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# PRESIDENT'S *letter*

Dear Fellow Circumnavigators:

Some time ago you received notice of the International Annual Meeting to be held in New York on May 30<sup>th</sup> together with your Election Ballot forms. You will therefore know that I have decided to follow the example of my immediate predecessor, Pastpresident Esther Dyer, and not seek re-election for a second term.

This was a decision taken only after very careful consideration and not without regret. In recent years it had become the custom for Club Officers to serve two consecutive two-year terms but that was not the case further back in the Club's history and in that sense my predecessor and I are perhaps reverting to norm.

One thing that was never a worry was any lack of talent amongst those who have guided the Club over the last few years and whose names appear on your ballot papers. As Chapter Committee Chair, Ellen Parke has been proactive in developing, supporting and maintaining relations between the Chapters, Club HQ and the Board. As Communications Committee Chair, David Mink's work is there for all to see with the all-color Log, the innovative *Log Express* and the Club's website. Josh Laurito, currently Club Secretary, brings us the perspective of a Foundation Scholar, as well as the skills of someone involved in the technology industry. As New York Program Committee Chair Sue Murphy has responded to a difficult challenge with innovative programming ideas and has been actively engaged with the Club through service on other committees.

Now I am sure that I share with my predecessors a profound sense of the privilege it has been to serve the Club as its President and a strong desire to see the Club prosper into the future. Given the names on the Election Ballot Form, I have no doubt that it will.

The underlying motif of the last few years has been the challenge that our Club, along with other similar organizations, has faced in addressing membership issues, given economic challenges and all the distractions of the digital world in which we now live. It is no secret that we have shrunk in size over the last 10 years or so, but there are signs that our membership level has stabilized and is returning to growth, albeit modest. I continue to believe that demographics (retiring baby boomers, increasing life expectancy, etc.) favor us, as does our low cost and decentralized structure. In addition the Board never ceases to be impressed by the extraordinary talents and life stories of new members, to the point that we are actively working on acceptable ways to provide more information about new members to existing members as we believe this would be of great interest and benefit.

However, one thing we will not do is relax our membership criteria. A desire to circumnavigate the world, intense as it might be, is not the same as actually having done it! We will also continue to require that new members be proposed and seconded by existing members, though of course we will always try to facilitate introductions in cases where prospective members do not know any existing members.

Elsewhere in this issue you will see a report on our Magellan Award Dinner held in New York in January to honor retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. This was the second such dinner in 13 months and is evidence of the Club's continuing ability to attract star power to these events. That the evening was such a success is a fine reflection on all the work undertaken by Magellan Committee Chair Howard Matson and his committee members.

The dinner provided the opportunity the following morning to hold an open meeting for members, somewhat along the lines of one that was held in December 2012. This type of meeting has proved to be extremely helpful and I hope there will be other similar ones in the future. They provide a useful forum for the exchange of ideas between officers, governors, chapter leaders and members, and they produce good ideas which can be followed up by action. For example, look for Club baseball caps in the not too distant future and wear yours with pride!

Four years ago the Club elected only its second woman President in over 100 years – not a record to be particularly proud of, many, including myself, would say. This year, assuming the proposed slate of officers is indeed elected, I will hand over the Club's famous whaletooth gavel to another woman President and to a President not from the New York Metro area. I believe that is significant too. Earlier this year the Board was forced by bad weather to hold a 100% conference call meeting, something which, up until then, I would have regarded as undesirable for anything other than a short, limited agenda meeting. The reality was different and it worked very well, though I don't believe an entire year's worth of meetings could be conducted successfully that way. The conclusion I draw from this is that, thanks to modern telecommunications, geography really need be no impediment to active involvement in the affairs of the Club at any level, so I encourage anyone tempted to become more involved to do just that.

Finally I cannot close without words of praise for our Executive Director, Tracy Sancilio. Working with her these past two years has been a delight and we could not have achieved what we have without her energy, competence, organizational skills and engaging personality. Thank you, Tracy!

**PS: Don't forget ... always look for new members!**



Luck to You!  
**Peter J. C. Mosse**





A FEW FRIENDS VISIT CIRCUM MARTIN AND OSA JOHNSON



JUST MISSED THE LAST BOAT

# The LOG'S Log

BY C. DAVID A. MINK

Africa—continent of mystery and fascination—has played a big part in our Club's long history. In the early days, Africa was practically a necessary stop on one's circumnavigation with many of our early members taking the traditional route of P & O steamers through the Suez Canal.

In 1907, Circum Richard Harding Davis (member #9) wrote "The Coasters of West Africa" which ran in Collier's magazine and later in the Log. On his trip down the coast, he was asked by a fellow, "You going far?" "The Congo," he answered. The fellow paused for a moment and gave the greeting of the coast. "Luck to You!" he said. And we Circumnavigators still say it.

Two of our founders met in the Indian Ocean in 1902 and formed the idea of the Club. J.D. Morrison ran into Jim Birch who had been to South Africa where he sold Cape Carts and rickshaws on behalf of his father's carriage company in New Jersey.

Looking through the many issues of The Log, we find numerous tales of Africa.

- Circum Northrup McMillan who entertained Teddy Roosevelt on a big game hunt on his reserve in Africa.
- Cs Martin and Osa Johnson who were the first to fly over Mount Kilimanjaro in 1933.
- C Lewis Cotlow who told of pygmies and gorillas in his wonderful 1938 story "Through Africa Unarmed". He recalled, "The only shooting I did was with my cameras, and the only weapon I carried was a two-inch penknife."
- Cs Jim Rogers and Paige Parker set a world record in 2002 for their 3-year trip around the world by car, which included a continuous drive down the East Coast of Africa and up the West Coast.

And the list goes on and on, recounted in the pages of the Log.

Africa continues to be an important part of our Club. In an informal survey at a recent meeting of about 100 members of the Naples chapter, when asked how many had been to Africa, the result was almost unanimous. Many members had visited dozens of times!

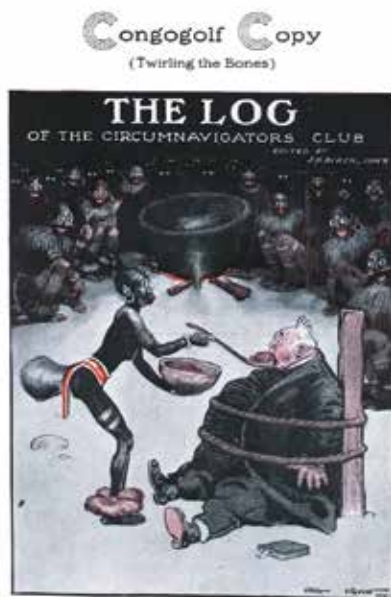
We hope you enjoy some of the recent tales and photos of Africa in this issue.

Luck to you!

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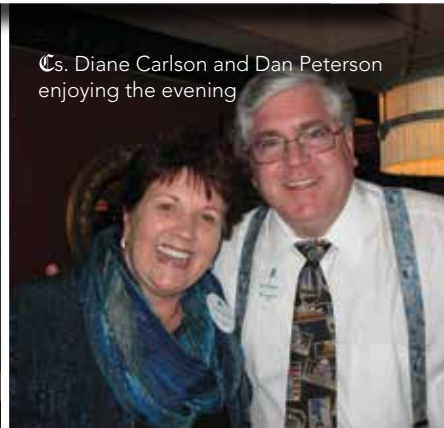
*Thanks to C. Roger Weatherburn Baker for our cover photo. The shot was taken at the Sabi Sands game reserve in South Africa, using a Nikon D3200 35MM camera and a zoom lens. The lions veered right into his camera before veering away in a "heart-stopping" moment. Roger points out that, fortunately, these lions had more on their minds than eating a visitor.*

# *International Weekend* GOODWILL RECEPTION

Goodwill hosts Jeff  
(Past President, Scholar)  
and Elizabeth Kelly



☺ Betty Bright with  
First Vice President Ellen Parke



☺s. Diane Carlson and Dan Peterson  
enjoying the evening



Second Vice President David Mink with  
Past President Howard Matson and ☺ Steve Barnett

## GOODWILL RECEPTION HOSTED BY PAST PRESIDENT JEFF KELLY AND HIS WIFE ELIZABETH

The Circumnavigators Club International Weekend began with a Goodwill Reception on Thursday, January 16, at the home of Past President Jeff Kelly and his wife Elizabeth in New York City, where members and guests from Chapters throughout the United States enjoyed a wonderful evening.



Goodwill Chair Beverly Anderson with ☺s. Tom and Gloria Maher



☺s. Marion and Eileen Matuszewski





# Order of Magellan presented to SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR



## ORDER OF MAGELLAN AWARDED TO SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR

On January 17, members and guest from around the globe came to honor the first female Supreme Court Justice of the United States, Sandra Day O'Connor. The gala event was held at the historic Union League Club in New York City. The evening began with a wonderful cocktail hour in the library where members and guests had a chance to meet Justice O'Connor and enjoy each other's company. Once Sousa's Circumnavigators Club March was played, everyone was seated for dinner in Lincoln Hall. International President Peter Mosse welcomed members and guests to this historic event. In attendance were Club Officers and Board Members, Past Presidents Bill Holm, Jeff Kelly, Howard Matson and Al Morasso; Chapter Presidents Angela Addario (Boston), Dan Peterson (Chicago), Barbara Roy (Naples); and Foundation Scholars Margaret Hutzell, Kip Knudson, Joshua Laurito and Kevin Short. New members Martin Baltus, Sarah Morgan, Kevin Short and Gordon Whiting were presented with membership certificates. President Peter Mosse recognized attendees for their years of membership in the Club with stars on their name tags signifying at least 10, 20 and 30 years of membership. Foundation Scholars were also recognized.

Following dinner, Past President and Magellan Award Committee Chair Howard Matson gave his introductory remarks and called to the podium the Officers, Governors, Past Presidents, Chapter Presidents and representatives of the Circumnavigators Club to present the Order of Magellan to Sandra Day O'Connor. Justice O'Connor gave an extraordinary address on her experience in the Supreme Court and her continued effort to promote civics in the classroom. Justice O'Connor developed a website - [www.icivics.org](http://www.icivics.org) in support of this effort. At the end of the evening, Justice O'Connor graciously offered to personally sign her book *Out of Order* for members and guests. A wonderful evening was shared by all.

## PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. Past President and Magellan Chair Howard Matson with his wife Amy and Justice O'Connor
2. The Mink Family – Jan Mink, Fred Mink, Justice O'Connor, Dottie Mink and Second Vice President David Mink
3. Guest Paula Conru, Ray Olson, First Vice President Ellen Parke and Scholar Kip Knudson
4. Boston Chapter President Angela Addario with past Chicago President Jim Arimond
5. Don Parrish with Helen Jost-Mulligan
6. President Peter Mosse, Circumwife Christine Mosse with Cs. Lee and Floy Barthel
7. President Peter Mosse, Past President Jeff Kelly and Magellan Award recipient Justice Sandra Day O'Connor
8. The Morasso Family – Past President Al Morasso with Circumwife Betty, son Alfred Morasso with his wife Kris Morasso
9. Naples Chapter President Barbara Roy with President Peter Mosse and Circum wife Christine Mosse
10. The Holm Family – Past President Bill Holm, new member Martin Baltus, Sarah Holm, Anne Holm, Harriet Baltus, Billy Holm

# SUDAN — SURPRISES IN THE SAND

BY C. DON PARRISH  
CHICAGO CHAPTER

***Editor's Note:** Don Parrish, Chicago Chapter, is considered the most traveled person in the world, according to the MTP ([mosttraveledpeople.com](http://mosttraveledpeople.com)) website. Late last year, he was the first person to reach 830 locations of the 874 places on the MTP list. And, the count goes on. Congratulations, Don!*

Our fascination with the Nile starts when we first learn it flows up, not down on a map. Following Herodotus, we can say that Egypt is a gift of the Nile, but the Nile is a gift of Sudan.

The Nile is born near Khartoum, the capital of Sudan, at the confluence of the Blue and White Niles. In 2007, I poured water into the historic sources of the Blue Nile at Lake Tana in Ethiopia and into Lake Victoria in Uganda. It takes 3 months for the water to flow to the Mediterranean.

About 1450 BCE, the Egyptian Pharaoh Thutmose III extended ancient Egypt to its greatest extent. Jebel Barkal in modern Sudan was the southern border. This 100 meter high flat-topped rock marked the best place to cross the Nile. Nearby Napata, founded by Thutmose III, became the first capital of the Nubian kingdom of Kush. The capital was later moved to Meroë. The Kushite kings ruled as Pharaohs of Egypt in the 25th dynasty.

Surprisingly Sudan has about twice (255) as many as pyramids as Egypt (120). Nubian pyramids are steeper and much smaller than Egyptian ones.

Recently, I visited both UNESCO World Heritage Sites (WHS) in Sudan: Meroë and Jebel Barkal. They are located near the Nile, but are 350 kilometers apart.

The Meroë WHS includes pyramids at Meroë and temples at Naqa and Musawwarat es-Sufra. The treasure hunter Ferlini, in the 1830s, dynamited the tops of these pyramids. The Jebel Barkal WHS includes the pyramids at Jebel Barkal and Nuri and the royal tombs at El Kurru. The Egyptian influence is obvious every place.

Visiting these WHS sites in Sudan, one feels like a 19th century explorer discovering them as the sands swirl around. Some of these places are completely open and unprotected. You can just walk up. I was alone some of the time.

Sudan was the largest country in Africa and the Arab world until July 9, 2011, when it was partitioned creating South Sudan. This is an international success story. It ended a 20-year civil war that killed 2 million people. Sudan now has a population of 35 million and is larger in area than Libya and smaller than Indonesia.

For the adventurous traveler, Sudan is a place to consider. Roads are reasonable. The lack of fences creates a feeling of openness. Camels and donkeys roam around. At wells, men in traditional dress use camels to draw water. Take cash; your credit cards won't work. There are checkpoints on the highways. I was astonished at one when both uniformed soldiers snapped to attention and saluted my driver, who was a retired colonel in the army. At another, 3 soldiers, when told I was from America, quickly gave me a thumbs-up. Nearby an old USAID sign explained that 186 kilometers of this highway was a gift from the USA.



Don Parrish on the road



Tomb Painting El Kuri Cemetery



Musawwarat Temple



# AN UPDATE ON “HELPING CHILDREN IN SOUTH AFRICA”

BY C. ELLEN PARKE  
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CHAPTER



C. Ellen Parke with the elementary school children who come to Kwasa for the after school program of tutoring and mentoring.

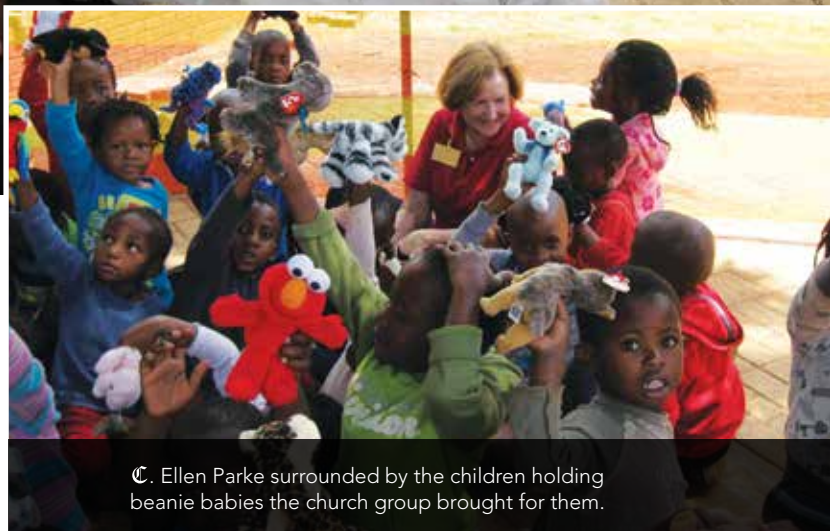


Children washing up

In 2011 *The Log* published an article I wrote about a partnership between my church in Washington, DC and the Kwasa Centre, a preschool located near the town of Springs, east of Johannesburg. The partnership was established in 2004 and its purpose is to provide assistance to children living in an informal settlement of 15,000 people. In October 2013 I made my fifth trip there as part of a group from the church, St. John's (Episcopal) Lafayette Square.

Looking back over the ten years of our partnership, I can see the significant impact that the Kwasa Centre has had in the lives of the children. Each year about 20 six-year olds “graduate” from Kwasa, ready to enter Grade 1. If they mastered enough English, they are enrolled at a primary school in Springs. If not, they attend a school in the nearby township of Kwa Thema, where instruction is in one of the African languages. Kwasa is also home to an after-school program, which provides mentoring and tutoring for about 85 children in Grades 1-5, all of them graduates of the preschool.

For the most part, the early Kwasa graduates are now in high school and performing exceptionally well. I think particularly of a girl named Tshepiso. At age 10 she visited Washington with the dynamic and visionary Anglican priest who founded Kwasa. Before making that trip, Tshepiso hadn't even been on an escalator, much less a jumbo jet. In middle school she was selected to be “head girl,” a position of responsibility. She has become a confident public speaker and leader. Now 19 and a



C. Ellen Parke surrounded by the children holding beanie babies the church group brought for them.

senior at Springs Girls' High School, she wants to go on to university and has a good chance of doing so.

Vukuzenzele, the informal settlement where the Kwasa children live, has also seen improvements in the past decade. Although indoor plumbing is still a long way off, the outhouses have been replaced by chemical toilets and more communal taps have been installed to improve access to clean water. Some of the gravel roads have been properly graded to facilitate drainage during the rainy season. This helps reduce the amount of standing water and thus the threat of mosquito-borne illnesses such as malaria. Sadly, however, unemployment remains very high, as does the HIV/AIDS infection rate.



# South Africa, *Ten Years Later*

BY ©. JOSH LAURITO  
NEW YORK METRO

©. Josh Laurito with a  
Warthog in 2003



Winning the Circumnavigators Club Foundation grant in 2003 was a dream come true, and gave me a chance to see places I thought I'd never go to. Like many grantees, South Africa was high on my list of destinations. The rapidly changing country was less than a decade removed from Apartheid.

During the three weeks I was in South Africa, I spoke with dozens of locals about their perceptions of the future of the country. The general feeling was one of apprehension. The country was less than 10 months removed from the arrest of a major separatist group, the Boeremarg, who had attempted to overthrow the government. The murder rate was over 10 times the current US experience. The Johannesburg area alone saw around 7,000 carjackings.

But there was optimism as well. The country had successfully transferred power from Mandela to Mbeki. Tourism was booming with the end of sanctions, and businesses from overseas were continuing to move in. Capetown was recognized around the world as a thriving cultural center against a beautiful natural backdrop.



Capetown in 2003

In late 2013, I had a chance to visit Capetown again. The last decade has been good to the city and to South Africa in general. Crime, though still high, is down, and the government is stable. The country successfully hosted the latest FIFA World Cup in 2010 and tourism is growing at over 10% per year.

Now, instead of worries about the economy and stability of the government, South Africans are dealing with the issues of richer countries. Illegal immigration is an issue: locals blame people crossing the border for the rhino poaching that has run rampant recently. I heard that multiple South Africans who had dealt with diabetes in their family. Public drunkenness and drunk driving are also becoming significant issues. And South Africa remains the country with the largest AIDS problem in the world, though public health officials appear to be making progress in stemming the tide of the disease.

While South Africa continues to have issues, the country appears more prosperous than it did ten years ago. One thing that hasn't changed is the country's natural beauty. Capetown's surroundings are still as breathtaking as any city's. Kruger National Park remains a treasure and one of the great places to see the wildlife of Africa.

While I was there two weeks before Nelson Mandela's death, the city has already started to celebrate the man known as South Africa's George Washington. Ferries to Robben Island, when Mandela was imprisoned for 20 years, leave from the Nelson Mandela Gateway, a small museum dedicated to 'South Africa's George Washington'. The island itself is a testimony to the freedom fighters who helped to bring down the apartheid regime. All tours are given by former inmates at the island, who convey their own experiences as prisoners.



# GETTING TO KNOW *AFRICA*

BY C. GAIL GALLI  
*PALM BEACH CHAPTER*

Ernest Hemingway was one of the first to whet my appetite to see and experience Africa. No, not the killing of the animals, but the people, the wildlife which I would read about. Growing up, my first travel experiences were from books. How I loved Karen Blixen/ Isak Dinesen's writings, "I once had a farm in Africa..."

In the mid seventies, my first trip to the famed continent was to Kenya. Upon arrival, we were immediately taken to a small shop, owned by ex-pats from India. They measured us up and by next morning we had all necessary shirts, pants for our tented safari. We were three couples, but there were more than six as guides, bearers, drivers, etc. Absolutely one of the most memorable trips, very different from going to the bush country these days. Timothy Tucker was the young, enthusiastic guide whose heritage was British, but he was committed to the beauty, wildlife and people of Kenya. As we departed Nairobi for the bush country we did pass Karen Blixen's farm. Some years later we saw her home in Denmark as well.

Quickly one was able to distinguish among various tribes, i.e. the Masais and the Kikuyu. The Masais were tall and keen on farming, very curious and interested in watching us, but then finally we would communicate; the Kukus were short, aggressive, ambitious. All was good. Plenty of great coffee growing. The tents were real tents, not the jazzed up version which is more current, and we had a great crew of people who wanted us to be comfortable. There would be some boards going from one's tent to the shower and outhouse. When it was shower time, after game viewing, the canvas bag in the shower was filled with hot water heated over the fire. Pull the chain and I feel like Mary Martin singing, "going to wash that man right out of my hair"! At night when the lions roared, you could feel the ground tremble. After going around to view game, do photos, etc., it was time to come back, sit by the fire and enjoy cocktails. Interrupt for a shower and then it was dinner time, which always was the most delicious one could imagine and with the best ambiance. Better than anything in Zagat! I believe that was when I was introduced to tilapia. All was the best. At that time one could not travel from Kenya to Tanzania, although they border each other. So when we took the hot air balloon in the Masai Mara in Kenya we were quite close to Tanzania. I brought my passport just in case and hoped that it would help if things went over the border. Best was being able to frighten the big black buffalos who are such bullies. The swish sound of the balloon truly frightened them...payback time! Then we landed and enjoyed breakfast and champagne, right there, in the bush, where the balloon landed!

Sadly, Kenya has changed and has many problems, so now we enjoy South Africa, which I would not visit until Mandela had achieved his goal. There are several places there which have all kinds of creature comforts and still the ability to see the wildlife and visit small villages and enjoy the people as well.

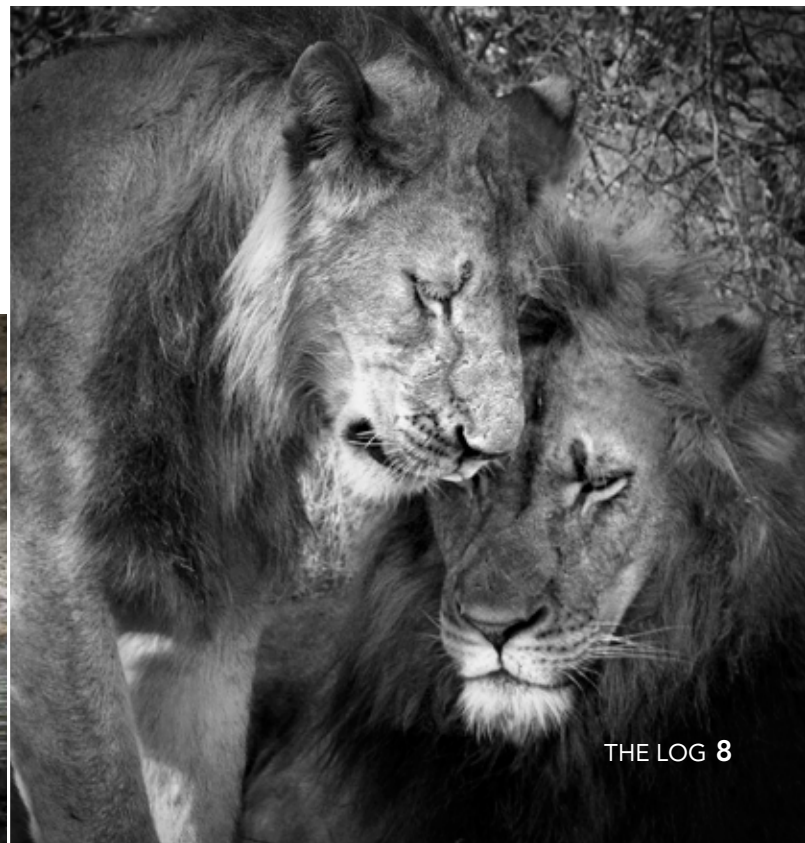
Once one flies to Johannesburg, one usually spends the night at a nearby hotel and flies out in the AM to areas around Kruger National Park or to Botswana. After the time in the bush, it is great to take the Blue Train to Cape Town, go to visit Franshoek which still has a strong French influence, go over to Stellenbosch and enjoy the various vineyards. Great wines!

But back to the bush. One of my favorite photos was taken in a small village, Justicia. A young child whose face I shall never forget visited the school and wanted to spend much more time there watching the happy young boys playing soccer. Lack of water is an ongoing problem. The "camps" are mostly extremely comfortable, not at all like my first journey. One must book well in advance and be certain to avoid "the big rains"...depending on which part of Africa you are going to visit.

I also took a photo in South Africa of a male lion dining. He stole the kill from a 14' crocodile, brought it back to his area and I was very, very close as he was devouring the kill. You can see his eyes rolled up in his head. Really a unique "moment". Yes, our tracker filled me in on where the kill came from. We had seen the crocodile earlier!

The photo of the two young male lions is rare; they are brothers. Ultimately they will fight for the pride of lionesses. If necessary, to the kill. However, here they are still young and affectionate with each other.

Africa has so much to see, absorb, enjoy and understand. There are changes, some good some not, but the desire to return is always there.







THE BLUE TRAIN

Silver Service in the dining car of the Blue Train.



BY C. ROGER WEATHERBURN BAKER  
NAPLES CHAPTER



# MEALS ON WHEELS

I never thought I'd sit in a bathtub while traveling 60 mph. And what's more a bathtub in an Art Deco bathroom with marble tiles and gold fittings. It was like the Great Gatsby on wheels.

I was riding on a train. But this was no ordinary train. This one was nominated the World's Leading Luxury Train. It offers all the comforts of a luxury suite just a few steps away from the food, wine and service of a world-class hotel, all while you roll by a stunning, blood-orange sun setting on some of the world's most dramatic scenery.

Exploiting the opportunity of being in Africa on safari, my wife Paula and I decide to take the legendary Blue Train, from the old Victorian seaport of Cape Town north to Pretoria on our way to Victoria Falls, the 'Cloud that Roars'.

Kings, presidents, celebrities and tycoons have traveled on this magnificent, five-star moving hotel. Elegant eveningwear or traditional attire for dinner is still mandatory. Menus feature a selection of local cuisine from Karoo lamb and ostrich fillet to Knysna oysters accompanied by the best from the Cape's winelands, all offered in the finest traditions of what used to be called the Silver Service.

Described as *The Window on the Soul of Africa*, the Blue Train travels through the vast open vistas of the Western Cape's Klein Karoo to Pretoria, just north of Johannesburg, an overnight journey of almost a thousand miles. From there it's a short plane ride to Livingstone and Victoria Falls.

On its northbound journey, the train makes a one-hour stop in Matjiesfontein, an historic Karoo village dating from the early 1900s that

has been faithfully preserved just as it was when it was a center for ostrich farming. On the journey south from Pretoria the train stops in Kimberley, one of the largest and most concentrated gold mining operations in the world.

The price of a ticket is around \$1,300 per person, one-way. That may be a lot for a train ride but not if it's on your bucket list of unique experiences around the world that are the stuff of legends.



The Blue Train lounge.





Lois Kahan at the center of Asia

# WHERE IN THE WORLD IS KYZYL?

BY C. LOIS M. KAHAN  
NEW YORK METRO

“What? You are going where?” That’s the response I got when I told people I was going to Tuva. And then, of course, “Why?”

Well, it all started in 1986 with Richard Feynman’s investigation of the Challenger disaster. I hadn’t heard of him before, neither of his introduction of nanotechnology in 1959 nor of his Nobel Prize in 1965. More than his brilliance as a theoretical physicist, I was interested in his quest to find out what happened to Tannu-Tuva (his childhood stamp collection had triangular stamps from that country). The entire saga is chronicled in Ralph Leighton’s *Tuva or Bust!*

My interest piqued, I was determined to get to Tuva. But how? According to the Lonely Planet (my bible), the best way is 75 hours on the train from Moscow to Abakan, and then a 5-hour shared *very scenic* taxi ride to Kyzyl, the capital of Tuva. How exciting! As Feynman said, “A place that’s spelled K-Y-Z-Y-L has got to be interesting.”

During my stay in Kyzyl, I found pleasant tree-lined streets, picturesque views across the river, a cultural park, a national museum (with triangular stamps) a couple of Shaman centers (very friendly people, the Shamans) and the Khoomei Centre where I was able to enjoy a throat-singing concert. On the promenade along the riverbank are some eye-catching totem poles and a concrete globe-and-obelisk monument marking “The Centre of Asia.” Well, imagine that! I had no idea.

Once home and telling people I had been to the center of Asia, I learned that Urumqi also makes this claim.

Okay, how do I get to Urumqi?



# STEP BY STEP, 30 DAYS, 490 MILES

REPORTED BY **℄. JOHN CARROLL**  
*MICHIGAN CHAPTER*

Imagine experiencing in 30 days beautiful scenery, four season climate, people from around the world , all within in an environment where all of your needs are met at a moderate cost. That may seem to good to be true. But all of this does exist on what is known as the “El Camino.”

There are numerous pathways throughout the European continent that lead to the Cathedral in Santiago, Spain. When one takes this journey, he or she is referred to as a peregrino , walking “The Way of St. James,” or the “El Camino.” Historically, this has been a religious pilgrimage to the site where it is believed that the remains of St. James the Apostle are buried. These paths throughout Europe are centuries old and have recently become popularized through the movie “The Way” starring Martin Sheen, and also from the German comedian turned author, Hape Kerkeling.

In 2013, Circumnavigator John Carroll walked from St. Jean Pied de Porte in Southern France, through the Pyrennes to Roncesvalles, Spain and then across northern Spain to Santiago near the Atlantic Ocean. This is called “The French Route” and the distance is stated as 490 miles, but in reality it is much longer than that when one takes detours from getting momentarily lost. John averaged 15 miles of walking per day, with the

least amount being 3 miles and the most 25 miles. This meant getting up daily by 7 AM and walking usually until 4 PM. At one point there was a sign that said 571,428 steps to go. How encouraging is that?

Although John started this journey by himself on May 12 walking 30 straight days, and finished on June 12, he seldom was alone. Walkers from every continent are represented on the “El Camino.” The world comes to the Camino. In a way, you are actually walking the world each day because of the nationalities present.

There were large contingents from Korea, Japan, China, Australia, Brazil, Argentina, Germany, France, England, Canada, Mexico, and of course the USA. However, the pathways were never over populated, despite the thousands of peregrinos who would enter Santiago on a daily basis in the summer months.

While walking, John would often have conversations with other peregrinos concerning work, politics, family issues, sports, climate, and sometimes even religion. Usually these conversations were in English, but there were times when he was walking with Spaniards who could not speak English. John doesn't speak Spanish. Despite the language barrier there was plenty of communication. It just took creativity and time. Of course John had plenty of time, spending eight hour days of doing nothing but taking one step after another. So communication had a way of working itself out. While traveling the French route, one heard French and numerous dialects of Spanish from Basque to Castillian to Galician. Therefore, John's limited Spanish speaking background was not of much value, nor was it really needed. There were usually enough locals around in a café or at the night's lodging that spoke some English.

Spain has gotten very smart in promoting the “El Camino.” It is not a “tourist trap,” but all of the local economies of the towns along “The Way” are dependent upon the peregrinos. The peregrinos will spend 25 to 50 euros per day while walking. There are special accommodations set aside specifically for those on the pilgrimage route. They are called albergues and usually cost between 5 and 8 euros per night. Beds become available usually by 2 PM and you must leave the albergue by 9 AM the following day. To stay at one you must have a pilgrim passport that gets stamped at each place upon paying the fee. Many have cooking facilities and some offer complete “pilgrim suppers.” A pilgrim meal consisted of bread, soup or salad, an entrée of meat, poultry, or fish, dessert, and either a bottle of wine or water. This would cost 8 euros. If there wasn't a pilgrim meal offered at the albergue you were staying at, there were often many cafes nearby that featured such an economical meal. Local pharmacies catered to the needs



℄. John Carroll outside Catedral de Santa Maria in Burgos



After crossing the Pyrenees between France and Spain, John only has a few KM to go.



of the peregrinos by offering all kinds of first aid items that addressed such things as knee pain, shin splints, ankle injuries, blisters, and sunburn. One never really had to go far to get relief from anything that was a problem. In fact, most peregrinos would offer whatever they were carrying to an ailing walker so that he or she could recover and get back on the “El Camino.”

The scenery, especially in Spring, is very colorful. The flowers are everywhere. The violet hues of the mountainside are breathtaking. The snow-capped mountains against the deep blue skies offer a refreshing contrast as you walk while thirsty. The vineyards make you appreciate the wine you will have at dinner. The quaint farming villages with lush green landscapes lay waiting for you to take a peaceful nap along “The Way.”

Life is very simple on the “El Camino.” John carried a 22 pound backpack that contained whatever he needed for one week. Often wash had to be done on the road because of the weather conditions. Some days he encountered winter and spring within hours. Other days he discovered summer and fall. Precipitation always seemed to hover around making for some pretty dirty clothes. Sometimes the wash was done by hand at the village basin, while other times many peregrinos’ clothing would find their way into the only washing machine. Drying was often done on the line, with the hope that clothes would be reasonably dry by morning.

“The Way” ends at the Cathedral where upwards of 1,000 peregrinos come at noon each day for the pilgrim mass. Although mass is a Catholic celebration, most in attendance are not practicing Catholics. Yet, everyone, regardless of religious orientation, is welcomed and feels the incredible energy that surrounds the Cathedral. One of the highlights of the celebration is the botafumerio (a gigantic incense burner) that swings through the cathedral. In ancient times, it served the purpose of cleansing and purifying the air from the smell of the peregrinos who would have gone for days without bathing. When a peregrino completes the last 60 miles or 100 kilometers, he or she can receive a compostella which is a certificate of completion. John actually received two because after finishing his walk by himself, he met his circumnavigator wife, Mary, and walked with her from Sarria back to Santiago. He was actually retracing his steps from 10 days earlier but it was a totally different experience than his first Camino. Often people do this journey in stages, sometimes taking years before the entire distance is completed. Others come back year after year to do a whole Camino. It is just a matter of time before John and Mary return.



Mr. John and Mary Carroll in front of Santiago de Compostela after both finished the Camino

To see the presentation John did for the Michigan Chapter in March, go to the Youtube link and walk with John on the “El Camino.” It is very effortless and yet very inspirational.



Mr. John Carroll taking his morning break after walking for several hours through farm country.

# ETHIOPIA, 1985:

## *Flying Through The Great Rift Valley With The British Royal Air Force*



BY C. ANGELA E. ADDARIO  
BOSTON CHAPTER

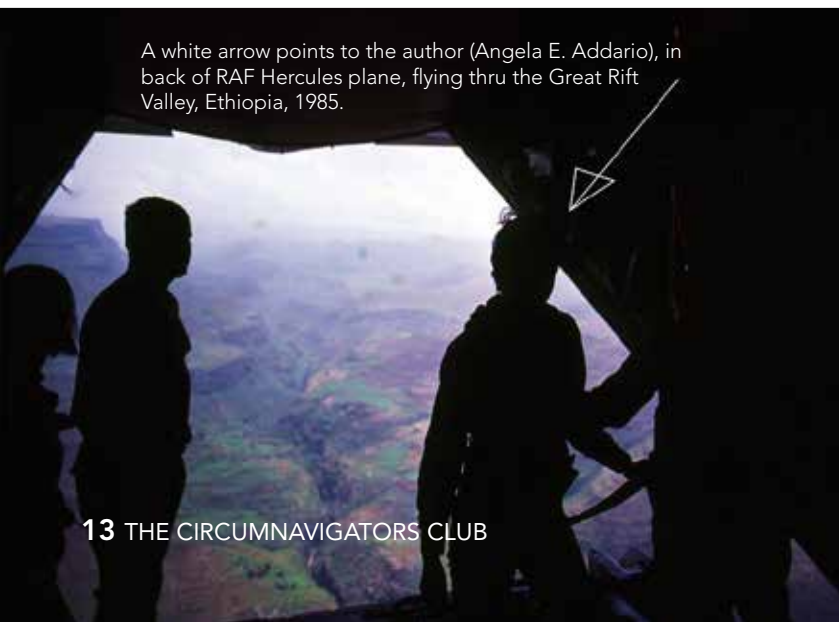
Today Ethiopia is not an uncommon destination for adventurous tourists. In 1985, however, it was at the top of the world's list of "hot spots," with one of the worst famines in recorded history, a Marxist government in power, and a civil war raging in the north in what would later become the independent country of Eritrea.

It was because of the famine, as part of the relief efforts, that I ventured to Ethiopia on my first of two (thus far) solo circumnavigations; yet it was because of the hostile policies of the Marxist regime that I was ultimately forced to leave. Workers with international relief organizations could only watch in disbelief as their food rotted on the airport tarmac, while the Ethiopian government consistently refused to grant clearance for imported food to be distributed. Merely obtaining the required entrance and exit visas was such a convoluted, impenetrable bureaucratic process that for most visitors the outcome proved to be an exercise in futility. For many of us, the experience was an eye-opening encounter with a brutal regime that not only used, but, in fact, created a famine as a political tool for controlling its citizens.

As a result of having coincidentally stayed in the same hotel as members of the British Royal Air Force, I happened to run into quite a few of these chaps in the restaurant of the hotel, where we discussed over many a meal our mutual frustrations with the prevailing tyranny. Although the Ethiopian government could prevent international relief organizations from distributing food to famine victims within the capital, there was no way to prevent the RAF from delivering food, via their own planes, to regions outside the capital. The RAF pilots and crew invited me to join them, and in total I flew with them on three of their airlifts. In large Hercules planes, the cargo holds of which were brimming with packaged food, we flew outside of Addis Ababa, through the Great Rift Valley and to remote villages where we would push the food out the back of the plane as the pilot dipped to within a few feet of the ground without actually landing. The rear door of the plane remained wide open throughout the entire flight, which lasted several hours, and turbulence could be severe, frequently throwing everyone into the air for a few seconds of weightlessness before flattening us all onto the floor. Fortunately, each person was tethered to the plane by a thick strap that was fastened at one end around our waists, thereby allowing us to move around freely but also allowing for the possibility of someone pulling us back inside the plane should we happen to fall out.

In addition to meeting Mother Teresa, who was visiting one of the orphanages she had established in Ethiopia at that time, my flights with the RAF on three airlifts were worthwhile experiences in an otherwise harsh encounter with a government that, fortunately, is no longer in power.

A white arrow points to the author (Angela E. Addario), in back of RAF Hercules plane, flying thru the Great Rift Valley, Ethiopia, 1985.



One of the RAF's Hercules planes, at the airport, Addis Ababa, 1985.



On an airlift to a village: dropping food out the back of the plane.



**Editor's Note:** In April, Kevin McMurray of the Westchester (NY) magazine wrote about Past President of the Circumnavigators Club, Charlie Blaisdell. Charlie, now 98, served as International President for 1970-1971, and among other things, presented Neil Armstrong with the Order of Magellan. He is still active today, and rarely misses an important Club meeting.

# In Our Circle



## ***Our esteemed Past President and faithful member Charlie Blaisdell has been featured in Westchester Magazine in April, 2014.***

In 1980, then-Westchester County Executive Ed Michaelian conversed with old friend and colleague Charles “Charlie” Blaisdell, a 30-year resident of Pound Ridge and the town’s legal counsel for nine years, about Blaisdell’s intentions of retiring at the age of 65. “Ed told me I shouldn’t retire,” he recalls. “So I asked him what he had in mind.”

At Michaelian’s behest, Blaisdell was hired as a lawyer at the law firm Bleakley Platt & Schmidt in White Plains. Blaisdell figured he would stay at the job maybe three years or so before he retired. Thirty-three years later, he’s still there and, at the age of 98, is as sharp and as dedicated as ever.

Today, Blaisdell works at the law firm two days a week, doing the reverse commute from Manhattan, where he now resides with his second wife, Beatrice. “I can honestly say there wasn’t a day in 33 years that I didn’t look forward to coming to work,” Blaisdell says with a broad smile. “And I still bring in new clients.”

“Charlie still has a firm handshake, a brisk stride, and a sharp legal mind,” says William Harrington, senior managing partner of Bleakley Platt. “He is made from a crucible that doesn’t exist anymore. When he is asked about how he is feeling his response is always the same: ‘Never better!’ And you believe him.”

It’s not as if Blaisdell hadn’t already had a fulfilling life and career before joining Bleakley Platt. Raised in Brooklyn, where he was born in 1915, Blaisdell was accepted to Dartmouth College’s class of 1937. There, he played football under the legendary Coach Red Blaik, who would later become the head man for the all-time great teams that West Point produced from 1941-1958.

After graduating from Columbia Law School in 1940, he joined a small law firm on Madison Avenue, but the surprise attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor changed everything. In the months after the start of World War II, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover told some 1,000 field agents to recommend any friend who, like them, measured up to the job. A friend of Blaisdell’s from Columbia Law asked if he would like to be recommended. Blaisdell, like a lot of young men of the day, thought being a G-Man was the stuff of dreams.

After 12 weeks at the training academy in Quantico, Virginia, Blaisdell entered the Bureau in March 1942. His first assignment as a field agent was to protect the strategic Soo Locks between Lake Michigan and Lake Superior from sabotage by the Axis Powers. The shipping locks were absolutely vital to the Allied Forces during the war, since 85 percent of all iron ore produced in the United States passed through there.

Blaisdell also had other important assignments for the war effort and homeland security. After the Soo Locks stint, he went on to Philadelphia, the only “open port” on the entire East Coast, where he focused primarily on preventing German sabotage.

Later, in New York City, he was part of the team that made the arrest of the infamous Nazi spy Erich Gimpel at a Times Square newsstand on New Year’s Eve, 1943. “When confronted by the agents,” Blaisdell remembers, “the first thing Gimpel said was, ‘I guess I won’t get to see New York on New Year’s Eve.’”



Eventually, Blaisdell became good friends with a former FBI director, Louis Freeh, then a Katonah resident who led the Bureau under President Clinton. In 1983, Freeh was the head assistant attorney to Federal District Attorney Rudolph Giuliani. Freeh told him that the feds were taking no chances on a case popularly known as the Mafia-run “Pizza Connection.”

Giuliani wanted legal representation for a key prosecution witness who had been whisked away into the Witness Protection Program—and he asked Blaisdell to consider taking on the ex-mobster as a client. Freeh warned him that it was a dangerous assignment, because he would surface in the press reports as the legal counsel for the client. Nonplussed, Blaisdell told Freeh, “Danger is not something I look for, but I don’t run away from it, either.” For 18 months, Blaisdell, who took leave from private practice, represented the client in what became the longest-running criminal court case in American history. (Thankfully, there were no incidents of violence.) The feds succeeded in convicting 22 out of 23 defendants.

*The entire article can be found on the website, [club@circumnavigators.org](mailto:club@circumnavigators.org)*



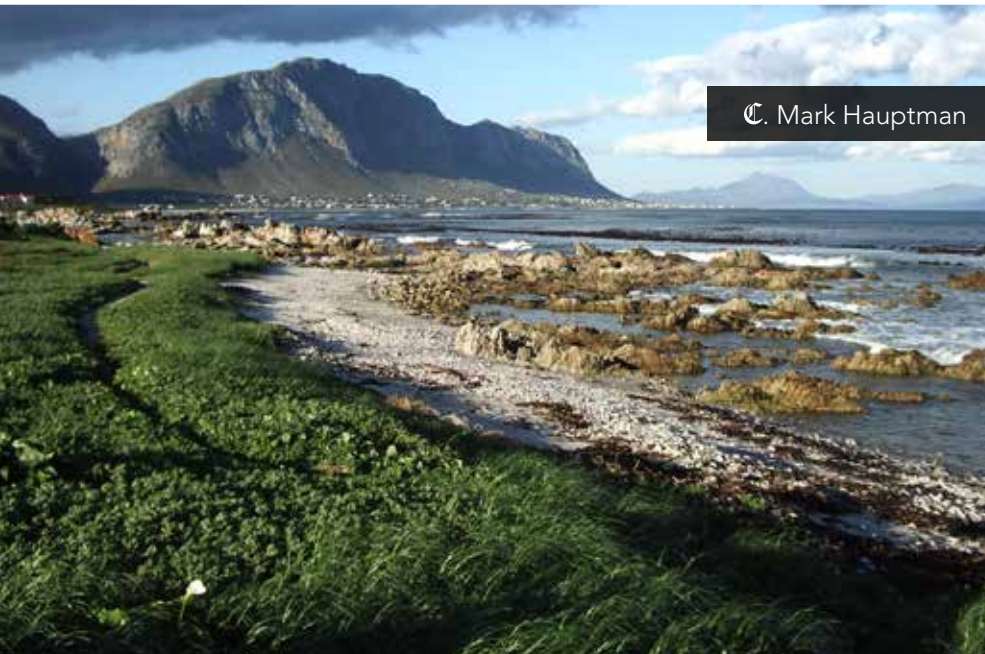
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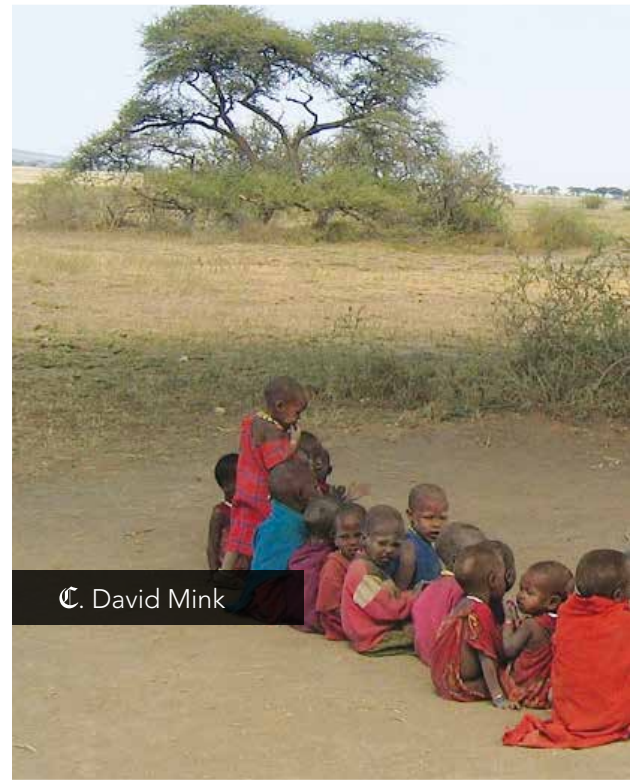
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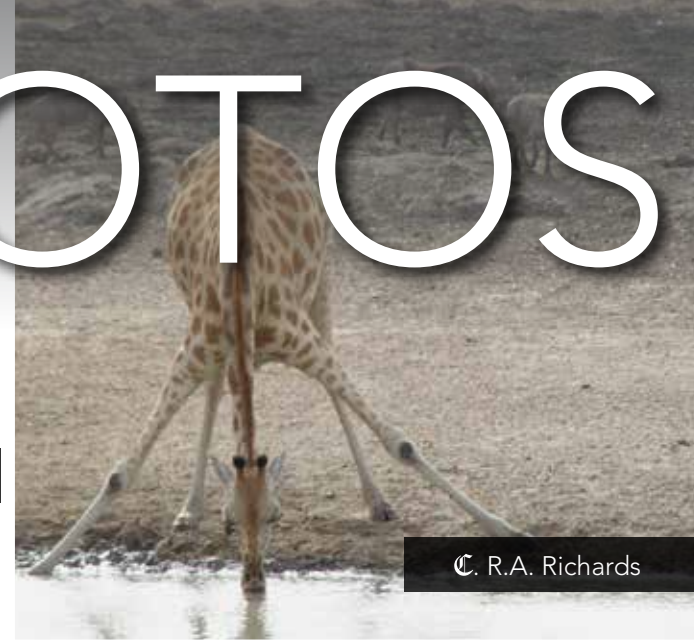
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## *From Our Members*



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# chapter highlights

## NAPLES

Naples Chapter Welcomes Eleven New Members!



*Photo - Naples group photo April 13*

**Front row from left to right** - Angus Green, Lauren Essex, Diane Lupean, Mahboubeh Tavallali

**Back row from left to right** - Roland Sutton, Pamela Girtman, Roger Baker, Cheryl Peters, Pamela Collins, Ed Stegemann, Cindy Stegemann

## MICHIGAN

Michigan Chapter hosts event at Fox Run



**Top Row:** Chris Bourque, Pat and Bob Heriford

**Middle Row:** Chapter President Kathy Sinclair, John Carroll with wife Mary

**Bottom right:** Bernard Lucas with wife Florence

## UNITED KINGDOM

The UK Chapter gathers for lunch at the Garrick Club London



Claire Wormald, John Constable, Lynda James, William Hucklesby, Helen Jenkins, Barbel Smith, Earl of Inchcape Mary Elbourne

## CHICAGO

2013 Foundation Scholar Presents her around-the-world research report on "The Treatment of Human Remains in Museum's: Scientific Specimens or Human Beings?" at Hardin Hall on the Northwestern campus in Evanston, IL.



Foundation Scholar Catherine Althaus surrounded by family and friends

## WASHINGTON DC

Washington DC Chapter Enjoys a Grand Japanese Luncheon



Betsy Ruderfer, Mica Dumas, Harmonie Kobanghe and Jim Whalen



The Al Olsen family

## PALM BEACH

Palm Beach Chapter Welcomes New Member Gail Hughes Galli at Sunday Brunch at The St. Andrews Club



Steve and Ruth Dukkony with Pandora and Bob Crippen



Chapter President Jack Veasy welcoming Gail Hughes Galli



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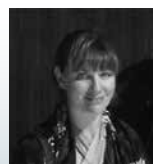
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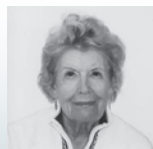
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# ALL OVER THE MAP



**Jessica Lappin** - Early this year, Esther Dyer and I took a wonderful whirlwind trip to Kenya. While I had been to Northern and Southern Africa before, I had never been to this region of the continent or on safari. It didn't disappoint.

We spent a couple of days at the beginning in Nairobi. It was great to sort out some travel details, get ourselves onto the time zone, have a wonderful meal at Carnivore (one of East Africa's most famous restaurants), and see the Karen Blixen home and museum of Out of Africa fame.

Even in the city, we were also able to see some wild game. Nairobi National Park is only 7 km from the city centre. Yet, it is a surprisingly beautiful savannah with giraffes, zebras, elephants, diverse birdlife, and other big game.

From Nairobi, we flew to **Kisumu**, where I found myself doing a very strenuous hike with a company that can be found at: [www.integritour.com](http://www.integritour.com). I had a lovely and informed guide. We started by walking through a sugar cane plantation and then wound our way up a steep mountain. It was market day, so there was some delightful

foot traffic from local tribespeople taking fresh milk and other wares into town. The view from the top was well worth it. The local tribe sang and danced for me and it was a true adventure. While in town, we also had a lovely dinner on Lake Victoria and come back the next morning for a hippo viewing boat trip.

From there, we drove to the Masai Mara for a fabulous safari. We stayed in an old-fashioned tented camp called Sekanani Camp. No WIFI and electricity only from 6pm-11pm. It was a wonderful authentic place. The tents have bathtubs, toilets, and running water and bush babies running across the roof at night. The Camp's Masai guides



joined guests at the fire pit at night - while a zebra grazed nearby.

Our guide, a local Masai tribesman, was informed and easy to be with. He also helped us spot all of the "Big Five" game: lion, elephant, rhino, leopard, and buffalo. We saw a lot more beyond that, including giraffes, zebra, cheetah, and wildebeest. The country was just spectacular, peaceful, and really remarkable.

It was a truly fabulous trip and one I will remember forever.

**Jennifer Teague** - I went to Nairobi for a very quick business trip, my first time

in Africa...I had only two afternoons to explore. Based on my map reading, I

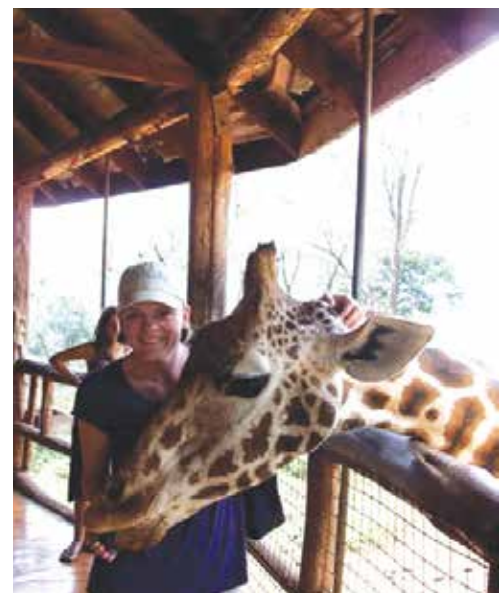
planned to take a taxi on my first afternoon to a shopping mall in downtown Nairobi and then walk to another one to catch a taxi back to the hotel. Fortunately, the concierge at the hotel advised against this plan and helped me hire a driver to take me around the city. She was smart enough to realize I was not quite ready to explore the streets of Nairobi on my own. My driver was a friendly sort

who was happy to give me a quick tour of the city with a stop at the Norfolk Hotel for lunch at the Lord Delamere Terrace. I had my window in the back seat rolled down and shot a bunch of pictures during the tour. My driver was very attuned to the surroundings and would warn me when there might be a chance my camera could get snatched from my hands by a passing thug.

I also had the opportunity to visit the Giraffe Center and Karen Blixen's house on my second afternoon. As "Out of Africa" is my most favorite movie, seeing the house, the hills and the plantation was a dream come true. However, the highlight of the trip was visiting The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust to see the elephant orphans...a most profound experience.

This is just a glimpse of what I assume is an amazing city and country. I cannot wait for my chance to go back!

**Ellen Parke** visited family in Minneapolis in January. In March she spent a week in Florida -- Jacksonville and







Pacific-Southwest Chapter President Virginia Foster and her husband Arthur Hammons visited Port Elizabeth, Bequia.

Cocoa Beach; saw some spring baseball and toured the Kennedy Space Center. In May she'll tour the Badlands and Black Hills of South Dakota, including Mount Rushmore. In August and September she will be touring Devon, Cornwall, and Wales... **Gordon Dale** plans to go to France in late May and early June, then to Scotland in late June and early July and to St.

Lucia in November... **Bill Adams** just returned from four months around the world, visiting old friends in Liberia, watching mountain gorillas in Rwanda, exploring northern Somalia, seeing former students in Saudi Arabia, touring Eritrea, camping in Sudan, teaching in Kuala Lumpur, and snorkeling in Palau's Jellyfish Lake, plus travels in several other Oceania and African countries. See highlights posted at [billtrip.blogspot.com](http://billtrip.blogspot.com)... **Betsy Ruderfer** and her husband, Emil spent most of January in Chile (Patagonia); Peru (Machu Picchu); Colombia (Cartagena) and Panama (Panama Old City.) They also visited Lake Michigan (Saugatuck, Michigan) in August and in September they will visit Apulia (Puglia), Italy and Luxembourg... **Bill Ashley** just returned from a 10-day river boat cruise in the Netherlands and Belgium. He arrived a day or two early to again enjoy Amsterdam for the 10th time. After departing Amsterdam the Viking river boat had stops in Hoorn, Arnhem, Kinderdijk, Antwerp, Ghent, Bruges, and Rotterdam. Upon his return to Amsterdam he had a day to visit the Keukenhof Gardens covering an area of 70 acres and contains more than 7 million bulbs. The tulips were at their peak... **Helen Jenkins** was on a speaking tour last month visiting Perth Adelaide, Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney. During her speeches, which was on her financial Services business Inspiration Wealth Management Ltd, she introduced the Circumnavigators Club. A number of people are interested in becoming members... **Terry Ng** is off to Tokyo and Hakone, Japan in May; Glasgow and Scotland in June; and Boracay, Philippines in July... **Lois and Phillip Cohen** will visit New Foundland, Holland, Switzerland, Vancouver, Victoria, Idaho, New York and Texas...

**Kay and Jim Lungo** are traveling to Spring Harbor, New Jersey and Gloucester, Massachusetts...

**Diane Lupean** is heading to Morocco... **Tom Gleason** is venturing to Holland, Belgium, Baltic Cruise, and Vail, Colorado... **Paula and Roger Baker** are taking a Baltic Cruise in June and are visiting India in January... **Tina**

and **Jack Nicholson** are vacationing in the Dominican Republic... **Moira Fennessey** is heading to Rome and Paris... **Cindy and Ed Stegeman** are traveling to Calgary in Vancouver and Rock Mountain, Cuba... **Bob Dix** is going to Greece and Turkey... **Patti and Don Peterson** are going on a 30 day western Mediterranean cruise with their family... **Barb and Bill Roy** are joining members Paula O'Connor and Rachael Jacks to go to Cuba. They are taking the Queen Mary to Southampton, then Queen Victoria around the perimeter of Great Britain to meet up with all three Queen ships in Liverpool for huge celebration. They are taking a baltic sea cruise to Russia and will come back to the USA on Queen Mary. The Roys are taking an October cruise out of San Francisco to Mexico and a December cruise with Circumnavigators through the Caribbean. They are spending Christmas in Cuba with the entire family...

(insert photo – Paula O'Connor, Barbara Roy and Rachel Jacks) **Martha Sampson** and her son have arrived back from paradise, French Polynesia, with native lecturer and guide and the greatest cruise ship experience in 34 years of cruising on the MS Paul Gauguin... **Melvin and Edna Kelso** are planning another bicycle trip this summer, this time in the Dordogne Valley, beginning and ending in Bordeaux. **Charles and Hertha Stotts** drove down to LA in January to attend a friend's wedding, in Beverly Hills no less, and to visit old friends in the area. Late this summer they will again visit friends and family in Denmark and Sweden. **Tom Ambrose** of Palm Beach Chapter recently travelled to Cuba via U.S. Gov. license, conducting an independent field survey of Karst limestone landforms, including world- class pinnacles (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) similar to those at Ha Long Bay, Vietnam and Guilin, China. A post-Olympics trip to Sochi, Russia was cancelled due to tensions in adjacent Crimea. Tom, an international exploration geologist has visited all



the major mountain ranges on all continents except Antarctica, so wanted to add the Caucasus, which surround Sochi and reach 18,500 ft. in elevation at nearby Mount Elbrus, the highest in Europe...

**Lou Ann Skinner** went to San Francisco on an Opera tour, visited a friend in Napa Valley for Thanksgiving, attended a Department of Defence Teacher's reunion in Dallas. In

June, Lou Ann will go on a cruise to Norway.

**Grady Kelly-Post** is planning a September river cruise with his daughter from Berlin to Prague. And, with luck, they hope to meet up with **Johann Duenhoelter** in Berlin.

# SCUTTLEBUTT

**Barb Roy**, Naples Chapter President, reports that she traveled to Kakmenga, Africa with her three grown children in April and saw the "real" Africa. Her family team worked with a charitable group Tembo Kenya in an effort to improve the living conditions in this remote, rough part of Kenya. It was an eye-opening, inspiring experience. Congratulations to Barb and family for making the world a better place.

Read Barb's whole story on our web site [www.circumnavigators.org](http://www.circumnavigators.org).

In February this year, **Lois Kahan** and 16 other Global Volunteers went to Anse la Raye, a fishing village on St. Lucia, to do various kinds of volunteer work. Lois' assignment was to teach math in a primary school. She said it was a wonderful experience and the trick with the nines tables was a big hit!

**Henri van Bentum** from Canada and his wife Natasha visited Vancouver where Natasha gave a talk at a national convention. While there, they met up with new member **Georgia Hunter** who lives in Vancouver, and present her with her membership certificate. She is a delightful person, and is now the proud recipient of her certificate!



**Virginia Foster**, Pacific-Southwest Chapter President, and her husband **C. Arthur Hammons** strolling their grandbabies in La Jolla.



## OVER THE HORIZON

**Lynn C. Bartlett**  
Poughkeepsie, NY  
March 18, 2014

**Curtis M. Klaerner**  
San Antonio, TX  
September 22, 2013

**Herbert J. Rowe**  
Naples, FL

**Herman F. Staiger**  
Spring Lake, NJ  
February 8, 2014

**James J. Trebilcott**  
Grosse Pointe, MI

## CLUB HEADQUARTERS

### The Yale Club of New York City

50 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York,  
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The Yale Club is  
International  
Headquarters for the  
Circumnavigators  
Club allowing mem-

bers to utilize the facility for private dining, special events, cocktail receptions and meetings. The club offers three restaurants including the elegant Roof Dining Room, the pub-like Grill Room and the Yale-inspired Tap Room. Members will have access to these rooms by making a reservation through the Circumnavigators Club Executive Director. There are also well-appointed guest rooms available from studios to suites. When booking an overnight stay, guests have full access to the club including all three restaurants, a full-service library, and a fitness facility with a swimming pool, squash courts, cardio equipment and free weights. Once a reservation is made, a personal credit card is required upon arrival. Reservations must be made through the Executive Director – please contact headquarters at 201-612-9100 or email at [club@circumnavigators.org](mailto:club@circumnavigators.org). Please do not call the Yale Club directly.



### CLUB CALLING CARD FREE TO MEMBERS!

If you would like Club cards, please contact Headquarters at 201-612-9100 or [club@circumnavigators.org](mailto:club@circumnavigators.org). The Club Card is to be used to promote the Circumnavigators Club. If you are chatting with a prospective member, give this card to them so they can look at our website and contact Headquarters if they have further questions. Your name, membership number, e-mail address and optional personal phone number will be on the card.

### Where have you been?

Our members are always on the go. Let us know where you have been or where you are going. Just send a brief line or two to Tracy at headquarters by email [club@circumnavigators.org](mailto:club@circumnavigators.org) or by regular mail.





# Goodwill Connection...*Around the World*

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, Tracy Sancilio at (201) 612-9100 or e-mail: [club@circumnavigators.org](mailto:club@circumnavigators.org) to sign up to serve on the Connection. Should you be planning a trip to a city where there is a member, please contact Tracy with your arrival and departure dates and the hotel where you will be staying. She will be happy to contact the member for you.

**AUSTRALIA** - Queensland, Brisbane

**GREECE** - Athens, Kifissia

**CANADA** - British Columbia/Vancouver

**NEVIS (W.I.)** - Charlestown

**SINGAPORE** - Singapore

**THAILAND** - Bangkok

**UNITED KINGDOM** - London

## **U.S.A.**

**ARIZONA** - Scottsdale, Sedona

**CALIFORNIA** - La Jolla, San Francisco

**FLORIDA** - Palm Beach, Miami, Naples

**ILLINOIS** - Chicago, Northbrook, Winnetka

**MICHIGAN** - Detroit

**MINNESOTA** - Minneapolis

**NEW MEXICO** - Albuquerque, El Prado

**NEW YORK** - New York

**PENNSYLVANIA** - Philadelphia

**SOUTH CAROLINA** - Hilton Head

**WASHINGTON DC**

**WASHINGTON** - Seattle



Circumnavigator Henri van Bentum and his wife Natasha visited Desert Chapter President Michael Cocco for brunch at El Charro, a famous restaurant in the countryside of Paradise Valley, Arizona.



Circumnavigators Donna and Lion Curran recently visited Hawaii where they connected with fellow Circumnavigators Pat Hammers and Betty and Lee Peppell. Pat treated them to an all-day sight-seeing tour of the highlights of Oahu, and they enjoyed a delightful dinner in Honolulu with Pat, Betty and Lee.

Donna is the Goodwill Connection representative for Philadelphia and she encourages Circumnavigators to reach out to other members when they travel. It's a wonderful way to meet Club members, and the expertise and camaraderie that "locals" can offer will truly enhance your travel adventure.



# FOUNDATION *news*

OUR FOUNDATION SCHOLARS WILL BE LEAVING  
SOON FOR THEIR TRIP AROUND THE WORLD.  
WE WISH THEM THE BEST OF LUCK!



**Melia Coury**  
Desert Chapter,  
Arizona State University  
Scholar  
  
Dance, Culture and Beyond



**Jack McCarthy**  
United Kingdom Chapter,  
University of Liverpool Scholar  
  
A global look at the impact on  
individuals and communities



**Madeline List**  
Boston Chapter,  
Brandeis University Scholar  
  
A Transnational Analysis of the  
Welfare of Disabled Individuals



**Elizabeth Larsen**  
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Northwestern University Scholar  
  
Tackling Childhood Malnutrition: A  
global study of scaling up grassroots  
approaches to catalyze world progress



**Therese Harmonie Kobanghe**  
Washington DC Chapter,  
Georgetown University Scholar  
  
Engendering women's access to land  
and tenure security: A viable solution  
to improve food security

Visit this link to view article in Brandeis Now  
<http://www.brandeis.edu/now/2014/april/circumnavigator.html>



# P R E S I D E N T ' S *l e t t e r*

Dear Fellow Circumnavigators:

April is a busy time both for our current class of grant recipients as they prepare for their upcoming circumnavigations and for those from 2013 who are finalizing their written research papers in conjunction with the submission of their senior university theses, thereby joining the ranks of our Foundation Scholars.

This summer for the first time, five young scholars will be representing the Circumnavigators Club as well as their universities as they travel far and wide across all meridians in the pursuit of their research projects. The expansion of the number of grants this year is the result of many factors, including the high priority accorded to and co-funding of the grant programs by our participating universities, the enthusiasm and hard work of our Chapter Coordinators and headquarters in managing the program, and, of course, the continued generosity of our membership, without which the Foundation's work would not be possible.

We encourage our participating universities to solicit research proposals from students in all academic disciplines and never cease to be impressed with the wide-ranging interests of the grant applicants. As you may see in the accompanying listing, the span of research topics of our 2014 grantees is broad indeed, covering such important areas as childhood nutrition and food supply, varying approaches to the welfare of disabled individuals, the cultural impact of dance, and the impact of microlending.

We hope that you will follow our grantees via their trip blogs as they pursue their voyages of discovery beginning in late May. They make fascinating reading and provide wonderful insight into the day-to-day execution of the study projects. Access details will be posted as available on the Club's website.

Luck to You!



Greg Rider  
*Foundation President*





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