hostess ☪. Eleanor Briggs (C) with her daughter Dr. Mary Segal and Vicepresident-Foundation Carol Narup (L). Dr. Segal hopes to join the Club once she's moved into her home in Seattle.



☪. Richard Damisch with new member Doty Holmes.



☪. Chris Ahern (2007), Carol Narup and Ron Baeutigam, from Northwestern University. The university co-funds Chicago's annual grant.



2006 Foundation Scholar ☪. Alex Robins, who recently won a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship is with his friend Lilly Lampe. Alex is now in Ireland working on his PhD in Philosophy.



Listening intently to Foundation news are (L/R) ☪s. Heidi Bohn, Don Parrish, Jim Franch, Lois Kahan and Jean Damisch.

FROM THE VALLEY OF THE KINGS TO THE GARDEN OF THE GODS



Guest speakers **Cs.** Barbara and Jim Franch.



On Thursday, September 17, some forty members and their guests traveled to one of the Chapter's favorite venues, the Chicago Yacht Club, to view a presentation by two of our members, **Cs.** Barb and Jim Franch. The presentation documented Barb and Jim's 18-day trip this past spring to Egypt and Greece. Stays in Cairo and Luxor were connected by a private car trip along the Nile. A brief stay in Athens included a visit with a local Circumnavigator. This meeting was arranged through our Club's Goodwill Connection. Finally, there was an 8-day small ship cruise sponsored in part by the Art Institute of Chicago.

In her presentation, Barb discussed how the spirit and the spirituality of ancient civilizations pervaded all of the landmarks she and Jim visited. This was especially evident in the beautiful pictures of the Egyptian ruins. Other highlights included Abu Simbel, the Monastery of the Revelation of St. John on the island of Patmos, and the recently excavated Terrace Houses at Ephesus in Turkey.

Barb and Jim ended their presentation with a list of some unexpected lessons they learned while absorbing their trip's historical themes, lessons they felt might be helpful for our members' future travel plans, as well as others embarking on a trip similar to theirs.



Membership Chair Karen Schlueter presents certificates to new members Nick and Deanna Padgett.



Cs. Frank Gruber, Ray Schlueter, Marilyn Fischel and Linda Gruber.



Cs. Don Parrish and Dave Gotaas.



Foundation Scholars Sam McAleese (2009) and Chris Ahern (2007) (L&R) with guests Esther and Ralph Segals.



C. Dan Peterson with his wife, Melanie.



Chapterpresident Joe Osentoski

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

SUBMITTED BY CHAPTERPRESIDENT JOE OSENTOSKI

MICHIGAN SUMMER SAFARI – THAILAND FEATURED

On Sunday, August 16, thirty-eight Michigan Circumnavigators and guests gathered for the annual “Michigan Summer Safari” at the estate of **Cs.** Lee and Floy Barthel. Prior to dinner, everyone shared their latest traveling adventures, strolled the grounds admiring the wildflower garden, viewed the collection of classic cars, multiple sculptures and various other collectibles on the estate grounds.

This year’s destination was Thailand with food catered by the staff of New Bangkok Cuisine located in Northville, Michigan. It was evident that the day would present itself as a true “Thai experience” from the food to the weather. Ninety degrees in Michigan felt like a normal day in Bangkok. In order to cool down, many took advantage of a cold Singha beer imported from Thailand.

Two special guests joined us this year. Punya Chuanchom is a native of Thailand and is staying with **Cs.** Mary and John Carroll. Punya is a college graduate having studied at the King’s University in Bangkok. She is a professional nurse who has worked in Thai hospitals for the past five years. She has come to the US to study English and to pass an English proficiency exam so she can work as an ICU nurse in a US hospital.

The other guest was the 2009 grantee Gabrielle Kleber, who just returned from her trip abroad. She left in mid-May and returned August 13. In her travels and research, she visited seven countries. Though her presentation to the Michigan Chapter will be held in October, Gabrielle informed us that many pictures and other information about her travels can be accessed through her blog: gkleber.blogspot.com.

Since the theme for the day was Thailand, the question was asked, “How many members and guests visited Thailand at least once?” The result – twenty-five of the thirty-eight people in attendance had visited this beautiful country.

C. Robert Spehar of Clinton Township, Michigan, has been a member of the Michigan Chapter for many years. He is also a member of the Travelers’ Century Club, which has listed 319 countries on its list, in the world to visit. To date, Robert has visited 317. In October, 2009, he will visit the last two on his list – Wake and Pitcairn Islands. He will then be counted among fourteen persons to have completed all 319 destinations. Congratulations, Robert!



2009 Foundation Grantee Gabrielle Kleber is welcomed by Chapterpresident Joe Osentoski. Gabrielle just returned from her trip around the world.



Cs. Mary and John Carroll, Chapterpastpresident, with their house guest from Thailand, Punya Chuanchom.



C. Floy Barthel gets acquainted with guest Mary Small.



Chapterpresident Joe Osentoski discussing travels with Robert Spehar.



Table Talk: (Standing) – Chapterpastpresident Ginny and Jim Lagergren. (L/R) – Hosts **Cs.** Lee and Floy Barthel, Annie Atanian and guest Dominic Pangborn.



NAPLES CHAPTER (FLORIDA)

Chapterpresident Thomas Maher



Getting-To-Know You Gatherings A Big Success In Naples

The summer months were considered an hiatus for our warmer climate chapters as many of the members head north for cooler weather. Yet, there are many who stay local to enjoy what the summer months have to offer.

What to do during this time? Have a party of course! And the purpose of these parties would be to bring small groups of members, and perhaps prospective members, together to meet and get to know one another better. These gatherings have been a huge success in Naples as you can see from the following photos taken at the Bonefish Grill and Stir Crazy...



Chapterpresident Tom and Gloria Maher enjoying the first summer party.



Chaptervicepresident Neil Curley and Joan Curley, Chaptertreasurer, review the accounts.



Guest Cynthia Gumpert, C.S. Barbara Roy and Gloria Maher.



New member Dori Hobson is getting better acquainted.



C.S. Roberta Patton and Sandra Matheis.



Cspouse Richard Matheis.



~ HOLIDAY SALE ~

Club Merchandise (20% off) original cost. Shipping FREE. (Please allow 2-3 weeks delivery).
Contact HQ for orders and more information.



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

Original Cost: \$85.00 plus shipping
Holiday Sale: \$68.00 FREE shipping

Men's Club Tie - This 100% silk jacquard-woven tie is available in red and gold or blue and gold. It is a must for every member.

Original Cost: \$50.00 plus shipping
Holiday Sale: \$40.00 FREE shipping

Lady's Club Scarf - The 36 x 36 scarf is 100% pure silk in red, blue and gold and compliments the men's tie. Perfect with coordinating outfit or coat.

Original Cost: \$60.00 plus shipping
Holiday Sale: \$48.00 FREE shipping

Lapel Pin - This beautifully designed pin is crafted after our original lapel pin. The ultimate in emblem design, our pin is about 5/8" in diameter, extra high hand-polished globe with matte gold background and years 1902-2002. Centered on the pin are two blue enamel CCs - 24k two-tone gold plating. The pin is held in place with a military clutch.

Cost: \$12.50 FREE shipping

Club Cards - a business-style card with your name, telephone number and e-mail address FREE to our members. This card is just the thing to have with you when you are traveling and talking with someone you'd like to invite to become a member. Sample on page 22.



Interim Contact Ken Doyle

TWIN CITY/MINNESOTA CHAPTER

SUBMITTED BY C. JIM MAYERLE

BOATING ON MINNESOTA'S LAKE BAVARIA

On July 19, Circumnavigators were invited to the Mayerles' lake home in Chaska with newest member Cynthia Chen, sister-in-law of C. Vincent Chen of Singapore. A beautiful day on Lake Bavaria was enjoyed and finished with dinner. Members and friends took part in a thought-provoking discussion of healthcare delivery systems in various parts of the world.

Enjoying the boat ride and the beautiful day are Mary Alice and C. Jim Mayerle, Mary Jane Madden and Cynthia Chen.



Chapterpresident Charles Stotts

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST CHAPTER

SUBMITTED BY CHAPTERPRESIDENT CHARLES STOTTS



L-R Vicepresident Steve Sogg, C. Grady Kelly-Post, Chaptersecretary/treasurer Martha Sampson, C. Virginia Houk, guests Ayleen and Mathew Erickson, and Chapterpresident Charles Stotts.

TRAVEL EXPERIENCES SHARED

The Pacific Northwest Chapter gathered on September 17, 2009, in nearby Redmond, Washington. For a change from the usual venue at the Sheraton Bellevue, Circumnavigators Martha Sampson and Virginia Houk graciously arranged a fabulous barbecue buffet in the club house of the lovely Emerald Heights community where they reside. Instead of a formal presentation, attendees were invited to bring maps, souvenirs and other items of interest to share. It turned out to be a most congenial evening, with members and guests mixing and sharing travel experiences

and plans. C. Grady Kelly-Post presented bouquets to our hostesses in appreciation.



C. Clyde and Cherie Sies, Trudy Kong and C. Virginia Houk listening to a travel story.

SCUTTLEBUTT

Congratulations to **MICHAEL PALIN** who was elected to serve as President of the prestigious Royal Geographical Society. The Society was founded in 1830 and has sponsored many celebrated expeditions to remote corners of the Earth. Its official purpose is "the advancement of geographical science".



Michael Palin
2009 Magellan Recipient



David Mink - M4917

Since 1974, **DAVID MINK** has been globe-trotting in search of rugs for his family business at Philadelphia's John Wanamaker stores and later at Macy's East, based in New York City. Now, David's travels might be more domestic since his business has expanded to all the Macy's stores from coast to coast. His company now operates, under a license agreement, the rug business for 200 Macy's stores in 34 states! Congratulations! to David and his family...



Cs. Lyn Coffin, Steve Sogg, Martha Sampson and Grady Kelly-Post.

Vacation Of A Lifetime: “Dubai”

DUBAI, U.A.E., SITE OF THE WORLD’S TALLEST MAN-MADE STRUCTURE, WAS THE DESTINATION OF ELEVEN CHICAGO CHAPTER CIRCUMNAVIGATORS

By **CS.** Richard J. and Jean L. Damisch

Burj Dubai set the world’s tallest building record at 2,684 feet and is to be dedicated in 2009. Last year **CS.** Jean and Richard Damisch attended an event at the Lake Forest, Illinois home of Adrian and Nancy Smith. Adrian Smith is the renowned architect for the Burj Dubai skyscraper. Nancy Smith was excited to arrange a tour for friends to see her husband’s masterpiece first-hand.

In 2008, the Chicago Chapter held a Circumnavigators Foundation Benefit Luncheon at Eleanor Briggs’ home in Glencoe, Illinois. At the luncheon, Jean Damisch made an announcement about the 2009 tour. She received an immediate positive response from eleven members.

Nancy Smith, with the help of her husband Adrian, and Romyne Kazmer, a friend and travel agent, organized a tour for a group of 55 guests to become one of the largest U.S. groups to visit Dubai. Specific study of the architectural wonder was the main reason for the visit from March 5 to March 12, 2009. Architect Smith recommended lodging, local travel, and sightseeing based on the many business trips he had already made back and forth from his architectural offices in the U.S. and Dubai. Mr. Smith is well known, having been with the firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, and is now with Adrian Smith & Associates. Smith is the architect of New York’s Trump Tower and Chicago’s Sears Tower (now Willis Tower).

The last decade of development in Dubai has been miraculous, emerging from an arid desert land to a forest of skyscrapers. Everywhere you look, you see 25% of the world’s overhead construction cranes, modern expressways with green directional signs, new elevated and subway railroad structures, a multitude of waterways weaving around downtown buildings, and upscale U.S. and worldwide retail stores. There are also airline travel offices, real estate and financial service centers known throughout the world. Wide multi-lane expressways are flanked by millions of flower blossoms, watered by underground sprinklers that rely

on desalinized sea water. Golf courses and driving ranges abound.

An amazing part of the trip was the friendliness of the residents of Dubai, U.A.E. Everyone that we met was exceptionally friendly and anxious to assist in making our visit most enjoyable.

Highlights on the tour were: an Arabian Dinner Safari, including a 4-wheel drive into a remote desert area with shift-

ing sand dunes, camel rides, an Arabian Feast, and belly and folk dancers. We had a unique visit to the Sheikh Zayed Mosque in Abu Dhabi, the third largest mosque in the world, folk museums, the world’s largest gold souk, and the Burj Al Arab, a 7-star hotel. Six Circumnavigators had lunch at the top floor restaurant. Other Dubai sites included Sheikh Khalifa’s Presidential Palace, a Dhow dinner cruise, water taxis on the Dubai Creek, carpet, cloth, and spice souks.

We took a bus tour to border towns of Oman on the east coast near the Hazar Mountains, Bidaya Mosque, the country’s oldest mosque, EMAAR Property World Headquarters, Dubai Mall and the Mall of Emirates, which hosts Ski Dubai, the Middle East’s first indoor ski slope.

Our tour bus met thousands of trucks, carrying rock from the east coast mountains to the Dubai waterfront for base aggregate for the Palm Island development. The World Island is located nearby, extending out into the Persian Gulf. Trucks are running night and day.

Dubai is regarded as the Manhattan of the Middle East. It boasts the largest man-made port in the world. This was absolutely the Vacation of a Lifetime!

■ **RICHARD AND JEAN DAMISCH CIRCUMNAVIGATED THE WORLD FIVE TIMES. RICHARD WAS PRESIDENT OF THE CHICAGO CHAPTER AND A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS. JEAN SERVED AS MEMBERSHIP VICEPRESIDENT OF THE CHICAGO CHAPTER.**



Group photo ~ (Standing) **CS.** Lynn Redfield, Carol Narup, Richard and Jean Damisch, Heidi Bohn, William Redfield. (Sitting) **CS.** Genny Adsit, Lucinda and Dick Kaspersen and Marilyn Fischel.



Burj Dubai, the tallest building in the world – Architect-Adrian Smith



CS. Jean and Richard Damisch in front of the 7-star hotel – Burj Al Arab.

From Moscow To Mongolia Aboard The Trans-Siberian Railway

by C. Anne Hughes

The most remarkable thing about the Trans-Siberian Railway is that it exists. Think of it - a thin network of steel and wood threading through mountains, permafrost, steppe, scorching desert, swampy forest for some 5,772 miles (or 9,288 km) and eight time-zones. Before the coming of the railroad, the wealthy made the trip through Siberia by horse and carriage (the Russian tarantass), river boat and ferry, while the prisoners (for which Siberia is so famous) walked - yes, walked - a journey that might take up to a year! The building of the railroad was an epic in itself. Authorized by an edict of the Tsar Alexander III in 1886 for the purpose of opening up the immense, forbidding land of Siberia, it was built in segments, very often with the use of prisoners both under the Tsars and especially under the Soviets, who had to rebuild the railroad then in shambles.

Its inadequacy at the turn of the century was a major cause of the Russian defeat in the Russo-Japanese War in 1904-1905 because it simply could not carry the number of troops necessary to fight the Japanese. It was fought over by both the Reds and the Whites during the Civil War following the Revolution. But it redeemed itself in the Second World War when, like a faithful horse, it brought food, coal, supplies and oil; to prevent Western Russia from being isolated and starved to death by the German invaders.

During its construction it was beset by brigands, hostile tribes and even tigers in the Amur region. The last segment to be built in order to link Moscow with the naval port of Vladivostok was the Amur Railway (1907-1916), built in anticipation of the Japanese seizure of Manchuria. The most difficult segment was the CircumBaikal, which the engineers considered to be impossible due to the mountains that plunged down steeply to the Lake and the need to build more than 50 tunnels and 200 bridges. To this day, it is the only land link across Siberia although a highway running parallel to it has recently been built. Today of course, it is a perfectly modern, efficient and electrified railway.

Yet another surprise was the fact that the cars our Elderhostel group rode in from Moscow to Mongolia in June and July of this year - two sweeping cars, one restaurant car and one bar car - were operated by a British company, the G/W Company. This was inconceivable during the Soviet regime with its well-known hostility to private and especially foreign private investment. That fact was stunning to me, but indicative of how much Russia has changed.

We boarded the train after a few days in Moscow seeing all the usual sights - the Kremlin and its Armory, Red Square, the GUM department store and the newly reopened St. Basil's Cathedral. We slept soundly on the swaying train and woke up in Kazan, the capital of Tatarstan on the Volga,



Golden Eagle-Trans-Siberian Express

an ancient and historic city. It was the capture of Kazan from the Mongol Golden Horde (the descendants of Yochi, a son of Genghis Khan) by Ivan the Terrible in 1552 that began the Russian Reconquista and the ascendancy of the Muscovites over Russia. There has been a resurgence of Moslem culture in recent times with the building of many new mosques. The Kazan Kremlin was designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2000. That afternoon we took a pleasant, lazy cruise in a small boat on the Volga.

The next stop was Ekaterinburg (known as Sverdlovsk during Soviet times), a busy, bustling modern city rich in minerals and an industrial (mining) city which is considered the capital of the Urals and the gateway to Asia. It is also the fifth largest city in Russia.

Yet for all its modernity and prosperity, Ekaterinburg will always lie in the shadow of the horrendous crime committed on the night of July 17, 1918. At midnight, the last Tsar, Nicholas II, his wife, five children and four retainers were led down to the basement of the Ipatiev house and told they had to be evacuated because the White Army loyal to the government was closing in on the city. Lined up, they faced Yakov Yurovsky and a platoon of 10 Bolshevik soldiers, who fired point blank into their 11 targets. Those that weren't immediately killed were bayoneted, the bodies hacked to pieces and the faces smashed in with axes. The murder had to have been cleared with the highest Bolshevik authorities, no doubt the Central Committee and very likely Lenin himself. A flatbed truck was

parked outside with its engine running to make a deafening noise. The bodies were loaded on the flatbed truck and taken first to a mine shaft, where they were doused with acid, burned and ultimately thrown into a common pit with railroad ties pulled over it. The murderers did their job extremely well because the bones lay undisturbed for 73 years and were not discovered until 1991 (and the last two in 2008). They were taken to St. Petersburg and buried in the ancestral crypt of the Romanov dynasty in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul and declared Martyrs of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Ironically, the White Army burst into the town the following week and were led to the house by the Tsarevitch's pet spaniel, Joy, barking inconsolably



C. Anne Hughes with new acquaintances Andrei and Katya Korshchevskiy in the city of Ekaterinburg.



A view of the Moscow Kremlin from the Moskva River side.

outside the Ipatiev House and entering, they found the blood soaked cellar. But they could not find the bodies. The Ipatiev house was demolished by order of Boris Yeltsin when he was mayor of Ekaterinburg and a church has been erected near the spot (but it doesn't do anything to diminish the horror of that night). Later Yeltsin acknowledged that the "massacre of the Tsar was one of the most shameful pages of our history. . . It is impossible to lie to ourselves by justifying the senseless cruelty on political grounds."

From somber Ekaterinburg the train rolled into the city of Novosibirsk, the fourth largest city in Russia, founded during the construction of the railroad. It has a population of 15 million, many of them transplanted from Russia during the German invasion. It is a research center and has the requisite enormous Main Square, the imposing building for the Opera and the Ballet (one of the best in Russia), wide tree-lined boulevards, but it made no impression on me at all, other than as a generic Soviet city.

We whizzed past the Yenesei River and Krasnoyarsk, reputed to be the most beautiful city in Siberia, then on to the incredible Lake Baikal, the oldest, the deepest and the largest lake in the world, containing an incredible 20% of the world's fresh water. It is still largely unpolluted. It contains various species of fish found nowhere else in the world, like the omul, for instance. It is said that you can take all the waters of the American Great Lakes and pour them into Baikal and still have room left over. We had a picnic provided by the train on the shore (including the famous omul). Some members of our group even went swimming although the water was quite cold. Some people think that Asia is splitting apart and Baikal may eventually become an ocean. On its way around the southern end of the Lake, the train went through some of the 50 tunnels and every time it would emerge there was a stunning view of the Lake and its surrounding mountains.

I laughed heartily when I heard the city of Irkutsk described as "the Paris of Siberia" – what a wild exaggeration. Yet in a certain sense it is true. In other words, Irkutsk has certain cultural and artistic pretensions not shared by other Siberian cities. And this tradition is all due to the wives of the Decembrists. As you remember, the Decembrists were members of the high Russian aristocracy and military heroes of the campaign against Napoleon who became infected with liberal ideas at the time of the Russian occupation of Paris after Napoleon's fall in 1815 and in December 1825

participated in a coup d'etat against the reigning Tsar, Nicholas I. The coup failed and those who were not executed were exiled to Siberia to work in the gold mines. But their wives followed. Now Irkutsk at that time must have been a rough, tough frontier town, the cross-roads of the tea and silk trade with China, where the principal recreation was probably gambling. We visited the Marie Volkonskaya house which was recently renovated. Spacious and elegant, it contained a piano (imagine bringing a piano by cart all the way from St. Petersburg) and a music box, undoubtedly the only one in Siberia at that time. The house held concerts, lectures and artistic performances. While we were there we were treated to a concert of classical music, culminating in a performance of the duet "La ci darem la mano" from Mozart's Don Giovanni (which they endearingly announced as Don Juan) with a rather sharp-voiced Russian soprano playing Zerlina and a Buryat Don Giovanni who not only sang brilliantly but acted with such conviction and seductiveness that I had all I could do to refrain from shouting "Vorrei!" and leaping over the intervening rows of seats.

Today Irkutsk, which dates back to 1652, when it was a Cossack encampment, still consists of a surprising number of the old log houses with detailed woodwork embellishments. It was once the capital of all of Eastern Siberia, an area 20 times the size of France. It also produces aluminum and furs and has an oil pipeline to China. There is also a memorial to Admiral Kolchak, the head of the fractious White Armies who, despite his heroism in Russia's many wars, was captured here and executed in 1921.

The next stop was Ulan Ude, also founded as a military encampment by the Cossacks in 1668. It is the capital of the Buryat Republic. It is most distinguished for its enormous - but truly enormous — head of Lenin floating bodiless on the Main Square. Buddhism, the religion of the Buryats, was harshly suppressed by the communists, but is now reviving. The Main Square and its grandiose Opera and Ballet Theatre were largely built by some of the 8,000 Japanese prisoners of war interned in Buryatia from 1945 to 1948. While in the area we made a brief but charming stop at a village of Old Believers, a sect of the Russian Orthodox Church who settled here. We were treated to a mock Old Believer wedding ceremony involving a man in our party to a lady in another party who played a hilariously reluctant bride, shedding torrents of tears at the prospect of linking up with her new "husband."

From Ulan Ude we crossed the border into Mongolia. But that's another story and I have nattered along long enough. If you have the time and the patience (and the interest) I hope to write



Visiting the settlement of the Old Believers.

up my experiences in Ulan Bataar with its Nadaam Festival – a competition in the Mongol "manly arts" – in a future issue of *The Log*. ■

Destination Kashgar: The Pamir Highway

by C. Cynthia Bassett

This past spring of 2009, I embarked on pioneering destinations to Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and China. The trip was offered by The Traveller, an independent English company, formerly the tours and travel department of the British Museum. It also attracted three British travelers and our archeological leader, Iain Shearer.

As we set out, I didn't begin to realize what was in store for the four of us. In Tajikistan, most tourists only go to the capital Dushanbe. However, The Traveller arranged visits to archaeological and historical sites in the south and the high Pamirs along the borders with Afghanistan and China.

I had very little sense of the history of Tajikistan, the countries and conquerors over the centuries who left their mark: Cyrus and the Persian Empire, Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan and Tamerlane, as well as, later contributions of British explorers and Russian scientific expeditions. The amazing mosques, mausoleums, madrassas, caravanserais, and forts each have their own riveting history and happily some are being reconstructed today. After winding our way over mountains, we reached the Oxus Temple, the site where Alexander supposedly worshipped with the famous Oxus river just beyond. Our group, despite Tajik interior department permission, was turned back by KGB-like border guards and the watchtower officer; and while we were disappointed, Oxus gold and silver objects can now be viewed in the British Museum.

Each day was a new adventure on the Pamir Highway, M41. We wound around mountains, crossed over passes and bounced along on rough, jarring roads resembling corrugated sheets. Often our experienced driver in the 4-wheel drive Toyota had to swerve to avoid large falling rocks, potholes or stones piled along side the road alerting him to precipitous drop-offs. In one stretch, warning signs cautioned us to be aware of landmines. While the drive often took our breath away, the spectacular scenery more than compensated: snow-covered peaks reaching skyward to 24,000 feet, slopes careening down into fertile green valleys which were populated by peaceful farming villages with lush gardens and orchards. A portion of our journey ran parallel to the Panj River which separates Tajikistan from Afghanistan. Since we only had one visa entry into Tajikistan, we opted not to chance crossing over the Aga Khan bridge in fear we couldn't return. I had a sense of space, beauty and remoteness as we came upon turquoise lakes, glacial streams and snow at the higher altitudes; traveling from 6,000 feet to over 15,200 feet. The only other traveler we saw was an Australian on a motorcycle, reminding me that we were lucky to have permission to visit this magnificent border zone area. Often we spent the night in "homestays" where we found villagers friendly and welcoming.

We had a short drive into Kyrgyzstan and then on to the Irkeshtam Pass at the Chinese border, only to find the border closed for a national Chinese holiday. Fortunately, after a few hours and many international phone calls, we were allowed to enter China and head to Kashgar. However, we encountered even more checkpoints in this 50-mile border zone. At the last one I showed my passport to a Chinese officer who didn't have a computer, but



Hissar Fortress

slowly examined mine page by page. This official was convinced that I was an American spy. Fortunately, I was unaware of this until we re-boarded our van as our local guide Ali so adeptly handled the situation. A first for me! My British traveling companions jokingly called me "the dangerous American spy" asking when I was reporting in to MI5 in London.

Kashgar's location has enabled it to have a compelling history as a crossroads of Central Asia for over 2000 years. The Uighur Muslims are the dominant population, but influences from Beijing and the Han Chinese are dramatically changing the city and landscape as we saw when our Uighur guide, Ali, took us on a tour of his Old City, now being razed. Mao's statue at People's Square is one of the few still standing in China. Shortly after my return there were ethnic demonstrations in Kashgar and uprisings in Xinjiang province.

Returning to Kyrgyzstan through the Torugart Pass we stopped at one last caravanserai, Tash Rabat, and the 10th century Burana Tower. Truly this three-week trip was filled with such diversity I consider it one of my most exciting expeditions.

■ CYNTHIA BASSETT IS A NEW MEMBER (THIS YEAR!) AND RESIDES IN SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO. SHE IS A SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF INVESTMENTS. HER HOBBIES ARE PHOTOGRAPHY AND TRAVEL!



Old City (where Uighurs live) Kashgar, China.



Khoja Moshad Mosque



10th century
Burana
Tower
Kyrgyzstan.

“Taj Mahal Bench” photos continue to come in...

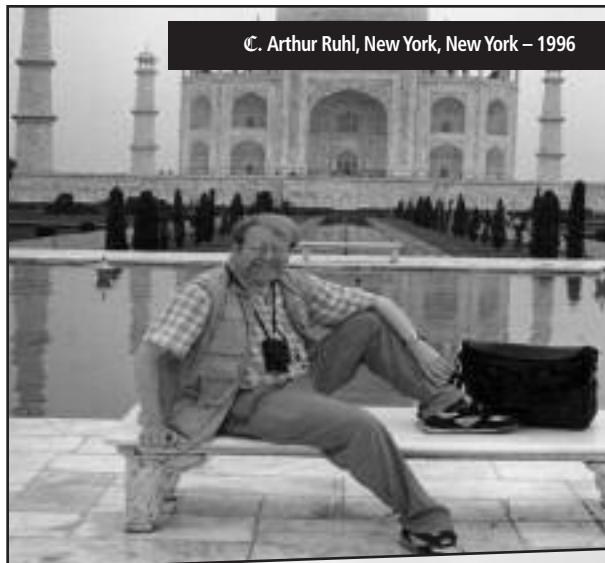
Our members seem to be enjoying digging into their albums, boxes and paper bags to send us a photograph of them sitting on the bench in front of the “Taj”. We enjoy receiving them, so keep them coming. It has really been fun!

It is a small world ... with a single Bench that many Circumnavigators have stopped for a rest and a photo...

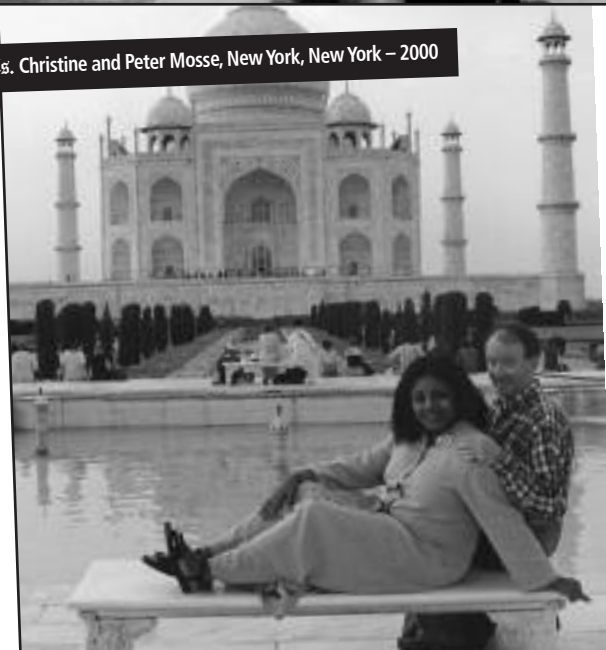
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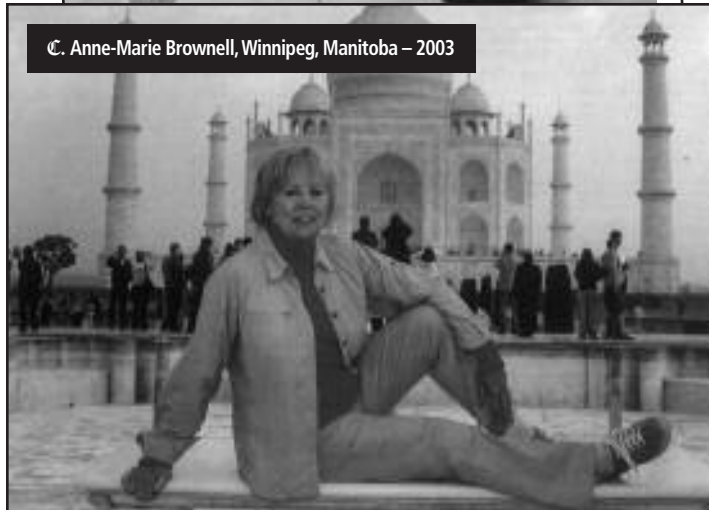
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Christine Mosse having photo fun with the “Taj”.



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©. Dorothy Parks, Palm Beach, Florida 1958. In 1958 the bench is lengthwise – one year later it moved sideways. Are there any photos out there earlier than 1958? We are looking into the position of the bench...



An Emotional Reunion with a Business Associate – Yes, it is a small world!

By *☾ Don Parrish*

I had not seen John Lutz for fifteen years and had often wondered what had happened to him and his wife.

In 1990, I started AT&T's switching business in Japan. The highlight of my career was winning the operator systems sale to NTT and managing it. John was the department head who was in charge of the development for all of the Operators Systems (OSPS) development projects including the huge development for NTT.

This past May, I returned from a six-week trip to the Indian Ocean and Africa. I spent four weeks on a French research ship in the Indian Ocean on a special one-time voyage, visiting four remote islands that surround Madagascar. These islands are virtually impossible for tourists to see and are among the most difficult places on the planet to visit. While I was in the "neighborhood", I visited all of the countries in Southern Africa I had never been to.

I spent the night at the famous Victoria Falls hotel in Zimbabwe, where I had stayed in 1976. Hearing that the water over the falls was at a 50-year peak, I decided to take a helicopter flight (I had taken 20 flights

from the French research ship so I may have been in helicopter withdrawal). Since there were no helicopter reservations to be had in Zimbabwe, I had to go across the Zambezi River to Zambia to get a helicopter.

After the outstanding helicopter flight, I noticed they had ultra lights so I signed up. While I was waiting for my flight, I saw a couple coming back from their flight. I thought they might want me to take a photo of them in their blue jumpsuits, so I told them as they walked up that they looked very official. Then I called out, "John!!!" It was John Lutz! I had not seen John since he retired in 1994.

During the development for the NTT OSPS project, John's wife got cancer and he decided to retire early to help her. Well it worked; there was a happy ending. Judy Lutz explained it to me very simply: "I am alive!"

John was very happy to see me, gave me a big hug and broke into tears. It was really quite an emotional reunion.

The day before John and Judy had been bungee jumping. I did not have enough time or I would have tried that, too!



Don Parrish and John Lutz hadn't seen each other for 15 years.



John and Judy Lutz the day after bungee jumping and meeting Don.



Don's Ultra light flight behind a German pilot



The spectacular view over Victoria Falls



Don's ultra light flight from the ground

WELCOME ABOARDS

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE ELECTED TO OUR "GREAT CIRCLE" BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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Pacific Northwest Chapter



Manager - Professional Services

Marilyn Sherwood S4924

Naples Chapter



Retired, UBS Financial Advisor

Barabara Jenkins-Lee J4925

Pacific Southwest Chapter



Travel Agency Owner and Manager

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2007 Foundation Scholar



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Assistant

Cameron Ross Browne B4927

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Teacher

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The Williams Club not only invites our members to use their facilities at 24 East 39th Street, NYC but ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND MONTHLY EVENTS. Call the Williams Club direct at 212-697-5300 and ask for Gabrielle. Advise her that you are a Circumnavigator and would like to attend a particular event as shown on their website: www.williamsclub.org and you are set to go.

As usual, members in good standing are welcome to stay overnight (prices include breakfast) and dining facilities during the week. Our members are exempt from the "guest-fee charge". Rates do change periodically so please call for current rates at our Club office (201) 612-9100. Reservations will be 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 to be introduced to other clubs. The Williams Club will send a letter of introduction to the reciprocal club requesting the use of its facilities for you. There is a minimum charge of \$50 for usage of 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.

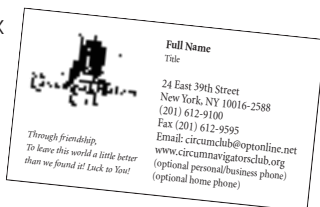
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- Go to the Internet and type in www.williamsclub.org. Click on the Reciprocal Club tab. There you will see a long list of national and international clubs by geographical area and in alphabetical order.
- Contact the host club directly and make your reservation.
- Contact CC International Headquarters and advise the reciprocal club of your length of stay. 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.

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.



CC Website: www.circumnavigators.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 in this issue.)

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.

A list of Goodwill cities is found in this issue.

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...

CircumBits@optonline.net

CircumBits is now in its second year and continues to receive rave reviews from our online members. Why? Because CircumBits taps what is surely the Club's most 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!

If you have not yet registered your email with HQ, please call or email Circumbits@optonline.net. You will then be on the roster to receive our monthly newsletter.

Luck to You!

☛ Jim Forney, Editor

☛ Karin Sinniger, Contributing Editor

☛ Terry Ng, Correspondent

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FOUNDATION NEWS

2010 AROUND-THE-WORLD TRAVEL-STUDY GRANTS AWARDED



Greg Rider, 1972

Dear Fellow Circumnavigators: Having just returned from nearly three weeks in Turkey, I am reminded not so much of how the world has changed in the 38 years since I last was there on my around-the-world travel-study project funded by the Circumnavigators Club Foundation, but how much it has stayed the same. Despite the incredible technological advances in communications and other aspects of everyday life over the past forty years, the timelessness of millennia of history and the quest by peoples of all nations for tranquility and social interaction continue to define the human spirit. I am proud that the Circumnavigators Club and its Foundation further these ends and call upon you to give what you can in the upcoming November appeal to enable us to provide future generations of young people the opportunity to climb aboard the global train.

— Luck to You! Greg Rider, President

The Board of Directors of the Circumnavigators Club Foundation were pleased to award four \$9,000 grants for the coming year 2010 to the Arizona (Desert), Chicago, Florida (Miami, Naples, Palm Beach), and Washington, DC Chapters.

The Desert Chapter has awarded its grant to Arizona State University-Barrett Honors College. This is the first time the university will co-fund our grant. This is how important this grant has become to the Honors College!

The Chicago Chapter continues to award its grant to Northwestern University. This school continues to provide the selection committee with outstanding students to choose from – it is never an easy decision who the finalist will be. Northwestern also co-funds our grant.

Our Florida Chapters have all done an outstanding job in raising money for the Foundation. The Naples Chapter has in the last few years made a separate donation to the Foundation – a gift that is always appreciated. The University of Miami was the selected school to receive the grant. C. Nicholas Moss (Scholar 2006 – Topic: “Investigating Long-Term Rehabilitation of Poor Communities from Natural Disasters”) is the newly appointed Foundation Coordinator who will oversee the selection process in conjunction with the school and the Florida Chapters.

The Washington, DC Chapter continues with Georgetown University’s Edmund M. Walsh School of Foreign Service, and with their Coordinator Brian Evans (1974 Scholar) who has guided students for almost 25 years. Georgetown was the first school selected by co-founders Raymond M. Dinsmore and George Pierrot to receive the around-the-world travel-study grant. Our current Foundation President Gregory Rider was the first to receive this grant – 39 years ago! Because of the close bond felt by Scholars from GU, when C. Dinsmore passed away in 1987, the grant was named The Raymond M. Dinsmore Travel-Study Grant. GU also co-funds its grant.

With the award of four grants, the process has now begun. Full-time students in their junior year will be notified through newsletters, bulletin board announcements and e-mails to apply for the grants. They must choose research topics which will further global understanding and be relevant to the students’ own field of academic endeavor or interests. A five-page proposal is submitted to the contact person at the school (typically a dean in the grants and fellowship office); three students are then selected to be semi-finalists. They are required to

expand their study projects including an around-the-world itinerary including at least three continents and five countries and traveling for ten weeks minimum. The students are then invited sometime in December to defend their proposals before selection committees comprised of Club members. The interviews last about 50 minutes for each student.

As one can see, this is a very serious and exciting project for the students. Once selected, they work closely with each of the Chapters’ Coordinators and the international office in New York. Their travels begin in May-June at the completion of their junior year, following which they return to their schools for September studies. They all prepare a final scholarly report of their findings in accordance with guidelines provided to them by the Foundation. Once they have completed their obligation to the Foundation, they are designated Foundation Scholars and are invited to join the Circumnavigators Club and become active young members.

The Foundation is proud to report that a good number of the Officers and Board members of the Foundation and Club are Scholars.

As this year draws to a close, please keep the Foundation in mind and contribute as generously as you can so these grants will continue and perhaps expand to other worthy Chapters.

2009 Grantee Mac Steele (Princeton University) In Singapore



Chapter president of our Singapore Chapter Ang Thiam-Huat invited Mac to lunch during his stay in this beautiful city. Mac reported that their conversation was great and C. Ang put him in touch with one of his friends in Shanghai.

EXPAND OUR FOUNDATION GRANTEE PROGRAM – CONTINUE TO GIVE GENEROUSLY.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS • 2009/2010

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

CHICAGO (Illinois)

December 10 (Thursday): Holiday Party – Deerpath Inn in Lake Forest
Contacts: Marilyn Fischel (773) 477-1270 or David Gotaas (847) 441-7091

DESERT (Arziona)

October 15 (Thursday): Program by Kevin Cherilla – leading blind mountain climbers – Mt. Everest.
November 19 (Thursday): c. Gene Cox will talk about his extensive travels in West Africa. The Orange Tree Resort in Scottsdale is the meeting place.
December 13 (Wednesday): Annual Holiday Brunch at the Chaparral Resort. Time: 11 – 2:00 p.m.
Contact: Chapterpresident Rolf Brown (480) 8383-2521 or (RBrown1@cox.net)

MIAMI (Florida)

December 6 (Sunday): c. Barbara Ball will host a luncheon at the LaGorce Country Club. Guest Speaker – Professor of International Studies at the University of Miami Ambler Moss, former Ambassador to Panama.
Contact: Chapterpresident Patricia Lodge (phototravel@aol.com)

MICHIGAN

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)

October 30 – November 2 (Friday – Monday): A 3-day cruise to the Bahamas onboard the *Norwegian Sky*. Almost 30 members and guests are participating.
November 15 (Sunday): c. Tom Gregory will talk about his trip through the silk route
December 8 (Tuesday): c. Sophie Classen will host a Holiday Party at her home.
Contact: Program Chair Barb Roy (Broy55@comcast.net)

NEW YORK

October 22 (Thursday): Oktoberfest dinner at Rudy's, downtown New York. Guests are welcome. Cost: \$37.50 per person

December 19 (Saturday): Holiday Concert – performance at Carnegie Hall (deadline for tickets November 1). Both Christmas and Hanukkah music by The New York Pops – John Morris Russell, Conductor and Sandi Patty, five-time Grammy winner. 8:00 p.m. show. Dinner prior to the show.

February 18, 2010 (Thursday): Lunar New Year Celebration

May 20, 2010 (Thursday): International Annual Meeting and Dinner at The Williams Club. Election of Officers and Board of Governors.

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

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST (Seattle, Washington)

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

PACIFIC-SOUTHWEST (San Diego, California)

Venue: La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club

December 10 (Thursday): Around the World Scavenger Hunt experiences shared at a Holiday Party.

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

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

UNITED KINGDOM

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

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

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