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# PRESIDENT'S *letter*

Dear Fellow Circumnavigators,

**"Why be a Circumnavigator?"** That's a question I often get from friends who haven't heard of our Club. And, it's a question I like answering, as it gives me an opportunity to reflect on the four values that I feel bind us together.

First, **our mission**, which is to encourage global fellowship and understanding. This is best expressed by our Club motto, "through friendship, to leave this world a little better than we found it." As we travel and learn about other cultures, we realize that people really are the same the world over. We all want what's best for our families and friends. Breaking down barriers and encouraging others to discover the world are essential to our DNA as Club members.

Second, **our Foundation**, which sends five university students around the world each summer to explore and learn as they research their chosen topic of study. They return with an appreciation of diverse cultures, an expanded view of the possibilities that their future holds, and deeper knowledge of their topic. They also come home with wonderful stories about their adventures and the people they encountered. For most of our Foundation Scholars, the experience is transformative. They have gone on to pursue careers in international diplomacy, business, law, medicine, science, public service, politics, education, and the arts.

Third, **our history**, which dates back 113 years. Our Club was founded in an era when global travel was arduous, expensive, and limited to the very privileged. Thus, it's no surprise that many of the Club's early members were quite well known, some even legendary. One of them was William Jennings Bryan, who in 1910 presented the Club with a whale's tooth that became the President's Gavel, still used today to call the annual meeting to order. Another early member was John Philip Sousa, known to us as "The March King." It was at the Club's annual dinner in December 1931 that he first played his new march, "The Circumnavigators Club March." It was to be Sousa's last composition, as he died just three months later.

Fourth, you, **our members**. Over 700 strong, you represent a remarkable group of individuals with a wealth of information about the world and its wonders. Collectively, you have ventured to every corner of the earth, bringing back great photographs, anecdotes, and souvenirs. But, most of all, you bring back a greater understanding of this complex world and you eagerly share it with others. May we all continue to travel and make friends.

Luck to You,

*Ellen*  
**Margaret Ellen Parke**



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©. Roger Weatherburn Baker for the cover photo, featuring a Kathakali ritual dancer in Kerala, India. The costume weighs 70 pounds and takes an hour to don.



# The LOG

## THIS TIME AROUND

BY ©. DAVID A. MINK

*Published every year since 1910, The LOG is a treasure trove of history and culture. This regular column takes a look at The LOG past and present.*

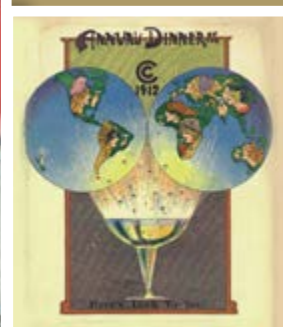
**Order of Magellan**—Honoree Ann Compton, covered in this issue, joins a list of distinguished recipients from all walks of life. Beginning with General Douglas MacArthur, the roll includes statesmen, journalists, authors, explorers, adventurers and others, all chronicled between the covers of this publication.

**Magellan honorees in the News**—Astronaut Scott Kelly, honored in 2012, has reached the International Space Station where he will spend a record-breaking year in space. In a 2013 issue, we showed the ten recipients who have graced the cover of TIME. Now Scott Kelly joins this exclusive group. His co-honoree, twin brother Mark was mistaken for Scott and asked to autograph the cover, on which he wrote “Not me, but I know him”...In 1999, Bertrand Piccard, along with Brian Jones, received the award in recognition of their daring around-the-world balloon flight. International President Jeff Kelly described them as having accomplished “the last great challenge in aviation”. Jeff may have to reconsider this remark now that Piccard, along with Andre Borschberg, is attempting to circumnavigate in Solar Impulse 2—the first solar-powered aircraft. If all goes as planned, the mission will take five months, including the dangerous flight over the Pacific, the leg that Piccard described in 1999 as the most stressful and scary part of the balloon trip.

**Annual Meeting**—Digging back in The LOG, we find that the first “installation of officers” was held on April 29, 1912 in New York City. The affair included the legendary “Beefsteak Dinner” which became a staple of the Annual Meetings for decades. There are many fabulous photos of these dinners (an “old boys club” then) in the issues of The LOG. Shown here is the announcement and one of those photos. A close look at the announcement will make you wonder what it is trying to say!

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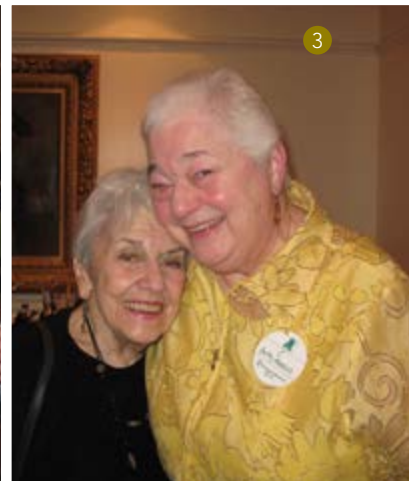
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# *International Weekend* GOODWILL RECEPTION

The Circumnavigators Club International Weekend began with a Goodwill Reception on Friday, April 10 at the Army and Navy Club in Washington DC where members and guests from Chapters throughout the United States enjoyed a wonderful evening.



## Captions:

1. William Turner, Anne Holm and C. Catherine Turner.
2. International President Ellen Parke watching Washington DC Chapter President Samuel Watson wave the Club flags.
3. Cs. Lois Kahan and Betty Morasso.
4. Lori Kao, C. Joe Osentoski, Clarke Smith, C. Patricia Smith, C. Karen Schlueter, C. Ray Schlueter.
5. C. Matt Guthmiller and C. Dottie Mink.
6. C. Scholar Kevin Short and Past President and Magellan Chair Howard Matson.





# Order of Magellan presented to ANN COMPTON



On April 11, members and guests from around the globe came to honor ABC News correspondent (retired), Ann Compton. The gala event was held at the historic Cosmos Club in Washington DC. The evening began with a wonderful cocktail hour where members and guests had a chance to meet Ann Compton and enjoy each other's company. Once Sousa's Circumnavigators Club March was played, everyone was seated for dinner in the breathtaking Warne Ballroom. International President Ellen Parke welcomed members and guests to this historic event. In attendance were Club Officers and Board Members, Past Presidents Bill Holm, Howard Matson and Al Morasso; Chapter Presidents Dan Peterson (Chicago) and Samuel Watson (Washington DC).

Following dinner, Past President and Magellan Award Committee Chair Howard Matson gave his introductory remarks and called to the podium the Officers, Governors, and Past Presidents of the Circumnavigators Club to present the Order of Magellan to Ann Compton. Ms. Compton gave an extraordinary address on her experience with ABC News for 40 years, covering seven President and ten presidential campaigns. She spoke about her travel on Air Force 1 with Presidents, Vice Presidents and First Ladies. Ann Compton was a witness to history, recalling her moments with President Bush on the day of the 9/11 attacks. She touched the audience while adding some humor about how she received a call on her cell phone from her daughter who said "Mommy, you called Peter Jennings to let him know you were ok and not your children?" Ann Compton was an engaging speaker and captured the audience with her wit and humor. A wonderful evening was shared by all.

## Captions:

1. Officers, Boards members and Past Presidents presenting the Magellan Award to Ann Compton
2. C. Betsy Riddle Ruderfer, C. Matthew Guthmiller, William Hughes
3. C. Jim Arimond and Board Secretary Sue Murphy
4. Members of the Washington DC Chapter enjoying the evening with Ann Compton
5. International President Ellen Parke and C. Lois Kahan
6. First Vice President David Mink, C. Lois Kahan, Ann Compton, Past President Bill Holm, Anne Holm, C. Dottie Mink
7. Gray McRimmon with C. Hyonja Lee Abrons





# INTERNATIONAL *Annual Meeting* IN NEW YORK CITY

Circumnavigators gathered at the Club's Headquarters, The Yale Club, to hold their 113th Annual Meeting and luncheon. International President Ellen Parke welcomed members and called the meeting to order with a tap of the historic William Jennings Bryan whale's tooth gavel. Two members were officially elected to the Board of Governors, Dan Peterson from Chicago and Barbara Hagstrom from New York City.



Officers, Board of Governors and Past Presidents – From left- Treasurer George Sanborn, C. Dan Peterson, Secretary Sue Murphy, C. Barbara Hagstrom, C. Ray Olson, First Vice President David Mink, President Ellen Parke, Past President Charlie Blaisdell, C. Lois Kahan, Past President Jeff Kelly, Past President Howard Matson, C. Jim Arimond

## Foundation Nominating

Committee Chair Howard Matson announced two new members of the Board of Directors, Barbara Roy from Naples and Kip Knudson, former scholar from Washington, DC. Past President Charlie Blaisdell was appointed Honorary President of the Foundation. Just months from his 100th birthday, Charlie addressed the members with his typical wry humor. He told the group he wanted to dispel any rumors that he was one of the Club founders.

After the official meeting, our youngest member, MIT student Matt Guthmiller gave a fascinating account of this solo circumnavigation in a single-engine plane last year, when he was only 19. This accomplishment earned him the Guinness record as the youngest person to achieve this feat. Matt's talk and photos brought home the magnitude of this 44-day journey.



C. Matt Guthmiller, President Ellen Parke, Past President Charlie Blaisdell



Foundation President Greg Rider, Honorary Foundation President Charlie Blaisdell, Past President and Foundation Treasurer Jeff Kelly



President Ellen Parke presenting a membership certificate to C. Richard Shiu from New York City



# YOUNG ADVENTURER MAKES HISTORY

BY C. JACKIE SIMENAUER



AT THE AGE OF 17, MATT GUTHMILLER GOT HIS PILOT'S LICENSE.

AT THE AGE OF 19, MATT BECAME THE YOUNGEST PILOT TO FLY SOLO AROUND THE WORLD, FOR WHICH HE NOW HOLDS THE GUINNESS WORLD RECORD.

MATT IS ALSO THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE CIRCUMNAVIGATORS CLUB, AND HE ADDRESSED THE ANNUAL MEETING IN NEW YORK LAST MONTH.

QUITE A FEAT FOR THIS MIT SOPHOMORE STUDENT WHO SPENT HIS SUMMER VACATION FLYING A SINGLE-ENGINE PLANE, A 1981 BEECHCRAFT A36 BONANZA MORE THAN A DECADE OLDER THAN HIM.

FLYING MORE THAN 30,000 MILES, MAKING 23 STOPS IN 15 COUNTRIES ON FIVE CONTINENTS IN SIX WEEKS, MATT ALSO PERFORMED HIS OWN ENGINE MAINTENANCE AND FUEL CALCULATIONS. HE FLEW AT 11,500 FEET WHICH IS ROUGHLY OPTIMAL CRUISING ALTITUDE, AT APPROXIMATELY 185 MILES PER HOUR, AIMING TO GO AS FAR AS HIS FUEL WOULD TAKE HIM. HE WOUND UP FLYING APPROXIMATELY 10 HOURS PER DAY AND 170 HOURS IN TOTAL. THE JOURNEY COST \$150,000.







He departed on May 31, 2014, from San Diego, with extra fuel tanks that replaced four of his six seats in the plane.

After traversing the Atlantic, his itinerary included stops in Portugal, England, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Abu Dhabi, India, Malaysia, the Philippines, Australia, New Caledonia, Fiji, American Samoa and Hawaii before heading back home.

According to Circumnavigator Angela Addario, who followed his progress around the planet, “there have been many failed attempts to do this, and it requires certain qualities that many say are beyond his age. You have to be intensely focused on all the details involved in such a feat, in a very unforgiving environment, with practically no margin for error.

“Matt obviously had the skill and technical expertise required to single handedly fly a plane on such an endeavor.

“Following his Twitter account, he would casually post tweets such as ‘I spent 18 of the past 23 hours I was awake flying a plane,’ which was his July 12 tweet, ‘on a long segment flying over the Pacific Ocean,’ heading back to the U.S. on the next-to-final leg of his trip.”

“As a little kid he was afraid to go down to the basement,” said his father, Allen Guthmiller, in an interview. “It’s amazing how kids change. Now, he’s not afraid of anything.”

“When I put this trip together, my parents were excited and supportive,” the South Dakota-born Guthmiller says. He carried a satellite pack phone and could text his parents daily while he was in the air.



What was it like when Matt flew into so many different countries? “People would take me out to dinner,” he said, “and in Rome a pilot took the day off work to show me all of the sites there. In Manila an aviation company sponsored my trip there and welcomed me.”

“There are many different customs and different ways of doing things but ultimately, it is all just one big world of the same ideas.”

What was his favorite part of the whole experience? “The incredibly friendly, helpful people all over the world.”

What was his worst experience? “All the big jets can see the thunderstorms and can go around them. Since I did not have that technology, and had to see the clouds before I could react, then I was getting tossed all over the place.”

Matt said he tried to avoid such frightening situations. “It is nerve wracking and you wonder ‘am I going to get around this’.”

In Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia he had to fly around “a bunch of thunderstorms,” and the time it took him to do this put his fuel supply at risk.

Matt dedicated his solo circumnavigation as a fundraising mission for *Code.org*, a nonprofit organization working to demystify and teach computer programming, both online and in schools, especially to underprivileged and under-represented students.







# IMPRESSIONS OF INDIA

BY ROGER WEATHERBURN BAKER

I'M WRITING THIS SITTING AT A SMALL, ROUND TABLE UNDER AN OPEN-SIDED TEAK PAVILION ON THE EDGE OF THE VAST EXPANSE OF LAKE KUMARAKOM, A PLACE DESCRIBED AS "PARADISE UNTOUCHED BY TIME."

HERE AT THE WATER'S EDGE, LUSH GREEN POCKETS OF WATER HYACINTH AND DUCKWEED CLOG THE SHORE AND GRACEFUL SARI-CLAD WOMEN TRIM THE HIBISCUS. IT'S STILL HOT. BUT THE SUN, WHICH MINUTES AGO THREW A BRIDAL TRAIN OF GOLD ACROSS THE PEACEFUL WATERS, HAS NOW BEGUN SINKING, CASTING A ROSE GLOW BEHIND A HANDFUL OF SHALLOW FISHING SKIFFS RECEDING INTO DARK SILHOUETTE.

I'm in Kerala in southwest India on the fabled Malabar Coast.

A 90-minute drive from the ancient city of Kochi through open rice fields, rural hamlets and dense tropical vegetation will bring you here to this intricate network of brackish lagoons, canals, rivers and lakes that puncture a long sliver of land parallel to the Arabian Sea. Known as the Kerala Backwaters this remote region has long ranked among the *100 Places to See before You Die*.

It seems appropriate to begin my story here for another reason. This is where voyagers from the West first set foot on the subcontinent. They were looking for highly prized spices. First the Arabs, then the Romans, but it was Portuguese adventurers led by Vasco de Gama in 1498 who established the Spice Route motivated by a Medieval Europe that valued pepper even more than gold.

Soon, this became the richest trading center in the world fought over by half of Europe for centuries. Once more than 200 ships a year ferried spices from here to far off Mediterranean ports where one pound of pepper sold for 20 times its original price, making princes out of merchants.

But today it's not pepper or even tea that first comes to mind when we think of India. For many, India conjures images of low hygiene and high tech; slums and overcrowding; the poor and maimed; undrinkable water, cows, Slum Dog Millionaire and the Taj Mahal. It is all that, but spend time here and you will leave with other impressions more complex and layered.

The billion-plus people living here have a hugely diverse range of cultures, languages and beliefs that have left their mark. You'll see it expressed in their classical, visual and performing arts; in their seemingly opulent jewelry and eye-popping costumes; in a plethora of deities, intricately carved temples and simple roadside shrines; even on the sides of vibrantly painted trucks and buses. You'll see it in their ritual bathing





in the sacred waters of the Ganges at Varanasi and the endless cremations on the *ghats* on its banks.

Add to this everyday kaleidoscope of color, the impressions left by the magnificence of the Mughal Empire and the golden age of the Maharajas. This was a time of incredibly ostentatious wealth expressed through art, poetry and architecture. From the 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> centuries the Maharajas, their wives and courts lived in decadent luxury most famously evidenced perhaps by the Taj Mahal.

Thousands of laborers, calligraphers and artists from as far afield as Syria built the world's most famous romantic monument. A thousand elephants were used to bring in its raw materials. Precious stones were transported from China, Tibet, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan.

But other great architecture of this bygone era can be seen throughout India in city centers, mountaintop forts and lakeside palaces, in temples and tombs in parks and gardens, caves and mountainsides.

Near Jaipur, for example, is the Amber Fort, a massive complex of ramparts, gateways, pillared pavilions, palaces and courtyards that sprawl across a mountaintop so inaccessible, most visitors ride painted elephants up the steep ramps to its entrance.

In Udaipur, the City Palace, still home to the Maharaja of Udaipur, dominates one side of a tranquil lake in which other palatial residences carved out of dazzling white marble seem to float like sugared confections on its mirrored surface.

Within the City Palace, almost every surface is decorated with murals, mosaics, porcelain tiles, glass inlay and semi-precious stones. In one courtyard alone, 5,000 pieces of tinted glass were used to create the four peacocks adorning the walls.

Then came the Raj in 1858. For almost a hundred years, the British crown imposed direct rule and







Found nowhere else in India, cantilevered fishing nets like this were introduced to Kerala by Chinese seamen in the 16th century.

Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India. English became the common language. Schools were built on British models. Legal and parliamentary systems were put in place, and a cross-country infrastructure began. British architects built vast emporiums, Victorian mansions, hotels, schools and churches, polo grounds and cricket clubs, in a rush to create a home away from home.

Much of this era leaves a distinct impression too, in Delhi certainly but perhaps most poignantly in Mumbai, which was then Bombay. Surrounded on three sides by the Arabian Sea, India's most populous city is a magnet for rich and poor. Here, acres of makeshift shanties skirt gleaming steel-and-glass high-rises pushing skyward.

But here on the city's waterfront is India's defining landmark of the Raj, a massive commemorative arch known as the Gateway to India. Next to it on one side is an exclusive sailing and yacht club. On the other is India's most famous hotel, the Taj Mahal Palace. The aging dowager has had a facelift since the old days of Empire. But on the fourth floor, little has changed. Discreet waiters still serve afternoon tea on a glass-enclosed balcony overlooking the harbor. Sitting there, it's easy to imagine uniformed British officers and their ladies waiting for the arrival of the next packet from London.

Many ancient cultures, beliefs and traditions remain. But spices are no longer traded to the Portuguese. The Maharajas' tiger hunts and fleets of Bugattis are gone. The British have long abandoned their clubs and parade grounds. But in many ways it's all still there, just waiting to create new impressions for the next first-time traveler. One willing to listen to the voices of those who've gone before in the echos of the past.



## Captions

The colorful, fast-paced life of India is captured by the camera. Street vendors, elephants, a wedding, holy man and other powerful sights. On page 10, the Gateway to India in Mumbai is shown in the center. On page 11, photos at the top are the burning ghats of Varanasi and the unique cantilevered fishing nets in Kerala. Bottom: Jaipur's Amber Fort.



# CHILE

*South American Tales*

## A LAND OF CONTRASTS

BY C. BARBARA HAGSTROM

### CHILE, ON THE WEST COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA, OFFERS A DIVERSITY THAT NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE.

My good friend, Merrill Steigert, a painter and artist, and I started our marvelous two-week trip to Chile, flying from New York City to Santiago, the capital. Chile is a coastal country 2,653 miles long and 221 miles wide with Santiago in the middle.

After touring Santiago's historic district, we flew north to Calama in the Atacama Desert, the driest desert in the world, staying at the Explora Lodge at an altitude of 8,200 feet. The lodge organized our hikes for the duration of our trip. Highlights were sand dune skiing in our hiking boots, viewing the salt flats, flamingos, the Cordillera Domeyko Mountain range and seeing the clear night skies of the Atacama Desert which is home to one of the world's greatest sets of telescopes, the ESO (European Southern Observatory).

Our trip took us back to the hub, Santiago, then we flew 2,340 miles west to Rapa Nui, also known as Easter Island, famous for its Moia statues hand chiseled from volcanic rock. We hiked over volcanic rock trails with the ocean licking at the shoreline, walked through underground volcanic lava tubes and took a motor boat excursion out to Birdman Island. We studied the history of the Rapa

Nui tribes and how these enormous statues weighing tons were possibly "walked" to the coast lines.

Coordination was very important on this trip as after Rapa Nui, we flew back to Santiago and south towards the Antarctic to Patagonia, flying into Punta Arenas, then driving five hours on to Torres del Paine National Park with its main attraction, the Paine Massif with its magnificent granite spires and glacial Southern Ice Fields. We spent days hiking windy, rocky trails, with views of the melting glaciers of Mirador Lago Grey and sometimes almost being blown off the trail. Warning, be sure to bring wind gear. We stayed at another Explora Lodge, which is located within the National Park with a bedroom view of the Paine Massif.

This trip of extremes was strenuous, taking coordination and stamina; however, was well worth while. Now to decide, what is next on our South American "Bucket List"? The Amazon?





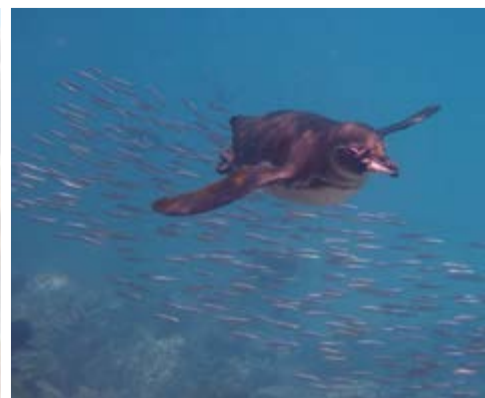
# GALAPAGOS

## UNDERWATER

BY C. FRED MINK



*HERE COMES THE SUN* BEGINS SOFTLY PLAYING IN MY CABIN AND A BEAUTIFUL VELVETY VOICE BECKONS ME AWAKE INVITING ME TO DON MY WET SUIT AND HEAD FOR THE PANGAS. IT IS 6:30 A.M. AND MY WIFE, JAN, AND I ARE ON VACATION. NEVER IN MY WILDEST DREAMS WOULD I HAVE ENVISIONED A VACATION THAT REQUIRED ME TO WAKE UP AND EXERCISE AT THE CRACK OF DAWN. AS I STRUGGLED TO GET OUT OF BED I REALIZED I WAS NOT ON VACATION BUT ON AN ADVENTURE AND DECIDED TO EMBRACE IT WHOLEHEARTEDLY.







## South American Tales

Pristine blue water as far as the eye can see surrounded by mountains, volcanoes and rocky terrain was my landscape for seven days while touring the Galapagos Islands on the majestic motor yacht *Grace*. I always love a good back-story and was interested to learn that the *Grace* was a wedding gift given by Aristotle Onassis to Prince Rainier and Princess Grace of Monaco - the royal couple honeymooned aboard the boat. The beautifully restored vessel built in 1928 with an exciting past at sea served as my home and allowed me to explore the natural beauty of Ecuador in splendor.

By day we snorkeled and hiked, and hiked and snorkeled. In between these activities we took panga rides in search of mating turtles, penguins sunning themselves on cliffs and dolphins jumping and chasing one another in their enormous playground. One morning we even fit in a hike to the Barolome Island summit, climbing more than 300 steps to watch the sunrise and take in the spectacular views of Pinnacle Rock followed by a snorkel adventure - all before breakfast. Our naturalist pushed us to test ourselves so that we could experience the ultimate adventure - and indeed we did.

We never tired of seeing the incredible wild life or having the baby sea lions invite us to play by nibbling on our shoes as if they were puppies. Jumping into an ocean in the midst of thousands of colorful fish was a dream come true and in my 40 plus

years of diving and snorkeling I've never experienced the variety and number of sea creatures as I did in the Galapagos Islands.

Observing and learning about iguanas, flamingos, frigates and blue-footed boobies held the interest of the diverse passengers on our trip. Without the distraction of technology, we broke bread, talked and read when we weren't out exploring, ultimately being rocked to sleep early by the calming (but sometimes rough) water. Ranging in age from 30 to 70, we bonded as a group, enjoying the spectacular scenery and feeling especially blessed to share this experience together.

Perhaps the most amazing moment of the trip was when I spotted five reef sharks swimming beneath me; instead of scurrying away, my fellow cruise mates headed directly towards me, diving down to get as close to the sharks as possible. What an amazing adventure!

Photos by Fred Mink and Rafael Pesantes, Galapagos Naturalist





# MOMENTS IN KATHMANDU

BY C. ELLEN PARKE

My friend and I were exploring the main shopping street of Kathmandu when a boy of about ten approached us and asked for money. He said he needed to buy milk powder for his baby brother. We tried to ignore him, but he was quite persistent. What immediately struck us was his excellent command of English, even down to the American accent. Then he impressed us with his knowledge of the US, correctly naming the capital of every state we mentioned. Persuaded by his charm, my friend finally said she wouldn't give him any money, but she would buy a box of milk powder. He led us to a kiosk where my friend made the purchase. The boy happily scampered off with the box. We laughed and laughed. Did he really have a baby brother? Did his family own the kiosk? How many times did that box of milk powder change hands? We didn't care.

Friends had recommended that I take a "flight-seeing" trip of Mount Everest while in Kathmandu. I was skeptical, thinking that it might not be the safest thing to try. Ultimately, I conquered my fear and decided to do it. The small plane held about 20 passengers and had a pilot, copilot and one flight attendant. We spent about a half hour above the clouds, where we could see Everest and several of the other highest peaks. As the plane descended, the clouds parted, revealing a stunning view of the Himalayas. It was well worth the \$100. An amazing, once-in-a-lifetime experience!





# TAKING IT ALL IN

BY  JOE OSENTOSKI

On my first visit to Nepal, I remember: watching the sun set over the mountains while sipping a hot rum toddy from the roof of the Kathmandu Guest House (a Peace Corps worker insisted we try this). Watching cremations at the ghats on the Bagmati River across from Pashupatinath, and talking to an American who operated a hospice there. The smell of history at the Old Royal Palace as I climbed Besantapur Tower. The legions of touts (“Money? Hashish?”) as I walked the streets. Beef Stroganoff at Red Square Restaurant. Seeing Everest from the air (from the ground was not until 1998). The arduous hike up to Swayambhunath (Monkey) Temple to get a gorgeous vista on a sunny day. The smell of wood smoke permeating the city. Enjoying French Onion Soup, Small Pot Chinese Tea (25 Rupees--less than \$1) and hearing Bob Seger’s “Katmandu” playing while in the Hotel Blue Star garden. Having to pay protection money for our bicycles at Boudnath Stupa and my encounter with Tibetan refugees.



The unpaved streets showing layers of history as I walked the back alleys and side streets of the city. The daily loss of electricity and the ease with which the locals coped. Sharing a room with someone I just met in the lobby at the Kathmandu Guest House--it was the last room in the hotel and we both needed a place to stay--for \$5. The cross section of the world: Canadians, Germans, French, Aussies, Kiwis, Brits, Dutch, and even a Yank. The amazing items for sale in the amazing shops. Arranging for a package shipment home at Mountain Movers and Packers: just where did that traveler’s check end up (and why did I have to give him some of my clothes in a gesture of friendship)? Hoisting my backpack, tightening the straps, and wading into the circus of Thamel that first night. The surreal experience of an Italian breakfast at La Dolce Vita the morning of my departure.

And through this just thinking to myself: “What a long, strange trip it’s been.” Every turn and every step was a discovery on that trip.





# TEEING UP IN KATHMANDU

BY C. DOTTIE MINK

Given the extent of the tragedy, it seems a bit callous to recount a wonderful, memorable golf experience in Kathmandu. But it was an experience that brought home both the beauty of the country and the hospitality and kindness of the people.

My husband and I were visiting Nepal on business and having lunch at the Gorkhana Forest Golf Club when we were invited to play the course. At first, we declined and then thought to ourselves “Are we crazy? This has to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.” So, the next morning, before our flight out, we played a round on one of the world’s most beautiful and remote courses. The grounds were originally the private hunting preserve for the Nepalese royals.

Joining us were a British friend and the member, a Tibetan businessman. The members loaned us clubs, balls and shoes. I had to wear men’s shoes because all the ladies’ shoes were too small. Here’s the best part: we had four caddies, four forecaddies, two spotters (who went out ahead of the forecaddies) and one caddy who was the pin-tender. In addition, we had a group of onlookers who wanted to see the prowess of these American golfers (they must have been disappointed!). It felt like Arnie’s Army going down the fairway. On one hole, a caddy pointed out the spot where a leopard recently killed a deer. I guess that’s why we had the spotters. I am happy to report that we received a message from Gorkhana that all guests and employees were uninjured in the earthquake. They asked for our prayers for Nepal in this time of distress.



# THE WONDERS OF EGYPT

BY C. JUDITH W. SCHRAFFT



If “A Tale of Two Cities” were to be written today in a contemporary mode, the two closely joined cities of Cairo and Giza would lend themselves to comparison.

Straddling the River Nile along a corridor once a palmy desert, a megalopolis of 23 million people must cope daily with monumental congestion. Miles of sand colored apartment blocks appear sometimes unfinished, but this is a ploy to avoid property taxes, as each unit is actually occupied.

The formal elegance of older Cairo and the historic charm of its ancient quarters still exist, and the iconic Cairo Museum with its treasures from all of Egypt’s 26 dynasties reaching back 5000 years remain displayed in the crepuscular gloom with some original packing crates nearby. Obligatory museum cats roam within, and a family of dogs owns the front lawn. The only evidence of past political dissension is a line of military tanks along the gated front fence, an armed soldier in each turret, a leftover from recent turmoil and now protecting Egypt’s most valuable property.

Across the river and through traffic-clogged highways, one reaches the sister city of Giza and the feeling that the elusive desert actually exists. Here, above the urban congestion, looms the fabled Giza Plateau, the focal point of any Egyptian tour or visit, and the setting for the eternal pyramids and of sphinx history and legend.

Although the Giza Plateau is known especially for these monuments, in actuality it was a bustling beehive of activity over the centuries with foundations and remains of lesser pyramids and other structures, and a vast limestone quarry from which the pale burnished surface stone surrounding each pyramid was mined to cover the immense limestone and granite blocks beneath. The great pyramid of Khufu is composed of 2.3 million blocks weighing 2.5 tons each, making the theory that ancient aliens had a hand in it even more convincing. Each pyramid was topped with a glittering peak of electrum, an amalgam of gold and silver from the Nile Delta, later removed by centuries of robbers.

As the sun rises, richly decorated camels and horses are brought up to the plateau to be rented and ridden, vendors set up souvenir tables, and a cheerful cacophony of voices hawk their mounts and treasures. The Giza Plateau is still as bustling a beehive today, all those dynasties later, although a fraction compared to four years ago before Egypt’s political troubles.

The wonders of the stretch of the Nile south from Luxor to Aswan are the true treasures of dynastic Egypt. The Valley of the Kings makes available to visitors over 20 richly decorated rock cut tombs deep in the mountainside. Each has been fitted outside

with a contemporary entrance with a helpful guard always on duty. All the Rameses line of pharaohs, of which there were eight or nine, Tutankhamen, and many lesser known rulers are honored there.

Between the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens lies the strangely contemporary mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut, Egypt’s only female pharaoh. She is portrayed in a long line of monumental statues all sporting a pharaonic beard.

The staging ground for these tombs and temples is the riverside city of Luxor, known during dynastic times as Thebes. The temple of Rameses II at Luxor is one of Egypt’s greatest monuments befitting the great one himself, especially when illuminated at night. From its entrance a double row of sphinxes line a half mile pathway leading to the spectacular temple of Karnak, which was augmented over one thousand years by pharaohs who wanted to add their own signature style. There was never a personage named Karnak despite a turbaned Johnny Carson in his late-night act.

The most practical method of enjoying these ancient monuments is aboard one of the many-leveled river boats which cover, in a week or so, the distance between Luxor and Aswan. Each morning and afternoon offers different sites, some in walking distance of the river and some a short ride away.

Luxor has long been a sophisticated destination for Europeans and direct flights still operate from London and Paris. Along the riverfront horse-drawn carriages called “caleches” wait for passengers to ride in shaded comfort to in-town sites.

From Alexandria overland trips can be made south into the desert, oases with its wandering camels and mysterious robed nomads, to any of five far-flung oases. The best known of these is Siwa where Alexander is rumored to be buried. After the era of the Ptolemies, the Romans came and conquered. In Baharia are the recently found “gold mummies” in which the Romans copied the Egyptian method of embalming and wrapping their dead, but graced each with a funerary mask of solid gold.

The richness of Egypt’s history must be shared with these other cultures who left their marks in art and architecture, but the primary focus of any Egyptian visit must be its own ancient cultures and all that they left behind.



## AT SEA

BY C. CAROL GREEN

SUSAN LAWRENCE CIRCUMNAVIGATED IN A SAILBOAT RACE, NO EASY TASK IN ITSELF. BUT HER STORY IS PARTICULARLY UNNERVING.

More than halfway around the globe on an 18-month trip, she and two crewmembers were hijacked, shot at and jailed by pirates off the Horn of Africa. Susan, of Estero, Florida, who recently became a member of the Naples Chapter, told her harrowing story at a monthly luncheon.

*Jake's Fantasia*, their cruising yacht, was part of a flotilla of 50 sailboats in Europa 92, an around-the-world regatta, moving westward on ancient trade routes across the Atlantic and Pacific from Gibraltar in the early 1990s. Susan flew westward from New York and joined the 56-foot motor yacht's crew in Australia.

Jake McCullogh, the British captain; Val Carter, also British and Jake's girlfriend, and Susan, an American, were *en route* to Djibuti, about 25 miles off shore from Ethiopia in international waters when they encountered problems with their gear box. They pulled off the race path to work on it.

Susan looked up from the helm to see a boat with people holding guns standing in the bow. Val woke Jake, who was taking a nap. Six people on a dugout canoe with engines pulled up. One man held an AK-47. A tarp covered what later turned out to be an old Gatling gun.

The people in the canoe asked for cigarettes. The sailboat crew answered they were sorry, but they had none. The canoe's crew told them to follow them. Val went below and put out a mayday call on the ship's radio. The U.S. Navy picked up her call and asked for Social Security numbers of the crew. But the Navy didn't come.

The Navy radioman told Jake to outrun the canoe, but when Jake turned the slow-moving yacht away, the canoe's crew fired and bullets from an old Gatling gun whizzed through their sails. The pirates boarded the yacht, seized the crew's three guns, turned off the radio, and took control. After searching the yacht, two men stayed on board.



The pirates said they were hungry. The crew had banana bread and a Diet Coke. Susan went below and brought the bread and Diet Coke to them on a plate. "One guy picked up the Diet Coke and punched me," Susan said. "He grabbed me, there was a punching match, and then Jake drank the Coke" to show him it was not poisoned.

Crying, Susan was sent below, later joined by Jake and Val. As their boat moved toward shore, they saw they were approaching a harbor filled with sunken ships and nearby buildings with old gaping holes in the walls. They thought they might be in Ethiopia. But their captors said they were from the Eritrean Liberation Front and asked the crew if they were aiding the Ethiopians. Eritrea had been at war with Ethiopia for 30 years.

As they neared the dock in a ramshackle port they were told was Massawa, Eritrea, they could see about 500 people standing on a retaining wall at the water's edge. The pirates paraded the three prisoners through the silent crowd and placed Jake in one jail cell and Val and Susan together in another. Eventually, they were released back to the boat because all the captors wanted was American money, and their money was hidden in the yacht.

The entire episode lasted six days. Back on their yacht, Jake called in to the flotilla at Port Sudan and told the leader they had been captured and released.

After the Navy had received the distress call, they had contacted the State Department to find out if American citizens were in the area. The State Department contacted Cathy Lawrence, Susan's mother. She was originally told that by a State Department employee that her daughter was captured on a ferry in the Red Sea after shots were fired and that Susan and her colleagues were being held hostage.

Cathy and her family applied pressure through international diplomatic and Naval intelligence channels to get Susan released. They never knew which tactic was effective, but something worked. "After I was released and reached Djibouti, I faxed my mother that I was all right and later called her at work," said Susan. "She was sobbing and crying."

Her mother wanted her to come home immediately, but, of course, Susan and the crew caught up with the flotilla and finished the race through the Red Sea, the Mediterranean and back to the starting point in Gibraltar.

"I thank my lucky stars every day for being able to do what I do and enjoy life. Many other sailboats in that situation were ransacked and the crews were killed," Susan said.

Does Susan still sail? Yes, she has her captain's license now, has sailed off Baja and has her eye on organizing a trip to the Greek islands.





# In Our Circle

IN OUR CLUB'S 113 YEARS, WE HAVE HAD MANY NOTABLE MEMBERS PAST AND PRESENT. THIS COLUMN FEATURES THE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED OUR CLUB.

## Sousa—The March King

BY C. DAVID A. MINK



John Philip Sousa, the master of patriotic marches, was an active member of the Circumnavigators Club for decades in the early part of the last century.

In the 1920s, he served on the Auditing Committee at the same time that magician Harry Houdini served on the Entertainment Committee. Those must have been some interesting meetings.

Sousa wrote more than 150 marches, the most famous perhaps “Stars & Stripes Forever”. His final march, however, was dedicated to the Club he so loved, and “The Circumnavigators Club March” became history when it released in 1931.

Sousa wrote “I am a member of the Circumnavigators Club for the following reasons: I went from New York to London, from London on a tour of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales; sailed from Plymouth to Tenerife, sailed again from Tenerife to Cape Town, toured South Africa, sailed from Cape Town to Australia, toured that country, sailed from Melbourne to Tasmania, toured that country, from there to New Zealand, toured that country and went from New Zealand to Suva, Suva to Honolulu to Vancouver to New York.” Sounds like a pretty good trip!

Known in the Club as Circumsousa, he died in 1932 in Reading, PA. You can listen to the Circumnavigators Club March by going to our web site [www.circumnavigators.org](http://www.circumnavigators.org) and clicking on the Club overview tab.





# WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER TURNS 30

BY C. MARGARET ELLEN PARKE



Washington DC Founders from left to right  
Bill Geyer, Bob Peterson, Ryck Lydecker and Ed Finch

Thirty years ago, Circumnavigators from the Washington DC metropolitan area came together to form the National Capital Chapter. I have had the privilege to be a part of this group of outstanding men and women since the beginning.

International President Bob Peterson was instrumental in organizing the new chapter and he attended the March 1985 charter dinner at the University Club. The Chapter's first officers were Ryck Lydecker (President), Brian Evans (Vice President) and me (Secretary-Treasurer). Recalling those early days, Brian recently said "it took us a while to come up with a name for our chapter that was acceptable to the Club. We started out with "National Capital," which was unacceptable because it did not take into account the Club's international charter, and then tried "Washington," which didn't sit well with some members in the Pacific Northwest. We finally settled on "DC." I guess protracted negotiations over our Chapter's name should have been expected, given that our members hail from a region that thrives on political wrangling!"

Brian also recalled that the DC Chapter was founded "as a way to address the social and intellectual needs of circumnavigators associated with the federal government, the armed forces, and other fields of endeavor based in the Washington metro area. Once the DC Chapter stood up, it was only natural that the Foundation turned to us to serve as its liaison with Georgetown University for the administration of the Raymond M. Dinsmore around-the-world study grant. It has fostered a decades-long relationship that has increased our understanding of global issues while bringing dozens of bright, dedicated young scholars onto the rolls of the Club." Foundation President Greg Rider was the first grantee from Georgetown in 1971 and Brian followed him in 1974. Brian is a long-time member of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Today, the Chapter is a thriving part of the Circumnavigators Club. In addition to active duty and retired members of the Federal Government and US military, it has Circumnavigators from many other walks of life, including a university professor, an author, a retired music teacher, a sculptor, and business leaders and entrepreneurs. Chapter President Samuel Watson reports that "we're trying to have at least four get-togethers a year. One very popular tradition is the joint dinner in November with the Washington Group of the Explorers Club. We're encouraged by the addition of a few members each year."

The Chapter's location in the nation's capital has helped it attract distinguished speakers, including Ambassador Bruce Laingen, one of the hostages held in Iran for 444 days; William Colby, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency; and William Walsh, Club member and founder of Project HOPE.

Recently, former ABC News correspondent Ann Compton, who covered The White House for 40 years, received the Order of Magellan at the Cosmos Club. It was the first time this event has been held outside New York City.





# FACES

*from around the world*



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# *chapter highlights*

## *CHICAGO*



Chicago Chapter members enjoying a trip to Pullman Village last summer.

## *MICHIGAN*



Michigan Chapter members at a Spring meeting at Fox Run.

## *NAPLES*

Members from the Naples Chapter enjoying a luncheon at the Club at Pelican Bay.



## *PACIFIC-NORTHWEST*



Pacific-Northwest Chapter members at a luncheon and program given by Chapter President Charles Stotts on the UNESCO World Heritage sites.

## *PACIFIC-SOUTHWEST*



Pacific-Southwest Chapter President Virginia Foster with her husband Arthur Hammons at June Mountain Ski Resort in the Eastern Sierras.



# *chapter highlights*

## *PALM BEACH*



Palm Beach Chapter members enjoying the Kentucky Derby at The Colonel Hotel.

## *SINGAPORE*



Singapore Chapter members at their annual meeting and dinner where C. Graham Bell was elected Chapter President.

## *WASHINGTON DC*



Washington DC Chapter members celebrating the Chinese Lunar year at a luncheon and program. Life Member Bill Billings gave a program about building a bridge over the Nile River in Ethiopia.



## *UNITED KINGDOM*

C. Sue Hoey showing the clay men of Papua New Guinea at a Chapter lunch at the Savile Club in London.





# WELCOME *aboard*s

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

## Patricia Adams



Born in Pennsylvania, Pat has lived in Naples, FL since 1973, where she has been active in many civic and charitable organizations. A graduate of Maryland Medical

Technology School, she is the former director of the Mental Health Association. As trustees of "People to People International", Pat and her late husband visited more than 90 countries.

## Marcelo Alvarez



With an MBA from the University of Miami, Marcelo has been active in a number of financial and business enterprises. After 40 years in the Miami area, Marcelo and his wife, Betty,

moved to the quieter climes of Naples, FL. The Marcelos travel extensively and participate in civic and charitable activities.

## Robert Augustine



Bob lives in Bonita Springs, FL with his wife, Jill, also a Circumnavigator. During his career with AT&T, he lived in Tehran, Iran, which gave him a base for extensive foreign

travel. During the revolution, he was one of the last Americans to leave Iran. He and Jill revisited Iran in recent years, which he recounted in a presentation to the Club in NYC.

## Edward Berge



Retired after a long career with AT&T, Ed and his wife built a house on farmland in Baltimore County, MD, where they live part of the year, spending the rest of the time traveling and

wintering in Ocean Ridge, FL. A descendent of well-known sculptors, he collects sculpture, in addition to collecting art, stamps and coins.

## Patricia Buescher



A native and resident of Portland, OR, Patricia is a retired CPA who now devotes her time to travel and a wide variety of activities. She is a member of the Travelers' Century

Club and the Forest Grove Camera Club. She and her husband, Paul, circumnavigated in 2005.

## Paul Buescher



Also a native of Portland, OR Paul spent a number of years in the Air Force as a navigator. During his flying years, he developed a passion for photography, with a "focus" on birds. His photos have

been published in a number of magazines. Now retired, Paul enjoys traveling with his wife, Patricia, and participating in a wide range of activities, including camping and kayaking.

## Roberta Cervelli



A native of Chicago, Bobbi now lives in Naples, FL where she is retired after a long career in customer service. She and her late husband, Richard, spent several months each year living in

Florence, Italy, where they had an apartment. Aside from travel, she enjoys hobbies such as horseback riding and gardening, and, especially, her four Shih Tzu dogs. She is noted for her devotion to charitable organizations in SW Florida.

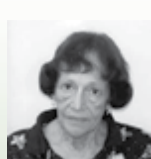
## Kelly Grace Cooper



Kelly is a registered nurse, living in Naples, FL. She has traveled extensively throughout the world and has studied abroad in several countries. She is active in civic groups in

SW Florida, including the Boys & Girls Club of Naples and the Latchkey League.

## Sandra Dee



With several degrees in hand, Sandra has worked in a variety of fields, including book editing, educational testing and assisting the developmentally challenged. Since moving to Naples,

FL, she has been involved in educational volunteer work. She is a member of the Naples Press Club, the Council of World Affairs, and Friends of Art, among other groups.

## James Duke



Born in Ukraine, James left the Soviet Union with much difficulty and eventually arrived in the U.S. where he earned a Ph.D in Electrical Engineering. After a long, varied career in engineering,

including three start-up companies, he has retired to Naples, FL. He has traveled extensively, visiting every continent except Antarctica. He now offers a service (Life Story Pictures) that helps people tell their life and family stories via video biography.

## Maria Duke



Born in Sweden, Maria lived and grew up in a variety of international locations, including the Canary Islands, Guam, and Senegal where she managed the American

Club in Dakar. She came to the U.S. where she met her husband, James, with whom she lives in Naples, FL. She has traveled extensively and is now focused on writing a historical novel.

## Amelia Earhart



Amelia has achieved the amazing accomplishment of being the youngest woman to fly around the world in a single-engine aircraft. Although unrelated to her namesake, she recreated the

route of the "original" Amelia in 2014. With a string of honors and awards to her credit, Amelia lives in Denver and runs the Fly With Amelia Foundation, which awards scholarships for flying lesson to young women aged 16 to 18.





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## Caroline Faris



A native of Alexandria, LA, she coincidentally now has a career as a guidance counselor in Alexandria, VA. She became an avid world traveler in her college days and has continued to

visit the corners of the world, especially enjoying the vineyards of Australia and northern Italy. She lives in Washington DC with her husband and three teenage children.

## Stephen Faris



Along with his wife, Caroline, Stephen has seen much of the world, having lived and worked in Hong Kong and Singapore for nearly two decades. Living in Washington DC,

he works for a New York-based cloud consulting company, BlueWolf. He has degrees from the University of Michigan and UCLA. He enjoys wine, tennis and auto racing.

## Benjamin Flajnik



Benjamin was raised in Sonoma, CA and Tucson, AZ with "an irrepressible urge to dream big and travel the world." He made his circumnavigation last year. Living in San

Francisco, his primary occupation is winemaking. If he looks a bit familiar, it may be because he appeared in seasons of ABC's "Bachelorette" and "Bachelor".

## Marylin Fredrickson



Originally from Illinois, Marylin is now retired in Naples, FL. She has visited more than 85 countries since her retirement.

Among her varied activities, she enjoys art, bridge and golf. Her husband, Dennis, is also a Circumnavigator.

## W. Bradford Gary



A native of New York, Brad now lives in Palm Beach, FL after a long, distinguished career in government service and corporate enterprises.

He has visited more than 100 countries since his first circumnavigation in 1973. He is active in a number of organizations, including the U.S. Naval War College Foundation.

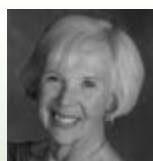
## Matt Guthmiller



Matt holds the Guinness World Record as the youngest person to solo circumnavigate by plane. He accomplished this feat last year at the age of 19 and his story is featured in

this issue of The LOG. A native of South Dakota, Matt is a student at MIT. He has a non-profit organization Limitless Horizons.

## Sally Hebeisen



Born in Minneapolis, Sally now lives in Bonita Springs, FL. Her career as an art teacher has resulted in numerous art awards and a love for art. She has recently taken painting trips to Cuba

and Italy where she combined her passion for travel and art. Sally spends the summers in Minnesota.

## Richard Hoon



A new member of the Singapore Chapter, Richard is CEO of I Search Worldwide. He is active in a wide range of civic and professional groups in Singapore and he earned

his MBA at Florida State University. He enjoys collecting art, playing badminton and golf, and drinking good wine and single malt.

## Lou Ann Horn



A native of Iowa, Lou Ann lives in Salem, Oregon where she is active in many social and charitable organizations. For more than 20 years, she has been a member of Salem's "Sister City" team

to the city of Kawagoe, Japan. She has made many trips to Kawagoe where she will again represent Salem in October 2015. She has enjoyed taking her three grandchildren to countries of their choice.

## Thomas Klechak



Originally from the Washington DC area, Thomas moved his family to Jacksonville, FL in 1971 where he had a private practice in orthodontics. He is pleased with the thousands of smiles

he created over the decades in the Jacksonville area, where he has been very involved in a host of professional, civic and charitable organizations. His love of travel has taken him throughout the United States and to more than 112 countries.

## Barbara Kropschot



A native Pennsylvanian, Barbara held a number of management and administrative positions before moving to Florida from Philadelphia. She now lives in Naples, FL and has

traveled to more than 50 countries, including her circumnavigation in 2013. Her husband, Bruce, is also a Circumnavigator.

## Nanci Lanza



As a student at UCLA, Nanci saw a sign "spend your winter quarter in Mexico". She went and stayed, getting her degree from the *Universidad de las Americas*. She became a Spanish

teacher, and later moved to Miami to marry her late husband. She is now "retired" to New York City where she can often be found at the "theater, the opera, the ballet, the symphony or a bridge table".

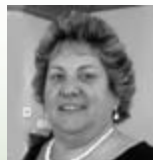




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## Susan Lawrence



Now living in Estero, FL, Susan made a circumnavigation in the 1990's in a group of 50 sailboats. The journey resulted in many adventures and dramas, including a harrowing capture by pirates.

That story is featured in this issue of The LOG. She continues to enjoy travel and lives "each day to the fullest because you never know what may happen to change this wonderful thing called life".

## Maurice Maccario



Living in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, Maurice is retired after a long, distinguished career of teaching and practicing oral surgery. He is involved in a variety of civic and charitable organizations in Florida.

## Frances Mancuso



With Master's Degree from the University of Pennsylvania, Frances taught in the Philadelphia school system for 31 years. She sang opera for many years with the Rittenhouse Opera Society. She now lives in SW Florida and spends the summers at the Jersey shore.

## Leroy McCully



Leroy joins our Club from Singapore where he is an award-winning dentist and surgeon. He engages in many civic, social and charitable organizations. His love of cars has taken

him on many driving holidays and tests of tracks around the world. He is a leading member and officer of *Chaine des Rotisseurs* which celebrates fine food and dining.

## Helen McIntyre



Born in Iowa, Helen spent many years living abroad with her husband in Aruba, Japan, India, Philippines, Greece, Indonesia and Hong Kong. While overseas, she was

active in Girl Scouting and served as country commissioner for Greece and Turkey. She now lives in Naples, FL where she is active in civic and charitable organizations.

## Louis Charles Merkel



Charles lives in St. Louis, MO where he operates a piano service. He is a member of the Travelers' Century Club, having visited 209 countries by the TCC count. He began "collecting" countries

in 1971, a passion that has taken him on many adventures off the beaten track.

## Erik Meyer



Erik's international business career took him regularly to 30 countries and he has lived in six countries. He is a frequent contributor to business publications and appears in conferences and radio shows on

international business issues. He lives in suburban Columbus, OH and spends part of the winter in Naples, FL.

## Fred Mink



Fred is Chairman of his family importing business and he has travelled the world on buying trips for oriental rugs. His brothers David and Ken are also Circumnavigators. He lives

in Newark, DE with a summer home in Bethany Beach. He is a pilot and scuba diver and enjoys boating, golf and hiking.

## James Morrison



Retired in Naples, FL, James combines his love of travel with his passion for golf. He has played golf in 17 countries and five continents, and, remarkably, he has "shot his age" 92

times. He is involved in church and civic duties in SW Florida. He and his wife have two daughters and five grandchildren living in Europe.

## Jonathan Muhiudeen



Born in Singapore, Jonathan now lives in Piedmont, CA with his family, after many years in Australia. He spent four years circumnavigating on a variety of ships and boats, one of which sank.

He wrote a book "Salt in the Rainbow" recounting the adventures on his journey around the world. He enjoys writing, cooking and maritime history.

## Pat Oyang



With degrees from Florida State University, Pat was Library Manager for the Queens Library in NYC for 30 years. She now lives in Naples, FL and spends the summers in NYC. She is

an avid traveler who recently visited Iceland and Madagascar.

## Andrew Palmer



Andrew lives in Coral Springs, FL where he practices law, and he has lived in many spots in the USA before settling there with his wife, Lisa Sholty. Andrew loves to travel and

experience the people and cultures of the world. His most recent circumnavigation was completed in April.





# WELCOME *aboard*

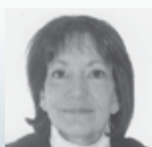
THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE ELECTED TO OUR "GREAT CIRCLE" BY OUR BOARD OF GOVERNORS

## Henry Restarick



Retired in Mandeville, LA, Henry served in the Marine Corps and then had a long, distinguished career in the petroleum industry. He holds 24 patents and has published 36 papers through the Society of Petroleum Engineers. He has lived in many parts of the world, including Malaysia and Nigeria. He is dedicated to preventing the use of child soldiers in the world.

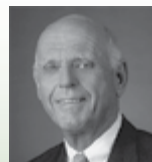
## Rhea Schwartz



With degrees from Penn State and Georgetown Law, Rhea practiced law in Washington DC for many years. She has been deeply involved with adult figure skating, having helped create the first U.S.

Adult Figure Skating Competition in 1995. Active in Girls Scouting, she served two terms on the National Board of the Girl Scouts. She is now retired and living in Chevy Chase, MD with her husband, Paul Wolff, also a Circumnavigator.

## Fred Seely



A retired sports writer and editor, Fred lives in Jacksonville, FL with his wife, Roxanna, a cancer survivor. Roxanne's desire to see the "top of the world" (Mount Everest) led to their

circumnavigation. Born in Asheville, NC, his great-grandfather Edwin Grove built the fabled Grove Park Inn, a hotel familiar to many of our members. During World War II, Fred lived as a child in the hotel. Fred is an avid golfer and is involved in civic activities.

## Richard Shiu



An expert in real estate and finance, Richard knows the fast-paced lifestyle of Manhattan. He has been involved in many key real estate ventures and sits on several boards in New

York. Besides his passion for travel, he engages in extreme sports such as Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, kite surfing and snowboarding.

## Halyna Traversa



Born in Ukraine, Halyna grew up in Chicago where she practiced law for many years before retiring to Bonita Springs, FL. Her diverse interests include travel, reading, theater,

fitness, politics, cooking and immersing herself in the New York Times every day.

## Brad Vogel



Brad lives in NYC where he works as an attorney. He has a law degree from Tulane but his interests range far beyond his career. He serves on a number of boards devoted

to historic preservation both in New York and New Orleans. Among his many hobbies are geology, backpacking and blues music.

## James Weaver



Jim spent a long career in finance with Merrill Lynch in Baltimore where he engaged in many civic and charitable activities. His love of music led him into leadership roles with opera and symphony

organizations. He has been Chairman and President of the Baltimore Opera Company. Jim lives with his wife, Marge, also a Circumnavigator in Naples, FL.

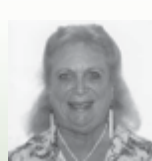
## George Bradley White



Living in Atlanta, GA, Brad is a management consultant. He was honored in 2007 as Atlanta Marketer of the Year, and he holds a host of other awards and honors. His work doesn't keep him from

getting outdoors as much as possible. He is an active soccer player, avid angler and mountaineer. He circumnavigated in 2014 with his wife and three children ages 14, 12 and 9.

## Frances Winfrey



Fran lives in Hallandale Beach, FL where she works as a travel consultant. She spent a long career in education as a teacher and administrator, a profession that took her to many parts

of the world, including assignments in Azerbaijan and Russia. She holds a doctorate in education and has numerous publications to her credit.

## Paul Wolff



An attorney in Washington DC, Paul is involved with a number of educational and civic organizations. He is also an accomplished sculptor. Paul and his wife, Rhea, spend the summers at

their home in Sun Valley, Idaho.

## Ang Hao Yao



The Singapore Chapter welcomes Hao Yao who is a private investor. He is active in many civic and charitable groups. He is a member of the Singapore Institute of

Directors. He also serves as Treasurer of the Singapore Chess Federation.







## OUR FOUNDATION SCHOLARS ARE ON THEIR WAY AROUND THE WORLD.

*Log onto their BLOG and follow them along the way. We wish them the best of luck!*



**Annie Carson**  
*Arizona State University*

Topic: Midwifery Around the World:  
A Study in the Factors that Reduce  
Maternal Mortality

BLOG: [summerwanderer.wordpress.com](http://summerwanderer.wordpress.com)



**Kevin Dupont**  
*Brandeis University*

Topic: 140 Characters: Social  
media has and will continue  
to change the world, as we  
know it.

BLOG: [onetweetchangeditall.wordpress.com](http://onetweetchangeditall.wordpress.com)



**Gareth Evans**  
*University of Liverpool*

Topic: Peace Processes and their Impact  
on Communities and Young People

BLOG: <http://garethevansleeds.wix.com/peaceprocesses>



**Hannah Gerdes**  
*Georgetown University*

Topic: Views of Depression  
during Pregnancy:  
A Qualitative Study

BLOG: <https://theinvisibleweight.wordpress.com>



**Jonathon McBride**  
*Northwestern University*

Topic: The American Sexual Assault in a Global Context:  
Policies, Resources, and Student Engagement

BLOG: <http://blog.undergradresearch.northwestern.edu/blog/mcbride/>



# FOUNDATION *news*

## FOUNDATION PRESIDENT'S *LETTER*

The Circumnavigators Club Foundation was established in 1964 and made its first gift of \$500 to Literacy Village near Lucknow, India – just over 50 years ago. Five years later, the Foundation established the around-the-world travel-study grant program which has been its focus ever since. As we embark upon the 45th year of the program, I am delighted to announce that Charles O. Blaisdell has been named as the Foundation's Honorary President. I am particularly gratified that Charlie will join once again in the Foundation's governance since he was one of its founders and, as president of the Circumnavigators Club, was a member of the selection committee (comprised also of Foundation President Ray Dinsmore, Ambassador Viron P. Vaky, and Dean Peter Krogh of Georgetown's School of Foreign Service) which chose me as the first grant recipient in 1971. Charlie, whose advice, counsel, participation on many subsequent selection committees, and friendship have been of inestimable value to scores of Foundation Scholars, will turn 100 in November. We look forward to his continued mentorship and guidance for many years to come!

Greg Rider



## CLUB HEADQUARTERS The Yale Club of New York City

*50 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, New York 10017*



The Yale Club is International Headquarters for the Circumnavigators Club allowing members 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 checking in at the front desk and letting the staff know you are a Circumnavigator Club member. 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 freeweights. Once a reservation

is made, a personal credit card is required upon arrival. Reservations for overnight accommodations 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.

## FACES *from around the world* (CAPTIONS)

Description from left to right, starting with top row.



• Ukrainian cake maker,  
by Sophie Classen



• Peruvian dancer,  
by Mark Hauptman



• Papua New  
Guinea dancer,  
by Paul Buescher



• Vendor in the Andes,  
by Roger Weatherburn Baker



• Happy children  
in the Solomon  
Islands, by Paul  
Buescher

Ugandan Warlord,  
by W. Bradford Gary  
*This shot won the National  
Geographic Photo Contest*



• Girl paddling her  
pirogue in Benin,  
by Bill Adams



• Chinese opera  
singer, by Roger  
Weatherburn Baker



• Tanzanian  
Maasai's new toy,  
by David Mink

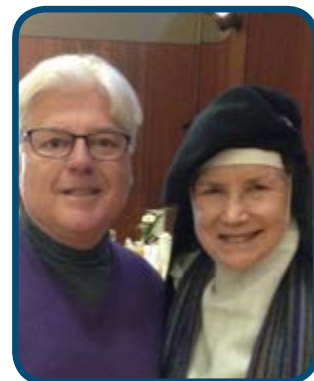


# S C U T T L E B U T T



Circumnavigator **Don Parrish**, the world's most traveled person, was honored by the BBC Travel as one of six "Travel Pioneers of 2015". You can read the fascinating profile by going to [www.bbc.com/travel/story/20150326-travel-pioneers](http://www.bbc.com/travel/story/20150326-travel-pioneers). We will run the direct link to this story on the Club website [www.circumnavigators.org](http://www.circumnavigators.org) ...

International Past President **Howard Matson** attended a breakfast in Fairfield, CT, honoring Mother Superior Dolores



Hart. Film buffs will recognize the former film star of the 1950s and 60s who made two Elvis Presley movies and starred in the spring-college break classic "Where the Boys Are" before leaving her career for her life as a Connecticut Prioress... Emmy-winning film producer **Neil Mandt** is doing a live show on Periscope where he takes pitches for TV shows from anyone with an idea. He would love to hear from Circumnavigators with their ideas. His Periscope handle is @neilmandt.

## HAITI ON THE GO

BY C. PETER MOSSE



Recently, my wife, Christine, and I, returned to Haiti for our first visit in five years. Our previous visit had taken place not too long after the devastating earthquake in Port-au-Prince and some sights had been distressing. This time, happily, there were good signs of progress.

For one thing, we didn't need to fly to and from Port-au-Prince (PAP).

I have never much cared for the capital and our destination has always been Cap-Haitien, the premier city in the north which escaped the earthquake and which is where Christine was born, grew up and was educated. Now we can fly directly to Cap-Haitien from Miami.

Cap-Haitien is a UNESCO Heritage City with much colonial architecture reminiscent of the French Quarter in New Orleans. It is also the base for a visit to the Citadelle, built atop the mountains in the early 1800's as a defense against a possible reinvasion by the French and one of the largest and most remarkable fortresses in the western hemisphere. Access to it has been improved in recent years, but it is still necessary to ride a horse or walk on the final stage to the summit.

For visitors who like to relax, there are beachfront properties to the west of the town and one of them, Cormier Plage, is especially beguiling.

Of course our own visit was greatly enhanced by the fact that we could visit places and people important in Christine's life. These included her parents' houses, two of her schools (at one of which she met a former classmate who now teaches there), and

even the doctor who delivered her at birth. There were lots of relatives, too, including two of her brothers who are each developing beachfront properties.

In the past, arranging accommodation was something of a hit-or-miss affair, entailing a phone call best made by someone reasonably fluent in French, but no longer. We stayed in two hotels during our visit and we booked our rooms with no problem at all from an unexpectedly large choice available through Expedia. While the hotels operated at a measured pace (and so did we!), the rooms were clean, staff were uniformly friendly and the food, with a mix of French and Caribbean tradition, was excellent. Wi-Fi was available too, for those who need to stay in touch.

Throughout our visit we felt extremely welcome, though there was admittedly a modest hassle-factor with porters at the airport.

Cap-Haitien may not be a venue for a long-term stay, but, given its new-found accessibility, for a short visit with a difference it is hard to beat.



# ALL OVER THE MAP



Dottie Mink just before jumping off the mountain.

**Dottie and David Mink** (NY Metro) made a bucket list trip to New Zealand, touring both the North and South islands, including an exciting hang-gliding adventure

in Queenstown. They are taking an Around the World trip with their daughter and grand-daughter in June... **Alan & Vickie Voss** (Naples) enjoyed an anniversary party with friends in Denmark. The party was held at the 800-year-old Dragsholm Castle... In January, **Bill Adams** (Washington DC) returned from a month cruise to Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, Comoros, Mozambique, Tanzania, and Seychelles. In March, he visited Iceland (wonderful in winter but clouds blocked the northern lights). In May and June, Bill heads for Botswana, Malawi, Swaziland, and Lesotho...

**Ken Linsner** (NY Metro) heading off to his old archaeological dig in Aphrodisias in Caria, Turkey... **Bill Ashley** (Washington DC) on a cruise around the tip of South America with stops in the Falklands,



Bill Ashley in Falklands.

Glacier Alley and Ushuaia among others... **Walter & Cynthia Slack** (Naples) spent much of the winter and spring exploring the Caribbean. This summer they are heading off to France and then on to Tahiti and Bora Bora...

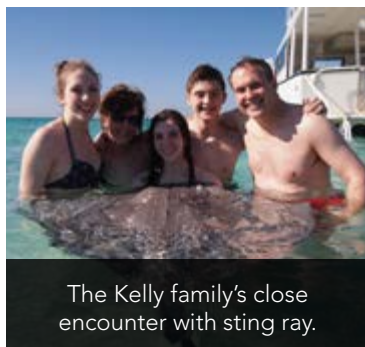


Sylvia Carroll at the Devil's Caldron

**Sylvia Carroll** (Miami) enjoyed an adventure

in Ecuador and the Galapagos, which she presented to the Miami Chapter... **Esther Dyer** (NY Metro) in Accra, Ghana and Kenya...

**Jeff Kelly** (NY Metro) and family in Grand Cayman... **Carol Green** (Naples) in Istanbul, then headed to Italy to meet with fellow Neapolitan **Jackie Simenauer** (Naples)...

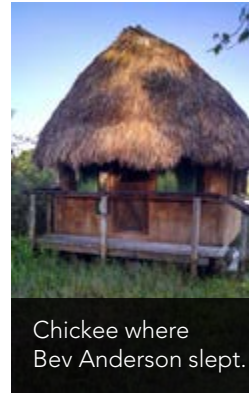


The Kelly family's close encounter with sting ray.

**Sophie Classen** (Naples) visited Sicily on a trip organized by the Naples Italian American Foundation, with the opportunity to visit all the historic sites of that island...

**Paula O'Connor** (Naples) taking a trip to Newfoundland and Labrador. She has upcoming plans to tour Albania, Macedonia, Serbia and Kosovo...

**Peter & Anne Granata** (Naples) vacationing in Italy... **Peter & Christine Mosse** (NY



Chickee where Bev Anderson slept.

Metro) in Haiti... **Jennifer Teague** (Washington DC) in Bangladesh and the Philippines... **Marilyn Varcoe** (Naples) visited Nepal before the earthquake and Bhutan "happiest country in the world"... **Bill & Diane Freyd** (At Large) looking forward to spending most of the summer at the Chautauqua Institution on beautiful Chautauqua Lake in western New York State, attending concerts, lectures, theater and opera...

**Beverly Anderson** (NY Metro) spent

an overnight in a native chickee (hut) in the Everglades. No electricity, no running water, no bathroom, and an alligator under the chickee, a snake slithered across her foot and some bird screeching most of the night. Sounds like fun!... **Ken Mink** (At Large) attended the colorful Sevilla April Feria in Spain...



Helen Jenkins in Patagonia.

**Helen Jenkins** (UK) enjoyed an adventure in Patagonia...

**Betsy Ruderfer** (Washington) visited Patagonia for memorable and chilly New Year's Eve. Now on to Iceland and a Baltic trip, ending in Copenhagen...

**Lee Abrons** (Naples) off to Peru, visiting Lima, Cuzco, Machu Picchu, the Sacred Valley, and Lake Titicaca... **Jim & Marge Weaver** (Naples) will be touring Europe in August.

First they will embark on a Viking Cruise from Paris down the Seine River, and back again to Paris. They will stop at Giverny, Rouen, Chateaux Galard, and the Normandy Cemetery. Then they will cross the English Channel for a

castle tour in England, which will include Highclere Castle where Downton Abbey is being filmed... **Dennis & Mary Frederickson** (Naples) are leaving Fort Lauderdale on a 50-day cruise with the Maasdam, a Holland America Ship. They will cross the Atlantic Ocean,



Sue Murphy in India.

sailing to Athens and back to Fort Lauderdale. On the way they will be visiting many ports of call, in eight different countries. **Sue Murphy** (NY Metro) explored India with visits to Rajasthan, Agra, Varanasi, Panna National Park and many other sites on the subcontinent.



# BRIDGE BUILDING IN ETHIOPIA

BY C. BILL BILLINGS - WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER



THIS NEW FEATURE WILL SHARE THE STORIES OF CIRCUMNAVIGATORS WHO FULLFILL OUR CLUB'S MISSION. THIS IS THE ABRIDGED VERSION OF BILL BILLINGS'S ACCOUNT OF HIS JOURNEY TO ETHIOPIA. READ THE FULL VERSION OF HIS FASCINATING STORY ON OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.CIRCUMNAVIGATORS.ORG](http://WWW.CIRCUMNAVIGATORS.ORG).

It was November 2009 and Bridges to Prosperity founder Ken Frantz was leading a group of volunteers to the Blue Nile Gorge in Ethiopia, where we would complete a new suspension bridge, replacing the 400-year-old stone Sebara Dildiy ('broken bridge'). As a Rotarian, I had raised money for the charity, but I had never been involved in any of their bridge building. In an hour-long telephone conversation, Ken had convinced me to go to Africa with his group of volunteers. His enthusiasm and belief that more than 200,000 people stand to benefit from the new bridge was contagious.

Construction of a new suspension bridge had started earlier that year, higher up the slopes of the gorge and above the flood waters. The latest mission involved a group of 24 volunteers and Rotarians from the USA

and Ethiopia converging on the bridge site to install the decking and fencing, and complete the approaches.

I had just passed my 64th birthday, and was still recovering from two thyroid cancer surgeries. As a part of my recovery plan, I had been cycling several miles a day, so I was confident I could walk the 16 miles, but it would have to be at reasonable pace.

As far as I was concerned, building a suspension bridge couldn't possibly be as difficult as actually getting to the bridge site. The most difficult leg of the trip was the 16-mile trek from Mota, 4,500 feet down to the Blue Nile River gorge. The good news was that we didn't have to carry our





camping equipment, food or water - we had hired porters to do that. The bad news was that we had to walk 16 miles, or worse yet, ride a donkey. I have ridden horses most of my life, but the thought of riding a tiny donkey down a treacherous mountain trail with a steep drop was unnerving. I decided that I would just take my time, enjoy the scenery and walk the entire way. I trusted my old feet a lot more than I trusted a little donkey.

Each time I stopped to rest and check my blisters, an older Ethiopian lady, wearing no hat, carrying two nine-foot planks for our bridge, would pass me. She was barefoot, had no trekking poles and carried no water. Her dark green dress appeared to be much hotter than the high-tech, breathable, wicking, white shirt and shorts I was wearing. She earned my total respect.

I finally reached the river, hours behind the first of our group, and behind the lady with the deck boards. My feet hurt and I was tired, but I had a great sense of accomplishment.



There wasn't much flat ground along the river at the bottom of the gorge so we pitched our tents on narrow ledges of rocks. After pitching my tent, I ventured across the river to see how everyone else was doing. It took all my courage to walk across the haphazardly placed logs that tied the two ends of the broken stone bridge together. I had to carefully pick my way across these sagging Eucalyptus logs. The rain-swollen river was roaring around the columns of the stone bridge 40 feet below me. I had to avoid broken sticks and holes every step of this obstacle course. Besides, it was impossible to ignore the fact that the logs tilted almost 45 degrees to the side. Luckily, I made it across without falling through or off!

There was a constant flow of traffic; Ethiopians loaded with goods struggled across the makeshift bridge repair. People carried everything because donkeys could not cross. I watched as a man carried each goat in his herd across, one at a time. Another young boy carried a stick over his shoulder with four live chickens tied to it.

Some 100 yards downstream was the site of our new suspension bridge. The advance party had already stretched bridge cables across the river and our job was to attach the wooden deck to the cables and finish off the bridge. There was a feeling of optimism and excitement as work

continued on the new bridge, and there was an ample supply of Ethiopian hands to carry materials, haul water for concrete, or move earth for the bridge approaches. I didn't speak a word of Ethiopian, but that didn't seem to be a problem. Most of the work was straightforward and the locals easily understood what we were trying to do. We also had members of the Rotary Club of Bahir Dar who interpreted for us.

I had signed up for the trip mostly for the adventure and because it sounded like a good thing to do. But when I saw the people side of the equation up close and personal, it took on a much deeper meaning. Our bridge building meant the world to those people, and I found myself moved almost to tears at their delight.

During our work, the weather was extremely hot, but I had plenty to drink since the porters had packed hundreds of bottles of pure drinking water for the volunteers. We made great progress on the bridge - it was exciting to see the beautiful new wooden deck slowly creep across the chasm.

When I was working on the bridge, I wore an OSHA-approved safety harness fastened securely to the steel cables; securely fixed in this way it was thrilling to look down and see the swirling water 65 feet below. I was thrilled that the plywood Rotary Wheels I had made were imbedded into the bridge support structures.

The night before we left the bridge there was a celebration. The local villagers gathered to thank us by performing a traditional stick dance. With beautiful harmony and chanting they conveyed to us how pleased they were to have a new link between Gondor and Gojam Provinces! People and their donkeys will be able to safely cross the

Blue Nile River for another 50 to 75 years! As a Rotarian I had put "Service Above Self" and as a Circumnavigator I was "Through Friendship, Leaving the World Better Than We Found it"!







# 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, Kiffissia

**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** - PalmBeach,Miami,Naples

**ILLINOIS** - Chicago,Northbrook,Winnetka

**MICHIGAN** - Detroit

**NEW MEXICO** - Albuquerque, El Prado

**NEW YORK** - New York

**PENNSYLVANIA** - Philadelphia

**SOUTH CAROLINA** - Hilton Head

**WASHINGTON DC**

**WASHINGTON**- Seattle



New York members welcomed Singapore Chapter President Graham Bell at The Yale Club during his visit in December.



The Naples Chapter welcomed New York Officers and Board Members in March for a cocktail reception at the home of C. Hyonja Abrons on March 7 and a board meeting and brunch at The Pelican Bay Club on March 8. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful weekend.



Mr. Graham Bell, President of the Singapore Chapter hosted a lunch for Mr. Kevin Dupont, Scholar from Brandeis University, who is Circumnavigating the globe on a travel-study grant from Circumnavigators Club Foundation. Lunch was held in a renowned Chinese restaurant in Singapore and excellent wines were kindly furnished by Mr. Gerald Low.

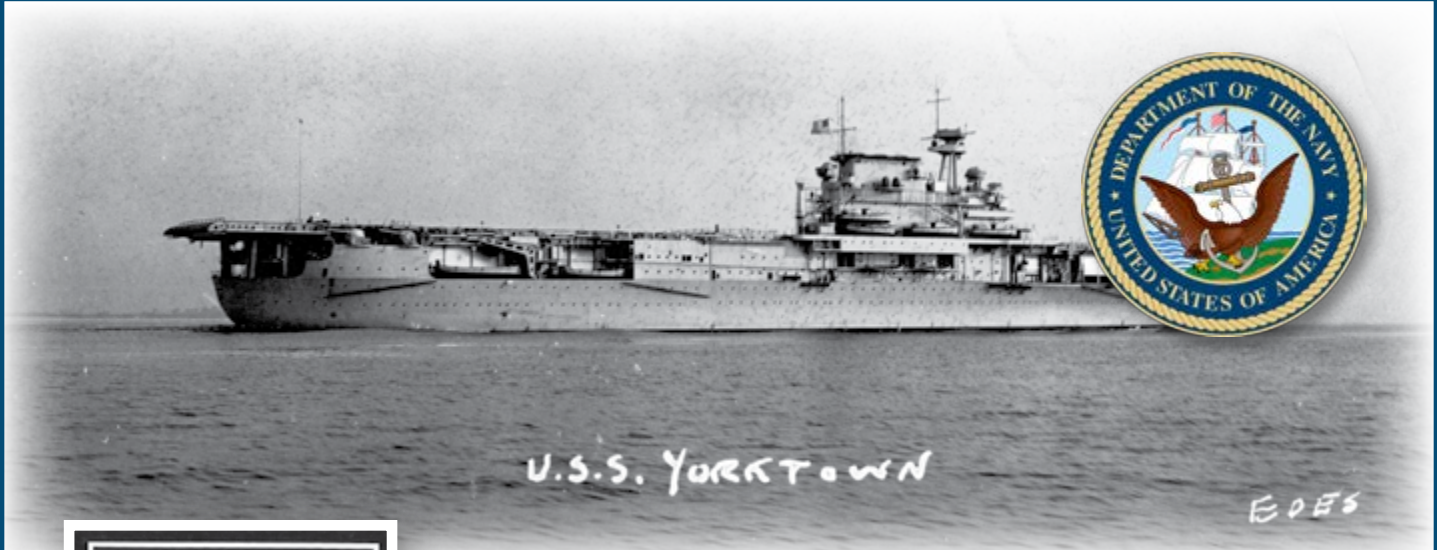
# OVER THE HORIZON

**Robert Billhorn**  
Chicago, IL

**John Ford**  
Vero Beach, FL


**Clelia Moraes**  
New York, NY

**William Roy**  
Naples, FL



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### *Bill Roy: World Ambassador*

The world lost a legendary circumnavigator when Bill Roy passed away recently, peacefully at home in Naples, Florida. He was 95 and lived a full and active life, which included his 14 circumnavigations with his wife Barb. Barb is president of the Club's Naples Chapter.

Bill served in the Navy during World War II as a photographer on the USS Yorktown which was sunk at the battle of Midway. Bill's historic combat photos are highly regarded and he spoke to a worldwide audience about the battle. Bill was a humanitarian and a great ambassador for our country and the Circumnavigators.



## THROUGH MY LENS

### *Tips from a travel photographer*

When I was learning to become a sculptor, an ambition I failed miserably to achieve, I remember my instructor telling me, “You’re looking but you’re not seeing.”

That can be true of photography too. Sometimes, we’re so busy looking, we’re not actually seeing the detail of what we’re looking at. And those details can make great photos. For example, most of us want to spend some time shopping when we travel.



We look in shop windows but don’t always recognize that the window displays themselves not only make a great photo rich in color and composition but they can also communicate a sense of place.

The photo above taken in Venice, for example, does not. But the second photo taken in Marrakech clearly says Morocco to me.

Sometimes it pays not to just look, but to really see if there’s a picture in the details.

**Roger Weatherburn Baker**